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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 *aïdios*, 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 *aïdios*, 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, Crosswire.org, unbound.Biola.edu, Bible4u.net, and NHEB.net. The Aionian Bible is copyrighted with 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, 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.

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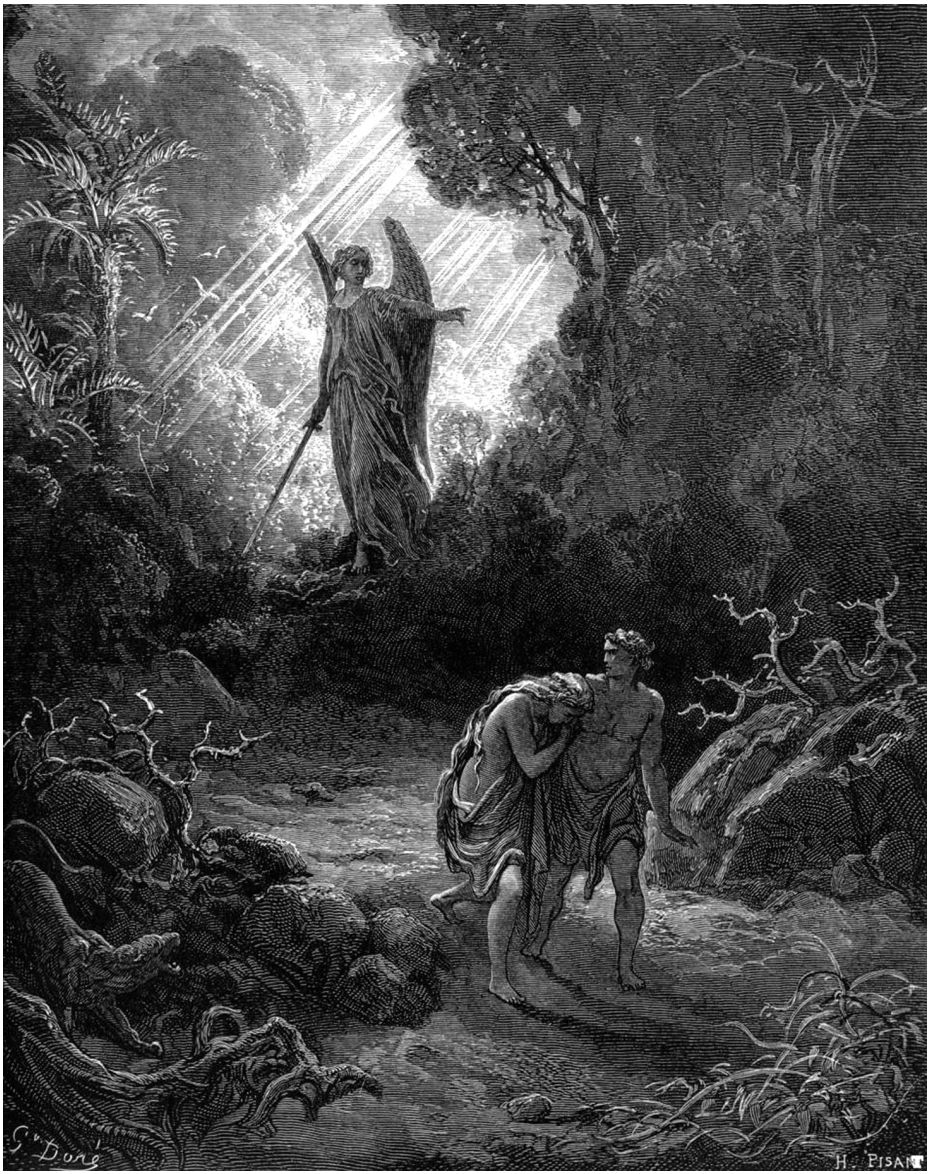

Yasimxotsha umuntu; yabeka empumalanga kwesivande seEdeni amakherubhi lenkemba evuthayo ephenduphendukayo, ukulinda indlela yesihlahla sempilo.

UGenesisi 3:24

UGenesisi

1 Ekuqaleni uNkulunkulu wadala amazulu lomhlaba.
2 Njalo umhlaba wawungelasimo ungelalutho,
lobumnyama babuphezu kokujula; loMoya kaNkulunkulu
wayendiza phezu kwamanzi. **3** UNkulunkulu wasesithi:
Kakube khona ukukhanya; kwasekusiba khona
ukukhanya. **4** UNkulunkulu wasebona ukukhanya
ukuthi kuhle; uNkulunkulu wasesehlukanisa phakathi
kokukhanya lobumnyama. **5** UNkulunkulu wasebiza
ukukhanya ngokuthi yimini, lobumnyama wabubiza
ngokuthi yibusuku. Kwasekusiba yikuhlwa, njalo
kwaba yikusa, usuku lokuqala. **6** UNkulunkulu
wasesithi: Kakube khona umkhathi phakathi kwamanzi;
kawehlukanise phakathi kwamanzi lamanzi. **7**
UNkulunkulu wasesenza umkhathi, wasesehlukanisa
phakathi kwamanzi angaphansi komkhathi lamanzi
aphezu komkhathi; kwasekusiba njalo. **8** UNkulunkulu
wasebiza umkhathi ngokuthi ngamazulu. Kwasekusiba
yikuhlwa, njalo kwaba yikusa, usuku lwesibili. **9**
UNkulunkulu wasesithi: Kakuqoqelwe amanzi avela
ngaphansi kwamazulu ndawonye, njalo kakubonakale
umhlabathi owomileyo; kwasekusiba njalo. **10**
UNkulunkulu wasebiza umhlabathi owomileyo ngokuthi
ngumhlaba, lenhlangano yamanzi wayibiza ngokuthi
zinlwandle. UNkulunkulu wasebona ukuthi kuhle. **11**
UNkulunkulu wasesithi: Umhlaba kawumilise utshani,
imibhida ethela inhlanyelo, isihlahla sesithelo sisenza
isithelo ngohlobo lwaso, onhlanyelo yaso ikuso
phezu komhlaba. Kwasekusiba njalo. **12** Umhlaba
wasuveza utshani, imibhida ethela inhlanyelo ngohlobo
lwayo, lesihlahla sisenza isithelo, esinhlanyelo yaso
ikuso ngohlobo lwaso. UNkulunkulu wasebona ukuthi
kuhle. **13** Kwasekusiba yikuhlwa, njalo kwaba
yikusa, usuku lwesithathu. **14** UNkulunkulu wasesithi:
Kakube khona izikhanyiso emkhathini wamazulu,
ukuze zehlukanise phakathi kwemini lobusuku; njalo
zibe yizibonakaliso lezikhathi ezimisiweyo, lensuku
leminyaka. **15** Njalo zibe yizikhanyiso emkhathini
wamazulu, ukuze zikhanyise emhlabeni. Kwasekusiba
njalo. **16** UNkulunkulu wasesenza izikhanyiso ezimbili
ezinkulu: Isikhanyiso esikhulu ukuze sibuse imini,
lesikhanyiso esincinyane ukuze sibuse ubusuku,
kanye lezinkanyezi. **17** UNkulunkulu wasezimisa
emkhathini wamazulu, ukuthi zikhanyise emhlabeni, **18**
lokuthi zibuse emini lebusuku, lokwehlukanisa phakathi
kokukhanya lobumnyama. UNkulunkulu wasebona
ukuthi kuhle. **19** Kwasekusiba yikuhlwa, njalo kwaba
yikusa, usuku lwesine. **20** UNkulunkulu wasesithi:
Amanzi kawagcwale ukunyakazela kwemiphefumulo
ephilayo, njalo kakuphaphe inyoni phezu komhlaba
emkhathini wamazulu. **21** UNkulunkulu wasedala
oqugumadevu bolwandle abakhulu, laso sonke isidalwa
esiphilayo esibhinqikayo, amanzi agcwele sona, ngohlobo
lwaso, layo yonke inyoni elempiko, ngohlobo lwayo.
UNkulunkulu wasebona ukuthi kuhle. **22** UNkulunkulu
wasekubusisa, esithi: Zalani, lande, njalo ligcwalise
amanzi enlwandle, lezinyoni kazande emhlabeni. **23**
Kwasekusiba yikuhlwa, njalo kwaba yikusa, usuku
lwesihlanu. **24** UNkulunkulu wasesithi: Umhlaba
kawuveze izidalwa eziphilayo ngohlobo lwazo, izifuyo
lokuhuquzelayo lenyamazana zomhlaba ngenhlobo
zazo. Kwasekusiba njalo. **25** UNkulunkulu wasesenza
izinyamazana zomhlaba ngenhlobo zazo, lezifuyo
ngenhlobo zazo, lakho konke okuhuquzelayo komhlaba
ngenhlobo zakho. UNkulunkulu wasebona ukuthi kuhle.
26 UNkulunkulu wasesithi: Asenze abantu ngomfanekiso
wethu, ngesimo sethu, njalo babuse phezu kwenhlanzi
zolwandle, laphezu kwenyoni zamazulu, laphezu
kwezifuyo, laphezu komhlaba wonke, laphezu kwakho
konke okuhuquzelayo lokho okuhuquzela emhlabeni.
27 UNkulunkulu wasemdala umuntu ngomfanekiso
wakhe; wamdala ngomfanekiso kaNkulunkulu; owesilisa
lowesifazana wabadala. **28** UNkulunkulu wasebabusisa,
uNkulunkulu wasesithi kibo: Zalani lande, ligcwalise
umhlaba njalo liwehlisele phansi; libuse phezu kwenhlanzi
zolwandle, laphezu kwenyoni zamazulu, laphezu
kwakho konke okuphilayo okuhuquzela emhlabeni. **29**
UNkulunkulu wasesithi: Khangelani, ngilinike yonke
imibhida ethela inhlanyelo, esebusweni bomhlaba wonke,
laso sonke isihlahla, okukuso isithelo sesihlahla esithela
inhlanyelo; kini singesokudla. **30** Njalo kuyo yonke
inyamazana yomhlaba, lakuyo yonke inyoni yamazulu,
lakukho konke okuhuquzela emhlabeni, okukukho umoya
ophilayo, lonke uhlaza ngolokudla. Kwasekusiba njalo.
31 UNkulunkulu wasebona konke akwenzileyo; khangela-
ke kwakukuhle kakhulu. Kwasekusiba yikuhlwa, njalo
kwaba yikusa, usuku lwesithupha.

2 Kwasekuqediswa amazulu lomhlaba lalo lonke
ibutho lakho. **2** UNkulunkulu wasewuqeda ngosuku
lwesikhombisa umsebenzi wakhe abewenza. Waphumula
ngosuku lwesikhombisa emsebenzini wakhe wonke
abewenza. **3** UNkulunkulu wasebusisa usuku
lwesikhombisa, walungcwelisa; ngoba ngalo waphumula
emsebenzini wakhe wonke, uNkulunkulu awudalayo
wawenza. **4** Lezi yizizukulwana zamazulu lezomhlaba
ekudalweni kwakho, mhla iNkosi uNkulunkulu isenza
umhlaba lamazulu, **5** laso sonke isihlahlakazana
sensimu, singakabi khona emhlabeni, layo yonke
imibhida yeganga, ingakamili; ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu
yayinganisanga izulu emhlabeni, njalo kwakungelamuntu
wokulima umhlabathi. **6** Kodwa kwenyuka inkungu ivela
emhlabathini, yasithelela ubuso bonke bomhlabathi.
7 INkosi uNkulunkulu yasibumba umuntu ngothuli
oluvela emhlabathini, yaphefumulela emakhaleni akhe
umoya wempilo; umuntu wasesiba ngumphefumulo
ophilayo. **8** INkosi uNkulunkulu yasihlanyela isivande
eEdeni ngasempumalanga, yasimbeka khona umuntu

eyambumbayo. 9 INkosi uNkulunkulu yasimilisa
emhlabeni sonke isihlahla esibukekayo lesilungele
ukudla; lesihlahla sempilo phakathi kwesivande, lesihlahla
solwazi lokuhle lokubi. 10 Kwasekuphuma eEdeni
umfula wokuthelela isivande; njalo kusukela lapho
wehlukaniswa waba zinhloko ezine. 11 Ibizo lowokuqala
yiPishoni; yiwo ozingelezele ilizwe lonke leHavila, lapho
okulegolide khona. 12 Legolide lalelolizwe lihle; lapho
kulebedola lelitshe i-onikse. 13 Lebizo lomfula wesibili
yiGihoni; yiwo ozingelezele ilizwe lonke eleEthiyophiya.
14 Lebizo lomfula wesithathu yiHidekeli; yiwo ogelezela
empumalanga kweAsiriya. Lomfula wesine yiYufrathi.
15 INkosi uNkulunkulu yasimthatha umuntu, yambeka
esivandeni seEdeni, ukuze asilime asilondoloze. 16 INkosi
uNkulunkulu yasimlaya umuntu isithi: Kuso sonke isihlahla
sesivande ungadla lokudla; 17 kodwa okwesihlahla
solwazi lokuhle lokubi, ungadli kuso, ngoba mhla usidla
kuso uzakufa lokufa. 18 INkosi uNkulunkulu yasisithi:
Kakukuhle ukuthi umuntu abe yedwa. Ngizamenzela
umsizi onjengaye. 19 INkosi uNkulunkulu yasibumba
ngomhlabathi yonke inyamazana yeganga layo yonke
inyoni yamazulu; yakuletha kuAdamu, ukuthi ibone
ukuthi angazibiza ngokuthini, njalo loba yikuphi uAdamu
azabiza ngakho isidalwa esiphilayo, yilo ibizo laso.
20 UAdamu wasesitha amabizo kuzo zonke izifuyo,
lenyonini yamazulu, lakuyo yonke inyamazana yeganga;
kodwa uAdamu katholelwanga umsizi onjengaye. 21
INkosi uNkulunkulu yasisehlisela phezu kukaAdamu
ubuthongo obukhulu, waselala. Yasithatha olunye
lwezimbambo zakhe, yavala ngenyama endaweni yalo.
22 INkosi uNkulunkulu yasisenza ubambo eyayiluthethe
emuntwini lwaba ngowesifazana, yasimusa emuntwini.
23 UAdamu wasesithi: Lo khathesi ulithambo lamathambo
ami, lenyama yenyama yami; uzabizwa ngokuthi
ngowesifazana, ngoba yena ethethwe endodeni. 24
Ngenxa yalokhu indoda izatshiya uyise lonina, inamathele
kumkayo; njalo bazakuba nyamanye. 25 Bobabili
babenqunu-ke, umuntu lomkakhe, futhi bengelanhloni.

3 Inyoka yayilobuqili-ke kulayo yonke inyamazana
yeganga, eyayiyenzile iNkosi uNkulunkulu. Yasisithi
kowesifazana: Yebo uNkulunkulu watsho yini ukuthi:
Kumele lingadli kuso sonke isihlahla sesivande? 2
Owesifazana wasesithi enyokeni: Singadla okwesithelo
sezihlahla zesivande; 3 kodwa okwesithelo sesihlahla
esiphakathi kwesivande, uNkulunkulu wathi: Lingadli
kuso, njalo lingasithinti, hlezi life. 4 Inyoka yasisithi
kowesifazana: Kaliyikufa sibili. 5 Ngoba uNkulunkulu
uyazi ukuthi mhla lisidla kuso, amehlo enu azavuleka,
njalo libe njengoNkulunkulu, lisazi okuhle lokubi.
6 Owesifazana ebona-ke ukuthi isihlahla silungile
ukuba yikudla, lokuthi sona siyabukeka emehlweni,
lesihlahla sikhwabitheka ukwenza uhlakaniphe, wakha
okwesithelo saso, wadla; wasenika lendoda yakhe
kanye laye, yasisidla. 7 Asevuleka amehlo abo
bobabili, basebesazi ukuthi babenqunu; basebethungela
ndawonye amahlamvu omkhiwa, bazenzela amafasikoti.
8 Basebesizwa ilizwi leNkosi uNkulunkulu ihamba
esivandeni ekupholeni kosuku; uAdamu lomkakhe
basebecatsha ebusweni beNkosi uNkulunkulu phakathi
kwezihlahla zesivande. 9 INkosi uNkulunkulu yasibiza
uAdamu, yathi kuye: Ungaphi? 10 Wasesithi:
Ilizwi lakho ngilizwe esivandeni, ngesaba, ngoba
nginqunu; ngasengicatsha. 11 Yasisithi: Ngubani
okutshele ukuthi unqunu? Udlile yini okwesihlahla,
engakulaya ngaso ukuthi ungadli okwaso? 12 UAdamu
wasesithi: Owesifazana owangipha yena ukuthi abe
lami, yena unginike okwesihlahla, ngasengisidla. 13
INkosi uNkulunkulu yasisithi kowesifazana: Kuyini
lokhu okwenzileyo? Owesifazana wasesithi: Inyoka
ingikhohlisile, ngasengisidla. 14 INkosi uNkulunkulu
yasisithi enyokeni: Njengoba usukwenzile lokhu,
uqalekisiwe wena okwedlula sonke isifuyo lokwedlula
yonke inyamazana yeganga. Uzahamba ngesisu sakho,
njalo udle uthuli insuku zonke zempilo yakho. 15
Njalo ngizafaka ubutha phakathi kwakho lowesifazana
laphakathi kwenzalo yakho lenzalo yakhe. Yona
izakuchoboza ikhanda, wena uzayichoboza isithende.
16 Kowesifazana yathi: Ngokwandisa ngizakwandisa
ubuhlungu bakho lokuzithwala kwakho; ngobuhlungu
uzabeletha abantwana, lokukhanuka kwakho kuzakuba
sendodeni yakho, njalo yona izakubusa. 17 Njalo
kuAdamu yathi: Njengoba ulalele ilizwi lomkakho,
wasusidla okwesihlahla engakulaya ngaso ukuthi:
Ungadli okwaso, uqalekisiwe umhlaba ngenxa yakho;
ngokukhathazeka uzakudla okwawo insuku zonke
zempilo yakho. 18 Njalo uzakumilisela ameva
lokhula oluhlabayo, ubususidla imibhida yeganga.
19 Ngesithukuthuku sobuso bakho uzakudla ukudla,
uze ubuyele emhlabathini, ngoba wathathwa kuwo;
ngoba wena uluthuli, njalo uzabuyela ethulini. 20
UAdamu wasebiza ibizo lomkakhe ngokuthi nguEva,
ngoba yena ungunina wabo bonke abaphilayo. 21
INkosi uNkulunkulu yasisenzela uAdamu lomkakhe
izigqoko zezigogo, yasibagqokisa. 22 INkosi uNkulunkulu
yasisithi: Khangela, umuntu usenjengomunye wethu,
esazi okuhle lokubi. Khathesi-ke, hlezi elule isandla
sakhe athathe njalo okwesihlahla sempilo, adle aphile
kuze kube sephakadeni. 23 Ngakho iNkosi uNkulunkulu
yamkhupha esivandeni seEdeni ukuthi alime umhlabathi,
lapho athathwa khona. 24 Yasimxotsha umuntu;
yabeka empumalanga kwesivande seEdeni amakherubhi
lenkemba evuthayo ephenduphendukayo, ukulinda
indlela yesihlahla sempilo.

4 UAdamu wasemazi uEva umkakhe; wasethatha
isisu, wabeletha uKhayini, wasesithi: Ngizuze indoda
eNkosini. 2 Wasebuya ebeletha umfowabo uAbela.
UAbela wasesiba ngumelusi wezimvu, loKhayini waba

ngumlimi womhlabathi. 3 Kwasekusithi ekupheleni
kwezinsuku uKhayini waletha eNkosini umnikelo
owesithelo somhlabathi. 4 LoAbela, waletha laye
emazibulweni ezimvu zakhe lakwezinonileyo zawo;
iNkosi yasinaka uAbela lomnikelo wakhe. 5 Kodwa
uKhayini lomnikelo wakhe kayiwunakanga. UKhayini
wasethukuthela kakhulu, lobuso bakhe banyukubala. 6
INkosi yasisithi kuKhayini: Uthukutheleleni, njalo kungani
ubuso bakho bunyukubele? 7 Angithi uba usenza kuhle,
kuyemukeleka yini? Kodwa uba ungenzi kuhle, isono
siyacathama emnyango, lokunxwanela kwakhe kukuwe,
kodwa wena uzambusa. 8 UKhayini wasekhuluma
loAbela umfowabo; kwasekusithi besegangeni, uKhayini
wasukela umfowabo uAbela wambulala. 9 INkosi
yasisithi kuKhayini: Ungaphi uAbela umfowenu?
Wasesithi: Angazi; ngingumlondolozi womfowethu
yini? 10 Yasisithi: Wenzeni? Ilizwi legazi lomfowenu
liyakhala kimi livela emhlabathini. 11 Khathesi-
ke uqalekisiwe emhlabeni okhamise umlomo wawo
ukwemukela igazi lomfowenu esandleni sakho. 12
Nxa ulima umhlabathi, kawusayikukunika amandla
awo; uzakuba luzulane lomhambuma emhlabeni. 13
UKhayini wasesithi eNkosini: Isijeziso sami sikhulu
kulengingakuthwala. 14 Khangela, ungixotshile lamuhla
ebusweni bomhlaba, njalo ngizacatshiswa ebusweni
bakho; sengizakuba luzulane lomhambuma emhlabeni;
njalo kuzakuthi wonke ongificayo uzangibulala. 15
INkosi yasisithi kuye: Ngakho, loba ngubani obulala
uKhayini uzaphindiselwa kasikhombisa. INkosi yasibeka
uphawu kuKhayini, hlezi loba ngubani omficayo ambulale.
16 UKhayini wasesuka ebusweni beNkosi, wasehlala
elizweni leNodi, empumalanga kweEdeni. 17 UKhayini
wasemazi umkakhe; wasethatha isisu, wabeletha
uEnoki; njalo wayesakha umuzi, wabiza ibizo lomuzi
ngebizo lendodana yakhe uEnoki. 18 Kwasekuzalelwa
uEnoki uIradi; uIradi wasezala uMehujayeli; uMehujayeli
wasezala uMethushayeli; uMethushayeli wasezala
uLameki. 19 ULameki wasezithathela abafazi ababili,
ibizo lowokuqala lalinguAda, lebizo lowesibili lalinguZila.
20 UAda wasezala uJabali; yena wayenguyise
walabo abahlala emathenteni, belezifuyo. 21 Lebizo
lomfowabo lalinguJubali, yena wayenguyise wakhe
wonke olokwenza lechacho lomhlanga. 22 UZila laye
wasezala uThubhali-Khayini, umkhandi wakho konke
okusikayo kwethusi lensimbi. Lodadewabo kaThubhali-
Khayini wayenguNahama. 23 ULameki wasesithi
kubafazi bakhe: Ada loZila, zwanini ilizwi lami, bafazi
bakaLameki, bekani indlebe ekukhulumeni kwami;
ngoba ngabulala indoda ngenxa yokungilimaza, lomfana
ngenxa yokungihluzula. 24 Nxa uKhayini ephindiselwa
kasikhombisa, isibili uLameki kamatshumi ayisikhombisa
ephindwe kasikhombisa. 25 UAdamu wasephinda
wamazi umkakhe; wasezala indodana, wasebiza ibizo
layo wathi nguSeti; ngoba wathi: UNkulunkulu ungibekele
enye inzalo esikhundleni sikaAbela, ngoba uKhayini
wambulala. 26 Laye uSeti wasezalelwa indodana,
wabiza ibizo layo wathi nguEnosi. Ngalesosikhathi baqala
ukubiza ibizo leNkosi.

5 Lolu lugwalo lwezizukulwana zikaAdamu.
Mhla uNkulunkulu edala umuntu, wamenza
ngokomfanekiso kaNkulunkulu. 2 Wabadala owesilisa
lowesifazana, wasebabusisa, wasebiza ibizo labo wathi
ngabantu, mhla bedalwa. 3 UAdamu wasephila iminyaka
elikhulu lamatshumi amathathu; wasezala indodana
efuzweni lwakhe njengokomfanekiso wakhe, wabiza ibizo
layo wathi nguSeti. 4 Njalo izinsuku zikaAdamu esezele
uSeti zaba yiminyaka engamakhulu ayisificaminwembili;
wasezala amadodana lamadodakazi. 5 Zonke-ke izinsuku
zikaAdamu, aziphilayo, zaba yiminyaka engamakhulu
ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi amathathu, wasesifa.
6 USeti wasephila iminyaka elikhulu lanhlanu; wazala
uEnosi. 7 USeti wasephila esezele uEnosi iminyaka
engamakhulu ayisificaminwembili lesikhombisa; wazala
amadodana lamadodakazi. 8 Zonke-ke izinsuku zikaSeti
zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye
letshumi lambili; wasesifa. 9 UEnosi wasephila
iminyaka engamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye, wazala
uKenani. 10 UEnosi wasephila, esezele uKenani,
iminyaka engamakhulu ayisificaminwembili letshumi
lanhlanu; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi. 11 Zonke-
ke izinsuku zikaEnosi zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu
ayisificamunwemunye lanhlanu; wasesifa. 12 UKenani
wasephila iminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa,
wazala uMahalaleli. 13 UKenani wasephila, esezele
uMahalaleli, iminyaka engamakhulu ayisificaminwembili
lamatshumi amane; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi.
14 Zonke-ke izinsuku zikaKenani zaziyiminyaka
engamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye letshumi,
wasesifa. 15 UMahalaleli wasephila iminyaka
engamatshumi ayisithupha lanhlanu, wazala uJaredi.
16 UMahalaleli wasephila, esezele uJaredi, iminyaka
engamakhulu ayisificaminwembili lamatshumi amathathu;
wazala amadodana lamadodakazi. 17 Zonke-ke
izinsuku zikaMahalaleli zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu
ayisificaminwembili lamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye
lanhlanu; wasesifa. 18 UJaredi wasephila iminyaka
elikhulu lamatshumi ayisithupha lambili, wazala uEnoki.
19 UJaredi wasephila, esezele uEnoki, iminyaka
engamakhulu ayisificaminwembili; wazala amadodana
lamadodakazi. 20 Zonke-ke izinsuku zikaJaredi
zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye
lamatshumi ayisithupha lambili; wasesifa. 21 UEnoki
wasephila iminyaka engamatshumi ayisithupha lanhlanu,
wazala uMethusela. 22 UEnoki wasehamba loNkulunkulu,
esezele uMethusela, iminyaka engamakhulu amathathu;
wazala amadodana lamadodakazi. 23 Zonke-ke
izinsuku zikaEnoki zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu
amathathu lamatshumi ayisithupha lanhlanu. 24

UEnoki wasehamba loNkulunkulu; kasekho, ngoba
uNkulunkulu wamthatha. 25 UMethusela wasephila
iminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili
lesikhombisa, wazala uLameki. 26 UMethusela
wasephila, esezele uLameki, iminyaka engamakhulu
ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lambili;
wazala amadodana lamadodakazi. 27 Zonke-ke
izinsuku zikaMethusela zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu
ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi ayisithupha
lesificamunwemunye; wasesifa. 28 ULameki wasephila
iminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili
lambili, wazala indodana. 29 Wasebiza ibizo layo
wathi nguNowa esithi: Lo uzasiduduza ekusebenzeni
kwethu lekutshikatshikeni kwezandla zethu, ngenxa
yomhlabathi, ewuqalekisileyo iNkosi. 30 ULameki
wasephila, esezele uNowa, iminyaka engamakhulu
amahlanu lamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lanhlanu;
wazala amadodana lamadodakazi. 31 Zonke-ke izinsuku
zikaLameki zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu ayisikhombisa
lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lesikhombisa; wasesifa.
32 UNowa waba leminyaka engamakhulu amahlanu,
uNowa wasezala uShemu, uHamu, loJafethi.

6 Kwasekusithi abantu sebeqala ukwanda ebusweni
bomhlaba, basebezalelwa amadodakazi, 2
amadodana kaNkulunkulu ebona amadodakazi abantu
ukuthi wona ayemahle; asezithathela abafazi kuwo
wonke awakhethayo. 3 INkosi yasisithi: UMoya
wami kawuyikulwisana lomuntu njalonjalo, ngoba
laye eyinyama; kodwa izinsuku zakhe zizakuba
yiminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amabili. 4 Iziqhwaga
zazisemhlabeni ngalezonsuku; lemva kwalokho-
ke, lapho amadodana kaNkulunkulu esengenile
emadodakazini abantu, asewazalela abantwana. Wona
ayengamaqhawe asendulo, engamadoda alebizo.
5 INkosi yasibona ukuthi ububi bomuntu bukhulu
emhlabeni, lokuthi konke ukuceba kwemicabango
yenhliziyo yakhe kwakukubi kuphela usuku lonke.
6 INkosi yasizisola ngokuthi yayimenzile umuntu
emhlabeni, yasidabuka enhliziyweni yayo. 7 INkosi
yasisithi: Ngizamchitha umuntu engamdalayo ngimsuse
ebusweni bomhlaba, kusukela emuntwini kusiya
enyamazaneni, kuze kube kokuhuquzelayo, lenyonini
zamazulu; ngoba ngiyazisola ukuthi ngikwenzile. 8
Kodwa uNowa wazuza umusa emehlweni eNkosi. 9
Lezi yizizukulwana zikaNowa. UNowa wayeyindoda
elungileyo ephelele yo esizukulwaneni sakhe; uNowa
wahamba loNkulunkulu. 10 UNowa wasezala amadodana
amathathu, uShemu, uHamu loJafethi. 11 Umhlaba
wonakaliswa-ke phambi kukaNkulunkulu, lomhlaba
wagcwaliswa ngobudlwangudlwangu. 12 UNkulunkulu
wasebona umhlaba, khangela-ke wonakalisiwe, ngoba
yonke inyama yonakalise indlela yayo emhlabeni.
13 UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuNowa: Ukuphela kwayo
yonke inyama sekuze phambi kwami, ngoba umhlaba
ugcwele ubudlwangudlwangu ngenxa yabo; khangela-
ke, ngizabachitha kanye lomhlaba. 14 Zakhele
umkhumbi ngezigodo zegofere, wenze izigaba
phakathi komkhumbi, uwuhuqe ngengcino ngaphakathi
langaphandle. 15 Nansi indlela ozawenza ngayo; ingalo
ezingamakhulu amathathu yibude bomkhumbi, ingalo
ezingamatshumi amahlanu yibubanzi bawo, ingalo
ezingamatshumi amathathu yikuphakama kwawo. 16
Iwindi uzalenza emkhunjini, uliqede libe yingalo kusukela
phezulu, ufake umnyango womkhumbi ehlangothini
lwawo, uwenze ube lesitezi esaphansi, esesibili,
lesesithathu. 17 Mina-ke, khangela, ngizakwehlisela
uzamcolo wamanzi phezu komhlaba, ukuchitha yonke
inyama, okukuyo umoya wempilo, isuke ngaphansi
kwamazulu. Konke okusemhlabeni kuzaphela. 18 Kodwa
ngizamisa isivumelwano sami lawe; njalo uzangena
emkhunjini, wena lamadodana akho lomkakho labafazi
bamadodana akho kanye lawe. 19 Lakukho konke
okuphilayo, kuyo yonke inyama, okubili kwakho konke,
uzakuletha emkhunjini, ukulondoloze kuphila lawe,
kuzakuba ngokuduna lokusikazi; 20 enyonini ngohlobo
lwayo, lesifuyweni ngohlobo lwaso, lakukho konke
okuhuquzelayo komhlaba ngohlobo lwakho, okubili
kwakho kuzakuza kuwe, ukulondoloze kuphila. 21 Lawe-
ke, zithathele kukho konke ukudla okudliwayo, njalo
ukubuthelele kuwe, futhi kuzakuba ngokwakho lokwazo
okokudla. 22 Wasekwenza uNowa; njengakho konke
uNkulunkulu ayemlaye khona wenza njalo.

7 INkosi yasisithi kuNowa: Ngena wena lendlu
yakho yonke emkhunjini, ngoba wena ngikubone
ulungile phambi kwami kulesisizukulwana. 2 Kuyo
yonke inyamazana ehlambulukileyo uzazithathela
ngasikhombisa ngasikhombisa, enduna lensikazi
yayo; njalo kuyo inyamazana engahlambulukanga
ezimbili, enduna lensikazi yayo. 3 Lakuzo inyoni
zamazulu ngasikhombisa ngasikhombisa, enduna
lensikazi, ukulondoloza inhlanyelo iphila ebusweni
bomhlaba wonke. 4 Ngoba kusele izinsuku
eziyisikhombisa, besenginisa izulu emhlabeni, izinsuku
ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi
amane, ngibhubhise konke okuphilayo, engakwenzayo,
ebusweni bomhlaba. 5 UNowa wasesenza njengakho
konke iNkosi eyamlaya khona. 6 UNowa wayeleminyaka
engamakhulu ayisithupha, lapho uzamcolo wamanzi
ephezu komhlaba. 7 UNowa wasengena emkhunjini
lamadodana akhe lomkakhe labafazi bamadodana
akhe kanye laye, ngenxa yamanzi kazamcolo. 8 Kuzo
inyamazana ezihlambulukileyo, lakuzo inyamazana
ezingahlambulukanga, lakuzo inyoni, lakukho konke
okuhuquzelayo phezu komhlaba, 9 ngambili ngambili
kweza kuNowa emkhunjini, okuduna lokusikazi, njengoba
uNkulunkulu emlayile uNowa. 10 Kwasekusithi emva
kwensuku eziyisikhombisa amanzi kazamcolo ayephezu

komhlaba. **11** Ngomnyaka wamakhulu ayisithupha
wempilo kaNowa, ngenyanga yesibili, ngosuku lwetshumi
lesikhombisa lwenyanga, ngalolosuku yonke imithombo
yokujula okukhulu yaqhekezwa, lamasango empophoma
zamazulu avulwa. **12** Izulu laliphezu komhlaba insuku
ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi
amane. **13** Ngalolosuku olufananayo uNowa wangena
loShemu loHamu loJafethi, amadodana kaNowa,
lomkaNowa, labafazi abathathu bamadodana akhe kanye
labo, emkhunjini, **14** bona, layo yonke inyamazana
ngohlobo lwayo, laso sonke isifuyo ngohlobo lwaso,
lakho konke okuhuquzelayo kuhuquzela phezu komhlaba
ngohlobo lwakho, lakho konke okuphaphayo ngohlobo
lwakho, yonke inyoni yalo lonke uphiko. **15** Zasezingena
kuNowa emkhunjini, ngambili ngambili, kuyo yonke
inyama, okukuyo umoya wempilo. **16** Lezangenayo,
kwangena enduna lensikazi kuyo yonke inyama,
njengalokho uNkulunkulu ayemlaye khona; iNkosi
yasimvalela phakathi. **17** Uzamcolo wasesiba semhlabeni
insuku ezingamatshumi amane; amanzi asesanda
asephakamisa umkhumbi, waze waphakama phezu
komhlaba. **18** Amanzi asephakama ngamandla,
anda kakhulu phezu komhlaba; lomkhumbi wahamba
phezu kobuso bamanzi. **19** Amanzi asephakama
ngamandla kakhulukazi emhlabeni, zaze zasitshekelwa
zonke intaba eziphakemeyo ezingaphansi kwamazulu
wonke. **20** Izingalo ezilitshumi lanhlanu amanzi aqonga
aphakama ngamandla, lezintaba zasitshekelwa. **21**
Yonke-ke inyama yaphela, eyayihamba phezu komhlaba,
eyenyoni, leyesifuyo, leyenyamazana, leyakho konke
okuhuquzelayo kuhuquzela phezu komhlaba, laye
wonke umuntu; **22** konke okulokuphefumula komoya
wempilo emakhaleni akho, kwakho konke okusemhlabeni
owomileyo, kwafa. **23** Kwachithwa konke okwakukhona,
okwakusebusweni bomhlaba, kusukela emuntwini kusiya
esifuyweni kusiya kokuhuquzelayo njalo kusiya enyonini
yamazulu; kwasekuchithwa emhlabeni; kwasekutshiywa
uNowa kuphela, lalokho ayelakho emkhunjini. **24** Lamanzi
ayephakama ngamandla phezu komhlaba, okwensuku
ezilikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu.

8 UNkulunkulu wasemkhumbula uNowa, lakho konke
okuphilayo, laso sonke isifuyo, esasilaye emkhunjini.
UNkulunkulu wavunguzisa umoya phezu komhlaba,
lamanzi etsha. **2** Kwasekumiswa imithombo yokujula
lamasango empophoma zamazulu, lezulu elivela
emazulwini lanqandwa. **3** Lamanzi etsha esuka
emhlabeni, ehamba ebuyela; amanzi asencipha
ekupheleni kwensuku ezilikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu.
4 Umkhumbi wasuhlala ngenyanga yesikhombisa,
ngosuku lwetshumi lesikhombisa lwenyanga, phezu
kwezintaba zeArarathi. **5** Lamanzi aya esetsha kwaze
kwaba senyangeni yetshumi; ngeyetshumi ngosuku
lokuqala lwenyanga kwabonakala ingqonga zezintaba.
6 Kwasekusithi ekupheleni kwensuku ezingamatshumi
amane, uNowa wasevula iwindi lomkhumbi ayelenzile, **7**
wasethuma iwabayi, lazulazula njalo, aze atsha amanzi
emhlabeni. **8** Wasethuma ijuba lisuka kuye, ukubona
ukuthi amanzi asemalutshwana yini ebusweni bomhlaba;
9 kodwa ijuba kalitholanga indawo yokuphumula
kwengaphansi yonyawo lwalo, ngakho labuyela
kuye emkhunjini, ngoba amanzi ayekhona ebusweni
bomhlaba wonke. Waseselula isandla sakhe, walithatha,
walingenisa kuye emkhunjini. **10** Waselinda futhi ezinye
izinsuku eziyisikhombisa; wasephinda elithuma ijuba
lisuka emkhunjini. **11** Ijuba laselibuya kuye ngesikhathi
santambama, khangela-ke, ihlamvu lomhlwathi elisanda
ukuquntwa lalisemlonyeni walo; ngakho uNowa wasesazi
ukuthi amanzi asemalutshwana phezu komhlaba.
12 Waselinda futhi ezinye insuku eziyisikhombisa;
waselithuma ijuba; kalabe lisabuyela kuye futhi. **13**
Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wamakhulu ayisithupha lanye,
ngenyanga yokuqala, ngolokuqala lwenyanga, amanzi
atsha emhlabeni. UNowa wasesusa isifulelo somkhumbi,
wabona, khangela-ke, ubuso bomhlaba babomile. **14**
Njalo ngenyanga yesibili, ngosuku lwamatshumi amabili
lesikhombisa lwenyanga, umhlaba wawusuwomile. **15**
UNkulunkulu wasekhuluma kuNowa, esithi: **16** Phuma
emkhunjini, wena lomkakho lamadodana akho labafazi
bamadodana akho kanye lawe. **17** Konke okuphilayo
okulawe, kuyo yonke inyama, eyenyoni leyesifuyo leyakho
konke okuhuquzelayo kuhuquzela emhlabeni, phuma
lakho; ukuze kuzale kwande emhlabeni, kuzale, kwande
phezu komhlaba. **18** UNowa wasephuma, lamadodana
akhe, lomkakhe, labafazi bamadodana akhe kanye laye.
19 Yonke inyamazana, konke okuhuquzelayo, layo yonke
inyoni, konke okuhamba emhlabeni, ngenhlobo zakho,
kwaphuma emkhunjini. **20** UNowa waseyakhela iNkosi
ilathi; wathatha kuso sonke isifuyo esihlambulukileyo,
lakuyo yonke inyoni ehlambulukileyo, wanikela umnikelo
wokutshiswa phezu kwelathi. **21** INkosi yasisizwa
uqhatshi olumnandi; iNkosi yasisithi enhliziyweni
yayo: Kangisayikuphinda ngiqalekise umhlaba ngenxa
yomuntu, ngoba ukuceba kwenhliziyo yomuntu kubi
kusukela ebutsheni bakhe; futhi kangisayikuphinda
ngitshaye konke okuphilayo njengalokhu ngenzile. **22**
Ngazo zonke izinsuku zomhlaba, ukuhlanyela lokuvuna,
lamakhaza lokukhudumala, lehlobo lobusika, lemini
lobusuku, kakuyikuphela.

9 UNkulunkulu wasebusisa uNowa lamadodana akhe,
wathi kibo: Zalani lande ligcwalise umhlaba. **2**
Lokwesatshwa kwenu lokuqhuqhwa kwenu kuzakuba
phezu kwayo yonke inyamazana yomhlaba laphezu
kwayo yonke inyoni yamazulu; kukho konke okuhamba
emhlabeni lakuzo zonke inhlanzi zolwandle; zinikelwe
ezandleni zenu. **3** Konke okuhambayo okuphilayo
kuzakuba yikudla kini; njengombhida oluhlaza ngilinikile
konke. **4** Kodwa inyama lempilo yayo, igazi layo,
kalisoze likudle. **5** Njalo sibili, igazi lenu, elempilo

yenu, ngizalibiza; esandleni sayo yonke inyamazana
ngizalibiza; lesandleni somuntu, lesandleni somfowabo
womunye lomunye ngizabiza umphefumulo womuntu. **6**
Ochitha igazi lomuntu, ngomuntu lizachithwa igazi lakhe;
ngoba ngomfanekiso kaNkulunkulu wamenza umuntu. **7**
Ngakho lina, zalani, lande, lizale ngokwengezelelweyo
emhlabeni, lande kuwo. **8** UNkulunkulu wasekhuluma
kuNowa lakumadodana akhe kanye laye, esithi: **9**
Mina-ke, khangelani, ngiyamisa isivumelwano sami
lani lenzalo yenu emva kwenu, **10** laso sonke
isidalwa esiphilayo esilani, esenyoni lesesifuyo, lesayo
yonke inyamazana yomhlaba lani; kusukela kubo
bonke abaphume emkhunjini, kusiya kuyo yonke
inyamazana yomhlaba. **11** Njalo ngizamisa isivumelwano
sami lani; njalo kakusayikubhujiswa yonke inyama
ngamanzi kazamcolo; ukuze kungasabi khona uzamcolo
ukubhubhisa umhlaba. **12** UNkulunkulu wasesithi:
Lokhu kuyisibonakaliso sesivumelwano engisinika
phakathi kwami lani laso sonke isidalwa esiphilayo
esilani, kuze kube yizizukulwana laphakade. **13**
Ngizamisa umchilowamakhosikazi wami emayezini;
uzakuba yisibonakaliso sesivumelwano phakathi kwami
lomhlaba. **14** Kuzakuthi nxa ngibuyisa amayezi phezu
komhlaba, umchilowamakhosikazi uzabonwa eyezini; **15**
khona ngizakhumbula isivumelwano sami, esiphakathi
kwami lani laso sonke isidalwa esiphilayo sayo
yonke inyama; lamanzi kawasayikuba nguzamcolo
ukubhubhisa yonke inyama. **16** Lomchilowamakhosikazi
uzakuba semayezini, njalo ngizawubona ukukhumbula
isivumelwano esilaphakade phakathi kukaNkulunkulu
laso sonke isidalwa esiphilayo, sayo yonke inyama
esemhlabeni. **17** UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuNowa: Lokhu
kuyisibonakaliso sesivumelwano engisimise phakathi
kwami layo yonke inyama esemhlabeni. **18** Amadodana
kaNowa aphumayo-ke emkhunjini ayengoShemu loHamu
loJafethi; njalo uHamu nguyise kaKhanani. **19** Laba
bobathathu ngamadodana kaNowa; lomhlaba wonke
wasatshalaliswa ngokuvela kubo. **20** UNowa waseqala
ukuba ngumlimi, wahlanyela isivini. **21** Wasenatha
okwewayini, wadakwa; njalo waba nqunu phakathi
kwethente lakhe. **22** UHamu, uyise kaKhanani,
wasebona ubunqunu bukayise, wasetshela abafowabo
ababili phandle. **23** OShemu loJafethi basebethatha
isembatho, basibeka emahlombe abo bobabili, bahamba
nyovane, bagubuzela ubunqunu bukayise; lobuso babo
babusemuva ukuze bangaboni ubunqunu bukayise.
24 UNowa wasevuka ewayinini lakhe, wakwazi lokho
indodana yakhe encinyane ekwenze kuye. **25** Wasesithi:
Kaqalekiswe uKhanani, uzakuba yisigqili sezigqili
kubafowabo. **26** Wasesithi: Ibusisiwe iNkosi uNkulunkulu
kaShemu, loKhanani abe yisigqili sakhe. **27** UNkulunkulu
amqhelise uJafethi, njalo ahlale emathenteni kaShemu,
loKhanani abe yisigqili sakhe. **28** Emva kukazamcolo
uNowa wasephila iminyaka engamakhulu amathathu
lamatshumi amahlanu. **29** Zonke-ke insuku zikaNowa
zaba yiminyaka engamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye
lamatshumi amahlanu; wasesifa.

10 Njalo lezi yizizukulwana zamadodana kaNowa:
UShemu, uHamu loJafethi. Kwasekuzalwa
amadodana kubo emva kukazamcolo. **2** Amadodana
kaJafethi: UGomeri loMagogi loMadayi loJavani
loThubhali loMesheki loTirasi. **3** Lamadodana kaGomeri:
UAshikenazi loRifathi loTogarma. **4** Lamadodana
kaJavani: UElisha loTarshishi, amaKiti lamaDodani.
5 Kwehlukaniswa kusukela kubo izihlenge zezizwe
emazweni abo, ngulowo lalowo ngokolimi lwakhe,
langokosendo lwabo, ezizweni zabo. **6** Lamadodana
kaHamu: UKushi loMizirayimi loPuti loKhanani. **7**
Lamadodana kaKushi: USeba loHavila loSabitha
loRama loSabitheka. Lamadodana kaRahama: UShebha
loDedani. **8** UKushi wasezala uNimrodi; yena
waqala ukuba liqhawe emhlabeni. **9** Yena waba
ngumzingeli olamandla phambi kweNkosi; ngakho
kuthiwa: NjengoNimrodi, umzingeli olamandla phambi
kweNkosi. **10** Lokuqala kombuso wakhe yiBabeli leEreki
leAkadi leKaline elizweni leShinari. **11** Kwaphuma
kulelolizwe uAshuri, wasesakha iNineve leRehobothi-
Ire leKala, **12** leReseni phakathi kweNineve leKala; lo
ngumuzi omkhulu. **13** UMizirayimi wasezala amaLudi
lamaAnami lamaLehabi lamaNafethuhi **14** lamaPatrusi
lamaKaseluhi - lapho okwavela khona amaFilisti -
lamaKafitori. **15** UKhanani wasezala uSidoni izibulo
lakhe, loHethi, **16** lomJebusi lomAmori lomGirigashi
17 lomHivi lomArki lomSini **18** lomArvadi lomZemari
lomHamathi; lemva kwalokho usendo lwamaKhanani
lwahlakazeka. **19** Umngcele wamaKhanani wasusukela
eSidoni usiya eGerari uze ufike eGaza, usiya eSodoma
leGomora leAdima leZeboyimi kuze kufike eLasha. **20** La
ngamadodana kaHamu, ngokosendo lwawo, langendimi
zawo, emazweni awo, ezizweni zawo. **21** UShemu
laye wasezalelwa amadodana; unguyise wamadodana
wonke akaEberi, umfowabo kaJafethi, omkhulu. **22**
Amadodana kaShemu: UElamu loAshuri loArpakishadi
loLudi loAramu. **23** Lamadodana kaAramu: U-Uzi loHuli
loGetheri loMashi. **24** UArpakishadi wasezala uShela;
uShela wasezala uEberi. **25** Kwasekuzalelwa uEberi
amadodana amabili, ibizo lomunye nguPelegi, ngoba
ensukwini zayo umhlaba wehlukaniswa; lebizo lomfowabo
nguJokithani. **26** UJokithani wasezala uAlimodadi
loShelefi loHazamavethi loJera **27** loHadoramu loUzali
loDikila **28** loObali loAbhimayeli loShebha **29**
loOfiri loHavila loJobabi; bonke labo ngamadodana
kaJokithani. **30** Indawo yokuhlala kwabo isukela eMesha
lapho usiya eSefari, intaba yempumalanga. **31** La
ngamadodana kaShemu, ngokosendo lwabo langendimi
zabo, emazweni abo ngokwezizwe zabo. **32** Lolu lusendo
lwamadodana kaNowa ngezizukulwana zawo ezizweni

zawo; kwasekusehlukaniswa kulaba izizwe emhlabeni
emva kukazamcolo.

11 Umhlaba wonke-ke wawulolimi lunye, lamazwi
manye. **2** Kwasekusithi ekuhambeni kwabo
bevela empumalanga bafica igceke elizweni leShinari,
basebehlala khona. **3** Basebesithi ngulowo lalowo
kumakhelwane wakhe: Wozani, asenzeni izitina sizitshise
lokuzitshisa; lesitina saba lilitshe kubo, lengcino yaba
ludaka kubo. **4** Basebesithi: Wozani, asizakheleni
umuzi lomphotshongo osihloko sawo sisemazulwini,
besesizenzela ibizo, hlezi sihlakazeke ebusweni
bomhlaba wonke. **5** INkosi yasisehla ukubona umuzi
lomphotshongo abantwana babantu abawakhayo. **6**
INkosi yasisithi: Khangela, yisizwe sinye, njalo balolimi
lunye bonke, njalo yikho abaqala ukukwenza; khathesi-
ke akulalutho olungabehlula abamisa ukulwenza. **7**
Wozani, asehle, siphambanise lapho ulimi lwabo, ukuze
bangezwa, ngulowo lalowo ulimi lomakhelwane wakhe.
8 Ngakho iNkosi yabahlakazela ebusweni bomhlaba
wonke besuka lapho; basebesima ukwakha umuzi. **9**
Ngalokho kwabizwa ibizo lawo ngokuthi iBabeli, ngoba
lapho iNkosi yaphambanisa ulimi lomhlaba wonke;
kusukela lapho iNkosi yabahlakaza ebusweni bomhlaba
wonke. **10** Lezi yizizukulwana zikaShemu. UShemu
wayeleminyaka elikhulu, wasezala uArpakishadi,
iminyaka emibili emva kukazamcolo. **11** UShemu
wasephila, esezele uArpakishadi, iminyaka engamakhulu
amahlanu; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi. **12**
UArpakishadi wasephila iminyaka engamatshumi
amathathu lanhlanu, wazala uShela. **13** UArpakishadi
wasephila, esezele uShela, iminyaka engamakhulu
amane lantathu; wazala amadodana lamadodakazi. **14**
UShela wasephila iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu,
wazala uEberi. **15** UShela wasephila, esezele
uEberi, iminyaka engamakhulu amane lantathu; wazala
amadodana lamadodakazi. **16** UEberi wasephila
iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lane, wazala
uPelegi. **17** UEberi wasephila, esezele uPelegi,
iminyaka engamakhulu amane lamatshumi amathathu;
wazala amadodana lamadodakazi. **18** UPelegi
wasephila iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu, wazala
uRewu. **19** UPelegi wasephila, esezele uRewu,
iminyaka engamakhulu amabili layisificamunwemunye;
wazala amadodana lamadodakazi. **20** URewu
wasephila iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lambili,
wazala uSerugi. **21** URewu wasephila, esezele
uSerugi, iminyaka engamakhulu amabili lesikhombisa;
wazala amadodana lamadodakazi. **22** USerugi
wasephila iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu, wazala
uNahori. **23** USerugi wasephila, esezele uNahori,
iminyaka engamakhulu amabili; wazala amadodana
lamadodakazi. **24** UNahori wasephila iminyaka
engamatshumi amabili lesificamunwemunye, wazala
uTera. **25** UNahori wasephila, esezele uTera, iminyaka
elikhulu lamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye; wazala
amadodana lamadodakazi. **26** UTera wasephila iminyaka
engamatshumi ayisikhombisa, wazala uAbrama, uNahori
loHarani. **27** Lalezi yizizukulwana zikaTera. UTera
wazala uAbrama, uNahori loHarani; uHarani wasezala
uLothi. **28** UHarani wasesifa phambi kukayise uTera,
elizweni lokuzalwa kwakhe, eUri yamaKhaladiya. **29**
OAbrama loNahori basebezithathela abafazi; ibizo
lomkaAbrama nguSarayi, lebizo lomkaNahori nguMilka,
indodakazi kaHarani, uyise kaMilka loyise kaIska. **30**
Kodwa uSarayi wayeyinyumba; wayengelamntwana. **31**
UTera wasethatha uAbrama indodana yakhe, loLothi
indodana kaHarani, indodana yendodana yakhe, loSarayi
umalokazana wakhe, umkaAbrama indodana yakhe;
basebesuka labo eUri yamaKhaladiya, ukuya elizweni
leKhanani; basebefika eHarani, bahlala khona. **32**
Lensuku zikaTera zaziyiminyaka engamakhulu amabili
lanhlanu; uTera wasefela eHarani.

12 INkosi yasisithi kuAbrama: Suka wena elizweni
lakini lezihlotsheni zakho lemzini kayihlo, uye
elizweni engizakutshengisa lona. **2** Ngizakwenza-
ke ube yisizwe esikhulu, ngikubusise, ngenze
ibizo lakho libe likhulu, njalo ube yisibusiso. **3**
Njalo ngizababusisa abakubusisayo, lokuqalekisayo
ngimqalekise; lakuwe kuzabusiswa zonke insapho
zomhlaba. **4** UAbrama wasehamba njengoba iNkosi
ikhulumile kuye, loLothi wahamba laye. Njalo uAbrama
wayeleminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa lanhlanu
ekusukeni kwakhe eHarani. **5** UAbrama wasethatha
uSarayi umkakhe, loLothi indodana yomfowabo, lempahla
yabo yonke ababeyiqoqile, lemiphefumulo ababeyizuzile
eHarani; basebesuka ukuya elizweni leKhanani; bafika
elizweni leKhanani. **6** UAbrama wasedabula ilizwe waze
wafika endaweni yeShekema, esihlahleni se-okhi seMore.
LamaKhanani ayekhona elizweni ngalesosikhathi. **7**
INkosi yasibonakala kuAbrama, yathi: Kunzalo yakho
ngizanika lelilizwe. Waseyakhela lapho iNkosi ilathi
eyayibonakale kuye. **8** Waseqhubeka esuka lapho
waya entabeni empumalanga yeBhetheli, wamisa ithente
lakhe, iBhetheli isentshonalanga leAyi empumalanga.
Waseyakhela lapho iNkosi ilathi, wabiza ibizo leNkosi.
9 UAbrama wasesuka wahamba eqhubeka esiya
eningizimu. **10** Kwasekusiba khona indlala elizweni.
UAbrama wasesehlela ngaseGibhithe ukuthi ahlale
khona njengowezizwe, ngoba indlala yayinzima elizweni.
11 Kwasekusithi esesondela ukungena eGibhithe
wathi kuSarayi umkakhe: Khangela-ke, ngiyazi ukuthi
ungowesifazana omuhle obukekayo. **12** Njalo kuzakuthi
lapho amaGibhithe ekubona, azakuthi: Lo ngumkakhe;
abesengibulala, kodwa wena akugcine uphila. **13** Ake
uthi ungudadewethu, ukuze kube kuhle kimi ngenxa
yakho, lomphefumulo wami uphile ngenxa yakho.
14 Kwasekusithi lapho uAbrama esefikile eGibhithe,
amaGibhithe ambona owesifazana, ukuthi muhle kakhulu.

15 Iziphathamandla zikaFaro lazo zambona, zambabaza
phambi kukaFaro. Owesifazana waselethwa endlini
kaFaro. 16 Wasemphatha kuhle uAbrama ngenxa yakhe;
njalo waba lezimvu lezinkabi labobabhemi lezinceku
lezincekukazi labobabhemikazi lamakamela. 17 Kodwa
iNkosi yamhlupha uFaro ngezinhlupheko ezinkulu, lendlu
yakhe, ngendaba kaSarayi umkaAbrama. 18 UFaro
wasembiza uAbrama, wathi: Kuyini lokhu okwenze
kimi? Kungani ungangitshelanga ukuthi ungumkakho?
19 Utsholoni ukuthi ungudadewenu, ngize ngimthathe
ukuba ngumkami? Ngakho khangela-ke umkakho;
mthathe uhambe. 20 UFaro waselaya amadoda ngaye;
asemmukisa lomkakhe lakho konke ayelakho.

13 UAbrama wasesenyuka eGibhithe, yena lomkakhe
lakho konke ayelakho loLothi kanye laye, waya
eningizimu. 2 Njalo uAbrama wayenothile kakhulu,
ngezifuyo, ngesiliva, langegolide. 3 Wasehamba
kuzinhambo zakhe esuka eningizimu, waze wafika
eBhetheli, endaweni lapho ithente lakhe elalikhona
kuqala, phakathi kweBhetheli leAyi; 4 endaweni yelathi
ayelenzile khona kuqala; uAbrama wasebiza ibizo
leNkosi lapho. 5 LoLothi laye, owayehamba loAbrama,
wayelezimvu lezinkomo lamathente. 6 Njalo ilizwe
lalingebathwale ukuthi bahlale ndawonye, ngoba impahla
yabo yayinengi, ukuthi babengeke bahlala ndawonye.
7 Kwasekusiba khona ukuxabana phakathi kwabelusi
bezifuyo zikaAbrama labelusi bezifuyo zikaLothi.
Ngalesosikhathi amaKhanani lamaPerizi ayehlala
elizweni. 8 UAbrama wasesithi kuLothi: Ake kungabi
khona ukuxabana phakathi kwami lawe, laphakathi
kwabelusi bami labelusi bakho, ngoba singamadoda
osendo. 9 Ilizwe lonke kaliphambi kwakho yini?
Yehlukana-ke lami; uba usiya kwesokhohlo, ngizakuya
kwesokunene; kodwa uba kwesokunene, ngizakuya
kwesokhohlo. 10 ULothi wasephakamisa amehlo akhe,
wabona lonke igceke leJordani ukuthi lalithelelwe
kuhle lonke. INkosi ingakachithi iSodoma leGomora,
lalinjengensimu yeNkosi, njengelizwe leGibhithe, nxa
usiya eZowari. 11 ULothi wasezikhethela lonke
igceke leJordani; uLothi wasesiya empumalanga;
basebezehlukanisa omunye komunye. 12 UAbrama
wahlala elizweni leKhanani, uLothi wasehlala emizini
yemagcekeni, wamisa ithente lakhe eduze leSodoma.
13 Kodwa abantu beSodoma babebabi babeyizoni
phambi kweNkosi kakhulu. 14 INkosi yasisithi kuAbrama
emva kokuthi uLothi esehlukaniswe laye: Phakamisa-
ke amehlo akho, ukhangele endaweni lapho okhona,
ngasenyakatho langaseningizimu langasempumalanga
langasentshonalanga, 15 ngoba ilizwe lonke olibonayo
ngizalinika wena, lakunzalo yakho kuze kube nininini. 16
Njalo ngizakwenza inzalo yakho ibe njengothuli lomhlaba,
kuze kuthi uba umuntu engabala uthuli lomhlaba,
izabalwa lenzalo yakho. 17 Sukuma uhambe udabule
ilizwe, ebudeni balo lebubanzini balo, ngoba ngizalinika
wena. 18 UAbrama wasesusa amathente wafika wahlala
ezihlahleni zama-okhi zeMamre, eziseHebroni, wakhela
lapho iNkosi ilathi.

14 Kwasekusithi ensukwini zikaAmrafeli inkosi
yeShinari, uAriyoki inkosi yeElasari, uKedolawoma
inkosi yeElamu, loTidali inkosi yezizwe, 2 balwa
impi loBera inkosi yeSodoma, loBirisha inkosi
yeGomora, uShinabi inkosi yeAdima, loShemebere inkosi
yeZeboyimi, lenkosi yeBhela, eliyiZowari. 3 Bonke labo
bahlangana esigodini iSidima esiluLwandle lweTshwayi.
4 Babemkhonzile uKedolawoma okweminyaka elitshumi
lambili, kodwa ngomnyaka wetshumi lantathu bavukela.
5 Langomnyaka wetshumi lane kweza uKedolawoma,
lamakhosi ayelaye, batshaya amaRefa eAshiterothi-
Karnayimi, lamaZuzi eHamu, lamaEmi egcekeni
leKiriyathayimi, 6 lamaHori entabeni yabo yeSeyiri, kuze
kube eEliparani eliseduze lenkangala. 7 Basebebuyela
bafika eEnimishipati eliyiKadeshi, batshaya ilizwe lonke
lamaAmaleki, njalo lamaAmori ayehlala eHazazoni-
Tamari. 8 Kwasekuphuma inkosi yeSodoma lenkosi
yeGomora, lenkosi yeAdima lenkosi yeZeboyimi,
lenkosi yeBhela eliyiZowari, bahlomisa impi bemelene
labo esigodini iSidima, 9 emelane loKedolawoma
inkosi yeElamu, loTidali inkosi yezizwe, loAmrafeli
inkosi yeShinari, loAriyoki inkosi yeElasari; amakhosi
amane emelane lamakhosi amahlanu. 10 Lesigodi
seSidima sasilemigodigodi yengcino; lenkosi yeSodoma
leyeGomora yabaleka, yawela khona; labaseleyo
babalekela entabeni. 11 Asethatha yonke impahla
yeSodoma leyeGomora, lokudla kwabo konke,
ahamba. 12 Amthatha loLothi lempahla yakhe,
indodana yomfowabo kaAbrama, asehamba, ngoba
wayehlala eSodoma. 13 Kwasekusiza owayephunyukile,
wamlandisela uAbrama umHebheru, owayehlala
ezihlahleni zama-okhi zikaMamre umAmori, umfowabo
kaEshikoli lomfowabo kaAneri ababelesivumelwano
loAbrama. 14 Kwathi uAbrama esezwile ukuthi isihlobo
sakhe sasithunjiwe, wahlomisa ayebafundisile, bezelwe
endlini yakhe, abangamakhulu amathathu letshumi
lesificaminwembili, waxotshana lawo waze wafika
koDani. 15 Wasezehlukanisa emelane lawo ebusuku,
yena lenceku zakhe, wawatshaya, waxotshana lawo
waze wafika eHoba, ekwesokhohlo seDamaseko.
16 Wasebuyisa yonke impahla, wasebuyisa loLothi
umfowabo lempahla yakhe, labesifazana labo labantu.
17 Inkosi yeSodoma yasiphuma ukumhlangabeza,
esebuyile ekutshayeni uKedolawoma lamakhosi ayelaye,
esigodini iShave, esiyisigodi senkosi. 18 UMelkizedeki
inkosi yeSalema waseletha isinkwa lewayini; njalo
yena ngumpristi kaNkulunkulu oPhezukonke. 19
Wasembusisa wathi: Kabusiswe uAbrama nguNkulunkulu
oPhezukonke, uMnini wamazulu lomhlaba. 20 Kabusiswe-
ke uNkulunkulu oPhezukonke onikele izitha zakho

esandleni sakho. Wasemnika okwetshumi kwakho konke.
21 Inkosi yeSodoma yasisithi kuAbrama: Nginika abantu,
kodwa uzithathele impahla. **22** UAbrama wasesithi
eNkosini yeSodoma: Ngiphakamise isandla sami eNkosini
uNkulunkulu oPhezukonke, uMnini wamazulu lomhlaba,
23 ngithi kangiyikuthatha kusukela kumucu kusiya
emchilweni wenyathela, kukho konke olakho! Hlezi uthi:
Mina ngimnothisile uAbrama. **24** Ngaphandle kwalokho
kuphela akudlileyo amajaha, lesabelo samadoda ahambe
lami, uAneri, uEshikoli loMamre, bona kabathathe isabelo
sabo.

15 Emva kwalezizinto ilizwi leNkosi leza kuAbrama
ngombono, lisithi: Ungesabi Abrama, ngiyisihlangu
sakho, umvuzo wakho omkhulu kakhulu. **2** UAbrama
wasesithi: Nkosi Jehova, uzangiphani, njengoba
lokhe ngingelamntwana, lendlalifa yendlu yami
ingoweDamaseko uEliyezeri? **3** UAbrama wasesithi:
Khangela, kimi kawuphanga nzalo; njalo khangela,
ozelwe endlini yami uzakuba yindlalifa yami. **4**
Khangela-ke ilizwi leNkosi laba kuye lisithi: Lo kayikudla
ilifa lakho, kodwa ozaphuma emibilini yakho, yena
uzakudla ilifa lakho. **5** Wasemkhuphela phandle
wathi: Khangela-ke emazulwini, ubale izinkanyezi
uba ungazibala. Wasesithi kuye: Izakuba njalo inzalo
yakho. **6** Wasekholwa eNkosini. Yasimbalela lokhu kube
yikulunga. **7** Yasisithi kuye: NgiyiNkosi, eyakukhupha
eUri yamaKhaladiya ukukunika ilizwe leli libe yilifa
lakho. **8** Wasesithi: Nkosi Jehova, ngizakwazi
ngani ukuthi lizakuba yilifa lami? **9** Yasisithi kuye:
Ngithathela ithokazi elileminyaka emithathu, lesibhuzikazi
esileminyaka emithathu, lenqama eleminyaka emithathu,
lejuba, lephuphu lenkwilimba. **10** Wasesisa kuyo
zonke lezizinto, wazidabula phakathi, wabeka leyo
laleyongxenye yazo ikhangelene lenye; kodwa inyoni
kazidabulanga. **11** Inyoni ezidla inyama zasezisehlela
phezu kwezidumbu, uAbrama wasezixotshela khatshana.
12 Kwasekusithi ilanga selitshona, ubuthongo obukhulu
bajuma uAbrama; khangela-ke, uvalo lomnyama omkhulu
lwehlela phezu kwakhe. **13** Yasisithi kuAbrama:
Yazi lokwazi ukuthi inzalo yakho izakuba yisihambi
elizweni elingeyisilo layo, njalo bazabasebenzela,
besebebahlupha iminyaka engamakhulu amane. **14**
Kodwa lesizwe abazasisebenzela ngizasigweba; lemva
kwalokho bazaphuma lempahla enengi. **15** Kodwa
wena uzakuya kuboyihlo ngokuthula, uzangcwatshwa
ekuluphaleni okuhle. **16** Isizukulwana sesine sizabuya-
ke lapha; ngoba isono samaAmori kasikapheleli. **17**
Kwasekusithi ilanga selitshonile sekumnyama, khangela-
ke, imbawula ethunqayo lesihlanti somlilo esadabula
phakathi kwalezozingxenye. **18** Ngalolosuku iNkosi
yenza isivumelwano loAbrama isithi: Enzalweni yakho
nginikele lelilizwe, kusukela emfuleni weGibhithe kuze
kube semfuleni omkhulu, umfula iYufrathi, **19** amaKeni
lamaKenizi lamaKadimoni **20** lamaHethi lamaPerizi
lamaRefa **21** lamaAmori lamaKhanani lamaGirigashi
lamaJebusi.

16 USarayi umkaAbrama wayengamzaleli-ke
abantwana; wayelencekukazi umGibhithekazi,
lebizo layo linguHagari. **2** USarayi wasesithi kuAbrama:
Khangela-ke, iNkosi ingivalile ukuze ngingazali; ake
ungene encekukazini yami, mhlawumbe ngingakhiwa
ngayo. UAbrama waselalela ilizwi likaSarayi. **3** Ngakho
uSarayi umkaAbrama wamthatha uHagari umGibhithe,
incekukazi yakhe, ekupheleni kweminyaka elitshumi
uAbrama esehlale elizweni leKhanani, wasemnika
uAbrama indoda yakhe ukuthi abe ngumkakhe. **4**
Wasengena kuHagari, wasethatha isisu. Esebonile ukuthi
uzithwele, inkosikazi yakhe yasideleleka emehlweni
akhe. **5** USarayi wasesithi kuAbrama: Ububi bami
buphezu kwakho. Mina nginike incekukazi yami esifubeni
sakho, ithe isibonile ukuthi izithwele, ngiyadeleleka
emehlweni ayo. INkosi kayahlulele phakathi kwami lawe.
6 UAbrama wasesithi kuSarayi: Khangela, incekukazi
yakho isesandleni sakho. Yenza kuyo lokho okuhle
emehlweni akho. USarayi waseyiphatha kubi, yasibaleka
ebusweni bakhe. **7** Ingilosi yeNkosi yasiyifica emthonjeni
wamanzi enkangala, emthonjeni endleleni eya eShuri. **8**
Yasisithi: Hagari, ncekukazi kaSarayi, uvela ngaphi,
uya ngaphi? Yasisithi: Ngibalekela ubuso bukaSarayi
inkosikazi yami. **9** Ingilosi yeNkosi yasisithi kuyo:
Buyela enkosikazini yakho, ubusuzehlisela ngaphansi
kwezandla zayo. **10** Ingilosi yeNkosi yathi kuyo futhi:
Ngizakwandisa kakhulu inzalo yakho ukuze ingabalwa
ngenxa yobunengi. **11** Ingilosi yeNkosi yasisithi kuyo:
Khangela, uzithwele, futhi uzazala indodana, njalo
uzayitha ibizo layo uthi nguIshmayeli, ngoba iNkosi izwile
ukuhlupheka kwakho. **12** Yona-ke izakuba ngumuntu
ongubabhemi ongathambanga, isandla sayo simelane
labo bonke, lesandla sabo bonke simelane layo; izahlala
phambi kobuso babafowabo bonke. **13** Waseyitha
iNkosi eyakhuluma laye ibizo lokuthi: Wena Nkulunkulu
wokubona. Ngoba wathi: Lapha lami ngimkhangele yini
ongibonayo? **14** Ngakho umthombo wabizwa ngokuthi
iBeri-Lahayi-Royi; khangela, uphakathi kweKadeshi
leBeredi. **15** UHagari wasemzalela uAbrama indodana;
uAbrama wasesitha ibizo lendodana yakhe, uHagari
ayizalayo, wathi nguIshmayeli. **16** Njalo uAbrama
wayeleminyaka engamatshumi ayisificaminwembili
lesithupha mhla uHagari emzalela uAbrama uIshmayeli.

17 Kwathi uAbrama eseleminyaka engamatshumi
ayisificamunwemunye lesificamunwemunye iNkosi
yasibonakala kuAbrama, yathi kuye: NginguNkulunkulu
uSomandla; hamba phambi kwami, uphelele. **2** Njalo
ngizakwenza isivumelwano sami phakathi kwami lawe,
ngizakwandisa kakhulukazi. **3** UAbrama wasesiwa
ngobuso bakhe, uNkulunkulu wasekhuluma laye, esithi:

4 Mina ngokwami, khangela, isivumelwano sami silawe;
futhi uzakuba nguyise wezizwe ezinengi. 5 Lebizo
lakho kalisayikubizwa ngokuthi Abrama, kodwa ibizo
lakho lizakuba nguAbrahama, ngoba ngikwenze uyise
wexuku lezizwe. 6 Ngizakwenza uzale kakhulukazi,
ngizakwenza izizwe, lamakhosi azaphuma kuwe. 7
Njalo ngizamisa isivumelwano sami phakathi kwami
lawe lenzalo yakho emva kwakho ezizukulwaneni
zayo, kube yisivumelwano esilaphakade, sokuthi ngibe
nguNkulunkulu kuwe lakuyo inzalo yakho emva kwakho.
8 Ngizanika-ke wena lenzalo yakho emva kwakho ilizwe
ohlala kilo njengowezizwe, ilizwe lonke leKhanani, libe
yimfuyo elaphakade; njalo ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu
kibo. 9 UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuAbrahama: Wena-ke
uzagcina isivumelwano sami, wena lenzalo yakho emva
kwakho ezizukulwaneni zayo. 10 Lesi yisivumelwano
sami elizasigcina phakathi kwami lani lenzalo yakho
emva kwakho; sonke isilisa sisokwe kini. 11 Lizasoka
inyama yejwabu lenu laphambili; kuzakuba yisibonakaliso
sesivumelwano phakathi kwami lani. 12 Lendodana
yensuku eziyisificaminwembili izasokwa phakathi kwenu,
sonke isilisa ezizukulwaneni zenu, ozelwe endlini,
lothengwe ngemali kuye wonke oyisizwe, ongayisuye
wenzalo yakho. 13 Ozelwe endlini yakho lothengwe
ngemali yakho kumele asokwe. Lesivumelwano
sami sizakuba senyameni yenu, sibe yisivumelwano
esilaphakade. 14 Lesilisa esingasokwanga, esinyama
yejwabu laphambili lingasokwanga, lowomphefumulo
uzaqunywa usuke esizweni sawo, weqile isivumelwano
sami. 15 UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuAbrahama: NgoSarayi
umkakho, ungabizi ibizo lakhe uthi nguSarayi, ngoba
uSara libizo lakhe. 16 Njalo ngizambusisa, ngikunike
indodana evela lakuye; yebo ngizambusisa abesesiba
yizizwe, amakhosi ezizwe azavela kuye. 17 UAbrahama
wasesiwa ngobuso bakhe, wahleka, wathi enhliziyweni
yakhe: Oleminyaka elikhulu uzazalelwa yini? Kambe
loSara oleminyaka engamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye
uzazala? 18 UAbrahama wasesithi kuNkulunkulu:
Kungathi uIshmayeli angaphila phambi kwakho!
19 UNkulunkulu wasesithi: Hatshi, uSara umkakho
uzakuzalela indodana; uzayitha ibizo uthi nguIsaka; njalo
ngizamisa isivumelwano sami laye, sibe yisivumelwano
esilaphakade kunzalo yakhe emva kwakhe. 20 Mayelana
loIshmayeli ngikuzwile-ke; khangela, ngimbusisile, njalo
ngizamenza abe lenzalo, ngimandise kakhulukazi;
uzazala iziphathamandla ezilitshumi lambili, njalo
ngizamenza isizwe esikhulu. 21 Kodwa isivumelwano
sami ngizasimisa loIsaka, uSara azakuzalela yena
ngalesisikhathi esimisiweyo ngomnyaka ozayo. 22
Wasecina ukukhuluma laye, uNkulunkulu wenyuka esuka
kuAbrahama. 23 UAbrahama wasethatha uIshmayeli
indodana yakhe labo bonke ababezelwe endlini yakhe
labo bonke ababethengwe ngemali yakhe, sonke isilisa
phakathi kwabendlu kaAbrahama, wasoka inyama
yejwabu labo laphambili, ngalona lolosuku, njengalokho
uNkulunkulu akutshoyo kuye. 24 LoAbrahama
wayeleminyaka engamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye
lesificamunwemunye ekusokweni kwakhe inyama
yejwabu lakhe laphambili. 25 UIshmayeli-ke indodana
yakhe wayeleminyaka elitshumi lantathu ekusokweni
kwakhe inyama yejwabu lakhe laphambili. 26 Ngalona
lolosuku uAbrahama wasokwa, loIshmayeli indodana
yakhe. 27 Lamadoda wonke omuzi wakhe, ayezelwe
endlini layethengwe ngemali kowezizwe, asokwa kanye
laye.

18 INkosi yasibonakala kuye ema-okhini eMamre,
wathi ehlezi emnyango wethente ekutshiseni
kosuku, 2 wasephakamisa amehlo akhe wabona,
khangela-ke amadoda amathathu emi phambi kwakhe;
esewabonile wagijima ukuwahlangabeza esuka
emnyango wethente, wakhothamela emhlabathini, 3
wasesithi: Nkosi, uba-ke ngithole umusa emehlweni
akho, ngicela ungadluli usuke encekwini yakho. 4
Ake kulethwe amanzi amalutshwana, beseligeza
inyawo zenu, liphumule ngaphansi kwesihlahla. 5
Ngizaletha-ke ucezu lwesinkwa, beseliqinisa inhliziyo
yenu, beselisedlula, ngoba yikho ledlule encekwini yenu.
Asesithi: Ngokunjalo yenza njengokutsho kwakho. 6
UAbrahama wasephangisa esiya ethenteni kuSara,
wasesithi: Phangisa! Amaseya amathathu empuphu
ecolekileyo! Xova, wenze amaqebelengwana. 7
UAbrahama wasegijimela enkomeni, wathatha ithole
elibuthakathaka njalo elihle, walinika ijaha; laphangisa
ukulilungisa. 8 Wasethatha amasi lochago, lethole
abelilungisile, wakubeka phambi kwawo; wema
eduze lawo ngaphansi kwesihlahla, asesidla. 9
Asesithi kuye: Ungaphi uSara umkakho? Wasesithi:
Khangela, ethenteni. 10 Yasisithi: Isibili ngizabuya kuwe
ngalesisikhathi sempilo; khangela, uSara umkakho
uzakuba lendodana. USara wakuzwa esemnyango
wethente elalingemva kwayo. 11 UAbrahama loSara
basebebadala sebelensuku ezinengi; kwasekuphelile
kuSara okwendlela yabafazi. 12 USara wasehlekela
ngaphakathi, esithi: Sengigugile, ngingaba lenjabulo,
lenkosi yami isindala yini? 13 INkosi yasisithi
kuAbrahama: Kungani uSara ehleka, esithi: Isibili lami
ngizazala mina sengimdala yini? 14 Kukhona into
enzima kakhulu eNkosini yini? Ngesikhathi esimisiweyo
ngizabuya kuwe, ngalesisikhathi sempilo, njalo uSara
uzakuba lendodana. 15 USara wasephika esithi:
Kangihlekanga, ngoba wayesesaba. Kodwa wathi:
Hatshi, ngoba uhlekile. 16 Amadoda asesukuma
esuka lapho akhangela phansi eSodoma; uAbrahama
wasehamba lawo ewaphelekezela. 17 INkosi yasisithi:
Mina ngingamfihlela uAbrahama yini engikwenzayo?
18 Ngoba isibili uAbrahama uzakuba yisizwe esikhulu
esilamandla; lazo zonke izizwe zomhlaba zizabusiswa

kuye. **19** Ngoba ngimazile, ukuze alaye abantwana bakhe
lendlu yakhe emva kwakhe, besebegcina indlela yeNkosi
ukuze benze ukulunga lokwahlulela, ukuze iNkosi
imehlisele uAbrahama lokho ekutshoyo ngaye. **20** INkosi
yasisithi: Ngoba isikhalo seSodoma leGomora sikhulu,
langoba isono sabo sinzima kakhulu, **21** ngizakwehla-ke
besengibona ukuthi njengokwesikhalo sayo esesifike
kimi, benzile ngokupheleleyo; kodwa uba kungenjalo
ngizakwazi. **22** Amadoda esefulathele lapho, asesiya
eSodoma; kodwa uAbrahama wayelokhu emile phambi
kweNkosi. **23** UAbrahama wasesondela, wathi: Kambe
uzambhubhisa lolungileyo kanye lomubi? **24** Mhlawumbe
kukhona abalungileyo abangamatshumi amahlanu
phakathi komuzi; kambe uzabhubhisa ungaxoleli indawo
ngenxa yabalungileyo abangamatshumi amahlanu
abakuwo? **25** Kakube khatshana lawe ukwenza into
enjalo, ukubulala olungileyo kanye lomubi lokuthi
olungileyo abe njengomubi; kakube khatshana lawe;
umahluleli womhlaba wonke kayikwenza ukulunga yini?
26 INkosi yasisithi: Uba ngithola eSodoma abalungileyo
abangamatshumi amahlanu phakathi komuzi, ngizaxolela
yonke indawo ngenxa yabo. **27** UAbrahama
wasephendula wathi: Khangela-ke, ngizimisele
ukukhuluma eNkosini, lanxa ngiluthuli lomlotha. **28**
Mhlawumbe kuzasweleka abahlanu kubo abalungileyo
abangamatshumi amahlanu; uzabhubhisa umuzi wonke
ngenxa yabahlanu yini? Yasisithi: Kangiyikuwubhubhisa
uba ngithola khona abangamatshumi amane
lanhlanu. **29** Waseqhubeka elokhu ekhuluma
kuyo wathi: Mhlawumbe kuzatholwa khona
abangamatshumi amane. Yasisithi: Kangiyikukwenza
ngenxa yabangamatshumi amane. **30** Wasesithi: Ngicela
iNkosi ingathukutheli lapho ngikhuluma. Mhlawumbe
kuzatholwa khona abangamatshumi amathathu.
Yasisithi: Kangiyikukwenza uba ngithola khona
abangamatshumi amathathu. **31** Wasesithi: Khangela-
ke, ngizimisele ukukhuluma eNkosini; mhlawumbe
kuzatholwa khona abangamatshumi amabili. Yasisithi:
Kangiyikuwubhubhisa ngenxa yabangamatshumi
amabili. **32** Wasesithi: Ngicela iNkosi ingathukutheli,
ngizakhuluma khathesi kuphela; mhlawumbe kuzatholwa
khona abalitshumi. Yasisithi: Kangiyikuwubhubhisa
ngenxa yabalitshumi. **33** INkosi yasihamba isiqedile
ukukhuluma kuAbrahama; uAbrahama wasebuyela
endaweni yakhe.

19 Ingilosi ezimbili zasezifika eSodoma sekuhlwile.
LoLothi wayehlezi esangweni leSodoma. Kwathi
uLothi ezibona, wasukuma ukuzihlangabeza, wathi
mbo ngobuso emhlabathini; **2** wasesithi: Khangelani-ke
makhosi ami, ngicela liphendukele endlini yenceku yenu,
lilale ubusuku, ligeze inyawo zenu, beselivuka ngovivi,
lihambe indlela yenu. Zathi-ke: Hatshi, kodwa sizalala
endleleni. **3** Wasezincenga kakhulu zaze zaphendukela
kuye zangena endlini yakhe; wazenzela idili, wapheka
isinkwa esingelamvubelo, zasezisidla. **4** Zingakalali,
amadoda omuzi, amadoda eSodoma, azingelezela indlu,
kusukela komutsha kusiya komdala, bonke abantu
bevela ephethelweni lomuzi. **5** Asembiza uLothi athi
kuye: Angaphi amadoda afike kuwe lobubusuku?
Akhuphele phandle kithi ukuze siwazi. **6** ULothi
wasephumela kuwo emnyango, wavala umnyango
ngemva kwakhe. **7** Wathi: Ngiyacela bazalwane, lingenzi
okubi. **8** Khangelani-ke, ngilamadodakazi amabili,
angakazi indoda; ake ngilikhuphele wona, beselisenza
kuwo njengokuhle emehlweni enu; kodwa kulamadoda
lingenzi lutho, ngoba yikho engene emthunzini wophahla
lwami. **9** Kodwa athi: Xekela le. Athi njalo: Yena
lo yedwa wafika engowezizwe, kambe ngeqiniso
angaba ngumahluleli? Khathesi sizakwenza okubi kuwe
okwedlula wona. Acindezela kakhulu indoda uLothi,
asondela ukuze afohloze isivalo. **10** Kodwa lawomadoda
elula isandla sawo, amngenisa uLothi kuwo endlini,
avala umnyango. **11** Asetshaya amadoda ayesemnyango
wendlu ngobuphofu, kusukela komncinyane kusiya
komkhulu, aze adinwa yikudinga umnyango. **12** Amadoda
asesithi kuLothi: Useselobani lapha? Umkhwenyana
lamadodana akho lamadodakazi akho, laye wonke olaye
emzini, mkhuphe kulindawo, **13** ngoba sizabhubhisa
lindawo, ngoba isikhalo sabo sikhulu phambi kweNkosi;
njalo iNkosi isithumile ukuthi siyibhubhise. **14**
ULothi wasephuma, wakhuluma labakhwenyana bakhe
ababezathatha amadodakazi akhe, wathi: Sukumani
liphume kulindawo; ngoba iNkosi izabhubhisa umuzi.
Kodwa waba njengosomayo emehlweni abakhwenyana
bakhe. **15** Kwathi emadabukakusa, ingilosi zamcindezela
uLothi, zisithi: Suka, uthathe umkakho lamadodakazi
akho womabili atholakalayo, hlezi ubhujiswe ebubini
bomuzi. **16** Kodwa esazilazila, amadoda abamba isandla
sakhe, lesandla somkakhe, lesandla samadodakazi akhe
womabili, ngoba iNkosi ilomusa kuye, asemkhupha,
ambeka ngaphandle komuzi. **17** Kwasekusithi
esebakhuphele ngaphandle, yathi: Baleka ngenxa
yempilo yakho, ungakhangeli ngemva kwakho, ungemi
egcekeni lonke; balekela entabeni hlezi ubhujiswe. **18**
ULothi wasesithi kuwo: Kakungabi njalo, Nkosi yami. **19**
Khangela-ke, inceku yakho ithole umusa emehlweni akho,
ukhulisile isihawu sakho, osenze kimi, ukugcina uphila
umphefumulo wami; kodwa mina ngingeke ngiphephele
entabeni, hlezi ububi bunamathele kimi, besengisifa.
20 Khangela-ke, lumuzi useduze ukubalekela kuwo;
futhi umncinyane. Ngicela ngibalekele kuwo (kambe
kawumncinyane?) lomphefumulo wami uphile. **21** Yasisithi
kuye: Khangela, ngibemukele ubuso bakho lakulolu
udaba, ukuze ngingawuchithi umuzi okhulume ngawo. **22**
Phangisa, balekela kuwo; ngoba ngingeze ngenza ulutho
uze ufike kuwo. Ngakho babiza ibizo lomuzi ngokuthi
yiZowari. **23** Ilanga laseliphumile phezu komhlaba
lapho uLothi engena eZowari. **24** INkosi yasinisa phezu

kweSodoma laphezu kweGomora isibabule lomlilo,
kuvela eNkosini kuvela emazulwini. 25 Yasibhubhisa
leyomizi legceke lonke, labo bonke ababehlala emizini,
lokuhlumayo komhlaba. 26 Kodwa umkakhe wakhangela
emuva engemuva kwakhe, wasesiba yinsika yetshwayi.
27 UAbrahama wasevuka ekuseni kakhulu, waya
endaweni lapho ayemi khona phambi kweNkosi.
28 Wasekhangela phansi ngaseSodoma leGomora
langasemhlabathini wonke wegceke, wabona, njalo
khangela, intuthu yathunqa emhlabeni njengentuthu
yesithando. 29 Kwasekusithi uNkulunkulu esebhubhisile
imizi yegceke uNkulunkulu wamkhumbula uAbrahama,
wamkhokhela uLothi emkhupha phakathi kwencithakalo,
mhla ebhubhisa imizi ayehlala kuyo uLothi. 30
ULothi wasesenyuka esuka eZowari, wahlala entabeni,
lamadodakazi akhe womabili laye, ngoba wayesesaba
ukuhlala eZowari; wahlala obhalwini, yena lamadodakazi
akhe womabili. 31 Endala yasisithi kwencinyane: Ubaba
usemdala, njalo kakulandoda emhlabeni ukungena kithi,
ngokwendlela yomhlaba wonke. 32 Woza simnathise
ubaba iwayini, silale laye sigcine iphila inzalo evela
kubaba. 33 Asemnathisa uyise iwayini ngalobobusuku;
endala yasingena yalala loyise, futhi kakwazanga
ekulaleni kwayo lekusukeni kwayo. 34 Kwasekusithi
ngosuku olulandelayo endala yathi kwencinyane:
Khangela, bengilele lobaba ngobusuku obedlulileyo;
asimnathise iwayini langalobubusuku, ubusungena ulale
laye, ukuze sigcine iphila inzalo evela kubaba. 35
Asemnathisa uyise iwayini langalobobusuku; lencinyane
yasukuma yalala laye, futhi kakwazanga ekulaleni
kwayo lekusukeni kwayo. 36 Ngokunjalo amadodakazi
womabili kaLothi athatha izisu kuyise. 37 Endala yasizala
indodana, yayitha ibizo yathi nguMowabi; lowo nguyise
wamaMowabi kuze kube lamuhla. 38 Lencinyane layo
yazala indodana, yayitha ibizo yathi nguBenami; lowo
nguyise wabantwana bakoAmoni kuze kube lamuhla.

20 UAbrahama wasesuka lapho waya elizweni
leningizimu, wahlala phakathi kweKadeshi leShuri
wahlala njengowezizwe eGerari. 2 UAbrahama wasesithi
ngoSara umkakhe: Ungudadewethu. UAbhimeleki inkosi
yeGerari wathuma-ke, wathatha uSara. 3 Kodwa
uNkulunkulu weza kuAbhimeleki ephutsheni ebusuku,
wathi kuye: Khangela, ufile ngenxa yowesifazana
omthetheyo, ngoba uganile endodeni. 4 Kodwa
uAbhimeleki wayengasondelanga kuye. Ngakho wathi:
Nkosi, uzabhubhisa lesizwe esilungileyo yini? 5
Kayisuye yini othe kimi: Ungudadewethu? Laye uqobo
wasesithi: Ungumnewethu. Ngobuqotho benhliziyo yami
langobuhlophe bezandla zami ngikwenzile lokhu. 6
UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuye ephutsheni: Lami sengazile
ukuthi ngobuqotho benhliziyo yakho ukwenzile lokhu;
lami futhi ngikuvimbele ukuze ungoni kimi; ngenxa
yalokhu kangikuvumelanga ukuthi umthinte. 7 Ngakho-
ke buyisela umfazi wendoda, ngoba ingumprofethi; njalo
izakukhulekela ukuze uphile; kodwa uba ungambuyiseli,
yazi ukuthi isibili uzakufa wena labo bonke abangabakho.
8 UAbhimeleki wasevuka ekuseni kakhulu, wabiza zonke
inceku zakhe, wakhuluma wonke la amazwi endlebeni
zazo; njalo amadoda esaba kakhulu. 9 UAbhimeleki
wasembiza uAbrahama, wathi kuye: Wenzeni kithi?
Ngoneni kuwe ukuthi ungilethele mina lombuso wami
isono esikhulu? Wenze kimi izenzo ezingafanelanga
ukwenziwa. 10 UAbhimeleki wasesithi kuAbrahama:
Uboneni, uze wenze into le? 11 UAbrahama wasesithi:
Ngoba ngacabanga ukuthi: Isibili ukwesaba uNkulunkulu
kakukho kulindawo; njalo bazangibulala ngenxa yomkami.
12 Kanti-ke isibili ungudadewethu, uyindodakazi kababa,
kodwa kasiyo indodakazi kamama; wasesiba ngumkami.
13 Kwasekusithi mhla uNkulunkulu engizulisa ngisuka
endlini kababa ngasengisithi kuye: Lo ngumusa ozawenza
kimi, kuzo zonke indawo esizafika kuzo, uthi ngami:
Ungumnewethu. 14 UAbhimeleki wasethatha izimvu
lezinkomo lezinceku lezincekukazi, wapha uAbrahama,
wambuyisela uSara umkakhe. 15 UAbhimeleki
wasesithi: Khangela, ilizwe lami liphambi kwakho; hlala
lapho okuhle khona emehlweni akho. 16 LakuSara
wathi: Khangela, ngimnikile umnewenu inhlamvu
zesiliva eziyinkulungwane; khangela, uyisisibekelo
samehlo kuwe, kuye wonke olawe, labo bonke, njalo
ukhuziwe. 17 UAbrahama wasekhuleka kuNkulunkulu;
uNkulunkulu wasemsilisa uAbhimeleki lomkakhe
lencekukazi zakhe, ukuze bazale. 18 Ngoba iNkosi
yayizivalile ngokupheleleyo izizalo zonke zabendlu
kaAbhimeleki ngenxa kaSara umkaAbrahama.

21 INkosi yasimhambela uSara njengokukhuluma
kwayo, njalo iNkosi yenza kuSara njengoba
yayitshilo. 2 USara wasethatha isisu, wamzalela indodana
uAbrahama ebudaleni bakhe, ngesikhathi esimisiweyo
uNkulunkulu abesitshilo kuye. 3 UAbrahama wasesitha
ibizo lendodana yakhe, eyazalelwa yena, uSara amzalela
yona, wathi nguIsaka. 4 UAbrahama wasesoka
uIsaka indodana yakhe isilensuku eziyisificaminwembili,
njengoba uNkulunkulu wamlaya. 5 Njalo uAbrahama
wayeleminyaka elikhulu lapho ezalelwa uIsaka indodana
yakhe. 6 USara wasesithi: UNkulunkulu ungenzele
uhleko, wonke ozwayo uzahleka lami. 7 Wathi
futhi: Ngubani obengatsho kuAbrahama ukuthi: USara
uzamunyisa abantwana? Ngoba ngimzalele indodana
ebudaleni bakhe. 8 Umntwana wakhula, walunyulwa.
UAbrahama wasesenza idili elikhulu mhla uIsaka
elunyulwa. 9 USara wasebona indodana kaHagari
umGibhithekazi ayeyizalele uAbrahama ikloloda. 10
Ngakho wathi kuAbrahama: Xotsha lesisigqilikazi
lendodana yaso; ngoba indodana yalesisigqilikazi
kayiyikudla ilifa kanye lendodana yami, kanye loIsaka.
11 Lalelilizwi laba libi kakhulu emehlweni kaAbrahama,
ngenxa yendodana yakhe. 12 Kodwa uNkulunkulu

wathi kuAbrahama: Kakungabi kubi emehlweni akho,
ngenxa yomfana langenxa yesigqilikazi sakho; konke
uSara azakutsho kuwe, lalela ilizwi lakhe, ngoba
kuIsaka inzalo yakho izabizwa. 13 Kodwa lendodana
yesigqilikazi ngizayenza ibe yisizwe, ngoba iyinzalo
yakho. 14 Ngakho uAbrahama wavuka ekuseni
kakhulu, wathatha isinkwa lesigxingi samanzi, wakunika
uHagari, ekubeka emahlombe akhe, lomntwana,
wamyekela wahamba. Wasehamba wazula enkangala
iBherishebha. 15 Amanzi esephelile esigxingini
waphosela umntwana phansi kwesinye sezihlahlakazana.
16 Wasehamba wahlala phansi maqondana laye,
esuka kuye khatshanyana, okungaba yikutshoka
ngedandili; ngoba wathi: Kangingaboni ukufa komntwana.
Wahlala maqondana laye, waphakamisa ilizwi lakhe
wakhala inyembezi. 17 UNkulunkulu wasesizwa ilizwi
lomfana. Yasimemeza ingilosi kaNkulunkulu kuHagari
isemazulwini, yathi kuye: Ulani, Hagari? Ungesabi,
ngoba uNkulunkulu ulizwile ilizwi lomfana lapho
akhona. 18 Sukuma, uphakamise umfana, umbambe
ngesandla sakho; ngoba ngizamenza abe yisizwe
esikhulu. 19 UNkulunkulu wasevula amehlo akhe, njalo
wabona umthombo wamanzi; wahamba, wagcwalisa
isigxingi ngamanzi, wamnathisa umfana. 20 Njalo
uNkulunkulu waba lomfana, wakhula, wahlala enkangala,
waba ngumtshoki. 21 Wahlala enkangala iParani;
unina wasemthathela umfazi elizweni leGibhithe. 22
Kwasekusithi ngalesosikhathi uAbhimeleki loFikoli,
induna yebutho yakhe, wakhuluma kuAbrahama wathi:
UNkulunkulu ulawe kukho konke okwenzayo. 23
Ngakho-ke funga kimi lapha ngoNkulunkulu ukuthi
kawuyikungikhohlisa mina kumbe indodana yami kumbe
izizukulwana zami; njengomusa engikwenzele wona,
yenza kimi, lelizweni ohlala kilo njengowemzini. 24
UAbrahama wasesithi: Mina ngizafunga. 25 Kodwa
uAbrahama wamsola uAbhimeleki ngenxa yomthombo
wamanzi ebeziwuphangile izinceku zikaAbhimeleki.
26 UAbhimeleki wasesithi: Angazi owenze le into;
njalo lawe kawungitshelanga, futhi lami kangizwanga
ngakho, ngaphandle kwalamuhla. 27 UAbrahama
wasethatha izimvu lenkomo, wazinika uAbhimeleki;
njalo bobabili benza isivumelwano. 28 UAbrahama
wabeka amawundlukazi omhlambi ayisikhombisa wodwa.
29 UAbhimeleki wasesithi kuAbrahama: Ayini lapha
lamawundlukazi ayisikhombisa owabeke wodwa? 30
Wasesithi: Ngoba uzakwemukela esandleni sami
amawundlukazi ayisikhombisa, ukuze abe yibufakazi
kimi bokuthi lumthombo ngiwugebhile. 31 Ngakho wabiza
leyondawo ngokuthi yiBherishebha, ngoba lapho bafunga
bobabili. 32 Ngakho benza isivumelwano eBherishebha.
UAbhimeleki wasesukuma, loFikoli induna yebutho lakhe,
babuyela elizweni lamaFilisti. 33 Wasehlanyela isihlahla
setamarisiki eBherishebha wabiza khona ibizo leNkosi,
uNkulunkulu olaphakade. 34 UAbrahama wasehlala
njengowezizwe elizweni lamaFilisti insuku ezinengi.

22 Kwasekusithi emva kwalezizinto uNkulunkulu
wamlinga uAbrahama, wathi kuye: Abrahama!
Wathi: Khangela ngilapha. 2 Wasesithi: Thatha-ke
indodana yakho, eyodwa eyakho, oyithandayo, uIsaka,
uye elizweni leMoriya; uyinikele khona ibe ngumnikelo
wokutshiswa phezu kwenye yezintaba engizakutshela
yona. 3 UAbrahama wasevuka ekuseni kakhulu,
wabophela isihlalo kubabhemi wakhe, wathatha kanye
laye ababili kumajaha akhe, loIsaka indodana yakhe.
Wabanda inkuni zomnikelo wokutshiswa, wasukuma
waya endaweni ayemtshele yona uNkulunkulu. 4
Kwathi ngosuku lwesithathu uAbrahama waphakamisa
amehlo akhe wayibona indawo isekhatshana. 5
UAbrahama wasesithi emajaheni akhe: Salani lina
lapha lobabhemi, mina lomfana sisaya laphayana
njalo sizakhonza, sibuye kini futhi. 6 UAbrahama
wasethatha inkuni zomnikelo wokutshiswa, wazethesa
uIsaka indodana yakhe; wathatha esandleni sakhe umlilo
lengqamu; basebehamba bobabili ndawonye. 7 UIsaka
wasekhuluma kuAbrahama uyise wathi: Baba! Wasesithi:
Khangela ngilapha, mntanami. Wasesithi: Khangela,
umlilo lenkuni; kodwa lingaphi iwundlu lomnikelo
wokutshiswa? 8 UAbrahama wasesithi: UNkulunkulu
uzazibonela yena iwundlu lomnikelo wokutshiswa,
ndodana yami. Bahamba-ke bobabili ndawonye. 9
Basebefika endaweni uNkulunkulu ayemtshele yona;
uAbrahama wasesakha khona ilathi; wabeka kuhle
inkuni; esembophile uIsaka indodana yakhe, wambeka
elathini phezu kwenkuni. 10 UAbrahama waseselula
isandla sakhe, wathatha ingqamu ukuze ayihlabe
indodana yakhe. 11 Kwasekumemeza kuye ingilosi
yeNkosi isemazulwini yathi: Abrahama, Abrahama!
Wathi: Khangela ngilapha. 12 Yasisithi: Ungeluleli isandla
sakho emfaneni, ungenzi lutho kuye, ngoba khathesi
ngiyazi ukuthi wena uyamesaba uNkulunkulu, lokhu
ungayigodlanga indodana yakho eyodwa kimi. 13
UAbrahama wasephakamisa amehlo akhe, wabona,
khangela-ke, inqama emuva ibanjiwe esixukwini
ngezimpondo zayo. UAbrahama wasehamba wayithatha
inqama, wayinikela ibe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa
esikhundleni sendodana yakhe. 14 UAbrahama wasesitha
ibizo laleyondawo wathi uJehova-jire, njengoba kutshiwo
lalamuhla ukuthi: Entabeni yeNkosi kuzanakekelwa. 15
Ingilosi yeNkosi yasimemeza uAbrahama ngokwesibili
isemazulwini, 16 yathi: Ngizifungile, itsho iNkosi, ukuthi
njengoba wenzile le into ungayigodlanga indodana yakho,
eyakho eyodwa, 17 qotho ngizakubusisa lokukubusisa,
ngiyandise lokuyandisa inzalo yakho njengenkanyezi
zamazulu, lanjengetshebetshebe elisekhunjini lolwandle;
lenzalo yakho izakuba ngumnikazi wesango lezitha zayo,
18 lenzalweni yakho zonke izizwe zomhlaba zizabusiswa,
ngoba ulalele ilizwi lami. 19 UAbrahama wasebuyela

emajaheni akhe; basebesukuma, bahamba ndawonye
eBherishebha; uAbrahama wasehlala eBherishebha. **20**
Kwasekusithi emva kwalezizinto kwabikwa kuAbrahama
ukuthi: Khangela, uMilka laye umzalele uNahori
umfowenu abantwana, **21** uUzi izibulo lakhe, loBuzi
umfowabo, loKemuweli uyise kaAramu, **22** loKesedi,
loHazo, loPilidashi, loJidilafi, loBethuweli. **23** UBethuweli
wasezala uRebeka; laba abayisificaminwembili uMilka
wabazalela uNahori, umfowabo kaAbrahama. **24** Lomfazi
wakhe omncane obizo lakhe linguRewuma, laye wazala
uTeba loGahama loTahashi loMahaka.

23 Njalo impilo kaSara yayiyiminyaka elikhulu
lamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa; yiyo iminyaka
yempilo kaSara. **2** USara wasefela eKiriyathi-
Arba okuyiHebroni elizweni leKhanani. UAbrahama
wasesiza ukumkhalela uSara lokumlilela. **3** UAbrahama
wasesukuma ebusweni bofileyo wakhe, wakhuluma
kumadodana kaHethi, esithi: **4** Ngingowezizwe
lowemzini ngilani; nginikani indawo yami yokungcwabela
phakathi kwenu ukuze ngimngcwabe ofileyo wami
ngimsuse phambi kwami. **5** Amadodana kaHethi
asemphendula uAbrahama, athi kuye: **6** Sizwe,
nkosi yami! Uyisikhulu esilamandla phakathi kwethu;
ngcwaba ofileyo wakho kwelihle lamangcwaba ethu;
kakho phakathi kwethu ozakugodlela ingcwaba lakhe
ukuthi ungamngcwabi ofileyo wakho. **7** UAbrahama
wasesukuma, wakhothamela abantu balelolizwe,
kumadodana kaHethi. **8** Wasekhuluma labo esithi:
Uba kungentando yenu ukuthi ngimngcwabe ofileyo
wami ngimsuse phambi kwami, ngizweni, lingincengele
kuEfroni indodana kaZohari, **9** ukuze anginike ubhalu
lweMakaphela alalo, olusemngceleni wesiqinti sakhe,
angiphe lona ngemali egcweleyo, lube yindawo yami
yokungcwabela phakathi kwenu. **10** UEfroni wayehlezi-ke
phakathi kwamadodana kaHethi, njalo uEfroni umHethi
wamphendula uAbrahama endlebeni zamadodana
kaHethi, lezabo bonke abangena esangweni lomuzi
wakhe, esithi: **11** Hatshi, nkosi yami, ngizwe; isiqinti
ngiyakunika, lobhalu olukuso ngiyakunika; phambi
kwamehlo amadodana abantu bami ngiyakunika lona;
ngcwaba ofileyo wakho. **12** UAbrahama wasekhothamela
phansi phambi kwabantu balelolizwe. **13** Wasekhuluma
kuEfroni endlebeni zabantu belizwe esithi: Kodwa
nxa kunguwe, ake ungilalele; ngizanika imali yesiqinti;
yemukele kimi, besengingcwaba ofileyo wami khona.
14 UEfroni wasemphendula uAbrahama esithi kuye:
15 Nkosi yami, ngizwe; isiqinti samashekeli esiliva
angamakhulu amane, siyini phakathi kwami lawe?
Ngakho ngcwaba ofileyo wakho. **16** UAbrahama
wasemlalela uEfroni; uAbrahama wasemlinganisela
uEfroni isiliva ayekhulume ngaso endlebeni zamadodana
kaHethi, amashekeli esiliva angamakhulu amane
avunywa kumthengisi. **17** Ngakho isiqinti sikaEfroni
esiseMakaphela esasiqondane leMamre, isiqinti lobhalu
olukuso, lazo zonke izihlahla ezisesiqintini lezizingelezele
umngcele waso, kwaqiniseka **18** kuAbrahama kube
yimpahla phambi kwamehlo amadodana kaHethi phakathi
kwabo bonke abangena esangweni lomuzi wakhe.
19 Lemva kwalokho uAbrahama wamngcwaba uSara
umkakhe obhalwini lwesiqinti seMakaphela maqondana
leMamre, okuyiHebroni elizweni leKhanani. **20** Isiqinti
lobhalu olukuso kwaqiniseka kuAbrahama kube yindawo
yakhe yokungcwabela kuvela kumadodana kaHethi.

24 UAbrahama wayesemdala eselezinsuku ezinengi;
leNkosi yayimbusisile kukho konke. **2** UAbrahama
wasesithi encekwini yakhe, endala yendlu yakhe,
ebusa phezu kwakho konke alakho: Ake ubeke
isandla sakho ngaphansi kwethangazi lami, **3**
ukuze ngikufungise ngeNkosi, uNkulunkulu wamazulu
loNkulunkulu womhlaba, ukuthi kawuyikuyithathela
indodana yami umfazi emadodakazini amaKhanani,
engihlala phakathi kwawo; **4** kodwa uzakuya
elizweni lakithi lezihlotsheni zami, uyithathele umfazi
indodana yami uIsaka. **5** Inceku yasisithi kuye:
Mhlawumbe owesifazana angafuni ukungilandela
kulelilizwe, ngingayibuyisela lokuyibuyisela yini indodana
yakho elizweni owaphuma kulo? **6** UAbrahama wasesithi
kuye: Qaphela ukuthi ungayibuyiseli khona indodana
yami. **7** INkosi, uNkulunkulu wamazulu, eyangithatha
endlini kababa lelizweni lokuzalwa kwami, eyakhuluma
kimi, eyafunga kimi isithi: Ngizalinika inzalo yakho
lelilizwe; yona izathuma ingilosi yayo phambi kwakho,
ukuze uyithathele khona umfazi indodana yami. **8**
Kodwa uba owesifazana engafuni ukukulandela, uzakuba
ukhululekile kulesisifungo sami; kuphela ungayibuyiseli
indodana yami khona. **9** Inceku yasibeka isandla
sayo ngaphansi kwethangazi likaAbrahama inkosi
yayo, yafunga kuye ngaloludaba. **10** Njalo inceku
yasithatha amakamela alitshumi kuwo amakamela enkosi
yayo, yahamba, lakho konke okuhle kwenkosi yayo
kwakusesandleni sayo, yasisukuma yaya eMesopotamiya
emzini kaNahori. **11** Yasiguqisa amakamela ngaphandle
komuzi emthonjeni wamanzi ngesikhathi santambama,
ngesikhathi sokuphuma kwabakhi bamanzi besifazana.
12 Yasisithi: Nkosi, Nkulunkulu wenkosi yami uAbrahama,
ake ungiphumelelise lamuhla, uyenzele umusa inkosi
yami uAbrahama. **13** Khangela, ngimi emthonjeni
wamanzi, kuphuma amadodakazi amadoda omuzi
ukukha amanzi. **14** Njalo kuzakuthi intombazana
engizakuthi kuyo: Ake ukhothamise imbiza yakho
ukuze nginathe, ibisisithi: Natha, lamakamela akho
ngizawanathisa; yiyo oyimisele inceku yakho uIsaka;
ngalokho-ke ngizakwazi ukuthi uyenzele umusa inkosi
yami. **15** Kwasekusithi ingakaqedi ukukhuluma,
khangela-ke, uRebeka waphuma, owazalelwa uBethuweli
indodana kaMilka, umkaNahori umfowabo kaAbrahama,
njalo elembiza ehlombe lakhe. **16** Njalo inkazana

yayikhangeleka kuhle kakhulu, intombi emsulwa, okungelandoda eyaziyo; yasisehlela emthonjeni, yagcwalisa imbiza yayo, yenyuka. **17** Inceku yasigijima ukuyihlangabeza yathi: Ake unginathise amanzi amalutshwana embizeni yakho. **18** Yasisithi: Natha, nkosi yami. Yaphangisa yehlisela imbiza yayo esandleni sayo, yayinathisa. **19** Isiqedile ukuyinathisa yathi: Ngizakhelela lamakamela akho aze aqede ukunatha. **20** Yasiphangisa yathululela isigxingi sayo emkolweni wokunathela, yabuya yagijimela emthonjeni ukuyakukha, yakhelelela amakamela ayo wonke. **21** Indoda yasiyikhangelisisa ithule ukuze yazi ukuthi iNkosi iyiphumelelisile indlela yayo kumbe hatshi. **22** Kwasekusithi amakamela eseqedile ukunatha, indoda yasithatha icici legolide, osisindo salo sasiyingxenye yeshekeli, lamasongo amabili ezandleni zayo, isisindo sawo saba ngamashekeli alitshumi egolide. **23** Yasisithi: Uyindodakazi kabani? Ake utsho. Kukhona indawo yethu yini endlini kayihlo ukuthi silale? **24** Yasisithi kuyo: Ngiyindodakazi kaBethuweli indodana kaMilka owayizalela uNahori. **25** Yathi kuyo futhi: Silakho konke amahlanga lokudla kwezinyamazana okunengi, lendawo yokulala. **26** Indoda yasikhothama, yakhonza iNkosi, **27** yasisithi: Ibusisiwe iNkosi, uNkulunkulu wenkosi yami uAbrahama, engayekelanga umusa wayo lobuqotho bayo enkosini yami; mina-ke, ngisendleleni, iNkosi ingikhokhelele endlini yabafowabo benkosi yami. **28** Intombi yasigijima, yazisa abendlu kanina ngalezizinto. **29** Njalo uRebeka wayelomnewabo obizo lakhe lalinguLabani; uLabani wasegijimela phandle endodeni emthonjeni. **30** Kwasekusithi esebonile icici lamasongo ezandleni zikadadewabo, esezwile amazwi kaRebeka udadewabo okuthi: Itsho njalo indoda kimi; wasesiya endodeni, khangela-ke, yayimi ngasemakameleni emthonjeni. **31** Wasesithi: Ngena wena obusisiweyo weNkosi; umeleni ngaphandle? Ngoba mina sengilungisile indlu lendawo yamakamela. **32** Indoda yasisiza endlini, yakhulula amakamela; wasenika amakamela amahlanga lokudla kwenyamazana, lamanzi okugeza inyawo zayo lenyawo zamadoda ayelayo. **33** Kwasekubekwa ukudla phambi kwayo; kodwa yathi: Kangiyikudla ngize ngikhulume indaba zami. Wasesithi: Khuluma. **34** Yasisithi: Ngiyinceku kaAbrahama. **35** Futhi iNkosi iyibusisile kakhulu inkosi yami, yaze yaba nkulu. Yayinika izimvu lezinkomo, lesiliva legolide, lezinceku lezincekukazi, lamakamela labobabhemi. **36** Njalo uSara inkosikazi yenkosi yami uyizalele inkosi yami indodana emva kokuba esemdala; yasiyinika konke elakho. **37** Inkosi yami yasingifungisa isithi: Ungayithatheli indodana yami umfazi kumadodakazi amaKhanani, engihlala elizweni lawo; **38** kodwa uzakuya endlini kababa lezihlotsheni zami, ubusuyithathela indodana yami umfazi. **39** Ngasengisithi enkosini yami: Mhlawumbe owesifazana kayikungilandela. **40** Yasisithi kimi: INkosi, engihamba phambi kwayo, izathuma ingilosi yayo lawe, izaphumelelisa indlela yakho, njalo uzayithathela indodana yami umfazi ezihlotsheni zami lendlini kababa. **41** Emva kwalokho uzakhululeka esifungweni sami uba uye ezihlotsheni zami njalo uba bengakuniki yena, uzakhululeka-ke esifungweni sami. **42** Kuthe ngifika emthonjeni lamuhla, ngathi: Nkosi, Nkulunkulu wenkosi yami uAbrahama, uba-ke uphumelelisa indlela yami, engihamba ngayo; **43** khangela, ngimi emthonjeni wamanzi; njalo kakuthi intombi ezaphuma ukukha lengizakuthi kuyo: Ake unginathise amanzi amalutshwana esigxingini sakho; **44** ibisisithi kimi: Natha lawe, futhi ngizakhelelela lamakamela akho; kayibe nguye owesifazana iNkosi emmisele indodana yenkosi yami. **45** Ngingakaqedi ukukhuluma enhliziyweni yami, khangela-ke, uRebeka waphuma lesigxingi sisehlombe lakhe; wehlela emthonjeni, wakha. Ngasengisithi kuye: Akunginathise. **46** Wasephangisa, wethula isigxingi kuye wathi: Natha, futhi ngizanathisa lamakamela akho. Ngasenginatha, wasenathisa lamakamela. **47** Ngasengimbuza ngathi: Uyindodakazi kabani? Wasesithi: Indodakazi kaBethuweli, indodana kaNahori uMilka amzalela yona; ngasengifaka icici emakhaleni akhe lamasongo ezandleni zakhe. **48** Ngasengikhothama, ngakhonza iNkosi, ngabusisa iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenkosi yami uAbrahama, engikhokhele endleleni elungileyo ukuthi indodakazi yomfowabo wenkosi yami ngiyithathele indodana yayo. **49** Khathesi-ke uba lizayenzela inkosi yami umusa lobuqotho, ngitshelani; uba-ke kungenjalo, ngitshelani, ukuze ngiphendukele ngakwesokunene loba ngakwesokhohlo. **50** Khona oLabani loBethuweli baphendula, bathi: Le into ivela eNkosini; kasilakutsho lutho kuwe, olubi kumbe oluhle. **51** Khangela, uRebeka uphambi kwakho; mthathe uhambe, ukuze abe ngumkandodana yenkosi yakho, njengoba iNkosi ikhulumile. **52** Kwasekusithi inceku kaAbrahama isizwile amazwi abo yakhothamela emhlabathini phambi kweNkosi. **53** Inceku yasikhupha imiceciso yesiliva, lemiceciso yegolide, lezembatho, yakunika uRebeka, yabanika lomnewabo lonina impahla eziligugu. **54** Basebesidla banatha, yona lamadoda ayelayo, balala; bavuka ekuseni, yasisithi: Ngiyekelani ngiye enkosini yami. **55** Kodwa umnewabo lonina bathi: Kayihlale lathi intombazana izinsuku loba ezilitshumi, emva kwalokho ihambe. **56** Yasisithi kubo: Lingangibambeleli, lokhu iNkosi iphumelelisile indlela yami; ngiyekelani ngihambe ukuze ngiye enkosini yami. **57** Basebesithi: Asiyibize intombi, sizwe emlonyeni wayo. **58** Basebembiza uRebeka, bathi kuye: Uzahamba lalindoda yini? Wasesithi: Ngizahamba. **59** Basebemyekela ehamba uRebeka udadewabo lomlizane wakhe, lenceku kaAbrahama lamadoda ayo. **60** Basebembusisa uRebeka, bathi kuye: Wena dadewethu, woba zinkulungwane zezigidi, lenzalo yakho ibe ngumnikazi wesango labayizondayo! **61** URebeka wasesukuma lamantombazana akhe, bagada

amakamela, balandela indoda; inceku yasimthatha
uRebeka, yahamba. 62 UIsaka wasefika lapho abavelela
khona emthonjeni iLahayi-Royi, njalo wayehlala elizweni
leningizimu. 63 UIsaka wasephuma ukuyazindla ensimini
sekuntambama; waphakamisa amehlo akhe wabona,
khangela-ke, amakamela ayesiza. 64 LoRebeka
waphakamisa amehlo akhe; esembonile uIsaka waziwisa
ekamelweni. 65 Wasesithi encekwini: Ngubani lindoda
ehamba emasimini ukusihlangabeza? Inceku yasisithi:
Yinkosi yami. Wasethatha isimbombozo, wazigubuzela.
66 Inceku yasilandisa kuIsaka zonke indaba ezenzileyo.
67 UIsaka wasemngenisa ethenteni likaSara unina,
wamthatha uRebeka, waba ngumkakhe, wamthanda.
UIsaka waseduduzwa emva kokufa kukanina.

25 UAbrahama wasebuya wathatha umfazi, lebizo
lakhe linguKetura. 2 Wasemzalela uZimrani
loJokishani loMedani loMidiyani loIshibaki loShuwa. 3
UJokishani wasezala uShebha loDedani. Lamadodana
kaDedani ayengamaAshuri lamaLetushi lamaLewumi.
4 Njalo amadodana kaMidiyani ayengoEfa loEferi
loHanoki loAbida loElidaha. Wonke la ngamadodana
kaKetura. 5 UAbrahama wasemupha uIsaka
konke ayelakho. 6 Kodwa kumadodana abafazi
abancane uAbrahama ayelabo uAbrahama wanika
izipho; wawasusa kuIsaka indodana yakhe, esaphila,
wawathuma empumalanga elizweni lempumalanga.
7 Lalezi zinsuku zeminyaka yempilo kaAbrahama
ayiphilayo, iminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi ayisikhombisa
lanhlanu. 8 UAbrahama wasephela, wafa eseluphele
kuhle emdala enele, wabuthelwa ezizweni zakibo. 9
UIsaka loIshmayeli amadodana akhe basebemngcwaba
obhalwini lweMakaphela, esiqintini sikaEfroni indodana
kaZohari umHethi, esiqondene leMamre, 10
isiqinti uAbrahama asithenga emadodaneni akaHethi;
lapho uAbrahama wangcwatshwa loSara umkakhe.
11 Kwasekusithi emva kokufa kukaAbrahama,
uNkulunkulu wambusisa uIsaka indodana yakhe;
uIsaka wasehlala emthonjeni iLahayi-Royi. 12 Lalezi
yizizukulwana zikaIshmayeli indodana kaAbrahama,
uHagari umGibhithekazi, incekukazi kaSara, amzalela
uAbrahama. 13 Lala ngamabizo amadodana
kaIshmayeli ngamabizo awo njengokuzalwa kwawo;
izibulo likaIshmayeli nguNebayothi, loKedari loAdibeli
loMibisama 14 loMishima loDuma loMasa, 15
uHadadi loTema, uJeturi, uNafishi loKedema; 16 la
ngamadodana kaIshmayeli, njalo la ngamabizo awo
ngemizana yawo langezinqaba zawo, iziphathamandla
ezilitshumi lambili ngezizwe zawo. 17 Njalo le
yiminyaka yempilo kaIshmayeli, iminyaka elikhulu
lamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa; wasephela,
wafa, wabuthelwa ebantwini bakibo. 18 Basebehlala
kusukela eHavila kusiya eShuri ephambi kweGibhithe,
ekuhambeni usiya eAsiriya; wahlala phambi kobuso
babafowabo bonke. 19 Lalezi yizizukulwana zikaIsaka
indodana kaAbrahama; uAbrahama wazala uIsaka. 20
UIsaka wayeseleminyaka engamatshumi amane mhla
ethatha uRebeka, indodakazi kaBethuweli umSiriya
wePadani-Arama, udadewabo kaLabani umSiriya, ukuba
ngumkakhe. 21 UIsaka wasemncengela umkakhe
eNkosini, ngoba wayeyinyumba; iNkosi yasincengeka
ngaye, kwaze kwathi uRebeka umkakhe wathatha
isisu. 22 Abantwana babebindana-ke ngaphakathi
kwakhe; wasesithi: Uba kunjalo, kungani nginje?
Wasesiyabuza iNkosi. 23 INkosi yasisithi kuye:
Izizwe ezimbili zisesizalweni sakho, izizwe ezimbili
zizakwehlukana emibilini yakho. Njalo esinye isizwe
sizakuba lamandla kulesinye isizwe, futhi omkhulu
uzakhonza omncinyane. 24 Kwathi sezigcwalisekile
insuku zakhe zokubeletha, khangela-ke, amaphahla
esiswini sakhe. 25 Kwasekuphuma owokuqala ebomvana,
yena wonke enjengesembatho soboya; ngakho bamutha
ibizo lakhe bathi nguEsawu. 26 Njalo emva kwalokho
kwaphuma umfowabo, lesandla sakhe sibambelele
esithendeni sikaEsawu; basebebiza ibizo lakhe uJakobe.
LoIsaka wayeleminyaka engamatshumi ayisithupha
ekuzalweni kwabo. 27 Abafana basebekhula; uEsawu
wasesiba ngumzingeli ohlakaniphileyo, umuntu weganga;
loJakobe umuntu obekekileyo ehlala emathenteni.
28 Njalo uIsaka wayemthanda uEsawu ngoba wadla
inyama yenyamazana yakhe; kodwa uRebeka wathanda
uJakobe. 29 Kwathi uJakobe esephekile ukudla
okuphekiweyo, kwasekufika uEsawu evela egangeni,
ekhathele. 30 UEsawu wasesithi kuJakobe: Ake
ungivumele ngiginye kokubomvu lokho okubomvu,
ngoba ngikhathele. Ngalokhu babiza ibizo lakhe
ngokuthi uEdoma. 31 UJakobe wasesithi: Ngithengisela
lamuhla ilungelo lobuzibulo bakho. 32 UEsawu
wasesithi: Khangela, sengizakufa; njalo liyini kimi
ilungelo lobuzibulo? 33 UJakobe wasesithi: Funga
kimi lamuhla. Wasefunga kuye, wathengisa ilungelo
lobuzibulo bakhe kuJakobe. 34 UJakobe wasenika
uEsawu isinkwa lokudla okuphekiweyo kwamalentili;
wasesidla wanatha, wasukuma wahamba; ngalokho
uEsawu wadelela ilungelo lobuzibulo bakhe.

26 Kwasekusiba khona indlala elizweni, ngaphandle
kwendlala yakuqala eyayikhona ensukwini
zikaAbrahama. UIsaka wasesiya kuAbhimeleki inkosi
yamaFilisti, eGerari. 2 INkosi yasibonakala kuye,
yathi: Ungehleli eGibhithe, hlala elizweni engizakutshela
lona; 3 hlala njengowezizwe kulelilizwe, futhi ngizakuba
lawe ngikubusise; ngoba ngizanika wena lenzalo
yakho wonke lamazwe, ngiqinise isifungo engasifunga
kuAbrahama uyihlo. 4 Ngizakwandisa inzalo yakho
njengenkanyezi zamazulu, ngizanika inzalo yakho
lamazwe wonke; lenzalweni yakho zizabusiswa izizwe
zonke zomhlaba; 5 ngalokhu ukuthi uAbrahama walalela
ilizwi lami, wagcina ukulaya kwami, imilayo yami,

izimiso zami lemithetho yami. **6** UIsaka wahlala-ke
eGerari. **7** Amadoda aleyondawo asebuza ngomkakhe.
Wasesithi: Ungudadewethu; ngoba wesaba ukuthi:
Umkami. Hlezi amadoda aleyondawo angibulale ngenxa
kaRebeka, ngoba wayekhangeleka kuhle. **8** Kwasekusithi
esehlale khona isikhathi eside, uAbhimeleki inkosi
yamaFilisti walunguza phansi ngewindi, wabona,
khangela-ke, uIsaka wayedlala loRebeka umkakhe. **9**
UAbhimeleki wasembiza uIsaka, wathi: Isibili, khangela,
ungumkakho; utsho ngani ukuthi: Ungudadewethu?
UIsaka wasesithi kuye: Ngoba ngathi, hlezi ngife
ngenxa yakhe. **10** UAbhimeleki wasesithi: Kuyini
lokhu okwenze kithi? Bekulula ukuthi omunye wabantu
alale lomkakho; ubususibeka icala. **11** UAbhimeleki
waselaya wonke umuntu, esithi: Othinta lindoda
lomkayo uzabulawa isibili. **12** UIsaka wasehlanyela
kulelolizwe, wathola ngalowomnyaka okuphindwe
kalikhulu; iNkosi yasimbusisa. **13** Lowomuntu waba
mkhulu, waqhubeqhubeka waba mkhulu waze waba
mkhulu kakhulu. **14** Njalo wayelemfuyo yezimvu lemfuyo
yezinkomo lenceku ezinengi; ngakho amaFilisti aba
lomhawu ngaye. **15** Lemithombo yonke izinceku
zikayise ezaziyigebhile ensukwini zikaAbrahama uyise,
amaFilisti ayeyivalile, ayigcwalisa ngenhlabathi. **16**
UAbhimeleki wasesithi kuIsaka: Suka kithi, ngoba
ulamandla kakhulu kulathi. **17** UIsaka wasesuka lapho,
wamisa inkamba esigodini seGerari, wahlala khona.
18 UIsaka wabuya waphanda imithombo yamanzi
ababeyigebhile ensukwini zikaAbrahama uyise, ngoba
amaFilisti ayeyivalile emva kokufa kukaAbrahama.
Wayibiza amabizo ngamabizo uyise ayewabizile. **19**
Izinceku zikaIsaka zasezigebha esihotsheni, zathola
khona umthombo wamanzi agobhozayo. **20** Njalo
abelusi beGerari babangisana labelusi bakaIsaka, besithi:
Amanzi ngawethu. Ngakho wabiza ibizo lomthombo
iEseki, ngoba baphikisana laye. **21** Zasezigebha omunye
umthombo, lalowo-ke bawubanga. Wasebiza ibizo lawo
iSitina. **22** Waseqhubeka wasuka lapho, wagebha
omunye umthombo, kodwa lowo kabawubanganga.
Wasewubiza ibizo lawo iRehobothi, wathi: Ngoba
iNkosi isisenzele indawo, futhi sizakuba lesithelo
elizweni. **23** Wasesenyuka lapho waya eBherishebha.
24 INkosi yasibonakala kuye ngalobobusuku yathi:
NginguNkulunkulu kaAbrahama uyihlo. Ungesabi ngoba
ngilawe, ngizakubusisa ngiyandise inzalo yakho ngenxa
kaAbrahama inceku yami. **25** Wasesakha khona ilathi,
wabiza ebizweni leNkosi, wamisa khona ithente lakhe,
lenceku zikaIsaka zagebha khona umthombo. **26**
UAbhimeleki wasesiya kuye evela eGerari loAhuzathi
umngane wakhe loFikoli induna yebutho lakhe. **27**
UIsaka wasesithi kubo: Lizeleni kimi, lokhu liyangizonda,
lingixotshile kini? **28** Basebesithi: Sesibonile lokubona
ukuthi iNkosi ilawe. Ngakho sathi: Ake kube khona
isifungo phakathi kwethu, phakathi kwethu lawe,
asenze isivumelwano lawe, **29** sokuthi ungasenzeli
okubi, njengoba singakuthintanga, njengoba sikwenzele
okuhle kuphela, sakuyekela wahamba ngokuthula; wena
khathesi ungobusisiweyo weNkosi. **30** Wasebenzela idili,
basebesidla banatha. **31** Basebevuka ekuseni kakhulu,
bafungisana omunye komunye; uIsaka wasebayekela
bahamba, basuka kuye ngokuthula. **32** Kwasekusithi
ngalolosuku izinceku zikaIsaka zafika, zambikela
mayelana lomthombo ezaziwugebhile, zathi kuye: Sithole
amanzi. **33** Wawubiza ngokuthi yiShebha; ngakho
ibizo lomuzi liyiBherishebha kuze kube lamuhla. **34**
Kwasekusithi uEsawu eseleminyaka engamatshumi
amane wathatha umfazi uJudithi indodakazi kaBeri
umHethi, loBasemathi indodakazi kaEloni umHethi. **35**
Lalaba baba lusizi lwawo umoya kuIsaka loRebeka.

27 Kwasekusithi uIsaka esemdala lamehlo akhe
esefiphele engasaboni, wabiza uEsawu indodana
yakhe enkulu, wathi kuye: Ndodana yami! Wasesithi
kuye: Khangela ngilapha. **2** Wasesithi: Khangela-ke,
sengimdala, angilwazi usuku lokufa kwami. **3** Ngakho
khathesi, ake uthathe izikhali zakho, isikhwama sakho
semitshoko ledandili lakho, uphume uye egangeni
ungizingelele inyama yenyamazana, **4** ungilungisele
ukudla okumnandi njengengikuthandayo, ukulethe kimi
ukuthi ngidle, ukuze umphefumulo wami ukususise
ngingakafi. **5** URebeka wasesizwa lapho uIsaka ekhuluma
loEsawu indodana yakhe. UEsawu wasesiya egangeni
ukuyazingela inyama yenyamazana ukuze ayilethe. **6**
URebeka wasekhuluma kuJakobe indodana yakhe, esithi:
Khangela, ngizwile uyihlo ekhuluma kuEsawu umnewenu,
esithi: **7** Ngilethela inyama yenyamazana, ungilungisele
ukudla okumnandi ukuthi ngidle, ngikubusise phambi
kweNkosi ngingakafi. **8** Ngakho khathesi, ndodana
yami, lalela ilizwi lami kulokhu engikulaya khona. **9**
Ake uye emhlanjini, ungithathele lapho amazinyane
amabili amahle ezimbuzi, ngizawenzela uyihlo ukudla
okumnandi njengalokho akuthandayo; **10** uzakusa-
ke kuyihlo ukuthi adle, ukuze akususise engakafi. **11**
UJakobe wasesithi kuRebeka unina: Khangela, uEsawu
umnewethu uyindoda elihwanqa, kodwa ngiyindoda
ebutshelezi. **12** Mhlawumbe ubaba uzangiphulula,
besengisiba emehlweni akhe njengomhleka usulu,
njalo ngizilethele isiqalekiso kungabi-ke yisibusiso.
13 Unina wasesithi kuye: Isiqalekiso sakho kasibe
phezu kwami, ndodana yami; kuphela lalela ilizwi lami,
uhambe ungithathele wona. **14** Wasehamba, wawathatha,
wawaletha kunina; unina waselungisa ukudla okumnandi
njengalokho uyise akuthandayo. **15** URebeka wasethatha
izigqoko ezinhle zikaEsawu indodana yakhe enkulu,
ayelazo endlini, wagqokisa uJakobe indodana yakhe
encinyane; **16** lezikhumba zamazinyane ezimbuzi
wazifaka ezandleni zakhe lebutshelezini bentamo yakhe.
17 Wasenika ukudla okumnandi lesinkwa ayekulungisile
esandleni sikaJakobe indodana yakhe. **18** Wasesiza

kuyise wathi: Baba! Wasesithi: Khangela ngilapha; ungubani ndodana yami? **19** UJakobe wasesithi kuyise: NginguEsawu izibulo lakho; ngenze njengoba ungitshelile; ake uvuke uhlale, udle okwenyama yami yenyamazana, ukuze umphefumulo wakho ungibusise. **20** UIsaka wasesithi endodaneni yakhe: Kungani uyithole masinyane kangaka, ndodana yami? Wasesithi: Ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho yenze ukuthi ize phambi kwami. **21** UIsaka wasesithi kuJakobe: Ake usondele ukuze ngikuphulule, ndodana yami, ukuthi uyindodana yami uEsawu uqobo, kumbe hatshi. **22** UJakobe wasesondela kuIsaka uyise; wasemphulula wathi: Ilizwi liyilizwi likaJakobe, kodwa izandla ziyizandla zikaEsawu. **23** Kodwa kamazanga ngoba izandla zakhe zaziloboya njengezandla zomnewabo uEsawu; ngakho wambusisa. **24** Wasesithi: Uyindodana yami uEsawu uqobo yini? Wasesithi: Nginguye. **25** Wasesithi: Sondeza kimi ukuze ngidle okwenyama yenyamazana yendodana yami, ukuze umphefumulo wami ukubusise. Waseyisondeza kuye, wasesidla; waseletha kuye iwayini, wasenatha. **26** Uyise uIsaka wasesithi kuye: Ake usondele, ungange, ndodana yami. **27** Wasesondela, wamanga; wasenuka iphunga lezembatho zakhe, wambusisa wathi: Khangela, iphunga lendodana yami linjengephunga lensimu iNkosi eyibusisileyo. **28** Ngakho uNkulunkulu akunike okwamazolo amazulu lokokuvunda komhlaba, lenala yamabele lewayini elitsha. **29** Abantu kabakukhonze, lezizwe zikukhothamele. Bana yinkosi yabafowenu, lamadodana kanyoko akukhothamele. Okuqalekisayo kaqalekiswe, lokubusisayo kabusiswe! **30** Kwasekusithi uIsaka eseqedile ukubusisa uJakobe, kwathi uJakobe esanda ukuphuma phambi kukaIsaka uyise, uEsawu umnewabo wafika evela ekuzingeleni kwakhe. **31** Laye futhi walungisa ukudla okumnandi, wakusa kuyise; wathi kuyise: Ubaba kavuke, adle okwenyama yenyamazana yendodana yakhe, ukuze umphefumulo wakho ungibusise. **32** UIsaka uyise wasesithi kuye: Ungubani? Wasesithi: Ngiyindodana yakho, izibulo lakho uEsawu. **33** UIsaka wasethuthumela ngokuthuthumela okukhulukazi, wathi: Pho, ngubani ozingele inyama yenyamazana wayiletha kimi, ngasengisidla okwayo yonke ungakafiki? Ngimbusisile, yebo uzabusiswa. **34** Kwathi uEsawu esezwe amazwi kayise, wakhala ngokukhala okukhulu lokubuhlungu isibili, wathi kuyise: Ngibusisa lami njalo, baba! **35** Wasesithi: Umfowenu ufike ngenkohliso, wathatha isibusiso sakho. **36** Wasesithi: Kasikuthi babiza ibizo lakhe ngokuthi nguJakobe, ukuthi ungiqile lezizikhathi ezimbili? Ilungelo lobuzibulo bami ulithethe, khangela-ke, khathesi uthethe isibusiso sami. Wathi futhi: Kawungigcinelanga mina isibusiso? **37** UIsaka wasephendula wathi kuEsawu: Khangela, ngimbekile abe yinkosi phezu kwakho, labo bonke abafowabo ngimnikile babe zinceku; ngimsekele ngamabele lewayini elitsha; pho, ngingabe ngisakwenzelani, ndodana yami? **38** UEsawu wasesithi kuyise: Ulesibusiso esisodwa yini, baba? Ngibusisa lami njalo, baba. UEsawu waphakamisa ilizwi lakhe wakhala inyembezi. **39** UIsaka uyise wasephendula wathi kuye: Khangela, umuzi wakho uzakuba khatshana lokuvunda komhlaba lakhatshana lamazolo amazulu avela phezulu. **40** Njalo uzaphila ngenkemba yakho, uzakhonza umfowenu. Kodwa kuzakuthi lapho usuphunyuka, uzakwephula ijogwe lakhe entanyeni yakho. **41** UEsawu wasemzonda uJakobe ngenxa yesibusiso uyise ayembusise ngaso. UEsawu wasesithi enhliziyweni yakhe: Insuku zokulilela ubaba sezisondele, khona ngizambulala umnawami uJakobe. **42** Kwathi uRebeka etshelwa amazwi kaEsawu indodana yakhe enkulu, wathuma wabiza uJakobe indodana yakhe encinyane, wathi kuye: Khangela, uEsawu umnewenu uyaziduduza ngawe ukuthi akubulale. **43** Ngakho khathesi, ndodana yami, lalela ilizwi lami; sukuma uzibalekele uye kuLabani umfowethu eHarani, **44** njalo uhlale laye insuku ezinlutshwana, ize idede intukuthelo yomnewenu, **45** kuze kuthi ulaka lomnewenu ludede kuwe, futhi akhohlwe lokho okwenze kuye; besengithuma ngikulande khona; kungani ngizalahlekelwa layini lobabili ngosuku lunye? **46** URebeka wasesithi kuIsaka: Nginengekile yimpilo ngenxa yamadodakazi kaHethi; uba uJakobe ethatha umfazi kumadodakazi kaHethi anjengala, emadodakazini alelilizwe, ngiphilelani?

28 UIsaka wasebiza uJakobe, wambusisa, wamlaya wathi kuye: Ungathathi umfazi kumadodakazi eKhanani. **2** Sukuma uye ePadani-Arama, endlini kaBethuweli uyise kanyoko, uzithathele khona umfazi kumadodakazi kaLabani umalumakho. **3** Njalo uNkulunkulu uSomandla akubusise, akwenze ube lenzalo akwandise, ukuze ube ngumbuthano wezizwe; **4** abesekupha isibusiso sikaAbrahama, kuwe lenzalweni yakho kanye lawe, ukuze udle ilifa lelizwe lapho ohlala khona njengowezizwe, uNkulunkulu alinika uAbrahama. **5** UIsaka wasethuma uJakobe waya ePadani-Arama kuLabani indodana kaBethuweli umSiriya, umfowabo kaRebeka unina kaJakobe loEsawu. **6** UEsawu wasebona ukuthi uIsaka umbusisile uJakobe, wamthuma ePadani-Arama ukuze azithathele khona umfazi, lapho embusisa wamlaya esithi: Ungathathi umfazi kumadodakazi eKhanani; **7** lokuthi uJakobe walalela oyise lonina, waya ePadani-Arama. **8** UEsawu wasebona ukuthi amadodakazi eKhanani ayemabi emehlweni kaIsaka uyise. **9** Ngakho uEsawu waya kuIshmayeli, wazithathela uMahalathi indodakazi kaIshmayeli, indodana kaAbrahama, udadewabo kaNebayothi, abe ngumkakhe phezu kwabafazi ayelabo. **10** UJakobe wasephuma eBherishebha waya eHarani. **11** Wafika endaweni, achitha khona ubusuku ngoba ilanga lalitshonile. Wasethatha ilitshe ematsheni aleyondawo, wenza umqamelo wakhe, walala kuleyondawo. **12** Waphupha, khangela-ke, ilele limisiwe emhlabeni,

isihloko salo sifinyelela emazulwini, khangela-ke, ingilosi
zikaNkulunkulu zisenyuka zisehla kulo. 13 Khangela-
ke, iNkosi yema phezu kwalo, yathi: NgiyiNkosi
uNkulunkulu kaAbrahama uyihlo loNkulunkulu kaIsaka;
ilizwe olele kulo, ngizakunika lona, lenzalo yakho;
14 njalo inzalo yakho izakuba ngangothuli lomhlaba,
uzasabalalela entshonalanga lempumalanga lenyakatho
leningizimu; njalo zizabusiswa kuwe zonke insendo
zomhlaba, lasenzalweni yakho. 15 Khangela-ke, ngilawe,
ngizakulondoloza kuzo zonke indawo lapha oya khona,
ngikubuyise kulelilizwe; ngoba kangiyikukutshiya ngize
ngikwenze lokho engikhulume ngakho kuwe. 16 Kwathi
uJakobe ephaphama ebuthongweni bakhe, wathi:
Isibili iNkosi ikulindawo, mina-ke bengingakwazi. 17
Wasesesaba wathi: Yesabeka kangakanani lindawo!
Kayisilutho ngaphandle kokuthi yindlu kaNkulunkulu,
laleli lisango lamazulu. 18 UJakobe wasevuka ekuseni
kakhulu, wathatha ilitshe alenza laba ngumqamelo
wakhe, walimisa laba yinsika, wathela amagcobo phezu
kwesihloko salo. 19 Wasebiza ibizo laleyondawo iBhetheli;
kodwa-ke kuqala ibizo lomuzi laliyiLuzi. 20 UJakobe
wasethembisa isithembiso esithi: Uba uNkulunkulu
ezakuba lami, angilondoloze kulindlela engiyihambayo,
angiphe isinkwa sokudla, lesembatho sokwembatha, 21
njalo ngibuyele ngokuthula endlini kababa, khona iNkosi
izakuba nguNkulunkulu wami, 22 lelitshe leli engilimise
ukuthi libe yinsika lizakuba yindlu kaNkulunkulu; kukho
konke ozangipha khona, isibili ngizakunika okwetshumi.

29 UJakobe wasephakamisa inyawo zakhe, waya
elizweni labantwana bempumalanga. 2 Wasebona,
khangela-ke, umthombo emmangweni, khangela-ke
lapho, imihlambi emithathu yezimvu yayilele kuwo,
ngoba kulowomthombo banathisa imihlambi; kwakukhona
ilitshe elikhulu emlonyeni womthombo. 3 Njalo yonke
imihlambi yabuthelwa khona, sebeligiqile ilitshe lisuka
emlonyeni womthombo banathisa izimvu, basebebuyisela
ilitshe emlonyeni womthombo endaweni yalo. 4
UJakobe wasesithi kibo: Bazalwane bami, livela
ngaphi? Basebesithi: Sivela eHarani. 5 Wasesithi
kibo: Liyamazi yini uLabani indodana kaNahori?
Basebesithi: Siyamazi. 6 Wasesithi kibo: Uyaphila
yini? Basebesithi: Uphilile; khangela-ke, uRasheli
indodakazi yakhe, uyeza lezimvu. 7 Wasesithi:
Khangelani, kusesemini enkulu, kayisiso isikhathi
sokuthi izifuyo zibuthaniswe; nathisani izimvu, lihambe
lizidlise. 8 Basebesithi: Singeke, kuze kubuthaniswe
imihlambi yonke, bagiqe-ke ilitshe lisuke emlonyeni
womthombo; khona sizanathisa izimvu. 9 Esakhuluma
labo, uRasheli wafika lezimvu, ezingezikayise, ngoba
wayengumelusikazi. 10 Kwasekusithi uJakobe ebona
uRasheli indodakazi kaLabani umalumakhe lezimvu
zikaLabani umalumakhe, uJakobe wasondela, waligiqa
ilitshe lasuka emlonyeni womthombo, wazinathisa izimvu
zikaLabani umalumakhe. 11 UJakobe wasemanga
uRasheli, waphakamisa ilizwi lakhe wakhala izinyembezi.
12 UJakobe wasemazisa uRasheli ukuthi ungumfowabo
kayise lokuthi uyindodana kaRebeka. Wasegijima,
wamazisa uyise. 13 Kwasekusithi uLabani esezwile
umbiko kaJakobe indodana kadadewabo, wagijima
ukuyamhlangabeza, wamgona, wamanga, wamngenisa
endlini yakhe. UJakobe waselandisela uLabani zonke
lezizinto. 14 ULabani wasesithi kuye: Isibili ulithambo
lami lenyama yami. Wahlala laye inyanga yonke. 15
ULabani wasesithi kuJakobe: Njengoba ungumfowethu,
usuzangisebenzela mahala yini? Ngitshela ukuthi
umholo wakho uzakuba yini? 16 Njalo uLabani
wayelamadodakazi amabili, ibizo lenkulu linguLeya
lebizo lencinyane linguRasheli. 17 Kodwa uLeya
wayelamehlo abuthakathaka, kodwa uRasheli wayemuhle
ngesimo, njalo wayemuhle ngokukhangeleka. 18 UJakobe
wasemthanda uRasheli. Wathi: Ngizakusebenzela
iminyaka eyisikhombisa ngoRasheli indodakazi yakho
encane. 19 ULabani wasesithi: Kungcono ukuthi
ngimnike wena kulokuthi ngimnike enye indoda; hlala
lami. 20 UJakobe wasemsebenzela uRasheli iminyaka
eyisikhombisa; yaba emehlweni akhe njengensuku
ezinlutshwana, ngenxa yokumthanda kwakhe. 21
UJakobe wasesithi kuLabani: Ngipha umkami, ngoba
insuku zami sezigcwalisekile, ukuthi ngingene kuye. 22
ULabani wasebuthanisa wonke amadoda aleyondawo,
wenza idili. 23 Kwasekusithi kusihlwa wathatha uLeya
indodakazi yakhe wamusa kuye, wasengena kuye. 24
ULabani wasemnika uZilipa incekukazi yakhe, kuLeya
indodakazi yakhe, abe yincekukazi. 25 Kwasekusithi
ekuseni, khangela-ke, nguLeya; ngakho wathi kuLabani:
Kuyini lokhu okwenze kimi? Kangimsebenzelanga
uRasheli kuwe yini? Pho, ungikhohliseleni? 26
ULabani wasesithi: Kakwenziwa njalo endaweni
yakithi ukupha omncinyane ngaphambi kwengqabutho.
27 Gcwalisa iviki yalo, besesikunika lalowayana,
ngomsebenzi ozawusebenza lami futhi eminye iminyaka
eyisikhombisa. 28 UJakobe wasesenza njalo; wagcwalisa
iviki yalo; wasemnika uRasheli indodakazi yakhe ukuba
ngumkakhe. 29 ULabani wasenika uRasheli indodakazi
yakhe uBiliha incekukazi yakhe, abe yincekukazi kuye.
30 Wasengena lakuRasheli; wamthanda njalo uRasheli
kuloLeya, wasesebenza laye futhi eminye iminyaka
eyisikhombisa. 31 Lapho iNkosi isibona ukuthi uLeya
wayezondwa, yavula isizalo sakhe, kodwa uRasheli
wayeyinyumba. 32 ULeya wasethatha isisu, wazala
indodana, wayitha ibizo layo uRubeni, ngoba wathi:
Ngoba iNkosi ibonile inhlupheko yami; ngakho khathesi
indoda yami izangithanda. 33 Wasebuya wathatha isisu,
wazala indodana, wathi: Njengoba iNkosi izwile ukuthi
ngiyazondwa, inginike lale; wayitha ibizo layo uSimeyoni.
34 Wasebuya wathatha isisu, wazala indodana; wathi:
Khathesi ngalesisikhathi indoda yami izazihlanganisa
lami, ngoba ngiyizalele amadodana amathathu; ngalokhu

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

30 Kwathi uRasheli esebonile ukuthi wayengamzaleli
uJakobe, uRasheli waba lomona ngodadewabo,
wathi kuJakobe: Nginika abantwana, kodwa nxa
kungenjalo ngife. **2** Ngakho lwavutha ulaka lukaJakobe
kuRasheli, wathi: Ngisesikhundleni sikaNkulunkulu
okwenqabele isithelo sesizalo yini? **3** Wasesithi:
Khangela, incekukazi yami uBiliha, ngena kuye,
ukuze azalele emadolweni ami, ukuze lami ngakhiwe
kuye. **4** Wasemnika uBiliha incekukazi yakhe abe
ngumkakhe; uJakobe wasengena kuye. **5** UBiliha
wasethatha isisu, wamzalela uJakobe indodana. **6**
URasheli wasesithi: UNkulunkulu ungahlulele, njalo
uzwile ilizwi lami, wanginika indodana. Ngakho wayitha
ibizo layo uDani. **7** UBiliha incekukazi kaRasheli
wasebuya ethatha isisu, wamzalela uJakobe indodana
yesibili. **8** URasheli wasesithi: Ngibindene lokubindana
okulamandla lodadewethu, njalo ngehlula; ngakho
wayitha ibizo layo uNafithali. **9** Kwathi uLeya esebonile
ukuthi usemi ukuzala, wathatha uZilipa incekukazi yakhe,
wamnika uJakobe abe ngumkakhe. **10** UZilipa incekukazi
kaLeya wasemzalela uJakobe indodana. **11** ULeya
wasesithi: Kuyeza inhlanhla. Wayitha ibizo layo uGadi.
12 UZilipa incekukazi kaLeya wasemzalela uJakobe
indodana yesibili. **13** ULeya wasesithi: Kungokwentokozo
yami, ngoba amadodakazi azakuthi ngilentokozo. Wayitha
ibizo layo uAsheri. **14** URubeni wasehamba ngensuku
zokuvuna ingqoloyi, wafica amamandrake ensimini,
wawaletha kuLeya unina. URasheli wasesithi kuLeya: Ake
ungiphe emamandrakeni endodana yakho. **15** Wasesithi
kuye. Kuyinto encinyane yini ukuthi uthethe indoda
yami? Usuzathatha lamamandrake endodana yami yini?
URasheli wasesithi: Ngakho uzalala lawe ngalobubusuku
ngenxa yamamandrake endodana yakho. **16** Kwathi
uJakobe esebuya evela emasimini kusihlwa, uLeya
waphuma ukumhlangabeza, wathi: Kimi uzangena, ngoba
ukukuqhatsha ngikuqhatshile ngamamandrake endodana
yami. Waselala laye ngalobobusuku. **17** UNkulunkulu
wasemuzwa uLeya; wasethatha isisu, wamzalela
uJakobe indodana yesihlanu. **18** ULeya wasesithi:
UNkulunkulu unginikile umvuzo wami, ngoba ngayinika
indoda yami incekukazi yami; waseyitha ibizo layo
uIsakari. **19** ULeya wasephinda ethatha isisu, wamzalela
uJakobe indodana yesithupha. **20** ULeya wasesithi:
UNkulunkulu unginikile mina isipho esihle; khathesi
indoda yami izahlala lami, ngoba ngiyizalele amadodana
ayisithupha, waseyitha ibizo layo uZebuluni. **21** Emva
kwalokhu wasezala indodakazi, wayitha ibizo layo uDina.
22 UNkulunkulu wasemkhumbula uRasheli, uNkulunkulu
wasemuzwa, wavula isizalo sakhe. **23** Wasethatha isisu,
wazala indodana, wathi: UNkulunkulu ususile ihlazo lami.
24 Waseyitha ibizo layo uJosefa, esithi: INkosi kayengeze
kimi enye indodana. **25** Kwasekusithi uRasheli esemzele
uJosefa, uJakobe wathi kuLabani: Ngiyekela ngihambe
ukuze ngiye endaweni yakithi, lelizweni lakithi. **26**
Ngipha omkami labantwana bami engibasebenzele kuwe
ukuze ngihambe, ngoba wena uyazi umsebenzi wami
engikusebenzele wona. **27** ULabani wasesithi kuye:
Uba-ke ngithole umusa emehlweni akho; sengibonile
ngokukhangela ukuthi iNkosi ingibusisile ngenxa
yakho. **28** Wathi futhi: Ngimisela iholo lakho, njalo
ngizakupha. **29** Wasesithi kuye: Wena yazi ukuthi
ngikusebenzele njani lokuthi izifuyo zakho bezinjani lami.
30 Ngoba okulutshwana owawulakho mandulo kwami,
kwanda kakhulu kwaba yinkithinkithi; iNkosi ikubusisile
ekufikeni kwami; pho-ke, ngizayisebenzela nini lami
indlu yami? **31** Wasesithi: Ngizakuphani? UJakobe
wasesithi: Kawuyikunginika lutho, uba uzangenzela
le into; ngizabuya ngeluse izimvu zakho ngizilinde.
32 Ngizadabula phakathi komhlambi wonke wakho
lamuhla, ngehlukanise lapho yonke imvu elamabala
lelamachatha, layo yonke imvu ensundu phakathi
kwezimvu, lezilamabala lezilamachatha ezimbuzini, zibe
liholo lami. **33** Njalo ukulunga kwami kuzangifakazela
ngosuku oluzayo, uba usiza mayelana leholo lami, phambi
kwakho; konke okungelamabala lamachatha ezimbuzini,
lokunsundu emawundlwini, kuyabe kuntshontshiwe uba
kukimi. **34** ULabani wasesithi: Khangela, ye, kakube
njengelizwi lakho. **35** Wasezehlukanisa mhlalokho
impongo ezingamaqamule lezilamabala lazo zonke
izibhuzikazi ezilamabala lezilamachatha, lakho konke
okulokumhlophe, lakho konke okunsundu emawundlwini,
wakunikela esandleni samadodana akhe. **36** Wabeka
ummango wensuku ezintathu phakathi kwakhe loJakobe.
UJakobe waseselusa imihlambi eseleyo kaLabani. **37**
UJakobe wasezithathela ingatsha ezimanzi zephophula
leze-alimondi lezingelamaxolo, webula kuzo imizila
emhlophe, wembula okumhlophe okwakusezingatsheni.
38 Wasefaka ingatsha ayezebulile emigelweni lemikolweni
yokunathela yamanzi maqondana lemihlambi, lapho
imihlambi efika khona ukunatha; yamitha ekufikeni kwayo
ukuzanatha. **39** Kwathi imihlambi isimithi ezingatsheni,
imihlambi yazala amaqamule, alamabala lalamachatha.
40 UJakobe wasesehlukanisa amawundlu; wakhangelisa
ubuso bomhlambi kwezingamaqamule lazo zonke
ezinsundu zomhlambi kaLabani; wabeka imihlambi
yakhe yodwa, engayibeki emhlanjini kaLabani. **41**
Kwasekusithi loba nini eziqinileyo zomhlambi sezimitha,
uJakobe wafaka izingatsha phambi kwamehlo omhlambi
emigelweni, ukuze zidabule phakathi kwezingatsha. **42**
Kodwa nxa umhlambi ububuthakathaka kazifakanga;
ngalokhu ebuthakathaka yaba ngekaLabani, leqinileyo
ngekaJakobe. **43** Lendoda yaqhamuka yaba nkulu
kakhulu, yaba lemihlambi eminengi lezincekukazi
lezinceku lamakamela labobabhemi.

31 Wasesizwa amazwi amadodana kaLabani esithi:
UJakobe uthethe konke okukababa; langalokho
okwakungokukababa wenza lonke loludumo. **2**
UJakobe wasebona ubuso bukaLabani, futhi khangela,
babunganjengamandulo kuye. **3** INkosi yasisithi
kuJakobe: Buyela elizweni laboyihlo lezihlotsheni
zakho; njalo ngizakuba lawe. **4** UJakobe wasethuma
wababiza oRasheli loLeya emadlelweni emhlanjini
wakhe, **5** wathi kibo: Ngiyabona ubuso bukayihlo
ukuthi kabunjengamandulo kimi; kodwa uNkulunkulu
kababa ube lami. **6** Futhi lina liyazi ukuthi ngamandla
ami wonke ngimsebenzele uyihlo. **7** Kodwa uyihlo
ungikhohlisile, waphendula iholo lami okwezikhathi
ezilitshumi, kanti uNkulunkulu kamvumelanga ukwenza
okubi kimi. **8** Kwathi esitsho njalo: Ezilamabala
zizakuba liholo lakho, khona umhlambi wonke wazala
ezilamabala. Kwathi esitsho njalo: Ezingamaqamule
zizakuba liholo lakho, khona umhlambi wonke wazala
ezingamaqamule. **9** Ngokunjalo uNkulunkulu uthethe
izifuyo zikayihlo, wanginika. **10** Kwasekusithi, ngesikhathi
umhlambi umitha, ngaphakamisa amehlo ami ngabona
ephutsheni, khangela-ke, izimpongo ezikhwela umhlambi
zazingamaqamule, zilamabala, lezizinala. **11** Ingilosi
kaNkulunkulu yasisithi kimi ephutsheni: Jakobe! Ngathi:
Khangela ngilapha. **12** Yasisithi: Ake uphakamise
amehlo akho ubone, zonke impongo ezikhwela umhlambi
zingamaqamule, zilamabala lezizinala; ngoba ngibonile
konke uLabani akwenze kuwe. **13** NginguNkulunkulu
weBhetheli lapho owagcoba khona insika, owathembisa
khona isithembiso kimi. Khathesi, vuka, uphume
kulelilizwe, ubuyele elizweni lokuzalwa kwakho. **14**
ORasheli loLeya baphendula bathi kuye: Siselesabelo
lelifa endlini kababa yini? **15** Kasibalwa njengabezizwe
kuye yini? Ngoba wasithengisa, futhi wadla lokudla
imali yethu. **16** Ngoba inotho yonke uNkulunkulu
ayemuke ubaba ingeyethu leyabantwana bethu; khathesi-
ke, konke uNkulunkulu akutsho kuwe, kwenze. **17**
UJakobe wasesukuma, wakhweza amadodana akhe
labomkakhe emakameleni; **18** waqhuba izifuyo zakhe
zonke, layo impahla yakhe yonke abeyizuzile, izifuyo
zenzuzo yakhe, ayezizuze ePadani-Arama, ukuze
aye kuIsaka uyise elizweni leKhanani. **19** Njalo
uLabani esehambile ukuyagunda izimvu zakhe, uRasheli
weba izithombe uyise ayelazo. **20** UJakobe wasuka
enyenya engananzelelwe kuLabani umSiriya, ngoba
kamazisanga ukuthi uyabaleka. **21** Wasebaleka, yena
lakho konke ayelakho, wasukuma, wachapha umfula,
wakhangelisa ubuso bakhe entabeni yeGileyadi. **22**
Kwasekusaziswa uLabani ngosuku lwesithathu ukuthi
uJakobe ubalekile. **23** Wasethatha abafowabo kanye
laye, waxotshana laye ibanga lensuku eziyisikhombisa,
wamfica entabeni yeGileyadi. **24** UNkulunkulu wasesiza
kuLabani umSiriya ephutsheni lebusuku, wathi kuye:
Ziqaphele, hlezi ukhulume loJakobe okuhle kumbe
okubi. **25** ULabani wasemfica uJakobe. Njalo uJakobe
wayemise ithente lakhe entabeni; uLabani laye kanye
labafowabo bamisa entabeni yeGileyadi. **26** ULabani
wasesithi kuJakobe: Wenzeni, ukuthi usuke unyenye
nginganzelele, uthathe amadodakazi ami ngamandla
njengabathunjiweyo ngenkemba? **27** Ubalekeleni
ngasese, unginyenyela, ungangazisanga, ukuthi ngabe
ngikuvalelise ngokuthokoza langengoma, ngesigubhu
langechacho? **28** Njalo kawungivumelanga ukuthi ngange
amadodana ami lamadodakazi ami. Khathesi wenze
ubuthutha ngokwenza lokho. **29** Kusemandleni esandla
sami ukwenza okubi kini; kodwa uNkulunkulu kayihlo
ukhulumile kimi ebusuku obudlulileyo wathi: Ziqaphele
ukuthi ungakhulumi loJakobe okuhle kumbe okubi. **30**
Khathesi-ke, ukuhamba uhambile, ngoba ngokukhanuka
ukhanukile indlu kayihlo; webeleni onkulunkulu bami? **31**
UJakobe wasephendula wathi kuLabani: Ngoba ngesaba,
ngoba wathi: Hlezi ungihluthunele amadodakazi akho.
32 Lowo ozathola kuye onkulunkulu bakho kangaphili;
phambi kwabafowethu zinanzelelele okungokwakho
okukimi, uzithathele. Ngoba uJakobe wayengazi
ukuthi uRasheli wayebebile. **33** ULabani wasengena
ethenteni likaJakobe lethenteni likaLeya, lethenteni
lezincekukazi ezimbili, kodwa katholanga. Waphuma
ethenteni likaLeya, wangena ethenteni likaRasheli.
34 Kodwa uRasheli wayethethe izithombe, wazifaka
esikhwameni sesihlalo sekamela, wahlala phezu kwazo.
ULabani waphumputha ithente lonke kodwa katholanga.
35 Wasesithi kuyise: Kalungavuthi ulaka emehlweni
enkosi yami ukuthi ngingesukume phambi kwakho,
ngoba indlela yabesifazana ikimi. Wabhudula, kodwa
kazitholanga izithombe. **36** UJakobe wasethukuthela,
waphikisana loLabani; uJakobe waphendula wathi
kuLabani: Isiphambeko sami siyini, isono sami siyini,
ukuthi ungixotshe ngokutshiseka? **37** Njengoba
usubambabambe kuyo impahla yami yonke, utholeni
okwayo impahla yonke yendlu yakho? Ibeke lapha
phambi kwabafowethu labafowenu ukuze baqume
phakathi kwethu sobabili. **38** Iminyaka le engamatshumi
amabili ngangilawe; izimvukazi zakho lezibhuzikazi
zakho kaziphunzanga, lezinqama zemihlambi yakho
kangizidlanga. **39** Ezadatshulwayo kangizilethanga kuwe,
mina ngazihlawula; esandleni sami wazibiza, zebiwe
emini loba zebiwe ebusuku. **40** Nganginjalo emini imbalela
yangidla, lamakhaza ebusuku, ubuthongo babaleka
emehlweni ami. **41** Iminyaka le engamatshumi amabili
bengisemzini wakho, ngakusebenzela okweminyaka
elitshumi lane ngenxa yamadodakazi akho amabili,
leminyaka eyisithupha ngenxa yomhlambi wakho; njalo
waphendula iholo lami okwezikhathi ezilitshumi. **42**
Ngaphandle kokuthi uNkulunkulu kababa, uNkulunkulu
kaAbrahama lokwesaba kukaIsaka ubengelami, isibili
khathesi ubuzangixotsha ngize. Inhlupheko zami
lomtshikatshika wezandla zami uNkulunkulu ubonile,

wakusola izolo ebusuku. **43** ULabani wasephendula
wathi kuJakobe: Amadodakazi angamadodakazi
ami, lamadodana angamadodana ami, lomhlambi
ngumhlambi wami, lakho konke okubonayo kungokwami;
lemadodakazini ami ngizakwenzani kuwo lamuhla,
loba kubantwana bawo abawazeleyo? **44** Khathesi-
ke, woza, asenze isivumelwano, mina lawe, njalo
sibe yibufakazi phakathi kwami lawe. **45** UJakobe
wasethatha ilitshe, walimisa laba yinsika. **46** UJakobe
wasesithi kubafowabo: Buthani amatshe. Basebethatha
amatshe, benza inqumbi; badla khona phezu kwenqumbi.
47 ULabani waseyibiza ngokuthi yiJegari-Sahadutha,
kodwa uJakobe wayibiza ngokuthi yiGaledi. **48** ULabani
wasesithi: Linqwaba iyibufakazi phakathi kwami lawe
lamuhla. Ngakho bayitha ibizo layo iGaledi, **49**
leMizipa, ngoba wathi: INkosi kayilinde phakathi kwami
lawe, lapho singabonani omunye lomunye. **50** Uba
uhlupha amadodakazi ami, njalo uba uthatha abafazi
phezu kwamadodakazi ami, kakulamuntu olathi, bona,
uNkulunkulu ungumfakazi phakathi kwami lawe. **51**
ULabani wasesithi kuJakobe: Khangela linqwaba,
khangela-ke lensika engiyiphosileyo phakathi kwami
lawe. **52** Linqwaba kayibe yibufakazi, lensika kayibe
yibufakazi, bokuthi mina kangiyikuyidlula linqwaba ngiye
kuwe, lawe kawuyikuyidlula linqwaba lalinsika uze kimi
ngokubi. **53** UNkulunkulu kaAbrahama loNkulunkulu
kaNahori, kahlulele phakathi kwethu, uNkulunkulu
kayise wabo. UJakobe wasefunga ngokwesaba kayise
uIsaka. **54** UJakobe wasehlaba umhlatshelo entabeni,
wabiza abafowabo ukuthi badle isinkwa; basebesidla
isinkwa, balala entabeni. **55** ULabani wasevuka ekuseni
kakhulu, wanga amadodana akhe lamadodakazi akhe,
wawabusisa; uLabani wasehamba wabuyela endaweni
yakhe.

32 UJakobe wasehamba indlela yakhe, lengilosi
zikaNkulunkulu zamhlangabeza. **2** UJakobe
ezibona wasesithi: Leli libutho likaNkulunkulu. Wayitha
ibizo laleyondawo iMahanayimi. **3** UJakobe wasethuma
izithunywa phambi kwakhe kuEsawu umnewabo,
elizweni iSeyiri, ilizwe lakoEdoma. **4** Wasezilaya esithi:
Likhulume kanje enkosini yami uEsawu lithi: Itsho
njalo inceku yakho uJakobe ithi: KoLabani bengihlala
njengowezizwe ngalibala kuze kube khathesi; **5** njalo
ngilezinkabi labobabhemi, izimvu lezinceku lezincekukazi;
sengithumele ukubika enkosini yami ukuthi ngithole
umusa emehlweni akho. **6** Izithunywa zasezibuyela
kuJakobe zathi: Sifikile kumnewenu, kuEsawu, laye
uyeza ukukuhlangabeza lamadoda angamakhulu amane
laye. **7** UJakobe wasesesaba kakhulu, wakhathazeka.
Wehlukanisa abantu ababelaye lezimvu lezinkomo
lamakamela, kwaba ngamaqembu amabili; **8** ngoba wathi:
Uba uEsawu efika kwelinye iqembu alitshaye, iqembu
eliseleyo lizaphepha. **9** UJakobe wathi futhi: Nkulunkulu
kababa uAbrahama, loNkulunkulu kababa uIsaka,
Nkosi owathi kimi: Buyela elizweni lakini lezihlotsheni
zakho, njalo ngizakwenzela okuhle; **10** kangiwufanele
wonke umusa lakho konke ukuthembeka okwenzele
inceku yakho; ngoba ngilodondolo lwami ngachapha
le iJordani, khathesi-ke sengingamaqembu amabili.
11 Ake ungophule esandleni somnewethu, esandleni
sikaEsawu; ngoba ngiyamesaba, hlezi afike angitshaye,
unina phezu kwabantwana. **12** Wena-ke wathi: Ukwenza
okuhle ngizakwenzela okuhle, njalo ngizayenza inzalo
yakho ibe njengetshebetshebe lolwandle elingelakubalwa
ngenxa yobunengi. **13** Waselala lapho ngalobobusuku;
wathatha kulokho okwafika esandleni sakhe, isipho
sikaEsawu umfowabo, **14** izibhuzikazi ezingamakhulu
amabili lempongo ezingamatshumi amabili, izimvukazi
ezingamakhulu amabili lenqama ezingamatshumi amabili,
15 amakamela enyisayo angamatshumi amathathu
lamathole awo, amankomokazi angamatshumi amane,
lamajongosi alitshumi, obabhemikazi abangamatshumi
amabili lamathole abobabhemi alitshumi. **16** Wasezinikela
esandleni senceku zakhe umhlambi ngomhlambi wodwa,
wathi ezincekwini zakhe: Dlulani phambi kwami, libeke
ibanga phakathi komhlambi lomhlambi. **17** Waselaya
eyokuqala esithi: Nxa uEsawu umnewethu ehlangana
lawe, ekubuza esithi: Ungokabani? Njalo uya ngaphi?
Ngezikabani-ke lezi eziphambi kwakho? **18** Ubususithi:
Ngezenceku yakho ngezikaJakobe, yisipho esithunyelwa
enkosini yami uEsawu; khangela-ke, laye uqobo ungemva
kwethu. **19** Waselaya leyesibili leyesithathu labo
bonke ababelandela imihlambi esithi: Njengalelilizwi
lizakhuluma kuEsawu, lapho limthola; **20** lithi futhi:
Khangela, inceku yakho uJakobe ingemva kwethu. Ngoba
uthe: Ngizathoba ubuso bakhe ngesipho esihamba
phambi kwami, langemva kwalokho ngizabona ubuso
bakhe; mhlawumbe uzakwemukela ubuso bami. **21**
Lesipho sahamba phambi kwakhe; kodwa yena walala
lobobusuku enkambeni. **22** Wasesukuma ngalobobusuku,
wathatha omkakhe bobabili lencekukazi ezimbili
labantwana bakhe abalitshumi lanye, wachapha izibuko
leJaboki. **23** Wabathatha, wabachaphisa isifudlana,
wachaphisa lokho ayelakho. **24** UJakobe watshiywa
yedwa; njalo indoda yabindana laye kwaze kwaba
semadabukakusa. **25** Kodwa isibonile ukuthi kayimehluli,
yathinta isikhoxo senyonga yakhe, isikhoxo senyonga
kaJakobe saqhuzuka ebindana layo. **26** Yasisithi:
Ngiyekela ngihambe ngoba sekusemadabukakusa.
Kodwa wathi: Kangiyikukuyekela uhambe ngaphandle
kokuthi ungibusise. **27** Yasisithi kuye: Ungubani ibizo
lakho? Wasesithi: UJakobe. **28** Yasisithi: Ibizo lakho
kalisayikuthiwa nguJakobe, kodwa uIsrayeli, ngoba ulwile
loNkulunkulu labantu, wanqoba. **29** UJakobe wasebuza
wathi: Ake utsho ibizo lakho. Yasisithi: Kungani ubuza
ibizo lami? Yambusisa lapho. **30** UJakobe waseyitha ibizo
lendawo iPeniyeli, ngoba ngibonile uNkulunkulu ubuso
ngobuso, njalo impilo yami isindisiwe. **31** Njalo ilanga

lamphumela esedlula iPenuyeli; wayeqhula enyongeni
yakhe. 32 Ngakho abantwana bakoIsrayeli kabawudli
umsipha womthambo osesikhoxweni senyonga kuze
kube lamuhla, ngoba wathinta isikhoxo senyonga
kaJakobe esisemsipheni womthambo wenyonga.

33 UJakobe wasephakamisa amehlo akhe,
wabona, khangela-ke, uEsawu esiza lamadoda
angamakhulu amane kanye laye. Wasesehlukanisa
abantwana phakathi kukaLeya loRasheli lencekukazi
zombili. 2 Wasebeka izincekukazi labantwana bazo
ngaphambili, loLeya labantwana bakhe ngemuva,
loRasheli loJosefa ekucineni. 3 Yena uqobo
wasesedlula phambi kwabo, wakhothamela emhlabathini
kasikhombisa waze wafika eduze lomnewabo. 4
UEsawu wasegijima ukumhlangabeza, wamgona,
wawela entanyeni yakhe, wamanga; basebekhala
inyembezi. 5 Wasephakamisa amehlo akhe wabona
abesifazana labantwana, wathi: Ngobani laba olabo?
Wasesithi: Abantwana uNkulunkulu ngomusa ayinike
bona inceku yakho. 6 Zasezisondela incekukazi,
zona labantwana bazo, bakhothama. 7 Laye uLeya
wasesondela labantwana bakhe, bakhothama; emva
kwalokho uJosefa wasondela loRasheli, bakhothama. 8
Wasesithi: Uqondeni ngaleli iqembu lonke engihlangene
lalo? Wasesithi: Ukuthola umusa emehlweni enkosi
yami. 9 UEsawu wasesithi: Ngilokunengi, mfowethu;
okwakho kakube ngokwakho. 10 UJakobe wasesithi:
Hayi bo! Uba khathesi ngithole umusa emehlweni akho,
yemukela isipho sami esivela esandleni sami; ngoba
yikho ngibone ubuso bakho kunjengokuthi ngibone
ubuso bukaNkulunkulu, njalo wathokoza ngami. 11
Ake wemukele isipho sami esilethwa kuwe; ngoba
uNkulunkulu ungiphile ngomusa, njalo ngoba ngilakho
konke. Wasemncenga, waze wasemukela. 12 Wasesithi:
Asisuke sihambe, njalo ngizahamba phambi kwakho. 13
Kodwa wathi kuye: Inkosi yami iyazi ukuthi abantwana
babuthakathaka, lokuthi izimvu lezinkomo engilazo
ziyenyisa; uba-ke beziqhuba ngamandla usuku olulodwa,
umhlambi wonke uzakufa. 14 Inkosi yami ake yedlule
phambi kwenceku yayo; mina-ke ngizaqhubeka kuhle
kuhle, ngokuhamba komsebenzi ophambi kwami,
langokuhamba kwabantwana, ngize ngifike enkosini
yami eSeyiri. 15 UEsawu wasesithi: Ake ngibeke kuwe
abanye babantu abalami. Wasesithi: Kungani lokhu?
Kangithole umusa emehlweni enkosi yami. 16 UEsawu
wasebuyela ngendlela yakhe ngalolosuku, waya eSeyiri.
17 Njalo uJakobe waqhubeka waya eSukothi, wazakhela
indlu, wenzela izifuyo zakhe izibaya ezilophahla; ngakho
wayitha ibizo lendawo iSukothi. 18 UJakobe wasefika
evikelekile emzini weShekema, oselizweni leKhanani,
ekuveleni kwakhe ePadani-Arama; wamisa inkamba
phambi komuzi. 19 Njalo ingxenye yesiqinti amisela kuyo
amathente akhe wayithenga esandleni samadodana
kaHamori uyise kaShekema, ngezinhlamvu zemali
ezilikhulu. 20 Wasemisa khona ilathi, walibiza ngokuthi
yiEli-Elohe-Israyeli.

34 UDina indodakazi kaLeya, ayizalela uJakobe,
wasephuma ukuyabona amadodakazi elizwe.
2 Njalo uShekema indodana kaHamori umHivi,
isiphathamandla selizwe, sambona, samthatha, salala
laye, samona. 3 Inhliziyo yaso yasinamathela kuDina
indodakazi kaJakobe, sayithanda intombi, sakhuluma
kunhliziyo yentombi. 4 UShekema wasekhuluma
kuHamori uyise esithi: Ngithathela lintombi ibe ngumkami.
5 UJakobe wasesizwa ukuthi usemngcolisile uDina
indodakazi yakhe; lamadodana akhe ayesezifuyweni
egangeni; njalo uJakobe wathula aze afika. 6 UHamori
uyise kaShekema wasephuma waya kuJakobe ukuze
akhulume laye. 7 Kwathi amadodana kaJakobe efika
evela egangeni esezwile, amadoda adabuka, athukuthela
kakhulu ngoba wayenze ubuphukuphuku koIsrayeli
ngokulala lendodakazi kaJakobe, okungafanele kwenziwe
ngokunjalo. 8 UHamori wasekhuluma labo esithi:
UShekema indodana yami, inhliziyo yakhe iyayilangatha
indodakazi yenu; ake limnike yona ibe ngumkakhe.
9 Njalo yendiselanani lathi, lisiphe amadodakazi enu,
lani lizithathele amadodakazi ethu. 10 Hlalani-ke lathi,
lelizwe lizakuba phambi kwenu; hlalani lithengiselane
kulo, lifuye kulo. 11 UShekema wasesithi kuyise
wentombi lakubanewabo: Angithole umusa emehlweni
enu; lalokho elizakutsho kimi ngizanika. 12 Yandisani
kakhulu kimi ilobolo lesipho, njalo ngizakupha njengoba
litshilo kimi; kodwa ngiphani intombi ibe ngumkami. 13
Amadodana kaJakobe asephendula uShekema loHamori
uyise ngobuqili, athi, ngenxa yokuthi ubesemngcolisile
uDina udadewabo, 14 athi kubo: Asilakuyenza lindaba,
ukunika udadewethu indoda engasokwanga, ngoba
kulihlazo kithi. 15 Kodwa ngalokhu singalivumela,
uba libe njengathi, ukuthi wonke owesilisa wakini
asokwe, 16 sizalinika-ke amadodakazi ethu, lathi
amadodakazi enu sizithathele, njalo sihlale lani sibe
yisizwe sinye. 17 Kodwa uba lingasilaleli lisokwe,
sizathatha indodakazi yethu, sihambe. 18 Lamazwi abo
aba mahle emehlweni kaHamori, lemehlweni kaShekema
indodana kaHamori. 19 Njalo ijaha kaliphuzanga ukwenza
lindaba, ngoba yayilentokozo endodakazini kaJakobe;
yayilodumo kulendlu yonke kayise. 20 UHamori wasefika,
loShekema indodana yakhe, esangweni lomuzi wabo,
basebekhuluma kumadoda omuzi wabo, besithi: 21
Lamadoda alokuthula lathi; ngakho kabahlale elizweni
bathengiselane kulo; ngoba ilizwe, khangelani, libanzi
inhlangothi zombili phambi kwawo; amadodakazi abo
sizawathatha abe ngomkethu, lamadodakazi ethu
sizawanika wona. 22 Kulokhu kuphela amadoda
azavumelana lathi, ukuhlala lathi, ukuba yisizwe sinye,
nxa wonke owesilisa wethu esokiwe, njengalokhu esokiwe
wona. 23 Inkomo zawo lempahla yawo lazo zonke izifuyo
zawo kaziyikuba ngezethu yini? Kuphela asiwavumele,

ahlale-ke lathi. 24 Basebelalela uHamori loShekema
indodana yakhe, bonke abaphuma ngesango lomuzi
wakhe; basebesokwa, wonke owesilisa, bonke abaphuma
ngesango lomuzi wakhe. 25 Kwasekusithi ngosuku
lwesithathu beselobuhlungu, amadodana amabili
kaJakobe, oSimeyoni loLevi, abanewabo bakaDina,
ngulowo lalowo wathatha inkemba yakhe, awujuma
umuzi, abulala wonke owesilisa. 26 Asebabulala oHamori
loShekema indodana yakhe ngobukhali benkemba,
amkhupha uDina endlini kaShekema, aphuma. 27
Amadodana kaJakobe ehlela phezu kwasebebulewe,
awuphanga umuzi, ngoba babemngcolisile udadewabo.
28 Athatha izimvu zabo lenkomo zabo labobabhemi
babo lalokho okwakusemzini lalokho okwakusegangeni,
29 lenotho yabo yonke, labantwana babo bonke
abancinyane, labomkabo, athumba abaphanga, lakho
konke okwakusendlini. 30 UJakobe wasesithi kuSimeyoni
loLevi: Lingihluphile, ngokungenza ukuthi ngibe
levumba phakathi kwabakhileyo belizwe, phakathi
kwamaKhanani lamaPerizi; njalo ngimlutshwana, futhi
bazangihlanganyela bangitshaye, ngibe sengichitheka
mina lendlu yami. 31 Basebesithi: Amenze yini
udadewethu njengesifebe?

35 UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuJakobe: Sukuma,
yenyukela eBhetheli, uhlale khona; umenzele
lapho ilathi uNkulunkulu owabonakala kuwe mhla
ubaleka ebusweni bukaEsawu umnewenu. 2
UJakobe wasesithi kundlu yakhe lakubo bonke
ababelaye: Susani onkulunkulu bezizwe abaphakathi
kwenu, lizihlambulule, lintshintshe izembatho zenu.
3 Asisukume senyukele eBhetheli, ngimenzele
khona uNkulunkulu ilathi owangiphendula ngosuku
lokuhlupheka kwami, njalo waba lami endleleni
engahamba kuyo. 4 Basebenika uJakobe bonke
onkulunkulu bezizwe ababesesandleni sabo, lamacici
ayesezindlebeni zabo; uJakobe wasekufihla ngaphansi
kwesihlahla se-okhi eliseShekema. 5 Basebehamba;
lokwesabeka kukaNkulunkulu kwakuphezu kwemizi
eyayibazingelezele, njalo kabawaxotshanga amadodana
kaJakobe. 6 UJakobe wasefika eLuzi, eselizweni
leKhanani, eyiBhetheli, yena labantu bonke ababelaye.
7 Wasesakha khona ilathi, wayibiza indawo ngokuthi
iEli-Bhetheli, ngoba lapho uNkulunkulu wabonakala
kuye ekubalekeleni ubuso bomnewabo. 8 Njalo
uDebora umlizane kaRebeka wafa, wangcwatshwa
ezansi kweBhetheli ngaphansi kwesihlahla se-okhi,
ngakho wasitha ibizo laso iAloni-Bakuthi. 9 UNkulunkulu
wasebuya wabonakala kuJakobe evela ePadani-
Arama, wambusisa. 10 UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuye:
Ibizo lakho nguJakobe; ibizo lakho kalisayikuthiwa
nguJakobe, kodwa uIsrayeli kuzakuba libizo lakho.
Wabiza ibizo lakhe ngokuthi uIsrayeli. 11 UNkulunkulu
wasesithi kuye: NginguNkulunkulu uSomandla; zala
wande; isizwe, yebo ibandla lezizwe kuzavela kuwe;
lamakhosi azaphuma ekhalweni lwakho. 12 Lelizwe
engalinika uAbrahama loIsaka ngizalinika wena,
lenzalweni yakho emva kwakho ngizayinika ilizwe. 13
UNkulunkulu wasesenyuka esuka kuye endaweni lapho
ayekhuluma laye khona. 14 UJakobe wasemisa insika
endaweni lapho ayekhuluma laye khona, insika yelitshe.
Wathululela phezu kwayo umnikelo wokunathwayo,
wathela phezu kwayo amagcobo. 15 UJakobe
waseyitha ibizo lendawo, lapho uNkulunkulu ayekhulume
laye khona, iBhetheli. 16 Basebehamba besuka
eBhetheli; kwathi kusesengummango ukuya eEfrathi,
uRasheli wabeletha, wayelobunzima ekubeletheni. 17
Kwasekusithi ekubeletheni kwakhe nzima, umbelethisi
wathi kuye: Ungesabi, ngoba lalo uzakuba yindodana
yakho. 18 Kwasekusithi umphefumulo wakhe usuphuma,
ngoba esesifa, wayitha ibizo layo uBenoni; kodwa uyise
wayibiza ngokuthi nguBhenjamini. 19 URasheli wasesifa,
wangcwatshwa endleleni eya eEfrathi, eyiBhethelehema.
20 UJakobe wasemisa insika phezu kwengcwaba
lakhe; le yinsika yengcwaba likaRasheli kuze kube
lamuhla. 21 UIsrayeli wasehamba, wamisa ithente lakhe
ngaphambili komphotshongo weEderi. 22 Kwasekusithi
uIsrayeli ehlala kulelolizwe, uRubeni waya walala
loBiliha umfazi omncinyane kayise; uIsrayeli wasekuzwa.
Amadodana kaJakobe-ke ayelitshumi lambili; 23
amadodana kaLeya: Izibulo likaJakobe, uRubeni,
loSimeyoni loLevi loJuda loIsakari loZebuluni; 24
amadodana kaRasheli: OJosefa loBhenjamini; 25
lamadodana kaBiliha, incekukazi kaRasheli: ODani
loNafithali; 26 lamadodana kaZilipa, incekukazi kaLeya:
OGadi loAsheri; la ngamadodana kaJakobe azalelwa
yena ePadani-Arama. 27 UJakobe wasefika kuIsaka
uyise eMamre, eKiriyathi-Arba, eyiHebroni, lapho
uAbrahama ahlala khona njengowezizwe, loIsaka. 28
Lensuku zikaIsaka zaziyiminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi
ayisificaminwembili. 29 UIsaka wasehodoza, wafa,
wabuthelwa ezizweni zakibo, emdala, enele ngensuku.
Amadodana akhe uEsawu loJakobe asemngcwaba.

36 Lezi-ke yizizukulwana zikaEsawu, onguEdoma.
2 UEsawu wathatha abafazi bakhe kumadodakazi
eKhanani, uAda indodakazi kaEloni umHethi,
loAholibama indodakazi kaAna, indodakazi kaZibeyoni
umHivi, 3 loBasemathi indodakazi kaIshmayeli
udadewabo kaNebayothi. 4 UAda wasemzalela uEsawu
uElifazi; uBasemathi wasezala uRehuweli; 5 uAholibama
wasezala uJewushi loJalama loKora; la ngamadodana
kaEsawu awazalelwa elizweni leKhanani. 6 UEsawu
wasethatha omkakhe lamadodana akhe lamadodakazi
akhe, layo yonke imiphefumulo yendlu yakhe, lenkomo
zakhe lezifuyo zakhe zonke lempahla yakhe yonke
ayeyizuzile elizweni leKhanani, wasesiya kwelinye ilizwe
esuka ebusweni bukaJakobe umfowabo. 7 Ngoba
imfuyo yabo yayinkulu okungangokuthi bangehlale

ndawonye, lelizwe abebehlala kulo njengabemzini,
lalingebathwale ngenxa yezifuyo zabo. **8** UEsawu
wasehlala entabeni iSeyiri; uEsawu nguEdoma. **9** Lezi-ke
yizizukulwana zikaEsawu, uyise wabakoEdoma, entabeni
iSeyiri; **10** la ngamabizo amadodana kaEsawu, uElifazi
indodana kaAda umkaEsawu, uRehuweli indodana
kaBasemathi umkaEsawu. **11** Lamadodana kaElifazi
ayengoThemani, uOmari, uZefo, loGatama, loKenazi.
12 Njalo uTimina wayengumfazi omncane kaElifazi
indodana kaEsawu, wamzalela uElifazi uAmaleki; la
ngamadodana kaAda umkaEsawu. **13** Lala ngamadodana
kaRehuweli, oNahathi loZera, uShama loMiza; la
ngamadodana kaBasemathi umkaEsawu. **14** Njalo
la ngamadodana kaAholibama indodakazi kaAna,
indodakazi kaZibeyoni umkaEsawu; wasemzalela
uEsawu uJewushi loJalama loKora. **15** Lezi yizinduna
zamadodana kaEsawu; amadodana kaElifazi izibulo
likaEsawu: Induna uThemani, induna uOmari, induna
uZefo, induna uKenazi, **16** induna uKora, induna
uGatama, induna uAmaleki; lezi zinduna zikaElifazi
elizweni leEdoma; la ngamadodana kaAda. **17** Futhi la
ngamadodana kaRehuweli indodana kaEsawu: Induna
uNahathi, induna uZera, induna uShama, induna
uMiza; lezi zinduna zikaRehuweli elizweni leEdoma;
la ngamadodana kaBasemathi umkaEsawu. **18** Njalo
la ngamadodana kaAholibama, umkaEsawu: Induna
uJewushi, induna uJalama, induna uKora; lezi zinduna
zikaAholibama, indodakazi kaAna, umkaEsawu. **19**
La ngamadodana kaEsawu, futhi lezi zinduna zawo;
unguEdoma. **20** La ngamadodana kaSeyiri umHori,
abahlali belizwe: ULotani loShobhali loZibeyoni loAna **21**
loDishoni loEzeri loDishani; laba bayizinduna zamaHori,
amadodana kaSeyiri elizweni leEdoma. **22** Lamadodana
kaLotani ayengoHori loHemama; lodadewabo kaLotani
wayenguTimina. **23** Lala ngamadodana kaShobhali:
UAlivani loManahathi loEbhali, uShefo loOnama. **24**
Lala ngamadodana kaZibeyoni: Bobabili uAya loAna;
nguAna owafica imithombo etshisayo enkangala eselusa
obabhemi bakaZibeyoni uyise. **25** Lala ngamadodana
kaAna: UDishoni; loAholibama wayeyindodakazi kaAna.
26 Lala ngamadodana kaDishoni: UHemidani loEshibhani
loJitirani loKerani. **27** La ngamadodana kaEzeri: UBilihani
loZahavana loAkani. **28** Lala ngamadodana kaDishani:
U-Uzi loArani. **29** Lezi zinduna zamaHori: Induna
uLotani, induna uShobhali, induna uZibeyoni, induna
uAna, **30** induna uDishoni, induna uEzeri, induna
uDishani; lezi zinduna zamaHori, ngezinduna zabo
elizweni leSeyiri. **31** Lala ngamakhosi abusa elizweni
leEdoma, inkosi ingakabusi abantwana bakoIsrayeli. **32**
UBhela indodana kaBeyori wasebusa eEdoma, lebizo
lomuzi wakhe laliyiDinihaba. **33** UBhela wasesifa, uJobabi
indodana kaZera weBhozira wasebusa esikhundleni
sakhe. **34** UJobabi wasesifa, uHushama owelizweni
lamaThemani wasebusa esikhundleni sakhe. **35**
UHushama wasesifa; uHadadi indodana kaBedadi,
owatshaya uMidiyani egcekeni lakoMowabi, wasebusa
esikhundleni sakhe; lebizo lomuzi wakhe laliyiAvithi.
36 UHadadi wasesifa; uSamila weMasireka wasebusa
esikhundleni sakhe. **37** USamila wasesifa; uShawuli
weRehobothi emfuleni wasebusa esikhundleni sakhe. **38**
UShawuli wasesifa; uBhali-Hanani indodana kaAkhibhori
wasebusa esikhundleni sakhe. **39** UBhali-Hanani
indodana kaAkhibhori wasesifa; uHadari wasebusa
esikhundleni sakhe; lebizo lomuzi wakhe laliyiPawu;
lebizo lomkakhe lalinguMehethabheli, indodakazi
kaMatiredi, indodakazi kaMezahabhi. **40** Njalo la
ngamabizo ezinduna zakoEsawu ngezizukulwana zazo,
ngendawo zazo, ngamabizo azo: Induna uTimina,
induna uAliva, induna uJethethi, **41** induna uAholibama,
induna uEla, induna uPinoni, **42** induna uKenazi,
induna uThemani, induna uMibhizari, **43** induna
uMagidiyeli, induna uIrama; lezi zinduna zeEdoma,
njengokwezindawo zazo zokuhlala, elizweni lelifa lazo;
lo nguEsawu, uyise kaEdoma.

37 UJakobe wasehlala elizweni uyise ayehlala
kilo njengowezizwe, ilizwe leKhanani. **2**
Lezi zindaba zezizukulwana zikaJakobe. UJosefa,
eleminyaka elitshumi lesikhombisa, wayeselusa
umhlambi labafowabo, wayengumfana, elamadodana
kaBiliha, lamadodana kaZilipa, omkayise; uJosefa
waseletha kuyise imibiko emibi ngabo. **3** Njalo uIsrayeli
wayemthanda uJosefa kulawo wonke amadodana akhe,
ngoba wayeyindodana yobudala bakhe; wamenzela
isigqoko esilemibalabala. **4** Kwathi abafowabo sebebonile
ukuthi uyise uyamthanda kulabo bonke abafowabo,
bamzonda, babengelakukhuluma kuye ngokuthula. **5**
UJosefa wasephupha iphupho, walazisa abafowabo;
ngakho baqhubeka bemzonda kakhulu. **6** Wasesithi
kibo: Ake lizwe leliphupho engiliphuphileyo. **7**
Khangelani-ke, besibopha izithungo phakathi kwensimu,
njalo khangelani, isithungo sami sema saqonda
futhi, khangelani-ke, izithungo zenu zazingelezela,
zasikhothamela isithungo sami. **8** Abafowabo basebesithi
kuye: Kanti ukubusa uzasibusa, ukulawula uzasilawula
yini? Ngakho baqhubeka bemzonda kakhulu, ngenxa
yamaphupho akhe langenxa yamazwi akhe. **9**
Wasebuya futhi waphupha elinye iphupho, walilandisela
abafowabo, wathi: Khangelani, ngiphuphe futhi iphupho;
khangelani-ke, ilanga lenyanga lenkanyezi ezilitshumi
lanye zingikhothamela. **10** Waselandisela uyise
labafowabo. Uyise wasemsola wathi kuye: Liyini
leliphupho oliphuphileyo? Ukuza sizakuza, mina lonyoko
labafowenu, sikhothamele emhlabathini phambi kwakho
yini? **11** Abafowabo-ke baba lomona ngaye, kodwa
uyise waligcina lelilizwi. **12** Abafowabo basebesiyalagisa
umhlambi kayise eShekema. **13** UIsrayeli wasesithi
kuJosefa: Abafowenu kabalagisi eShekema yini? Woza,
ngikuthume kibo. Wasesithi kuye: Khangela ngilapha. **14**

Wasesithi kuye: Hamba-ke, ubone ukuthi baphila kuhle
yini abafowenu, lokuthi uyaphila umhlambi, ungibuyisele
ilizwi. Wasemthuma esuka esigodini iHebroni wasefika
eShekema. **15** Indoda yamfica, ngoba khangela wayezula
egangeni; indoda yasimbuza yathi: Udingani? **16**
Wasesithi: Ngidinga abafowethu; ake ungazise ukuthi
balagise ngaphi. **17** Indoda yasisithi: Basukile lapha,
ngoba ngibezwile besithi: Asiye eDothani. UJosefa
wasebalandela abafowabo, wabathola eDothani. **18**
Basebembona esekhatshana. Njalo engakasondeli kubo,
bamenzela ugobe lokuthi bambulale. **19** Bakhulumisana
besithi: Khangela, lo umphuphi uyeza; **20** khathesi-
ke, wozani simbulale, simphosele komunye wemigodi,
besesisithi: Isilo esibi simdlile. Khona sizabona ukuthi
amaphupho akhe azakuba yini. **21** URubeni wasekuzwa,
wamophula esandleni sabo, wathi: Asingatshayi impilo.
22 URubeni wasesithi kubo: Lingachithi igazi, mphoseleni
kulumgodi osenkangala, lingeluleli isandla kuye; ukuze
amkhulule esandleni sabo, ukuze ambuyisele kuyise. **23**
Kwasekusithi uJosefa esefikile kubafowabo, bamhlubula
uJosefa isigqoko sakhe, isigqoko esilemibalabala,
ayesigqokile; **24** basebemthatha, bamphosela emgodini;
kodwa umgodi wawungelalutho, kungelamanzi kuwo. **25**
Basebehlala phansi ukudla isinkwa. Baphakamisa amehlo
abo babona, khangela-ke, udwendwe lwamaIshmayeli
luvela eGileyadi, lamakamela awo ethwele isinongo
lenhlaka lemure, ehamba ukukwehlisela eGibhithe.
26 UJuda wasesithi kubafowabo: Yinzuzo bani uba
simbulala umfowethu, sifihle igazi lakhe? **27** Wozani,
simthengise kumaIshmayeli, lesandla sethu kasingabi
phezu kwakhe, ngoba umgumfowethu, inyama yethu.
Abafowabo basebelalela. **28** Kwasekudlula amaMidiyani
angabathengiselani; basebemdonsa bamphakamisa
uJosefa emgodini, bathengisa uJosefa kumaIshmayeli
ngenhlamvu zesiliva ezingamatshumi amabili. Amusa-
ke eGibhithe. **29** Kwathi uRubeni ebuyela emgodini,
khangela-ke, uJosefa wayengekho emgodini, wadabula
izembatho zakhe. **30** Wasebuyela kubafowabo wathi:
Umfana kakho; mina-ke, ngizakuya ngaphi? **31**
Basebethatha isigqoko sikaJosefa, bahlaba izinyane
lembuzi, bagxamuza isigqoko egazini. **32** Basebethumela
isigqoko esilemibalabala, basisa kuyise, bathi: Lokhu
sikuficile; akunanzelele ukuthi lesi yisigqoko sendodana
yakho yini, loba hatshi. **33** Wasinanzelela wathi: Yisigqoko
sendodana yami! Isilo esibi simdlile, isibili udatshulwe
uJosefa. **34** UJakobe wasedabula izembatho zakhe,
wafaka isaka ekhalweni lwakhe, wayililela indodana
yakhe insuku ezinengi. **35** Njalo wonke amadodana akhe
lamadodakazi akhe asukuma ukumduduza, kodwa wala
ukududuzwa, wathi: Ngoba ngizakwehlela engcwabeni
endodaneni yami ngilila. Uyise wamlilela njalo. **(Sheol
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umphathi kaFaro, induna yabalindi.

38 Kwasekusithi ngalesosikhathi uJuda wehla esuka
kubafowabo, waphambukela endodeni yeAdulamu,
obizo layo linguHira. **2** UJuda wasebona lapho
indodakazi yendoda umKhanani, obizo lakhe linguShuwa;
wayithatha wangena kuyo. **3** Yasithatha isisu, yazala
indodana; waseyitha ibizo layo uEri. **4** Yasiphinda ithatha
isisu, yazala indodana; yayitha ibizo layo uOnani. **5**
Yasisengezelela futhi yazala indodana, yayitha ibizo
layo uShela; kodwa wayeseKezibi ekuyizaleni kwayo. **6**
UJuda wasemthathela uEri izibulo lakhe umfazi, njalo
ibizo lakhe linguTamari. **7** Kodwa uEri, izibulo likaJuda,
wayemubi emehlweni eNkosi; iNkosi yasimbulala. **8**
UJuda wasesithi kuOnani: Ngena kumkamfowenu, wenze
kuye imfanelo yomfowabo wendoda, umvusele umfowenu
inzalo. **9** UOnani wayesazi-ke ukuthi inzalo kayiyikuba
ngeyakhe. Kwasekusithi lapho engena kumkamfowabo,
wayichithela emhlabathini, ukuze angamniki umfowabo
inzalo. **10** Kwasekusiba kubi emehlweni eNkosi lokho
akwenzayo; ngakho yambulala laye. **11** UJuda wasesithi
kuTamari umalokazana wakhe: Hlala ungumfelokazi
endlini kayihlo, aze akhule uShela indodana yami;
ngoba wathi: Hlezi laye afe njengabafowabo. UTamari
wasehamba wahlala endlini kayise. **12** Emva kwensuku
ezinengi yafa indodakazi kaShuwa, umkaJuda. UJuda
esezididuzile, wenyukela kubagundi bezimvu zakhe
eThiminathi, yena lomngane wakhe uHira umAdulamu.
13 Kwasekusaziswa kuTamari ukuthi: Khangela,
uyihlozala wenyukela eThiminathi ukugunda izimvu
zakhe. **14** Wasekhulula izembatho zobufelokazi bakhe,
wazimbomboza ngesimbombozo, wazigoqela, wahlala
esangweni iEnayima, elisendleleni eya eThiminathi;
ngoba wabona ukuthi uShela wayesekhulile, njalo
wayengamnikwanga ukuba ngumkakhe. **15** Lapho
uJuda esembonile, wacabanga ukuthi uliwule, ngoba
embomboze ubuso bakhe. **16** Wasephambukela kuye
endleleni wathi: Woza-ke, ngingene kuwe; ngoba
wayengazi ukuthi ngumalokazana wakhe. Wasesithi:
Uzanginikani ukuze ungene kimi? **17** Wasesithi:
Mina ngizathumela izinyane lembuzi elivela emhlanjini.
Wasesithi: Uzanginika isibambiso uze ulithumele yini? **18**
Wasesithi: Sibambiso bani engizakunika sona? Wasesithi:
Indandatho elophawu lwakho, lentambo yakho, lodondolo
lwakho olusesandleni sakho. Wasemupha, wangena
kuye; wasethatha isisu sakhe. **19** Wasesukuma wahamba,
wakhulula isimbombozo sakhe, wafaka izembatho
zobufelokazi bakhe. **20** UJuda wasethumela izinyane
lembuzi ngesandla somngane wakhe umAdulamu
ukuze athathe isibambiso esandleni sowesifazana;
kodwa kamtholanga. **21** Wasebuza amadoda endawo
yakowesifazana esithi: Lingaphi iwule elaliseEnayima
endleleni? Asesithi: Kakuzanga kube khona iwule
lapha. **22** Wasebuyela kuJuda wathi: Kangilitholanga,
futhi lamadoda endawo athi: Kakuzanga kube khona
iwule lapha. **23** UJuda wasesithi: Kalizithathele,

hlezi sideleleke; khangela, ngithumele lelizinyane,
kodwa wena kawumtholanga. 24 Kwasekusithi phose
emva kwenyanga ezintathu kwaziswa kuJuda ukuthi:
UTamari umalokazana wakhe ufebile, futhi khangela-
ke, ulesisu sokufetshwa. UJuda wasesithi: Mkhupheni
atshiswe. 25 Esekhutshiwe, yena wathumela kuyisezala,
esithi: Ngoniwe yindoda engumnini walezizinto. Wathi
futhi: Ake uhlolisise ukuthi ngezikabani lezizinto,
indandatho elophawu lezintambo lodondolo. 26 UJuda
wasezivuma wathi: Ulungile kulami, ngakho njengoba
ngingamnikanga uShela indodana yami. Njalo kabanga
esamazi futhi. 27 Kwasekusithi esikhathini sokubeletha
kwakhe, khangela-ke, amaphahla ayesesiswini sakhe.
28 Kwasekusithi ekubeletheni kwakhe, elinye lakhupha
isandla; umbelethisi wasithatha, wabopha intambo
ebomvu esandleni salo, esithi: Lo uzaphuma kuqala.
29 Kodwa kwathi lifinyeza isandla salo, khangela-
ke umfowabo waphuma; wasesithi: Ufohle njani?
Ukufohla kakube phezu kwakho. Wasemutha ibizo lakhe
uPerezi. 30 Emva kwalokhu kwasekuphuma umfowabo
owayelentambo ebomvu esandleni sakhe; wasemutha
ibizo lakhe uZera.

39 UJosefa wasesehliselwa eGibhithe; njalo uPotifa,
umphathi kaFaro, induna yabalindi, indoda
engumGibhithe, wamthenga esandleni samaIshmayeli,
ababemehlisele khona. 2 Njalo iNkosi yayiloJosefa,
waze waba ngumuntu ophumelelayo; wayesendlini
yenkosi yakhe, umGibhithe. 3 Inkosi yakhe yasibona
ukuthi iNkosi ilaye, lokuthi konke akwenzayo iNkosi
yakuphumelelisa esandleni sakhe. 4 UJosefa wasethola
umusa emehlweni ayo, wayisebenzela; njalo yamenza
waba ngumphathi wendlu yayo, lakho konke eyayilakho
yakunikela esandleni sakhe. 5 Kwasekusithi kusukela
esikhathini eyamenza ngaso umphathi wendlu yayo, lakho
konke eyayilakho, iNkosi yabusisa indlu yomGibhithe
ngenxa kaJosefa; lesibusiso seNkosi saba phezu
kwakho konke eyayilakho, endlini lensimini. 6 Yasitshiya
konke eyayilakho esandleni sikaJosefa; yayingazi
lutho lwayo, ngaphandle kokudla eyayikudla. Futhi
uJosefa wayemuhle ngesimo, ekhangeleka kuhle. 7
Kwasekusithi emva kwalezizinto, inkosikazi yenkosi
yakhe yaphakamisela amehlo ayo kuJosefa; yathi:
Lala lami. 8 Kodwa wala, wathi enkosikazini yenkosi
yakhe: Khangela, inkosi yami kayikwazi okulami endlini,
njalo konke elakho ikunikela esandleni sami; 9 kakho
omkhulu kulami endlini le; njalo kayingigodlelanga
lutho, ngaphandle kwakho, ngalokhu ukuthi ungumkayo;
njalo ngingenza njani lobububi obukhulu, ngone
kuNkulunkulu? 10 Kwasekusithi ekukhulumeni kwakhe
kuJosefa insuku ngensuku, kazange amlalele, ukulala
laye, lokuba laye. 11 Kwasekusithi ngosuku oluthile
wangena endlini ukuyakwenza umsebenzi wakhe, njalo
kwakungekho owamadoda endlu lapho endlini, 12
yasimbamba ngesembatho sakhe isithi: Lala lami. Kodwa
watshiya isembatho sakhe esandleni sayo, wabaleka,
waphumela phandle. 13 Kwasekusithi isibonile ukuthi
utshiyile isembatho sakhe esandleni sayo, wabalekela
phandle, 14 yabiza amadoda endlu yayo, yakhuluma
kuwo isithi: Bonani, usilethele indoda engumHebheru
ukudlala ngathi; uze kimi ukuze alale lami, ngamemeza
ngelizwi elikhulu; 15 kwasekusithi esezwile ukuthi
ngiphakamise ilizwi lami ngakhala, watshiya isembatho
sakhe eceleni kwami, wabaleka, waphumela phandle.
16 Yasisibeka isembatho sakhe eceleni kwayo, yaze
yafika inkosi yakhe ekhaya. 17 Njalo yakhuluma
kuyo njengalamazwi isithi: Inceku engumHebheru,
osilethele yona, izile kimi ukuze idlale ngami; 18
kwasekusithi sengiphakamise ilizwi lami ngakhala,
yatshiya isembatho sayo eceleni kwami, yabalekela
phandle. 19 Kwasekusithi inkosi yakhe isizwe amazwi
omkayo, ewakhulume kuyo, esithi: Njengalamazwi
inceku yakho yenze kimi, ulaka lwayo lwavutha. 20
Inkosi kaJosefa yasimthatha yamfaka entolongweni,
indawo lapho izibotshwa zenkosi ezazibotshelwa khona;
wasesiba lapho entolongweni. 21 Kodwa iNkosi yaba
loJosefa, yelulela umusa kuye, yasimupha umusa
emehlweni enduna yentolongo. 22 Induna yentolongo
yanikela-ke esandleni sikaJosefa zonke izibotshwa
ezazisentolongweni; lakho konke ezazikwenza lapho,
wayengumenzi. 23 Induna yentolongo kayisakhangelanga
lutho olwalusesandleni sakhe, ngoba iNkosi yayilaye;
lalokho akwenzayo iNkosi yakuphumelelisa.

40 Kwasekusithi emva kwalezizinto umphathinkezo
wenkosi yeGibhithe lomphekizinkwa bona enkosini
yabo, enkosini yeGibhithe. 2 Ngakho uFaro
wabathukuthelela abathenwa bakhe ababili, induna
yabaphathinkezo lenduna yabaphekizinkwa. 3 Wazinikela
esitokisini, endlini yenduna yabalindi, entolongweni,
indawo lapho uJosefa ayebotshelwe khona. 4
Induna yabalindi yasimlaya uJosefa ukuba lazo,
wazisebenzela; njalo zaba lensuku esitokisini. 5 Zombili
zaseziphupha amaphupho, ngamunye iphupho lakhe,
ngabusuku bunye, ngamunye njengengcazelo yephupho
lakhe, umphathinkezo lomphekizinkwa ababengabenkosi
yeGibhithe ababebotshiwe entolongweni. 6 UJosefa
wasengena kibo ekuseni, wababona, khangela-ke,
benyukumele. 7 Wasebabuza abathenwa bakaFaro
ababelaye esitokisini endlini yenkosi yakhe, esithi:
Kungani ubuso benu budanile lamuhla? 8 Basebesithi
kuye: Siphuphile iphupho, njalo kakho umchasisi
walo. UJosefa wasesithi kubo: Ingcazelo kayisizo
zikaNkulunkulu yini? Ake lingilandisele wona. 9 Induna
yabaphathinkezo yalandisa iphupho layo kuJosefa, yathi
kuye: Ephutsheni lami, khangela-ke, kwakukhona ivini
phambi kwami; 10 evinini-ke kwakukhona ingatsha
ezintathu; njalo kwakungathi liyahluma, impoko zalo
zaphuma, amahlukuzo alo athela izithelo zevini

ezivuthiweyo. **11** Njalo inkezo kaFaro yayisesandleni
sami; ngasengithatha izithelo zevini, ngazikhamela
enkezweni kaFaro, nganika inkezo esandleni sikaFaro.
12 UJosefa wasesithi kuyo: Le yingcazelo yalo. Ingatsha
ezintathu ziyizinsuku ezintathu; **13** kusesephakathi
kwensuku ezintathu uFaro uzaphakamisa ikhanda lakho,
akubuyisele esikhundleni sakho; njalo uzanika inkezo
kaFaro esandleni sakhe, njengendlela yakuqala lapho
wawungumphathinkezo wakhe. **14** Kodwa ungikhumbule
lawe, lapho uhlezi kuhle, ake ungenzele umusa,
ungibike kuFaro, ungikhuphe kulindlu. **15** Ngoba
ngebiwa lokwebiwa elizweni lamaHebheru, lalapha futhi
kangenzanga lutho ukuze bangifake emgodini. **16** Lapho
induna yabaphekizinkwa ibona ukuthi uchasise kuhle,
yathi kuJosefa: Lami bengisephutsheni; khangela-ke,
bekukhona izitsha ezintathu zilezinkwa ezimhlophe
ekhanda lami; **17** njalo esitsheni esingaphezulu
kwakukhona okokudla konke kukaFaro, umsebenzi
obhakiweyo; njalo inyoni zakudla lokho esitsheni
esisekhanda lami. **18** UJosefa wasephendula wathi: Le
yingcazelo yalo. Izitsha ezintathu ziyizinsuku ezintathu; **19**
kusesephakathi kwensuku ezintathu uFaro uzaphakamisa
ikhanda lakho lisuke kuwe, akulengise esihlahleni; inyoni
zizakudla inyama yakho ziyisuse kuwe. **20** Kwasekusithi
ngosuku lwesithathu, usuku lokuzalwa kukaFaro, wenzela
inceku zakhe zonke idili; waphakamisa ikhanda lenduna
yabaphathinkezo lekhanda lenduna yabaphekizinkwa
phakathi kwenceku zakhe. **21** Wayibuyisela induna
yabaphathinkezo ekuphatheni kwayo inkezo; yasinika
inkezo esandleni sikaFaro. **22** Kodwa wayilengisa induna
yabaphekizinkwa, njengoba uJosefa ezichasisele. **23**
Kodwa induna yabaphathinkezo kayimkhumbulanga
uJosefa, kodwa yamkhohlwa.

41 Kwasekusithi ekupheleni kweminyaka emibili
egcweleyo uFaro waphupha; khangela-ke, emi
emfuleni. **2** Khangela-ke, emfuleni kwakhuphuka
amankomokazi ayisikhombisa, ekhangeleka emahle,
enonile enyameni; adla emihlangeni. **3** Khangela-
ke, amanye amankomokazi ayisikhombisa akhuphuka
emfuleni emva kwawo, ekhangeleka kubi, ecakile
enyameni; ema eduze lamankomokazi ekhunjini lomfula.
4 Amankomokazi akhangeleka kubi acakileyo enyameni
adla amankomokazi akhangeleka kuhle anonileyo.
UFaro wasephaphama. **5** Walala futhi, waphupha
ngokwesibili; khangela-ke, kwakhahlela izikhwebu
eziyisikhombisa ehlangeni linye, ezigcweleyo zilungile.
6 Khangela-ke, izikhwebu eziyisikhombisa ezicakileyo,
zihangulwe ngumoya wempumalanga, zakhahlela emva
kwazo. **7** Izikhwebu ezicakileyo zaginya izikhwebu
eziphelelelyo ezigcweleyo. UFaro wasephaphama,
khangela-ke, kwakuliphupho. **8** Kwasekusithi ekuseni
umoya wakhe wakhathazeka; wathumela wabiza
izangoma zonke zeGibhithe lazo zonke izazi zayo.
UFaro wazilandisela iphupho lakhe; kodwa kwakungekho
ongamchasisela wona uFaro. **9** Induna yabaphathinkezo
yasikhuluma kuFaro isithi: Lamuhla ngiyakhumbula
amacala ami. **10** UFaro wazithukuthelela inceku
zakhe, wanginikela esitokisini, endlini yenduna yabalindi,
mina lenduna yabaphekizinkwa; **11** njalo saphupha
iphupho ngabusuku bunye, mina layo. Saphupha,
ngamunye njengengcazelo yephupho lakhe. **12**
Kwakukhona lapho kanye lathi ijaha umHebheru,
inceku yenduna yabalindi; sayilandisela yasichasisela
amaphupho ethu, yachasisa ngamunye njengephupho
lakhe. **13** Kwasekusithi njengokusichasisela kwayo
kwaba njalo; mina wangibuyisela esikhundleni sami, yena
wamlengisa. **14** UFaro wasethumela wabiza uJosefa;
bamkhupha emgodini ngokuphangisa; esephucile
wafaka ezinye izigqoko, wangena kuFaro. **15** UFaro
wasesithi kuJosefa: Ngiphuphile iphupho, kodwa kakho
olichasisayo; njalo mina ngizwile ngawe ukuthi: Usizwa
iphupho, uyalichasisa. **16** UJosefa wasemphendula
uFaro esithi: Kakukho kimi. UNkulunkulu uzaphendula
impilakahle kaFaro. **17** UFaro wasekhuluma kuJosefa
wathi: Ephutsheni lami, khangela, ngangimi ekhunjini
lomfula; **18** njalo khangela, kwakhuphuka emfuleni
amankomokazi ayisikhombisa, anonileyo enyameni,
akhangeleka emahle, adla emihlangeni. **19** Khangela-
ke, amanye amankomokazi ayisikhombisa akhuphuka
emva kwawo, ayangekileyo, akhangeleka emabi
kakhulu, acakileyo enyameni; angizanga ngiwabone
anjengawo ngobubi elizweni lonke leGibhithe. **20** Kwathi
amankomokazi acakileyo lamabi adla amankomokazi
ayisikhombisa okuqala anonileyo. **21** Lapho esengene
esiswini sawo, kakubonakalanga ukuthi angenile
esiswini sawo, ngoba ekhangeleka kubi njengakuqala.
Ngasengiphaphama. **22** Ngasengibona ephutsheni
lami, khangela-ke, izikhwebu eziyisikhombisa zikhahlela
ehlangeni linye, zigcwele zilungile; **23** njalo khangela,
izikhwebu eziyisikhombisa ezitshwabheneyo, ezicakileyo,
ezihangulwe ngumoya wempumalanga zakhahlela emva
kwazo. **24** Njalo izikhwebu ezicakileyo zaginya izikhwebu
eziyisikhombisa ezilungileyo. Njalo ngakulandisela
izangoma; kodwa kwakungekho esangichasiselayo.
25 UJosefa wasesithi kuFaro: Iphupho likaFaro linye.
Lokho uNkulunkulu akwenzayo, umazisile uFaro. **26**
Amankomokazi ayisikhombisa alungileyo ayiminyaka
eyisikhombisa; lezikhwebu eziyisikhombisa ezilungileyo
ziyiminyaka eyisikhombisa. Iphupho linye. **27** Njalo
amankomokazi acakileyo lamabi akhuphuka emva kwawo
ayiminyaka eyisikhombisa; lezikhwebu eziyisikhombisa
ezicakileyo ezihangulwe ngumoya wempumalanga
zizakuba yiminyaka eyisikhombisa yendlala. **28** Le
yinto engiyikhulume kuFaro ukuthi: Lokho uNkulunkulu
akwenzayo, ukutshengisile kuFaro. **29** Khangela, kuyeza
iminyaka eyisikhombisa yenala enkulu elizweni lonke
leGibhithe. **30** Kuzavela iminyaka eyisikhombisa yendlala
emva kwayo; izakhohlakala-ke inala yonke elizweni

leGibhithe; njalo indlala izaliqeda ilizwe. **31** Njalo
inala kayiyikwaziwa elizweni ngenxa yaleyondlala emva
kwalokho, ngoba izakuba nzima kakhulu. **32** Njalo
ukuthi iphupho liphindwe kabili kuFaro, kungoba into le
imisiwe nguNkulunkulu, futhi uNkulunkulu uyaphangisa
ukukwenza. **33** Khathesi-ke uFaro kakhangele indoda
eqedisisayo lehlakaniphileyo, ayibeke phezu kwelizwe
leGibhithe. **34** UFaro kenze lokhu, abeke ababonisi phezu
kwelizwe, athathe ingxenye yesihlanu yelizwe leGibhithe
eminyakeni eyisikhombisa yenala. **35** Kababuthe
konke ukudla kwaliminyaka elungileyo ezayo, njalo
kababuthelele amabele ngaphansi kwesandla sikaFaro,
kube yikudla emizini, bawagcine. **36** Njalo ukudla
kuzakuba yisiphala selizwe okweminyaka eyisikhombisa
yendlala ezakuba khona elizweni leGibhithe, ukuze
ilizwe lingabhujiswa yindlala. **37** Njalo into le yabanhle
emehlweni kaFaro lemehlweni ezinceku zakhe zonke.
38 UFaro wasesithi ezincekwini zakhe: Singamthola yini
onjengaye, indoda okuyo uMoya kaNkulunkulu? **39** UFaro
wasesithi kuJosefa: Njengalokhu uNkulunkulu ekwazisile
konke lokhu, kakho oqedisisayo lohlakaniphileyo
njengawe. **40** Wena uzakuba phezu kwendlu yami,
njalo emlonyeni wakho bonke abantu bami bazabuswa;
kuphela esihlalweni sobukhosi ngizakuba mkhulu kulawe.
41 UFaro wasesithi kuJosefa: Khangela, ngikubekile
phezu kwelizwe lonke leGibhithe. **42** UFaro wasekhupha
indandatho yakhe elophawu lwakhe esandleni sakhe,
wayifaka esandleni sikaJosefa, wamgqokisa izigqoko
zelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu, wamgaxa iketane legolide
entanyeni yakhe. **43** Wamhambisa enqoleni yesibili
ayelayo; njalo bamemeza phambi kwakhe besithi:
Guqani! Ngokunjalo wambeka phezu kwelizwe lonke
leGibhithe. **44** UFaro wasesithi kuJosefa: NginguFaro;
kodwa ngaphandle kwakho kakho ozaphakamisa isandla
sakhe loba unyawo lwakhe elizweni lonke leGibhithe. **45**
UFaro wasebiza ibizo likaJosefa ngokuthi uZafenathi-
Paneya. Wamnika uAsenathi, indodakazi kaPotifera
umpristi weOni, ukuthi abe ngumkakhe. UJosefa
wasephuma wadabula elizweni leGibhithe. **46** Njalo
uJosefa wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu mhla
esima phambi kukaFaro inkosi yeGibhithe. UJosefa
wasephuma esuka ebusweni bukaFaro, wadabula ilizwe
lonke leGibhithe. **47** Umhlaba wathela ngezandla
ezigcweleyo eminyakeni eyisikhombisa yenala. **48**
Waseqoqa konke ukudla kweminyaka eyisikhombisa
eyayiselizweni leGibhithe, wabeka ukudla emizini; ukudla
kwensimu ezingelezele lowo lalowomuzi wakubeka kuwo.
49 UJosefa wasebuthelela amabele njengetshebetshebe
lolwandle, aba manengi kakhulu, waze wayekela
ukubala, ngoba ayengelanani. **50** Wasezalelwa uJosefa
amadodana amabili, ungakafiki umnyaka wendlala,
amzalela wona uAsenathi indodakazi kaPotifera umpristi
weOni. **51** UJosefa wasebiza ibizo lezibulo wathi
nguManase, wathi: Ngoba uNkulunkulu ungenze ukuthi
ngikhohlwe konke ukuhlupheka kwami lendlu yonke
kababa. **52** Lebizo leyesibili walibiza wathi nguEfrayimi,
wathi: Ngoba uNkulunkulu ungenze ukuthi ngibe lezithelo
elizweni lokuhlupheka kwami. **53** Kwasekuphela iminyaka
eyisikhombisa yenala eyayiselizweni leGibhithe. **54**
Kwasekuqala ukufika iminyaka eyisikhombisa yendlala,
njengoba uJosefa wayetshilo. Kwasekusiba khona indlala
emazweni wonke, kodwa elizweni lonke leGibhithe
kwakukhona isinkwa. **55** Kwathi ilizwe leGibhithe
lonke selilamba, abantu bakhala ngesinkwa kuFaro.
UFaro wasesithi kuwo wonke amaGibhithe: Yanini
kuJosefa, lenze lokho alitshela khona. **56** Kwathi
sekulendlala ebusweni belizwe lonke, uJosefa wavula
zonke iziphala, wathengisela amaGibhithe; indlala-ke
yaba lamandla elizweni leGibhithe. **57** Lonke ilizwe
lafika eGibhithe kuJosefa ukuthenga, ngoba indlala
yayilamandla emhlabeni wonke.

42 UJakobe esebonile ukuthi kukhona amabele
eGibhithe, uJakobe wathi emadodaneni akhe:
Kungani likhangelana? **2** Wathi futhi: Khangelani,
sengizwile ukuthi kukhona amabele eGibhithe; yehlani
liye khona, lisithengele khona, ukuze siphile, singafi.
3 Abafowabo bakaJosefa abalitshumi basebesehla
ukuthenga amabele eGibhithe. **4** Kodwa uBhenjamini,
umfowabo kaJosefa, uJakobe kamthumanga labafowabo,
ngoba wathi: Hlezi ehlelwe yingozi. **5** Amadodana
kaIsrayeli asefika ukuthenga phakathi kwababesiza,
ngoba indlala yayikhona elizweni leKhanani. **6** Njalo
uJosefa wayengumbusi phezu kwelizwe; wathengisela
abantu bonke belizwe; bafika-ke abafowabo bakaJosefa,
bamkhothamela ngobuso emhlabathini. **7** UJosefa
esebabonile abafowabo, wabazi, kodwa wazitshaya
owemzini kubo, wakhuluma labo izinto ezilukhuni
wathi kubo: Livela ngaphi? Bathi: Elizweni leKhanani,
ukuthenga ukudla. **8** UJosefa wasebazi abafowabo,
kodwa bona kabamazanga. **9** UJosefa wasekhumbula
amaphupho awaphupha ngabo, wathi kibo: Lizinhloli,
ukuzabona ubunqunu belizwe lizile. **10** Basebesithi kuye:
Hatshi, nkosi yami; kodwa inceku zakho zize ukuthenga
ukudla. **11** Thina sonke singamadodana andodanye;
singabaqotho, inceku zakho kazisizo inhloli. **12** Wasesithi
kubo: Hatshi, kodwa ukuzabona ubunqunu belizwe
lizile. **13** Basebesithi: Thina, izinceku zakho, siyizelamani
ezilitshumi lambili, amadodana andodanye elizweni
leKhanani; khangela-ke, icinathunjana likubaba lamuhla,
enye kayisekho. **14** UJosefa wasesithi kubo: Yikho lokho
engikutsho kini, ukuthi: Lizinhloli. **15** Kulokhu lizahlolwa;
ngempilo kaFaro! kalisoze liphume lapha, ngaphandle
kokuthi kufike umfowenu olicinathunjana lapha. **16**
Thumani omunye wenu, amlande umfowenu; kodwa lina
lizabotshwa, ukuze kuhlolwe amazwi enu, ukuthi iqiniso
likini yini; kodwa uba hatshi, impilo kaFaro! lizinhloli. **17**
Wasebafaka esitokisini insuku ezintathu. **18** UJosefa
wasesithi kubo ngosuku lwesithathu: Yenzani lokhu ukuze

liphile. Ngiyamesaba uNkulunkulu. **19** Uba lingabaqotho,
kabotshwe omunye wabafowenu endlini yokulondolozwa
kwenu, kodwa lina hambani, libuyele lamabele endlala
ezindlu zenu, **20** lilethe umnawenu olicinathunjana
kimi; khona amazwi enu ezaqiniswa, ukuze lingafi.
Basebesenza njalo. **21** Basebekhulumisana besithi: Isibili
silecala ngomfowethu, ngoba sabona usizi lomphefumulo
wakhe, nxa wasincenga, kodwa kasilalelanga; ngenxa
yalokho sehlelwe yikuhlupheka lokhu. **22** URubeni
wasebaphendula wathi: Kangitshongo yini ukuthi:
Lingoni kumfana? Kodwa kalilalelanga. Ngakho legazi
lakhe, khangelani, liyabizwa. **23** Njalo bona babengazi
ukuthi uJosefa uyezwa, ngoba kwakulomtoliki phakathi
kwabo. **24** Njalo wabafulathela, wakhala inyembezi;
wasetshibilikela kubo, wakhuluma kubo; wasethatha
uSimeyoni kubo, wambopha phambi kwamehlo abo.
25 UJosefa waselaya ukuthi bagcwalise amasaka abo
ngamabele, lokuthi babuyisele imali yabo, ngulowo lalowo
esakeni lakhe, lokuthi babanike umphako wendlela;
basebesenza njalo kubo. **26** Basebesethwesa obabhemi
babo amabele abo, basuka lapho. **27** Kwathi omunye
evula isaka lakhe ukuze anike ubabhemi wakhe ukudla
endlini yezihambi, wabona imali yakhe, ngoba khangela,
yayisemlonyeni wesaka lakhe. **28** Wasesithi kubafowabo:
Imali yami ibuyiselwe; futhi khangelani, isesakeni lami.
Inhliziyo yabo yasisehluleka, bathuthumela, omunye
komunye besithi: Kuyini lokhu uNkulunkulu akwenze
kithi? **29** Basebesiza kuJakobe uyise elizweni leKhanani,
bamazisa konke abahlangene lakho, besithi: **30** Indoda,
umbusi walelolizwe, wasihalada, wasithatha njengenhloli
zelizwe. **31** Kodwa sathi kuye: Singabaqotho; kasisizo
izinhloli; **32** sasiyizelamani ezilitshumi lambili, amadodana
kababa; enye kayisekho, lecinathunjana lamuhla likubaba
elizweni leKhanani. **33** Lendoda, umbusi welizwe, wathi
kithi: Ngalokhu ngizakwazi ukuthi lingabaqotho; tshiyani
omunye wabafowenu kimi, lithathele indlala yezindlu
zenu, lihambe, **34** lilethe umnawenu olicinathunjana
kimi; khona ngizabona ukuthi kalisizo izinhloli kodwa
lingabaqotho, ngilinike umfowenu, lithengiselane elizweni.
35 Kwasekusithi sebethulula amasaka abo, khangela-ke,
isikhwama semali salowo lalowo sisesakeni lakhe. Lapho
bebona izikhwama zemali yabo, bona loyise, besaba. **36**
UJakobe uyise wasesithi kubo: Liyangemuka abantwana;
uJosefa kasekho loSimeyoni kakho, loBhenjamini
lizamthatha; zonke lezizinto zimelane lami. **37** URubeni
wasekhuluma kuyise esithi: Bulala ababili kumadodana
ami, uba ngingambuyisi kuwe; mnikele esandleni sami,
futhi mina ngizambuyisela kuwe. **38** Kodwa wathi:
Indodana yami kayiyikwehla lani, ngoba umfowabo ufile,
futhi yena usele yedwa; uba esehlelwa yingozi endleleni
elihamba kuyo, lizakwehlisela engcwabeni izimvu zami
ngosizi. **(Sheol h7585)**

43 Indlala yasisiba nzima elizweni. **2** Kwasekusithi
sebeqedile ukudla ababebuye lakho eGibhithe,
uyise wathi kubo: Buyelani, lisithengele ukudla
okulutshwana. **3** UJuda wasekhuluma kuye wathi:
Leyondoda yasiqonqosela yathi: Kalisoze libubone ubuso
bami ngaphandle kokuthi umnawenu libe laye. **4** Uba
uthuma umnawethu lathi, sizakwehla siyekuthengela
ukudla, **5** kodwa uba ungamthumi, kasiyikwehla, ngoba
leyondoda yathi kithi: Kalisoze libubone ubuso bami
ngaphandle kokuthi umnawenu lilaye. **6** UIsrayeli
wasesithi: Lenzelani okubi kimi ngokuyazisa leyondoda
ukuthi liselomnawenu? **7** Basebesithi: Leyondoda
yabuzisisa mayelana lathi langezihlobo zethu, isithi:
Uyihlo usaphila yini? Lilomnawenu yini? Sayilandisela
ngalawomazwi; ukwazi sasikwazi yini ukuthi izakuthi:
Yehlani lomnawenu? **8** UJuda wasesithi kuIsrayeli uyise:
Thuma umfana lami; besesisukuma sihambe, ukuze
siphile singafi, lathi, lawe, labantwanyana bethu. **9** Mina
ngizakuba yisibambiso sakhe; uzambiza esandleni sami;
uba ngingambuyisi kuwe ngimbeke phambi kwakho,
ngizakuba lecala kuwe zonke izinsuku. **10** Isibili uba
besingalibalanga, qotho ngabe khathesi sesibuyile kabili.
11 UIsrayeli uyise wasesithi kubo: Uba kunjalo khathesi,
yenzani lokhu; thathani okwezithelo ezikhethiweyo
zelizwe ezitsheni zenu, liyehlisele leyondoda isipho,
inhlaka eyingcosana, loluju oluyingcosana, isinongo,
lemure, imkelu yepistakiyo, lama-alimondi; **12** lithathe
imali iphindwe kabili esandleni senu; futhi imali
eyabuyiselwayo emlonyeni wamasaka enu liyibuyisele
esandleni senu, mhlawumbe kwaba yisiphosiso. **13**
Lithathe futhi umfowenu, lisukume, libuyele kuleyondoda.
14 UNkulunkulu uSomandla kaliphe isihawu phambi
kwaleyondoda, ukuze alikhululele omunye umfowenu
loBhenjamini. Mina-ke, uba ngemukwa abantwana,
ngiyemukwa. **15** Amadoda asethatha lesosipho, athatha
imali ephindwe kabili esandleni sawo loBhenjamini;
asukuma ehlela eGibhithe, ema phambi kukaJosefa.
16 Kwathi uJosefa embona uBhenjamini elabo, wathi
kumphathi wendlu yakhe: Ngenisa lamadoda endlini,
uhlabe isifuyo, ulungise, ngoba lamadoda azakudla
lami emini. **17** Indoda yenza njengoba uJosefa etshilo,
lendoda yawangenisa amadoda endlini kaJosefa.
18 Amadoda asesesaba, ngoba engeniswe endlini
kaJosefa; athi: Singenisiwe ngenxa yemali eyabuyiselwa
emasakeni ethu kuqala, ukuze asijume ehlele phezu
kwethu, asithathe sibe yizigqili, labobabhemi bethu. **19**
Asesondela endodeni eyayingumphathi wendlu kaJosefa,
akhuluma kuyo emnyango wendlu, **20** athi: Mayuyu
nkosi yami! Sehla lokwehla kuqala ukuthenga ukudla. **21**
Kwasekusithi sesifike endlini yezihambi, savula amasaka
ethu, khangela-ke, imali yalowo lalowo yayisemlonyeni
wesaka lakhe, imali yethu ngesisindo sayo; siyibuyisile
esandleni sethu. **22** Sehle lenye imali layo esandleni
sethu, ukuthenga ukudla. Kasazi ukuthi ngubani ofake
imali yethu emasakeni ethu. **23** Wasesithi: Ukuthula
kakube kini, lingesabi. UNkulunkulu wenu loNkulunkulu

kayihlo ulinikile inotho emasakeni enu. Imali yenu yeza
kimi. Wasemkhuphela kubo uSimeyoni. **24** Indoda
yasiwangenisa amadoda endlini kaJosefa, yawanika
amanzi; asegeza inyawo zawo; yasinika obabhemi bawo
ukudla. **25** Aselungisa isipho waze wafika uJosefa emini,
ngoba ayezwile ukuthi bazakudla isinkwa lapho. **26**
Kwathi uJosefa esefikile endlini, amlethela endlini isipho
esasisesandleni sawo, amkhothamela emhlabathini. **27**
Wasewabuza impilo wathi: Uyaphila uyihlo yini, ixhegu
elalikhuluma ngalo? Lisaphila yini? **28** Asesithi: Inceku
yakho ubaba isekhona, isaphila. Asekhothamela phansi
amkhonza. **29** Wasephakamisa amehlo akhe, wabona
uBhenjamini umfowabo, indodana kanina, wathi: Nguye
lo umnawenu omncinyane yini elakhuluma ngaye kimi?
Wathi futhi: UNkulunkulu kabe lomusa kuwe, ndodana
yami. **30** UJosefa wasephangisa, ngoba imibilini yakhe
yatshisekela umfowabo; wadinga indawo yokukhala
inyembezi; wangena ekamelweni eliphakathi, wakhala
inyembezi khona. **31** Esegezile ubuso bakhe, waphuma;
esezibambile wathi: Fakani isinkwa. **32** Bamfakela
yedwa, lawo wodwa, lamaGibhithe, ayesidla laye, wodwa,
ngoba amaGibhithe ayengedle isinkwa lamaHebheru,
ngoba lokho kwakuyisinengiso kumaGibhithe. **33**
Asehlala phambi kwakhe, izibulo njengobuzibulo balo,
lecinathunjana njengobucinathunjana balo; amadoda
asemangala enye kwenye. **34** Wasewabela kulokhu
okwakuphambi kwakhe; kodwa isabelo sikaBhenjamini
saphindwa kahlanu okwedlula isabelo sawo wonke.
Anatha asenatha kakhulu laye.

44 Waselaya umphathi wendlu yakhe esithi:
Gcwalisa amasaka amadoda ngokudla, okulingene
abangakuthwala, ufake imali yalowo lalowo emlonyeni
wesaka lakhe. **2** Lenkezo yami, inkezo yesiliva, ifake
emlonyeni wesaka lecinathunjana kanye lemali yamabele
alo. Wenza-ke njengelizwi likaJosefa, ayelikhulumile.
3 Ekuseni sekusile, amadoda avunyelwa ukuhamba,
wona labobabhemi bawo. **4** Wona aphuma emzini,
ayengakhatshana, uJosefa wasesithi kumphathi wendlu
yakhe: Sukuma xotshana lamadoda; lapho usuwaficile
uzakuthi kuwo: Liphindiseleleni okuhle ngokubi? **5** Le
kayisiyo enatha kuyo inkosi yami, lehlahlula ngayo
sibili yini? Lenze okubi ngelikwenzileyo. **6** Wasewafica,
wakhuluma kuwo la amazwi. **7** Asesithi kuye: Inkosi
yami ikhulumelani amazwi anje? Kakube khatshana
lezinceku zakho ukwenza into enje. **8** Khangela, imali
esayifica emlonyeni wamasaka ethu sayibuyisela kuwe
ivela elizweni leKhanani. Pho, besingeba njani isiliva
loba igolide endlini yenkosi yakho? **9** Lowo owezinceku
zakho etholwa kuye, kafe, lathi futhi sizakuba yizigqili
zenkosi yami. **10** Wasesithi: Khathesi-ke, kakube njalo
njengamazwi enu; lowo ezatholwa kuye uzakuba yisigqili
sami, kodwa lina libe msulwa. **11** Basebephangisa, njalo
ngulowo lalowo wethulela isaka lakhe emhlabathini,
ngulowo lalowo wasevula isaka lakhe. **12** Waphenya eqala
kwenkulu wacina ngecinathunjana; njalo inkezo yatholwa
esakeni likaBhenjamini. **13** Asedabula izembatho zawo;
ileyo laleyo yethwesa ubabhemi wayo, asebuyela emzini.
14 Njalo uJuda wafika labafowabo endlini kaJosefa; ngoba
wayesesekhona, bawela emhlabathini phambi kwakhe.
15 UJosefa wasesithi kubo: Yisenzo bani elisenzileyo?
Belingazi yini ukuthi indoda enjengami ingahlahlula
sibili? **16** UJuda wasesithi: Sizakuthini enkosini yami?
Sizakhulumani? Loba sizazilungisisa njani? UNkulunkulu
uthole ububi benceku zakho; khangela, siyizigqili zenkosi
yami, thina sonke kanye laye inkezo etholwe esandleni
sakhe. **17** Kodwa wathi: Kakube khatshana lami ukwenza
lokho. Indoda esandleni sayo okutholwe inkezo, nguye
ozakuba yisigqili sami; kodwa lina yenyukani ngokuthula
liye kuyihlo. **18** UJuda wasesondela kuye wathi: Uxolo
nkosi yami! Ake uvumele inceku yakho ikhulume ilizwi
endlebeni zenkosi yami, lolaka lwakho lungayivutheli
inceku yakho, ngoba unjengoFaro kanye. **19** Inkosi yami
yabuza inceku zayo isithi: Liloyihlo kumbe umfowenu
yini? **20** Sasesisithi enkosini yami: Silobaba olixhegu,
lomfana wobuxhegu, omncinyane, lomnewabo ufile,
njalo yena usele yedwa kunina, loyise uyamthanda. **21**
Wasusithi ezincekwini zakho: Mehliseleni kimi ukuze
ngibeke ilihlo lami phezu kwakhe. **22** Sasesisithi enkosini
yami: Umfana angetshiye uyise; uba emtshiya uyise,
uzakufa uyise. **23** Wasusithi ezincekwini zakho: Uba
umnawenu olicinathunjana engehli lani, kaliyikubona
ubuso bami futhi. **24** Kwasekusithi sesenyukele kunceku
yakho ubaba, samazisa amazwi enkosi yami. **25** Ubaba
wasesithi: Buyelani, lisithengele ukudla okulutshwana.
26 Sasesisithi: Singeke sehle; uba umnawethu
olicinathunjana elathi singehla, ngoba singebone ubuso
baleyondoda uba umnawethu olicinathunjana singelaye.
27 Inceku yakho ubaba yasisithi kithi: Lina liyazi ukuthi
umkami wangizalela amadodana amabili; **28** njalo
omunye waphuma kimi, ngasengisithi: Isibili udatshuliwe
lokudatshulwa; njalo kangimbonanga kuze kube khathesi.
29 Uba lithatha lalo limsusa ebusweni bami, esehlelwe
yingozi, lizakwehlisela-ke izimvu zami engcwabeni
ngosizi. **(Sheol h7585)** **30** Khathesi-ke, lapho ngibuyela
kunceku yakho ubaba, lomfana singelaye, njengoba
umphefumulo wakhe ubotshelwe emphefumulweni
wakhe, **31** kuzakuthi-ke, nxa ebona ukuthi umfana
kakho, uzakufa; njalo inceku zakho zizakwehlisela izimvu
zenceku yakho ubaba engcwabeni ngosizi. **(Sheol h7585)**
32 Ngoba inceku yakho yaba yisibambiso somfana
kubaba esithi: Uba ngingambuyiseli kuwe, ngizakuba
lecala kubaba zonke izinsuku. **33** Khathesi-ke, ake
inceku yakho isale esikhundleni somfana, ibe yisigqili
senkosi yami, lomfana enyuke kanye labafowabo. **34**
Ngoba ngingenyukela njani kubaba, umfana ngingelaye,
hlezi ngibone okubi okuzafica ubaba?

45 UJosefa-ke wayengelakuzibamba phambi kwabo
ababemi laye, wamemeza wathi: Khuphani wonke

umuntu asuke kimi. Futhi kwakungelamuntu owayemi laye
lapho uJosefa eziveza kubafowabo. 2 Wasephakamisa
ilizwi lakhe ngokukhala, aze ezwa amaGibhithe, yezwa
lendlu kaFaro. 3 UJosefa wasesithi kubafowabo:
NginguJosefa. Ubaba usaphila yini? Kodwa abafowabo
kabaze bamphendula, ngoba besanganisekile phambi
kwakhe. 4 UJosefa wasesithi kubafowabo: Ake
lisondele kimi. Basondela-ke. Wasesithi: NginguJosefa
umfowenu elamthengisa waya eGibhithe. 5 Khathesi-
ke, lingadabuki, lingazithukutheleli, ukuthi langithengisa
lapha, ngoba uNkulunkulu wangithuma phambi kwenu
ukulondoloza impilo. 6 Ngoba liminyaka emibili indlala
iphakathi kwelizwe; njalo kuseleminyaka emihlanu
okungayikulinywa kuvunwe ngayo. 7 Njalo uNkulunkulu
wangithuma phambi kwenu ukulimisela insali emhlabeni,
lokuligcina liphila ngokukhululula okukhulu. 8 Khathesi-
ke, lina alingithumelanga lapha, kodwa uNkulunkulu;
wasengimisa ngaba nguyise kaFaro, lenkosi yendlu
yakhe yonke, lombusi elizweni lonke leGibhithe. 9
Phangisani lenyukele kubaba, lithi kuye: Itsho njalo
indodana yakho uJosefa: UNkulunkulu ungimise inkosi
yeGibhithe lonke; yehlela kimi, ungaphuzi; 10 uzahlala
elizweni leGosheni, ube seduze lami, wena labantwana
bakho labantwana babantwabakho, lezimvu zakho
lenkomo zakho, lakho konke olakho. 11 Njalo ngizakondla
lapho, ngoba isekhona iminyaka emihlanu yendlala,
hlezi ube ngumyanga, wena lendlu yakho lakho konke
olakho. 12 Khangelani-ke, amehlo enu ayabona, lamehlo
omfowethu uBhenjamini, ukuthi umlomo wami ukhuluma
kini. 13 Bikelani ubaba lonke udumo lwami eGibhithe,
lakho konke elikubonileyo, liphangise lehlisele ubaba
lapha. 14 Wasewela entanyeni kaBhenjamini umfowabo,
wakhala inyembezi; loBhenjamini wakhala inyembezi
entanyeni yakhe. 15 Wasebanga bonke abafowabo,
wakhala inyembezi phezu kwabo. Njalo emva kwalokhu
abafowabo baxoxa laye. 16 Kwathi lelilizwi lizwakala
endlini kaFaro lisithi, abafowabo bakaJosefa bafikile,
kwaba kuhle emehlweni kaFaro lemehlweni enceku
zakhe. 17 UFaro wasesithi kuJosefa: Tshela abafowenu
uthi: Yenzani lokhu, yethwesani inyamazana zenu,
lihambe liye elizweni leKhanani, 18 lithathe uyihlo
lemizi yenu, libuye kimi; besengilinika okuhle kwelizwe
leGibhithe, beselisidla amanono elizwe. 19 Wena-
ke usulayiwe; yenzani lokhu, zithatheleni elizweni
leGibhithe izinqola zabantwanyana benu labomkenu,
lithwale uyihlo libuye. 20 Futhi ilihlo lenu lingakhathaleli
impahla zenu, ngoba okuhle kwelizwe lonke leGibhithe
kungokwenu. 21 Asesenza njalo amadodana kaIsrayeli;
uJosefa wasewanika izinqola njengokulaya kukaFaro,
wabanika umphako wendlela. 22 Wabanika bonke,
kwaba ngulowo lalowo izembatho zokuntshintsha; kodwa
uBhenjamini wamnika inhlamvu zesiliva ezingamakhulu
amathathu, lezembatho zokuntshintsha ezinhlanu. 23
Wasethumela kuyise kanje, obabhemi abalitshumi,
bethwele okwezinto ezinhle zeGibhithe, labobabhemikazi
abalitshumi bethwele amabele lezinkwa lokudla kwendlela
kukayise. 24 Wasebathuma abafowabo bahamba. Wathi
kibo: Lingaxabani endleleni. 25 Basebesenyuka besuka
eGibhithe, bafika elizweni leKhanani, kuJakobe uyise.
26 Bambikela besithi: UJosefa usaphila, njalo ungumbusi
elizweni leGibhithe lonke. Inhliziyo yakhe yasiphela
amandla, ngoba wayengabakholwa. 27 Basebemtshela
wonke amazwi kaJosefa ayewatshilo kibo. Kwathi
esezibonile izinqola uJosefa ayezithume ukumthwala,
umoya kaJakobe uyise wavuseleleka. 28 UIsrayeli
wasesithi: Kwanele, uJosefa indodana yami usaphila;
ngizahamba ngimbone ngingakafi.

46 UIsrayeli wasesuka lakho konke ayelakho, wafika
eBherishebha, wanikela imihlatshelo kuNkulunkulu
kayise uIsaka. 2 UNkulunkulu wasekhuluma kuIsrayeli
emibonweni yebusuku esithi: Jakobe, Jakobe! Wasesithi:
Khangela ngilapha. 3 Wasesithi: NginguNkulunkulu,
uNkulunkulu kayihlo; ungesabi ukwehlela eGibhithe,
ngoba ngizakumisa ube yisizwe esikhulu khona; 4
mina ngizakwehlela eGibhithe lawe, njalo lami isibili
ngizakwenyusa; futhi uJosefa uzabeka isandla sakhe
phezu kwamehlo akho. 5 UJakobe wasesukuma
evela eBherishebha. Lamadodana kaIsrayeli amthwala
uJakobe uyise labantwanyana bawo labomkawo
ezinqoleni uFaro ayezithumile ukumthwala. 6
Basebethatha izifuyo zabo lempahla zabo ababezizuzile
elizweni leKhanani, bafika eGibhithe, uJakobe lenzalo
yakhe yonke laye, 7 amadodana akhe, lamadodana
amadodana akhe kanye laye, lamadodakazi akhe,
lamadodakazi amadodana akhe; layo yonke inzalo
yakhe wayiletha laye eGibhithe. 8 Njalo la ngamabizo
amadodana kaIsrayeli afika eGibhithe: UJakobe
lamadodana akhe. Izibulo likaJakobe: URubeni. 9
Lamadodana kaRubeni: OHanoki, loPalu, loHezironi,
loKarimi. 10 Lamadodana kaSimeyoni: OJemuweli
loJamini loOhadi loJakini loZohari, loShawuli indodana
yomKhananikazi. 11 Lamadodana kaLevi: OGerishoni,
uKohathi loMerari. 12 Lamadodana kaJuda: OEri
loOnani loShela loPerezi loZera; kodwa uEri wafa,
loOnani, elizweni leKhanani. Lamadodana kaPerezi
ayengoHezironi loHamuli. 13 Lamadodana kaIsakari:
OThola loPuva loYobi loShimroni. 14 Lamadodana
kaZebuluni: OSeredi loEloni loJaleli. 15 La ngamadodana
kaLeya awazalela uJakobe ePadani-Arama loDina
indodakazi yakhe; yonke imiphefumulo yamadodana
akhe lamadodakazi akhe yayingamatshumi amathathu
lantathu. 16 Njalo amadodana kaGadi: UZifiyoni loHagi,
uShuni loEziboni, uEri loArodi loAreli. 17 Lamadodana
kaAsheri: OJimna loIshiva loIshivi loBeriya loSera
udadewabo. Lamadodana kaBeriya: OHeberi loMalikiyeli.
18 La ngamadodana kaZilipa, uLabani amnika yena
uLeya indodakazi yakhe, njalo la wawazalela uJakobe,
imiphefumulo elitshumi lesithupha. 19 Amadodana

kaRasheli umkaJakobe: OJosefa loBhenjamini. **20** Kwasekuzalelwa uJosefa elizweni leGibhithe oManase loEfrayimi, amzalela bona uAsenathi indodakazi kaPotifera umpristi weOni. **21** Lamadodana kaBhenjamini: OBhela loBekeri loAshibeli, uGera loNamani, uEhi loRoshi, uMupimi loHupimi loAridi. **22** La ngamadodana kaRasheli azalelwa uJakobe; yonke imiphefumulo ilitshumi lane. **23** Lamadodana kaDani: UHushimi. **24** Lamadodana kaNafithali: OJazeli loGuni loJezeri loShilema. **25** La ngamadodana kaBiliha, uLabani amnika yena uRasheli indodakazi yakhe, wasemzalela la uJakobe; yonke imiphefumulo iyisikhombisa. **26** Yonke imiphefumulo eyafika loJakobe eGibhithe, evela ekhalweni lwakhe, ngaphandle kwabafazi bamadodana kaJakobe, yonke imiphefumulo ingamatshumi ayisithupha lesithupha. **27** Lamadodana kaJosefa awazalelwa eGibhithe ayimiphefumulo emibili. Yonke imiphefumulo yendlu kaJakobe eyafika eGibhithe yayingamatshumi ayisikhombisa. **28** Wasethuma uJuda phambi kwakhe kuJosefa, ukuthi akhokhele phambi kwakhe esiya eGosheni; basebefika elizweni leGosheni. **29** UJosefa wasebopha inqola yakhe, wenyukela eGosheni ukuhlangabeza uIsrayeli uyise; wazibonakalisa kuye, wawela entanyeni yakhe, wakhala inyembezi isikhathi eside entanyeni yakhe. **30** UIsrayeli wasesithi kuJosefa: Khathesi kangife, lokhu sengibonile ubuso bakho, ngoba usaphila. **31** UJosefa wasesithi kubafowabo lakundlu kayise: Ngizakwenyuka ngibike kuFaro ngithi kuye: Abafowethu lendlu kababa ababeselizweni leKhanani sebefikile kimi; **32** lamadoda angabelusi bezimvu, ngoba abengamadoda afuyileyo; njalo alethe izimvu zawo lenkomo zawo lakho konke alakho. **33** Njalo kuzakuthi lapho uFaro elibiza esithi: Iyini imisebenzi yenu? **34** Lizakuthi-ke: Izinceku zakho zingamadoda okufuya, kusukela ebutsheni bethu kuze kube khathesi, thina sonke labobaba; ukuze lihlale elizweni leGosheni; ngoba wonke umelusi wezimvu uyanengeka kumaGibhithe.

47 UJosefa wasesiza wambikela uFaro wathi: Ubaba labafowethu lezimvu zabo lenkomo zabo lakho konke abalakho bavele elizweni leKhanani, khangela-ke, baselizweni leGosheni. **2** Wasethatha ingxenye yabafowabo, amadoda amahlanu, wawamisa phambi kukaFaro. **3** UFaro wasesithi kubafowabo: Iyini imisebenzi yenu? Basebesithi kuFaro: Izinceku zakho zingabelusi bezimvu, thina sonke labobaba. **4** Bathi futhi kuFaro: Sizehlala njengabezizwe elizweni; ngoba kakuladlelo lemihlambi inceku zakho ezilayo, ngoba indlala inzima elizweni leKhanani. Khathesi-ke, inceku zakho ake zihlale elizweni leGosheni. **5** UFaro wasekhuluma kuJosefa esithi: Uyihlo labafowenu sebeze kuwe. **6** Ilizwe leGibhithe liphambi kwakho; hlalisa uyihlo labafowenu ebuhleni belizwe, kabahlale elizweni leGosheni; futhi uba usazi ukuthi kukhona phakathi kwabo amadoda azingcitshi, uwabeke abe zinduna zezifuyo phezu kwengilakho. **7** UJosefa waseletha uJakobe uyise, wammisa phambi kukaFaro; uJakobe wasembusisa uFaro. **8** UFaro wasesithi kuJakobe: Mangaki amalanga eminyaka yempilo yakho? **9** UJakobe wasesithi kuFaro: Amalanga eminyaka yobuhambuma bami ayiminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amathathu; abemalutshwana emabi amalanga eminyaka yempilo yami, futhi kawafinyelelanga emalangeni eminyaka yempilo yabobaba ensukwini zobuhambuma babo. **10** UJakobe wasebusisa uFaro, waphuma esuka ebusweni bukaFaro. **11** UJosefa wabahlalisa oyise labafowabo, wabapha isabelo elizweni leGibhithe, ebuhleni belizwe kulalo lonke, emkhonweni iRamesesi njengoba uFaro elayile. **12** UJosefa wasebondla oyise labafowabo lendlu yonke kayise ngesinkwa, ngokomlomo wabantwanyana. **13** Njalo kwakungelakudla elizweni lonke, ngoba indlala yayinzima kakhulu; lelizwe leGibhithe lelizwe leKhanani aphela amandla ngendlala. **14** UJosefa wasebutha yonke imali eyatholakala elizweni leGibhithe lelizweni leKhanani, yamabele ababewathenga; uJosefa waseletha imali endlini kaFaro. **15** Kwathi imali isiphelile elizweni leGibhithe lelizweni leKhanani, wonke amaGibhithe eza kuJosefa esithi: Siphe ukudla; ngoba sizafelani phambi kwakho? Ngoba isiphelile imali. **16** UJosefa wasesithi: Lethani izifuyo zenu; njalo ngizalinika ngezifuyo zenu, uba imali isiphelile. **17** Basebeletha izifuyo zabo kuJosefa; uJosefa wasebanika ukudla ngamabhiza langemfuyo yezimvu langemfuyo yenkomo langabobabhemi. Wasebondla ngokudla ngezifuyo zabo zonke ngalowomnyaka. **18** Kwathi usuphelile lowomnyaka, beza kuye ngomnyaka wesibili, bathi kuye: Kasiyikuyifihlela inkosi yethu ukuthi, njengoba imali isiphelile, lemfuyo yezifuyo isingeyenkosi yethu, kakukho okuseleyo phambi kwenkosi yethu, ngaphandle kwemizimba yethu lamasimu ethu. **19** Sizafelani phambi kwamehlo akho, thina sonke lamasimu ethu? Sithenge lamasimu ethu ngokudla, thina-ke lamasimu ethu sibe zinceku zikaFaro; njalo siphe inhlanyelo ukuze siphile singafi, lokuthi umhlabathi ungalobi. **20** UJosefa wasemthengela uFaro ilizwe lonke leGibhithe, ngoba amaGibhithe athengisa ngulowo lalowo insimu yakhe, ngoba indlala yayilamandla phezu kwabo; lelizwe laba ngelikaFaro. **21** Njalo mayelana labantu, wabasusa baya emizini, kusukela ekupheleni komunye umngcele weGibhithe kusiya ekupheleni komunye wayo. **22** Kuphela ilizwe labapristi kalithenganga, ngoba abapristi balesabelo kuFaro, badla isabelo sabo uFaro ayebanika sona; ngakho kabathengisanga ilizwe labo. **23** UJosefa wasesithi ebantwini: Khangelani, lamuhla ngilithengele uFaro lelizwe lenu; khangelani kulenhlanyelo yenu njalo lizahlanyela ensimini. **24** Kuzakuthi-ke esivunweni limnike uFaro ingxenye yesihlanu, lengxenye ezine zibe ngezenu, kube yinhlanyelo yensimu lokudla kwenu lokwabasemizini yenu, lokudla kwabantwanyana benu. **25** Basebesithi:

Usindise impilo yethu; asithole umusa emehlweni enkosi
yami, njalo sizakuba yizigqili zikaFaro. 26 UJosefa
wasekumisa kwaba ngumthetho kuze kube lamuhla,
phezu kwelizwe leGibhithe, ukuthi ingxenye yesihlanu
izakuba ngekaFaro; ngaphandle kwelizwe labapristi
lodwa elingeyisilo likaFaro. 27 UIsrayeli wasehlala
elizweni leGibhithe, elizweni leGosheni; bazizuzela imfuyo
kulo, bazala, banda kakhulu. 28 UJakobe wasephila
elizweni leGibhithe iminyaka elitshumi lesikhombisa;
ngakho insuku zikaJakobe, iminyaka yempilo yakhe,
yayiyiminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amane lesikhombisa.
29 Kwathi sekusondele insuku zikaIsrayeli ukuthi afe,
wabiza indodana yakhe uJosefa, wathi kuye: Uba-ke
ngithole umusa emehlweni akho, ake ubeke isandla
sakho ngaphansi kwethangazi lami, ungenzele umusa
leqiniso; ngicela ungangingcwabi eGibhithe; 30 kodwa
akuthi ngilale labobaba, ngakho uzangithwala ungisuse
eGibhithe, ungingcwabe engcwabeni labo. Wasesithi:
Mina ngizakwenza njengokwelizwi lakho. 31 Wasesithi:
Funga kimi. Wasefunga kuye. UIsrayeli wasekhothamela
phezu kwesihloko sombheda.

48 Kwasekusithi emva kwalezizinto kwathiwa
kuJosefa: Khangela, uyihlo uyagula. Wasethatha
amadodana akhe amabili laye, uManase loEfrayimi. 2
Kwasekubikwa kuJakobe ukuthi: Khangela, indodana
yakho uJosefa iyeza kuwe. UIsrayeli waseziqinisa
wahlala embhedeni. 3 UJakobe wasesithi kuJosefa:
UNkulunkulu uSomandla wabonakala kimi eLuzi elizweni
leKhanani, wangibusisa, 4 wathi kimi: Khangela,
ngizakwenza uzale ngikwandise ngikwenze ube yizizwe
ezinengi, nginike inzalo yakho emva kwakho lelilizwe, libe
yimfuyo elaphakade. 5 Khathesi-ke, amadodana akho
amabili, owawazalelwa elizweni leGibhithe ngingakafiki
kuwe eGibhithe, angawami; uEfrayimi loManase
njengoRubeni loSimeyoni bazakuba ngabami. 6 Kodwa
izizukulwana zakho ozazizala emva kwabo zizakuba
ngezakho; ngebizo labafowabo zizabizwa elifeni lazo.
7 Mina-ke, ekusukeni kwami ePadani, uRasheli wafa
elami elizweni leKhanani, endleleni, kuselomangwana
ukuya eEfrathi, ngasengimngcwaba khona endleleni
yeEfrathi, eyiBhethelehema. 8 UIsrayeli wasebona
amadodana kaJosefa wathi: Ngobani laba? 9 UJosefa
wasesithi kuyise: Bangamadodana ami, uNkulunkulu
anginika wona lapha. Wasesithi: Ake uwalethe kimi
ngiwabusise. 10 Njalo amehlo kaIsrayeli ayefiphele
ngenxa yobudala, engelakubona. Wasewasondeza
kuye, wawanga, wawagona. 11 UIsrayeli wasesithi
kuJosefa: Ngangingacabanganga ukuthi ngingabona
ubuso bakho, kodwa khangela, uNkulunkulu ungibonise
lenzalo yakho. 12 UJosefa wasewakhupha emadolweni
akhe, wakhothama ngobuso bakhe emhlabathini. 13
UJosefa wasebathatha bobabili, uEfrayimi ngesandla
sakhe sokunene ngakwesokhohlo sikaIsrayeli, loManase
ngesandla sakhe sokhohlo ngakwesokunene sikaIsrayeli,
wabasondeza kuye. 14 Kodwa uIsrayeli welula isandla
sakhe sokunene, wasibeka ekhanda likaEfrayimi, lanxa
engomncinyane, lesandla sakhe sokhohlo ekhanda
likaManase, eqondisa izandla zakhe esazi, ngoba
uManase wayelizibulo. 15 Wasembusisa uJosefa
wathi: UNkulunkulu abahamba phambi kwakhe obaba
oAbrahama loIsaka, uNkulunkulu owangondla kusukela
ebukhoneni bami kuze kube lamuhla, 16 ingilosi
engihlenge kokubi konke, ibusise abafana; njalo ibizo lami
libizwe kubo, lebizo labobaba oAbrahama loIsaka; bande
babebanengi phakathi komhlaba. 17 Kwathi uJosefa
esebonile ukuthi uyise ubeke isandla sakhe sokunene
ekhanda likaEfrayimi, kwaba kubi emehlweni akhe;
wasibamba isandla sikayise ukuze asisuse ekhanda
likaEfrayimi asise ekhanda likaManase. 18 UJosefa
wasesithi kuyise: Hayi njalo, baba, ngoba lo ulizibulo;
beka isandla sakho sokunene ekhanda lakhe. 19
Kodwa uyise wala wathi: Ngiyazi, ndodana yami,
ngiyazi; laye uzakuba yisizwe, laye uzakuba mkhulu;
kanti lanxa kunjalo umfowabo omncinyane uzakuba
mkhulu kulaye, lenzalo yakhe izakuba yikugcwala
kwezizwe. 20 Wasebabusisa ngalolosuku esithi: Ngawe
uIsrayeli uzabusisa, esithi: UNkulunkulu kakumise
njengoEfrayimi lanjengoManase. Wasebeka uEfrayimi
phambi kukaManase. 21 UIsrayeli wasesithi kuJosefa:
Khangela, ngiyafa; kodwa uNkulunkulu uzakuba lani,
njalo uzalibuyisela elizweni laboyihlo. 22 Futhi mina
ngikunikile isabelo esisodwa okwedlula abafowenu,
engasithatha esandleni samaAmori ngenkemba yami
langedandili lami.

49 UJakobe wasebiza amadodana akhe wathi:
Buthanani ukuze ngilazise okuzalehlela ensukwini
ezizayo. 2 Buthanani, lizwe madodana kaJakobe,
limlalele uIsrayeli uyihlo. 3 Rubeni, ulizibulo lami,
amandla ami, lokuqala kokuqina kwami, ukuphelela
kwesithunzi, lokuphelela kwamandla. 4 Uphuphuma
njengamanzi, kawuyikuba ngopheleleyo, ngoba ukhwele
embhedeni kayihlo, wasuwona; wakhwela embhedeni
wami. 5 USimeyoni loLevi bayizelamani; inkemba
zabo ziyizikhali zokuphanga. 6 Umphefumulo wami
ungangeni emphakathini wabo wangasese, udumo
lwami lungahlangani emhlanganweni wabo; ngoba
ngolaka lwabo babulala umuntu, langokuzithokozisa
baquma izinkabi umsipha. 7 Kaluqalekiswe ulaka lwabo
ngoba lulamandla, lentukuthelo yabo ngoba ilesihluku.
Ngizabehlukanisa koJakobe, ngibahlakaze koIsrayeli. 8
Juda, wena, abafowenu bazakudumisa; isandla sakho
sizakuba sentanyeni yezitha zakho; amadodana kayihlo
azakukhothamela. 9 UJuda ungumdlwane wesilwane;
wenyukile empangweni, ndodana yami, uguqile, ulele
njengesilwane, lanjengesilwane esisikazi; ngubani
ozamsukumisa? 10 Intonga yobukhosi kayiyikusuka
kuJuda, lomnikumthetho phakathi kwenyawo zakhe,

aze afike uShilo, njalo izizwe zizamlalela. **11** Ubophela
ithole lakhe likababhemi evinini, lethole likababhemikazi
wakhe evinini elihle. Uhlamba isigqoko sakhe ewayinini,
lesembatho sakhe egazini lezithelo zevini. **12** Amehlo
akhe azakuba nsundu ngewayini, lamazinyo akhe
mhlophe ngochago. **13** UZebuluni uzahlala ethekwini
lolwandle, abe litheku lemikhumbi, lomngcele wakhe
uzakuba ngaseSidoni. **14** UIsakari ungubabhemi
olamathambo alamandla, oqutha phakathi kwemithwalo
emibili. **15** Wathi ebona indawo yokuphumula ukuthi
inhle, lelizwe ukuthi liyabukeka, wagobisa amahlombe
akhe ukuze athwale, waba yinceku esibhalweni. **16**
UDani uzakwahlulela abantu bakhe, njengesinye sezizwe
zakoIsrayeli. **17** UDani uzakuba yinyoka endleleni,
inhlangwana emkhondweni, eluma izithende zebhiza,
ukuze umgadi walo awe nyovane. **18** Ngilindele usindiso
lwakho, Nkosi. **19** UGadi, iviyo lizamhlasela, kodwa
yena uzahlasela ezithendeni. **20** Kuvela kuAsheri,
ukudla kwakhe kuzanona, uzaveza izibiliboco zenkosi.
21 UNafithali uyimpala ethukululiweyo, eveza amazwi
amahle. **22** UJosefa ulugatsha oluthelayo, ugatsha
oluthelayo emthonjeni, ingatsha zikhwela phezu komduli.
23 Abatshoki basebemphatha kabuhlungu, bamtshoka,
bamzonda. **24** Kodwa idandili lakhe lahlala liqinile, lengalo
zezandla zakhe zaqiniswa ngezandla zikaSomandla
kaJakobe, okuvela khona umelusi, ilitshe likaIsrayeli,
25 ngoNkulunkulu kayihlo ozakusiza, langoSomandla
ozakubusisa ngezibusiso zamazulu ezivela phezulu,
izibusiso zokujula okulele phansi, izibusiso zamabele
lesizalo, **26** izibusiso zikayihlo ziyedlula izibusiso
zabokhokho bami, kuze kube sengqongeni zamaqaqa
aphakade; zizakuba phezu kwekhanda likaJosefa,
laphezu kwenkanda yalowo owehlukaniswe kubafowabo.
27 UBhenjamini uyimpisi edabulayo; ekuseni izakudla
ekujimbileyo, lakusihlwa izakwehlukanisa impango. **28**
Bonke labo bayizizwe ezilitshumi lambili zakoIsrayeli;
futhi lokho yikho uyise akukhuluma kubo ebabusisa;
ngulowo lalowo ngesibusiso sakhe wababusisa. **29**
Wasebalaya wathi kubo: Sengibuthelwa ebantwini bakithi;
lingingcwabe labobaba obhalwini olusensimini kaEfroni
umHethi, **30** obhalwini olusensimini yeMakaphela
eqondane leMamre, elizweni leKhanani, uAbrahama
owaluthenga lensimu kuEfroni umHethi ibe yindawo yethu
yokungcwabela. **31** Lapho bangcwaba oAbrahama loSara
umkakhe; lapho bangcwaba oIsaka loRebeka umkakhe;
lalapho ngangcwaba uLeya, **32** insimu, lobhalu olukiyo,
kwathengwa emadodaneni kaHethi. **33** Kwathi uJakobe
eseqedile ukulaya amadodana akhe, waqoqela inyawo
zakhe embhedeni, waphela, wabuthelwa ebantwini
bakibo.

50 UJosefa wasewela phezu kobuso bukayise,
wakhala inyembezi phezu kwakhe, wamanga. **2**
UJosefa waselaya inceku zakhe abelaphi ukuthi baqhole
uyise ngomuthi; labelaphi bamqhola uIsrayeli ngomuthi.
3 Zagcwaliseka kuye insuku ezingamatshumi amane,
ngoba ngokunjalo zazigcwaliseka insuku zabaqholwe
ngomuthi. LamaGibhithe amlilela insuku ezingamatshumi
ayisikhombisa. **4** Kwathi sezidlulile insuku zokumkhalela,
uJosefa wakhuluma lendlu kaFaro esithi: Uba-ke ngithole
umusa emehlweni enu, ake likhulume endlebeni zikaFaro,
lisithi: **5** Ubaba wangifungisa esithi: Khangela, ngiyafa;
engcwabeni engazigebhela lona elizweni leKhanani,
lapho ungingcwabe. Khathesi-ke, ake ngenyuke
ngiyengcwaba ubaba, besengibuya. **6** UFaro wasesithi:
Yenyuka uyengcwaba uyihlo njengokukufungisa kwakhe.
7 UJosefa wasesenyuka ukuyangcwaba uyise, kwenyuka
kanye laye zonke izinceku zikaFaro, abadala bendlu
yakhe, labo bonke abadala belizwe leGibhithe, **8**
lendlu yonke kaJosefa, labafowabo, lendlu kayise;
kuphela abantwana babo abancinyane lezimvu zabo
lenkomo zabo bakutshiya elizweni leGosheni. **9**
Kwasekusenyuka kanye laye konke izinqola labagadi
bamabhiza, kwaba liviyo elinzima kakhulu. **10** Kwathi
sebefike esizeni seAtadi, eliphetsheya kweJordani, balila
khona, isililo esikhulu lesinzima kakhulu, bamenzela
uyise isililo insuku eziyisikhombisa. **11** Kwathi abakhileyo
belizwe, amaKhanani, bebona ukulila esizeni seAtadi,
bathi: Lesi yisililo esinzima samaGibhithe. Ngakho
basebesitha ibizo laso iAbeli-Mizirayimi, eliphetsheya
kweJordani. **12** Amadodana akhe asemenzela
njalo njengalokhu ewalayile; **13** ngoba amadodana
akhe amthwalela elizweni leKhanani, amngcwaba
obhalwini lwensimu yeMakaphela, uAbrahama aluthenga
lensimu, lube yindawo yakhe yokungcwabela, kuEfroni
umHethi, eqondane leMamre. **14** UJosefa wasebuyela
eGibhithe, yena labafowabo labo bonke abenyuka
laye ukuyangcwaba uyise, esemngcwabile uyise. **15**
Kwathi abafowabo bakaJosefa sebebonile ukuthi uyise
usefile bathi: Mhlawumbe uJosefa uzasizonda, ngoqotho
asiphindisele ububi bonke esabenza kuye. **16** Basebenika
isilayezelo kuJosefa besithi: Uyihlo walaya engakafi,
esithi: **17** Lizakutsho kanje kuJosefa lithi: Ngiyakucela,
akuxolele isiphambeko sabafowenu lesono sabo, ngoba
bakwenzela okubi; khathesi-ke ake uxolele isiphambeko
sezinceku zikaNkulunkulu kayihlo. UJosefa wasekhala
inyembezi nxa bekhuluma kuye. **18** Labafowabo labo
beza, bawa phansi phambi kwakhe, bathi: Khangela,
siyizinceku zakho. **19** Kodwa uJosefa wathi kibo:
Lingesabi, ngoba kanti ngisendaweni kaNkulunkulu
yini? **20** Kodwa lina laceba okubi kimi, uNkulunkulu
waceba ngokuhle, ukuze enze njengalamuhla, ukuze
alondoloze abantu abanengi bephila. **21** Khathesi-
ke lingesabi; mina ngizalondla lina labantwanyana
benu. Wasebaduduza, wakhuluma labo ngomusa. **22**
UJosefa wasehlala eGibhithe, yena lendlu kayise. Njalo
uJosefa waphila iminyaka elikhulu letshumi. **23** UJosefa
wasebona abantwana bakaEfrayimi abesizukulwana
sesithathu; labantwana bakaMakiri indodana kaManase

bazalelwa emadolweni kaJosefa. **24** UJosefa wasesithi
kubafowabo: Ngiyafa, kodwa uNkulunkulu uzalihambela
isibili, alenyuse kulelilizwe alise elizweni alifungela
oAbrahama, uIsaka loJakobe. **25** UJosefa wafungisa
amadodana kaIsrayeli esithi: UNkulunkulu uzalihambela
isibili, njalo lizakwenyusa amathambo ami asuke lapha.
26 UJosefa wasesifa, eleminyaka elikhulu letshumi;
basebemqhola ngomuthi, wafakwa ebhokisini eGibhithe.

U-Eksodusi

1 La-ke ngamabizo amadodana kaIsrayeli afika
eGibhithe loJakobe; afika, ileyo laleyo lomuzi wayo, **2**
uRubeni, uSimeyoni, uLevi, loJuda, **3** uIsakari, uZebuluni,
loBhenjamini, **4** uDani, loNafithali, uGadi, loAsheri. **5** Njalo
yonke imiphefumulo eyaphuma ekhalweni lukaJakobe
yayiyimiphefumulo engamatshumi ayisikhombisa. Kodwa
uJosefa wayeseGibhithe. **6** UJosefa wasesifa labo
bonke abafowabo, lalesosizukulwana sonke. **7** Njalo
abantwana bakoIsrayeli bazalana, baba banengi, banda,
baba lamandla kakhulukazi, ilizwe laze lagcwaliswa
yibo. **8** Kwasekuvela inkosi entsha phezu kweGibhithe
eyayingamazi uJosefa. **9** Yasisithi esizweni sayo:
Khangela, isizwe sabantwana bakoIsrayeli sinengi, futhi
silamandla kulathi. **10** Wozani, asisihlakanipheleni,
hlezi sande, njalo kuzakuthi lapho kusehla impi, laso
sihlangane lezitha zethu, silwe simelene lathi, senyuke
sisuke elizweni. **11** Ngakho bamisa phezu kwaso
izinduna zesibhalo ukusihlupha ngemithwalo yabo. Njalo
samakhela uFaro imizi eyiziphala, iPithoma leRamesesi.
12 Kodwa kwathi ekusihlupheni kwaso kwang'khona
sisanda, kwang'khona sisabalala. Ngakho banengwa
ngabantwana bakoIsrayeli. **13** Njalo amaGibhithe
abasebenzisa abantwana bakoIsrayeli ngochuku, **14**
aze enza impilo zabo zababa ngomsebenzi onzima,
ngodaka langezitina, langawo wonke umsebenzi
emasimini; ngomsebenzi wabo wonke, ababenza
bawenza ngodlakela. **15** Inkosi yeGibhithe yasikhuluma
lababelethisi amaHebherukazi, obizo lowokuqala
lalinguShifira, lebizo lowesibili lalinguPhuwa, **16**
yasisithi: Nxa libelethisa amaHebherukazi, lapho libabona
ezihlalweni zokubeletha, uba kuyindodana, liyibulale;
kodwa uba kuyindodakazi, iyekeleni iphila. **17** Kodwa
ababelethisi babemesaba uNkulunkulu, kabenzanga
njengalokho yakhuluma kubo inkosi yeGibhithe, kodwa
babayekela abafana baphila. **18** Inkosi yeGibhithe
yasibiza ababelethisi, yathi kubo: Liyenzeleni linto ukuthi
liyekele abafana baphile? **19** Ababelethisi basebesithi
kuFaro: Ngoba amaHebherukazi kawanjengabafazi
bamaGibhithe; ngoba alamandla, umbelethisi engakafiki
kuwo, asebelethile. **20** Ngalokhu uNkulunkulu wabenzela
ababelethisi okuhle, labantu banda, baba lamandla
kakhulu. **21** Kwasekusithi, ngoba ababelethisi bamesaba
uNkulunkulu, wabakhela imizi. **22** UFaro waselaya isizwe
sakhe sonke esithi: Yonke indodana ezalwayo liyiphosele
emfuleni, kodwa yonke indodakazi liyiyekele iphile.

2 Kwasekusuka indoda yendlu yakoLevi, yathatha
indodakazi yakoLevi. **2** Owesifazana wasethatha
isisu, wazala indodana; eseyibonile ukuthi inhle,
wayifihla inyanga ezintathu. **3** Kwathi engaselakuyifihla
wayithathela isitsha semizi, wasibhada ngengcino
langethara, wafaka umntwana kuso, wasibeka
emihlangeni ekhunjini lomfula. **4** Udadewabo wasezimisa
khatshana ukuze azi okuzakwenziwa kuye. **5**
Kwasekusehla indodakazi kaFaro ukuyageza emfuleni;
lamantombazana ayo ahamba eceleni komfula. Isibonile
isitsha phakathi kwemihlanga, yathuma incekukazi yayo
yasithatha. **6** Kwathi isivula, yabona umntwana, khangela-
ke, umfanyana wakhala inyembezi. Yasimhawukela
yathi: Lo ngomunye wabafana bamaHebheru. **7**
Udadewabo wasesithi endodakazini kaFaro: Ngihambe
yini ngiyekubizela umfazi omunyisayo kumaHebherukazi
ukuze akumunyisele umfana? **8** Indodakazi kaFaro
yasisithi kuye: Hamba. Intombi yasihamba, yabiza unina
womfana. **9** Indodakazi kaFaro yasisithi kuye: Thatha
uhambe lalo umntwana, ungimunyisele yena; njalo mina
ngizakupha iholo lakho. Owesifazana wasemthatha
umntwana, wammunyisa. **10** Umfana esekhulile,
wamletha endodakazini kaFaro, wasesiba yindodana
yayo. Yasisitha ibizo layo yathi nguMozisi, yathi: Ngoba
ngamkhupha emanzini. **11** Kwasekusithi ngalezonsuku,
uMozisi esekhulile, waphuma waya kubafowabo,
wakhangela imithwalo yabo; futhi wabona umGibhithe
etshaya umHebheru kubafowabo. **12** Wathalaza
ngapha langapha; esebonile ukuthi kakulamuntu,
wamtshaya umGibhithe, wamfihla etshebetshebeni.
13 Waphuma langosuku lwesibili, khangela-ke,
amaHebheru amabili esilwa; wasesithi kowonileyo:
Umtshayelani umakhelwane wakho? **14** Wasesithi:
Ngubani okubeke ube yisiphathamandla lomahluleli
phezu kwethu? Wena uzimisele ukungibulala yini
njengalokho ubulele umGibhithe? UMozisi wasesesaba
wathi: Isibili udaba luyaziwa. **15** Kwathi uFaro
eseluzwile udaba, wadinga ukumbulala uMozisi. Kodwa
uMozisi wabalekela ubuso bukaFaro, wahlala elizweni
leMidiyani; wahlala emthonjeni. **16** Njalo umpristi
weMidiyani wayelamadodakazi ayisikhombisa; eza
ukukha, agcwalisa imikolo ukunathisa umhlambi kayise.
17 Kwasekufika abelusi, bawaxotsha; kodwa uMozisi
wasukuma, wawasiza wanathisa umhlambi wawo.
18 Lapho efika kuRehuweli uyise, wathi: Kungani
libuye masinyane kangaka lamuhla? **19** Asesithi:
Indoda engumGibhithe isophulile esandleni sabelusi;
futhi yasikhela lokusikhela, yanathisa umhlambi. **20**
Wasesithi emadodakazini akhe: Kambe ingaphi? Kanti
liyitshiyeleni indoda? Ibizeni, ukuze idle isinkwa. **21**
UMozisi wasevuma ukuhlala lendoda; wasemnika
uMozisi uZipora indodakazi yakhe. **22** Wasezala
indodana; wayitha ibizo layo uGereshoma, ngoba wathi:
Ngangingowemzini elizweni lemzini. **23** Kwasekusithi
emva kwalezinsuku ezinengi, inkosi yeGibhithe yafa.
Labantwana bakoIsrayeli babubula ngenxa yobugqili,
bakhala; lokukhala kwabo kwenyukela kuNkulunkulu
ngenxa yobugqili. **24** UNkulunkulu wasesizwa ukububula
kwabo, uNkulunkulu wakhumbula isivumelwano sakhe

loAbrahama, loIsaka, njalo loJakobe. 25 UNkulunkulu
wasebona abantwana bakoIsrayeli, uNkulunkulu wabazi.

3 UMozisi wayeselusa-ke umhlambi kaJetro uyisezala,
umpristi weMidiyani; waqhuba umhlambi waya
ngaphambili kwenkangala waze wafika entabeni
kaNkulunkulu, eHorebe. 2 Njalo ingilosi yeNkosi
yabonakala kuye elangabini lomlilo liphuma phakathi
kwesihlahla; wasebona, khangela-ke, isihlahla sivutha
umlilo, kodwa isihlahla sasingapheli. 3 UMozisi wasesithi:
Ngizaphambuka-ke ngibone lo umbono omkhulu, ukuthi
kungani isihlahla singatshi. 4 Kwathi iNkosi isibonile
ukuthi uphambukile ukuyabona, uNkulunkulu wambiza
ephakathi kwesihlahla, wathi: Mozisi, Mozisi! Wasesithi:
Khangela ngilapha. 5 Wasesithi: Ungasondeli lapha;
khupha amanyathela akho enyaweni zakho, ngoba
indawo omi kuyo ingumhlabathi ongcwele. 6 Wathi futhi:
NginguNkulunkulu kayihlo, uNkulunkulu kaAbrahama,
uNkulunkulu kaIsaka, loNkulunkulu kaJakobe. UMozisi
wasefihla ubuso bakhe, ngoba esesaba ukukhangela
uNkulunkulu. 7 INkosi yasisithi: Isibili ngibonile
ukuhlupheka kwesizwe sami esiseGibhithe, ngizwile
ukukhala kwabo ngenxa yabaqhubi besibhalo babo;
ngoba ngiyazazi insizi zabo; 8 njalo ngehlile ukusikhulula
ezandleni zamaGibhithe, lokusenyusa kulelolizwe, ngisise
elizweni elihle elibanzi, siye elizweni eligeleza uchago
loluju, siye endaweni yamaKhanani lamaHethi lamaAmori
lamaPerizi lamaHivi lamaJebusi. 9 Khathesi-ke, khangela,
ukukhala kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli sekufikile kimi; njalo
lami ngibonile ucindezelo amaGibhithe abacindezela
ngalo. 10 Khathesi-ke, woza, ngizakuthuma kuFaro ukuze
ukhuphe isizwe sami, abantwana bakoIsrayeli, eGibhithe.
11 Kodwa uMozisi wathi kuNkulunkulu: Ngingubani
mina ukuthi ngiye kuFaro, lokuthi ngikhuphe abantwana
bakoIsrayeli eGibhithe? 12 Wasesithi: Isibili ngizakuba
lawe; lalokhu kuzakuba yisibonakaliso kuwe sokuthi
mina ngikuthumile; lapho ususikhuphile isizwe eGibhithe,
lizamkhonza uNkulunkulu kulintaba. 13 UMozisi wasesithi
kuNkulunkulu: Khangela, nxa ngifika kubantwana
bakoIsrayeli ngisithi kubo: UNkulunkulu waboyihlo
ungithumile kini; bazakuthi kimi: Ungubani ibizo lakhe?
Ngizathini kubo? 14 UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuMozisi:
NGINGUYE ENGINGUYE. Wathi futhi: Uzakutsho
njalo kubantwana bakoIsrayeli ukuthi: UNGINGUYE
ungithumile kini. 15 UNkulunkulu wasesithi njalo kuMozisi:
Uzakutsho njalo kubantwana bakoIsrayeli ukuthi: INkosi
uNkulunkulu waboyihlo, uNkulunkulu kaAbrahama,
uNkulunkulu kaIsaka, loNkulunkulu kaJakobe ungithumile
kini; leli libizo lami kuze kube nininini, njalo lesi
yisikhumbuzo sami kusizukulwana kusiya kusizukulwana.
16 Hamba, ubuthanise abadala bakoIsrayeli, uthi
kubo: INkosi uNkulunkulu waboyihlo ibonakele kimi,
uNkulunkulu kaAbrahama, kaIsaka, lokaJakobe, isithi:
Ngokulihambela ngilihambele, lalokho elikwenziwe
eGibhithe; 17 futhi ngathi ngizalenyusa enhluphekweni
yeGibhithe, ngilise elizweni lamaKhanani lelamaHethi
lelamaAmori lelamaPerizi lelamaHivi lelamaJebusi,
liye elizweni eligeleza uchago loluju. 18 Njalo
bazalalela ilizwi lakho. Futhi uzakuya, wena labadala
bakoIsrayeli, enkosini yeGibhithe, lithi kuyo: INkosi,
uNkulunkulu wamaHebheru, ihlangene lathi; khathesi-
ke, ake usiyekele sihambe ummango wensuku
ezintathu siye enkangala ukuze sihlabele iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wethu. 19 Kodwa mina ngiyazi ukuthi
inkosi yeGibhithe kayiyikuliyekela lihambe, ngitsho
langesandla esilamandla. 20 Ngakho ngizakwelula
isandla sami ngilitshaye iGibhithe ngezimangaliso zami
zonke engizazenza phakathi kwalo; njalo emva kwalokho
izaliyekela lihambe. 21 Njalo ngizanika lesisizwe umusa
emehlweni amaGibhithe. Kuzakuthi-ke mhla lisukayo,
kaliyikusuka lingelalutho, 22 kodwa wonke owesifazana
uzacela kumakhelwane wakhe, lakuye ohlezihleziyo
endlini yakhe, izinto zesiliva, lezinto zegolide, lemvunulo;
lizazifaka emadodaneni enu lemadodakazini enu;
lizawaphanga amaGibhithe.

4 UMozisi wasephendula wathi: Kodwa khangela,
kabayikungikholwa, kabayikulilalela ilizwi lami;
ngoba bazakuthi: INkosi kayibonakalanga kuwe. 2
INkosi yasisithi kuye: Kuyini lokho okusesandleni
sakho? Wasesithi: Yintonga. 3 Yasisithi: Iphosele
emhlabathini. Waseyiphosela emhlabathini, yasisiba
yinyoka. UMozisi waseyibalekela. 4 INkosi yasisithi
kuMozisi: Yelula isandla sakho, uyibambe ngomsila.
Waselula isandla sakhe, wayithi xhaka; yasisiba yintonga
esandleni sakhe, 5 ukuze bakholwe ukuthi ibonakele
kuwe iNkosi, uNkulunkulu waboyise, uNkulunkulu
kaAbrahama, uNkulunkulu kaIsaka, loNkulunkulu
kaJakobe. 6 INkosi yasisithi njalo kuye: Ake ufake
isandla sakho esifubeni sakho. Wasesifaka isandla
sakhe esifubeni sakhe; esesikhuphile, khangela-
ke, isandla sakhe sasesilobulephero njengeliqhwa
elikhithikileyo. 7 Yasisithi: Buyisela isandla sakho
esifubeni sakho. Wasesibuyisela isandla sakhe
esifubeni sakhe; esesikhuphile esifubeni sakhe,
khangela-ke, sasesiphenduke saba njengenyama
yakhe. 8 Njalo kuzakuthi uba bengakukholwa,
bengalaleli ilizwi lesibonakaliso sokuqala, bazakholwa
ilizwi lesibonakaliso sokucina. 9 Kuzakuthi-ke, uba
bengakholwa lalezizibonakaliso ezimbili, bengalaleli
ilizwi lakho, uzakukha okwamanzi omfula, uwathele
emhlabathini owomileyo; njalo kuzakuthi amanzi
ozawakha emfuleni azakuba ligazi emhlabathini
owomileyo. 10 UMozisi wasesithi eNkosini: Uxolo,
Nkosi yami, kangisiso sikhulumi, ngitsho kusukela
endulo, ngitsho kusukela usukhulume lenceku yakho;
ngoba kunzima emlonyeni wami njalo kunzima olimini.
11 INkosi yasisithi kuye: Ngubani owenzela umuntu
umlomo? Kumbe ngubani owenza isimungulu, kumbe
isacuthe, kumbe obonayo, kumbe isiphofu? Kakusimi

yini iNkosi? 12 Khathesi-ke hamba, njalo mina ngizakuba
lomlomo wakho, ngikufundise lokho ozakukhuluma.
13 Kodwa wathi: Uxolo, Nkosi yami, akuthume
ngesandla salowo ozamthuma. 14 Lwaseluvutha
ulaka lweNkosi kuMozisi, yasisithi: Angithi uAroni
umLevi ngumnewenu? Ngiyazi ukuthi angakhuluma
kuhle. Njalo khangela-ke, uzaphuma ukukuhlangabeza;
nxa ekubona, uzathaba enhliziyweni yakhe. 15
Njalo uzakhuluma kuye, ufake amazwi emlonyeni
wakhe; mina-ke ngizakuba lomlomo wakho lomlomo
wakhe, ngizalifundisa lokho elizakwenza. 16 Yena-ke
uzakhuluma esizweni esikhundleni sakho, kuzakuthi abe
ngumlomo kuwe, wena ube njengoNkulunkulu kuye. 17
Njalo uzathatha lintonga esandleni sakho, ozakwenza
izibonakaliso ngayo. 18 UMozisi wasehamba wabuyela
kuJetro uyisezala, wathi kuye: Ake ungiyekele ngihambe,
ngibuyele kubafowethu abaseGibhithe, ngibone ukuthi
basaphila yini. UJetro wasesithi kuMozisi: Hamba
ngokuthula. 19 INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi eMidiyani:
Hamba, ubuyele eGibhithe; ngoba wonke amadoda
asafa, ayedinga umphefumulo wakho. 20 UMozisi
wasethatha umkakhe lamadodana akhe, wabakhwelisa
phezu kukababhemi, wabuyela elizweni leGibhithe.
UMozisi wasethatha intonga kaNkulunkulu esandleni
sakhe. 21 INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Ekuhambeni kwakho
ubuyela eGibhithe, bona ukuthi, zonke izimangaliso
engizibeke esandleni sakho, uzenze phambi kukaFaro.
Kodwa ngizakwenza inhliziyo yakhe ibe lukhuni ukuze
angasiyekeli isizwe sihambe. 22 Njalo uzakuthi kuFaro:
Itsho njalo iNkosi: Indodana yami, izibulo lami, nguIsrayeli;
23 njalo sengithe kuwe: Yekela indodana yami ihambe
ukuthi ingikhonze; kodwa walile ukuyiyekela ihambe,
khangela, ngizabulala indodana yakho, izibulo lakho.
24 Kwasekusithi esendleleni, endlini yezihambi, iNkosi
yahlangana laye, yadinga ukumbulala. 25 UZipora
wasethatha insengetshe, waquma ijwabu laphambili
lendodana yakhe, walithintisa inyawo zakhe wathi: Isibili
ungumyeni wegazi kimi. 26 Yasimyekela. Ngalesosikhathi
wathi: Umyeni wegazi, ngenxa yokusoka. 27 INkosi
yasisithi kuAroni: Hamba, uyehlangabeza uMozisi
enkangala. Wahamba-ke, wahlangana laye entabeni
kaNkulunkulu, wamanga. 28 UMozisi wasemtshela
uAroni wonke amazwi eNkosi eyayimthumile, lazo zonke
izibonakaliso eyayimlaye zona. 29 OMozisi loAroni
basebehamba, babuthanisa bonke abadala babantwana
bakoIsrayeli. 30 UAroni wasekhuluma amazwi wonke
iNkosi eyayiwakhulume kuMozisi, wenza izibonakaliso
phambi kwamehlo abantu. 31 Abantu basebekholwa;
bezwa ukuthi iNkosi ihambele abantwana bakoIsrayeli,
lokuthi ibonile inhlupheko yabo, bakhothama, bakhonza.

5 Emva kwalokho-ke uMozisi loAroni bahamba bathi
kuFaro: Itsho njalo iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakoIsrayeli:
Bayekele abantu bami bahambe, bangigcinele umkhosi
enkangala. 2 Kodwa uFaro wathi: Ingubani iNkosi
ukuthi ngilalele ilizwi layo, ngiyekele uIsrayeli ahambe?
Kangiyazi iNkosi, futhi kangiyikumyekela uIsrayeli
ahambe. 3 Basebesithi: UNkulunkulu wamaHebheru
uhlangane lathi; ake usiyekele sihambe uhambo
lwensuku ezintathu enkangala, siyihlabele iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wethu, hlezi isehlele ngomatshayabhuqe
wesifo kumbe ngenkemba. 4 Kodwa inkosi yeGibhithe
yathi kubo: Kungani, Mozisi loAroni, lisusa abantu
emisebenzini yabo? Yanini emithwalweni yenu! 5 UFaro
wasesithi: Khangelani, abantu belizwe sebebanengi,
kanti liyabaphumuza emithwalweni yabo. 6 Ngalolosuku
uFaro waselaya abaqhubi besibhalo besizwe lezinduna
zaso, esithi: 7 Lingabe lisabanika abantu amahlanga
okwenza izitina njengamandulo; kabahambe bona
bayezibuthela amahlanga; 8 lenani lezitina abalenze
mandulo lizabamisela lona, lingaphunguli kulo; ngoba
bayavilapha; yikho bekhala besithi: Siyekeleni siyehlabela
uNkulunkulu wethu. 9 Yenzani umsebenzi ube nzima
kakhulu phezu kwamadoda, ukuze basebenze kuwo,
bangalaleli amazwi enkohliso. 10 Abaqhubi besibhalo
babantu baphuma, lezinduna zabo, bakhuluma ebantwini
besithi: Utsho njalo uFaro: Kangiyikulinika amahlanga; 11
hambani lina, lizithathele amahlanga lapho elingawathola
khona; kodwa umsebenzi wenu kakuyikuphungulwa
lutho kuwo. 12 Abantu basebehlakazeka elizweni lonke
leGibhithe ukuze babuthe izidindi zibe ngamahlanga.
13 Abaqhubi besibhalo babahaluzelisa besithi: Qedani
imisebenzi yenu, umlandu wosuku ngosuku lwawo,
njengamhla kulamahlanga. 14 Njalo izinduna zabantwana
bakoIsrayeli, abaqhubi besibhalo bakaFaro abababekela
zona, zatshaywa, kuthiwa: Kaliqedanga ngani umsebenzi
wenu omisiweyo wokwenza izitina njengamandulo,
layizolo lalamuhla? 15 Izinduna zabantwana bakoIsrayeli
zasezisiza, zakhala kuFaro zathi: Wenzelani kanje
ezincekwini zakho? 16 Amahlanga kawanikwa inceku
zakho, kanti bathi kithi: Yenzani izitina. Khangela-ke,
inceku zakho ziyatshaywa; kodwa icala ngelabantu
bakho. 17 Kodwa wathi: Lina lingamavila, lingamavila;
ngalokhu lithi: Siyekeleni siyehlabela iNkosi. 18
Khathesi-ke hambani, lisebenze; kodwa amahlanga
kaliyikuwanikwa, kanti lizaletha inani lezitina. 19 Izinduna
zabantwana bakoIsrayeli zasezibona ukuthi zazisebubini,
nxa kuthiwa: Kaliyikuphungula ezitineni zenu, umlandu
wosuku ngosuku lwawo. 20 Zasezihlangana loMozisi
loAroni ababemi ukubahlangabeza ekuphumeni kwabo
kuFaro; 21 zasezisithi kubo: INkosi ilibone yahlulele;
ngoba lenze iphunga lethu libe livumba emehlweni
kaFaro lemehlweni enceku zakhe; linike inkemba
esandleni sabo ukuze basibulale. 22 UMozisi wasebuyela
eNkosini wathi: Nkosi, wenzeleni okubi kulesisizwe?
Kungani ungithumile? 23 Ngoba selokhu ngaya kuFaro
ukukhuluma ebizweni lakho, wenzile okubi kulesisizwe;
futhi kawusikhululanga lokusikhulula isizwe sakho.

6 INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Khathesi uzabona
engizakwenza kuFaro; ngoba ngesandla esilamandla
uzabayekela bahambe, langesandla esilamandla
uzabaxotsha elizweni lakhe. **2** UNkulunkulu wasekhuluma
kuMozisi wathi kuye: NgiyiNkosi; **3** njalo ngabonakala
kuAbrahama, kuIsaka, lakuJakobe njengoNkulunkulu
uSomandla; kodwa ngebizo lami lokuthi uJehova
ngangingaziwa kubo. **4** Njalo lami ngamisa
isivumelwano sami labo ukubapha ilizwe leKhanani, ilizwe
lobuhambuma babo, ababehlala kulo njengabezizwe. **5**
Futhi lami ngizwile ukububula kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli,
amaGibhithe abagcine ebugqilini; njalo ngikhumbule
isivumelwano sami. **6** Ngakho-ke tshono kubantwana
bakoIsrayeli ukuthi: NgiyiNkosi; njalo ngizalikhupha
lisuke ngaphansi kwemithwalo yamaGibhithe; ngilikhulule
ebugqilini bawo, ngilihlenge ngengalo eyeluliweyo
langezigwebo ezinkulu. **7** Njalo ngizazithathela lina
libe yisizwe, ngizakuba kini nguNkulunkulu; njalo
lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu, olikhupha
lisuke ngaphansi kwemithwalo yamaGibhithe; **8**
njalo ngizalingenisa elizweni engaphakamisa isandla
sami ngalo ukulinika uAbrahama, uIsaka loJakobe,
ngilinike lona libe yilifa; mina, iNkosi. **9** UMozisi
wasekhuluma ngokunjalo kubantwana bakoIsrayeli;
kodwa kabamlalelanga uMozisi ngenxa yokukhathazeka
komoya langenxa yobugqili obunzima. **10** INkosi
yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **11** Ngena ukhulume
kuFaro, inkosi yeGibhithe, ukuthi ayekele abantwana
bakoIsrayeli basuke elizweni lakhe. **12** Kodwa
uMozisi wakhuluma phambi kweNkosi esithi: Khangela,
abantwana bakoIsrayeli kabangilalelanga; pho-ke uFaro
angangizwa njani, engingowendebe ezingasokanga?
13 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi lakuAroni yabapha
umlayo ngabantwana bakoIsrayeli langoFaro inkosi
yeGibhithe ukukhupha abantwana bakoIsrayeli elizweni
leGibhithe. **14** Laba bazinhloko zezindlu zaboyise;
amadodana kaRubeni, izibulo likaIsrayeli: OHanoki
loPalu, oHezironi loKarimi; laba bazinsapho zikaRubeni.
15 Lamadodana kaSimeyoni: OJemuweli loJamini loOhadi
loJakini loZohari loShawuli indodana yomKhananikazi;
laba bazinsapho zikaSimeyoni. **16** Njalo la
ngamabizo amadodana kaLevi ngezizukulwana zawo:
OGerishoni loKohathi loMerari; leminyaka yempilo
kaLevi yayiyiminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amathathu
lesikhombisa. **17** Amadodana kaGerishoni: OLibini
loShimeyi ngezinsapho zawo. **18** Njalo amadodana
kaKohathi: OAmramu loIzihari loHebroni loUziyeli;
leminyaka yempilo kaKohathi yayiyiminyaka elikhulu
lamatshumi amathathu lantathu. **19** Njalo amadodana
kaMerari: OMahli loMushi. Laba bazinsapho zamaLevi
ngezizukulwana zabo. **20** UAmramu wasethatha
uJokebedi udadewabo kayise, waba ngumkakhe.
Wasemzalela uAroni loMozisi. Leminyaka yempilo
kaAmramu yayiyiminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi amathathu
lesikhombisa. **21** Njalo amadodana kaIzihari: OKora
loNefegi loZikiri. **22** Lamadodana kaUziyeli: OMishayeli
loElizafani loSithiri. **23** UAroni wasezithathela uElisheba
indodakazi kaAminadaba, udadewabo kaNashoni, waba
ngumkakhe. Wasemzalela uNadabi loAbihu, uEleyazare
loIthamari. **24** Njalo amadodana kaKora: OAsiri
loElkana loAbhiyasafa; laba bazinsapho zabakoKora.
25 UEleyazare indodana kaAroni wasezithathela enye
yamadodakazi kaPutiyeli, yaba ngumkakhe. Yasimzalela
uPhinehasi. Yizo lezi inhloko zaboyise bamaLevi
ngezinsapho zazo. **26** Lo nguAroni loMozisi iNkosi
eyathi kubo: Khuphani abantwana bakoIsrayeli elizweni
leGibhithe ngamabutho abo. **27** Yibo labo ababekhuluma
kuFaro inkosi yeGibhithe ukukhupha abantwana
bakoIsrayeli eGibhithe; lo nguMozisi loAroni. **28**
Kwasekusithi mhla iNkosi ikhuluma kuMozisi elizweni
leGibhithe **29** iNkosi yakhuluma kuMozisi isithi: Mina
ngiyiNkosi; khuluma kuFaro inkosi yeGibhithe konke
engikukhuluma kuwe. **30** UMozisi wasesithi phambi
kweNkosi: Khangela, ngingowendebe ezingasokanga;
ngakho uFaro angangizwa njani?

7 INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Bona, ngikwenze waba
njengoNkulunkulu kuFaro; loAroni umnewenu
uzakuba ngumprofethi wakho. **2** Wena uzakhuluma
konke engikulaya khona; loAroni umnewenu uzakhuluma
kuFaro ukuthi ayekele abantwana bakoIsrayeli baphume
elizweni lakhe. **3** Kodwa mina ngizakwenza inhliziyo
kaFaro ibe lukhuni, ngandise izibonakaliso zami
lezimangaliso zami elizweni leGibhithe. **4** Kodwa uFaro
kayikulilalela; njalo ngizabeka isandla sami phezu
kweGibhithe, ngikhuphe amabutho ami, isizwe sami,
abantwana bakoIsrayeli, elizweni leGibhithe, ngezigwebo
ezinkulu. **5** Njalo amaGibhithe azakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi,
lapho ngiselula isandla sami phezu kweGibhithe,
ngikhuphe abantwana bakoIsrayeli phakathi kwawo. **6**
OMozisi loAroni basebesenza njengoba iNkosi yabalaya;
benza njalo. **7** UMozisi wayeseleminyaka engamatshumi
ayisificaminwembili, loAroni wayeleminyaka
engamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lantathu lapho
bekhuluma kuFaro. **8** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi
lakuAroni, isithi: **9** Nxa uFaro ekhuluma lani esithi:
Zenzeleni isimangaliso; uzakuthi kuAroni: Thatha intonga
yakho, uyiphosele phansi phambi kukaFaro, izakuba
yinyoka. **10** UMozisi loAroni basebengena kuFaro, benza
njalo njengoba iNkosi ilayile; uAroni wasephosela phansi
intonga yakhe phambi kukaFaro laphambi kwenceku
zakhe, yasisiba yinyoka. **11** UFaro wasebiza laye izazi
labathakathi; labalumbi beGibhithe labo benza njalo
ngamalumbo abo. **12** Ngoba ngulowo lalowo waphosela
phansi intonga yakhe, zaba zinyoka; kodwa intonga
kaAroni yaginya intonga zabo. **13** Kodwa inhliziyo kaFaro
yaba lukhuni, okokuthi kabalalelanga, njengokutsho
kweNkosi. **14** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Inhliziyo kaFaro
inzima, uyala ukuyekela isizwe sihambe. **15** Yana kuFaro

ekuseni; khangela, uzaphuma esiya emanzini, ume
uqondane laye ekhunjini lomfula, lentonga eyaphenduka
yaba yinyoka ithathe esandleni sakho. **16** Uzakuthi kuye:
INkosi uNkulunkulu wamaHebheru ingithume kuwe isithi:
Yekela isizwe sami sihambe, singikhonze enkangala;
kodwa khangela, kawulalelanga kuze kube khathesi. **17**
Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ngalokhu uzakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi;
khangela, ngizatshaya ngentonga esesandleni sami
phezu kwamanzi asemfuleni, njalo azaphenduka abe
ligazi. **18** Lenhlanzi ezisemfuleni zizakufa, lomfula ube
levumba; lamaGibhithe azadinwa yikunatha amanzi
emfuleni. **19** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Tshono kuAroni
uthi: Thatha intonga yakho, welule isandla sakho phezu
kwamanzi eGibhithe, phezu kwemifula yabo, phezu
kwezifula zabo, laphezu kweziziba zabo, laphezu
kwamachibi wonke amanzi abo, ukuze abe ligazi.
Kuzakuba legazi elizweni lonke leGibhithe, lezitsheni
zezihlahla lezamatshe. **20** UMozisi loAroni basebesenza
njalo, njengokulaya kweNkosi; wasephakamisa intonga,
watshaya amanzi ayesemfuleni phambi kwamehlo
kaFaro laphambi kwamehlo ezinceku zakhe; lawo
wonke amanzi ayesemfuleni aphendulwa aba ligazi. **21**
Lenhlanzi ezisemfuleni zafa; lomfula waba levumba,
kwaze kwathi amaGibhithe ehluleka ukuwanatha amanzi
emfuleni; njalo kwakulegazi elizweni lonke leGibhithe.
22 Labalumbi beGibhithe benza njalo ngamalumbo
abo, kwaze kwathi inhliziyo kaFaro yaba lukhuni, njalo
kabalalelanga, njengokutsho kweNkosi. **23** UFaro
wasetshibilika waya endlini yakhe njalo kayibekanga
inhliziyo yakhe lakulokhu. **24** LamaGibhithe wonke
agebha amanzi okunatha inhlangothi zonke zomfula,
ngoba babengelakunatha emanzini omfula. **25** Lensuku
eziyisikhombisa zagcwaliseka emva kokuthi iNkosi
isitshaye umfula.

8 INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Yana kuFaro uthi kuye:
Itsho njalo iNkosi: Yekela abantu bami bahambe
ukuze bangikhonze. **2** Uba-ke usala ukubayekela
bahambe, khangela, ngizatshaya yonke imingcele yakho
ngamaxoxo. **3** Njalo umfula uzanyakazela ngamaxoxo,
azakhuphuka, angene endlini yakho, lekamelweni
lakho lokulala, laphezu kombheda wakho, lendlini
yenceku zakho, laphezu kwesizwe sakho, lemaziko
akho, lemiganwini yakho yokuxovela ukudla; **4** lamaxoxo
azakhuphukela kuwe, lesizweni sakho lezincekwini
zakho zonke. **5** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Tshono
kuAroni uthi: Yelula isandla sakho ngentonga yakho
phezu kwemifula, phezu kwezifula, laphezu kweziziba,
wenze amaxoxo akhuphukele elizweni leGibhithe. **6**
UAroni waseselula isandla sakhe phezu kwamanzi
eGibhithe; lamaxoxo akhuphuka, asibekela ilizwe
leGibhithe. **7** Labalumbi benza njalo ngamalumbo abo,
benza amaxoxo akhuphukela elizweni leGibhithe. **8**
UFaro wasebabiza oMozisi loAroni wathi: Ncengani
iNkosi ukuthi isuse amaxoxo kimi lesizweni sami;
njalo ngizayekela isizwe sihambe ukuthi bahlabele
iNkosi. **9** UMozisi wasesithi kuFaro: Woba lodumo
ngaphezu kwami. Ngizakuncengela nini lenceku zakho,
lesizwe sakho, ukuchitha amaxoxo asuke kuwe lendlini
zakho, asale emfuleni kuphela? **10** Wasesithi: Kusasa.
Wathi-ke: Njengelizwi lakho, ukuze wazi ukuthi kakho
onjengeNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu. **11** Njalo amaxoxo
azasuka kuwe lezindlini zakho lezincekwini zakho
lesizweni sakho, asale emfuleni kuphela. **12** UMozisi
loAroni basebephuma kuFaro. UMozisi wakhala eNkosini
ngenxa yamaxoxo eyayiwabekile phezu kukaFaro.
13 INkosi yenza-ke njengelizwi likaMozisi; amaxoxo
asesifa ephuma ezindlini, emagumeni lemasimini. **14**
Basebewabuthelela inqwaba ngenqwaba; lelizwe laba
levumba. **15** Kodwa uFaro ebona ukuthi sekungcono,
wenza inhliziyo yakhe yaba nzima, ukuthi kabalalelanga,
njengokutsho kweNkosi. **16** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi:
Tshono kuAroni uthi: Yelula intonga yakho, utshaye uthuli
lomhlaba, ukuze lube yimiyane elizweni lonke leGibhithe.
17 Basebesenza njalo; ngoba uAroni welula isandla
sakhe silentonga yakhe, watshaya uthuli lomhlaba;
lemiyane yaba khona ebantwini lezifuyweni; lonke
uthuli lwaba yimiyane elizweni lonke leGibhithe. **18**
Labalumbi benza njalo ngamalumbo abo ukuveza
imiyane, kodwa babengeke. Ngakho imiyane yaba
sebantwini lezifuyweni. **19** Labalumbi bathi kuFaro: Lokhu
kungumunwe kaNkulunkulu. Kodwa inhliziyo kaFaro yaba
lukhuni, kazabezwa, njengokutsho kweNkosi. **20** INkosi
yasisithi kuMozisi: Vuka ekuseni kakhulu, uzimise phambi
kukaFaro; khangela uphuma esiya emanzini, njalo uthi
kuye: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Yekela abantu bami bahambe
bangikhonze. **21** Ngoba uba ungasiyekeli isizwe sami
sihambe, khangela ngizathumela umtshitshi wezibawu
kuwe lezincekwini zakho lesizweni sakho lendlini zakho;
lezindlu zamaGibhithe zizagcwala umtshitshi wezibawu
futhi lomhlabathi ezikuwo. **22** Kodwa ngalolosuku
ngizakwehlukanisa ilizwe leGosheni esihlala kulo isizwe
sami, ukuthi kungabi khona lapho umtshitshi wezibawu,
ukuze wazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi phakathi kwelizwe. **23**
Njalo ngizamisa umehluko phakathi kwesizwe sami
lesizwe sakho; kusasa kuzakuba lesibonakaliso lesi. **24**
INkosi yasisenza njalo; kwasekufika umtshitshi onzima
wezibawu endlini kaFaro lezindlini zezinceku zakhe
lelizweni lonke leGibhithe; ilizwe lonakala ngenxa
yomtshitshi wezibawu. **25** UFaro wasebabiza oMozisi
loAroni, wathi: Hambani, lihlabele uNkulunkulu wenu
kulelilizwe. **26** Kodwa uMozisi wathi: Kakulunganga
ukwenza njalo, ngoba sizahlabela eNkosini uNkulunkulu
wethu okunengekayo kwamaGibhithe; khangela, uba
sihlaba okunengekayo kwamaGibhithe phambi kwamehlo
awo, kawayikusikhanda ngamatshe yini? **27** Sizahamba
ummango wensuku ezintathu enkangala, sihlabele-ke
iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu njengoba izakutsho kithi.
28 UFaro wasesithi: Mina ngizaliyekela lihambe ukuthi

lihlabele iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu enkangala; kodwa
lingayi khatshana kakhulu; lingincengele. **29** UMozisi
wasesithi: Khangela, ngiyasuka kuwe, ngizayincenga
iNkosi ukuze umtshitshi wezibawu usuke kuFaro,
ezincekwini zakhe, lesizweni sakhe kusasa; kuphela
uFaro angaphindi akhohlise ngokungayekeli isizwe
sihambe, sihlabele iNkosi. **30** UMozisi wasephuma
kuFaro, wayincenga iNkosi. **31** INkosi yasisenza
njengelizwi likaMozisi; yasusa umtshitshi wezibawu
kuFaro, ezincekwini zakhe lesizweni sakhe; kakusalanga
lesisodwa. **32** Kodwa uFaro wenza inhliziyo yakhe yaba
nzima langalesisikhathi, kayekelanga isizwe sihambe.

9 INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Yana kuFaro uthi kuye:
Itsho njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu wamaHebheru, ithi:
Yekela abantu bami bahambe ukuthi bangikhonze.
2 Ngoba uba usala ukubayekela bahambe, ulokhu
ubabambile, **3** khangela, isandla seNkosi sizakuba phezu
kwezifuyo zakho ezisegangeni, phezu kwamabhiza,
phezu kwabobabhemi, phezu kwamakamela, phezu
kwenkomo laphezu kwezimvu, umatshayabhuqe wesifo
onzima kakhulu. **4** Kodwa iNkosi izakwenza umehluko
phakathi kwezifuyo zakoIsrayeli lezifuyo zeGibhithe,
kuze kuthi kakuyikufa lutho kukho konke okwabantwana
bakoIsrayeli. **5** INkosi yasimisa isikhathi esimisiweyo,
isithi: Kusasa iNkosi izakwenza linto elizweni. **6**
INkosi yayenza-ke linto kusisa; lazo zonke izifuyo
zeGibhithe zafa; kodwa kakufanga lesisodwa ezifuyweni
zabantwana bakoIsrayeli. **7** UFaro wasethuma, khangela-
ke, kakufanga ngitsho lesisodwa ezifuyweni zakoIsrayeli.
Kodwa inhliziyo kaFaro yaba nzima, kasiyekelanga
isizwe sihambe. **8** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi lakuAroni:
Zithatheleni izandla zenu ezigcweleyo zomlotha weziko,
njalo uMozisi awutsahazele emazulwini phambi kwamehlo
kaFaro. **9** Njalo uzakuba luthuli olucolekileyo phezu
kwelizwe lonke leGibhithe, njalo luzakuba phezu
kwabantu laphezu kwezifuyo lube lithumba eliphihlika
amathuthuva elizweni lonke leGibhithe. **10** Basebethatha
umlotha weziko, bema phambi kukaFaro; uMozisi
wasewutsahazela emazulwini, waba lithumba eliphihlika
amathuthuva ebantwini lezifuyweni. **11** Njalo abalumbi
babengeme phambi kukaMozisi ngenxa yamathumba;
ngoba amathumba ayephezu kwabalumbi laphezu kwawo
wonke amaGibhithe. **12** Kodwa iNkosi yayenza yaba
lukhuni inhliziyo kaFaro, njalo kazabezwa, njengokutsho
kweNkosi kuMozisi. **13** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi:
Vuka ekuseni kakhulu, uzimise phambi kukaFaro uthi
kuye: Itsho njalo iNkosi uNkulunkulu wamaHebheru
ithi: Yekela isizwe sami sihambe bangikhonze. **14**
Ngoba ngalesisikhathi ngizathumela zonke inhlupheko
zami enhliziyweni yakho laphezu kwenceku zakho
laphezu kwesizwe sakho, ukuze wazi ukuthi kakho
onjengami emhlabeni wonke. **15** Ngoba khathesi
ngizaselula isandla sami ukuze ngikutshaye lesizwe
sakho ngomatshayabhuqe wesifo, ubusuchitheka usuke
emhlabeni. **16** Kodwa isibili ngalokhu ngikumisile
ukuze ngikutshengise amandla ami lokuze ibizo lami
lilandiswe emhlabeni wonke. **17** Usaziphakamisa umelana
labantu bami, ukuthi ungabayekeli bahambe yini? **18**
Khangela, kusasa ngalesisikhathi ngizanisa isiqhotho
esinzima kakhulu, esingazanga sibe khona esinjalo
eGibhithe kusukela ngosuku lisekelwa kuze kube
khathesi. **19** Khathesi-ke thuma, ubuthe izifuyo zakho
lakho konke olakho ensimini; wonke umuntu layo yonke
inyamazana okuficwa ensimini okungabuthelwanga
ekhaya, nxa isiqhotho siwela phezu kwakho, kuzakufa.
20 Lowo olesabayo ilizwi leNkosi phakathi kwenceku
zikaFaro wenza izisebenzi zakhe lezifuyo zakhe
zibalekele ezindlini; **21** kodwa lowo ongabekanga
inhliziyo yakhe elizwini leNkosi watshiya izisebenzi
zakhe lezifuyo zakhe ensimini. **22** INkosi yasisithi
kuMozisi: Yelulela isandla sakho emazulwini, ukuze
kube khona isiqhotho elizweni lonke leGibhithe,
phezu kwabantu laphezu kwezinyamazana laphezu
kwemibhida yonke yensimu elizweni leGibhithe. **23**
UMozisi waseselulela intonga yakhe emazulwini; iNkosi
yasiletha imidumo lesiqhotho; lomlilo wehlela emhlabeni;
leNkosi yanisa isiqhotho elizweni leGibhithe. **24**
Kwasekusiba khona isiqhotho, lomlilo uzixubanise
esiqhothweni; okunzima kakhulu; okungazanga kube
khona okunjengakho elizweni lonke leGibhithe selokhu
laba yisizwe. **25** Isiqhotho sasesitshaya elizweni lonke
leGibhithe konke okusegangeni, kusukela ebantwini
kusiya ezinyamazaneni; lesiqhotho satshaya wonke
umbhida weganga, sephula sonke isihlahla seganga.
26 Kuphela elizweni leGosheni lapho ababekhona
abantwana bakoIsrayeli kwakungekho isiqhotho. **27**
UFaro wasethuma wabiza uMozisi loAroni, wathi kubo:
Ngonile ngalesisikhathi; iNkosi ilungile, kanti mina labantu
bami sibabi. **28** Ncengani iNkosi, ngoba sekwanele, ukuze
kungabi lemidumo elamandla lesiqhotho; besengiliyekela
lihambe, lingabe lisahlala. **29** UMozisi wasesithi kuye:
Nxa sengiphumile emzini, ngizachaya izandla zami
eNkosini; kuzaphela imidumo lesiqhotho kasisayikuba
khona, ukuze wazi ukuthi umhlaba ungoweNkosi. **30**
Kodwa wena lenceku zakho, ngiyazi ukuthi kalikayesabi
iNkosi uNkulunkulu. **31** Kwasekutshaywa ifilakisi lebhali;
ngoba ibhali yayisesikwetshini, lefilakisi yayisithela
amaluba. **32** Kodwa ingqoloyi lespelite kakutshaywanga,
ngoba kwakungakavuthwa. **33** UMozisi wasephuma
emzini evela kuFaro, wachaya izandla zakhe eNkosini;
kwasekusima imidumo lesiqhotho, lezulu kalabe
lisathululeka emhlabeni. **34** Kwathi uFaro esebonile ukuthi
izulu lesiqhotho lemidumo sekumile, wengezelela ukona,
wayenza yaba nzima inhliziyo yakhe, yena lenceku zakhe.
35 Njalo inhliziyo kaFaro yaba lukhuni, kazabayekela
abantwana bakoIsrayeli bahambe, njengalokhu iNkosi
yayitshilo ngesandla sikaMozisi.

10 INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Yana kuFaro, ngoba
mina ngenze inhliziyo yakhe yaba nzima lenhliziyo
yenceku zakhe, ukuze ngenze lezizibonakaliso zami
phambi kwakhe, **2** lokuthi ulandise endlebeni zendodana
yakho lendodana yendodana yakho ukuthi ngenze
kabuhlungu kumaGibhithe lezibonakaliso zami engizenze
phakathi kwawo, ukuze lazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi. **3** UMozisi
loAroni basebesiya kuFaro, bathi kuye: Itsho njalo iNkosi,
uNkulunkulu wamaHebheru, ithi: Koze kube nini usala
ukuzithoba phambi kwami? Yekela isizwe sami sihambe,
bangikhonze. **4** Ngoba uba usala ukuyekela isizwe
sami sihambe, khangela, kusasa ngizaletha isikhonyane
emngceleni wakho, **5** njalo sizasibekela ubuso
bomhlaba ukuze ungawuboni umhlaba, sizakudla insalela
yokwaphephayo, okwalisalelayo esiqhothweni, sidle
sonke isihlahla esikhulela wena ensimini. **6** Sizagcwalisa
izindlu zakho lezindlu zezinceku zakho zonke lezindlu
zawo wonke amaGibhithe, oyihlo abangazanga basibone
laboyise baboyihlo, kusukela ngosuku ababakhona
emhlabeni kuze kube lamuhla. Wasetshibilika, waphuma
kuFaro. **7** Lenceku zikaFaro zathi kuye: Koze kube
nini lo esiba ngumjibila kithi? Yekela amadoda ahambe,
akhonze iNkosi uNkulunkulu wawo; kawukazi yini ukuthi
iGibhithe isichithekile? **8** UMozisi loAroni babuyiselwa
kuFaro; wasesithi kubo: Hambani likhonze iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wenu. Ngobani kanye labo abazahamba? **9**
UMozisi wasesithi: Sizahamba labatsha bethu labadala
bethu, lamadodana ethu lamadodakazi ethu, lezimvu
zethu lenkomo zethu sizahamba, ngoba silomkhosi
weNkosi. **10** Wasesithi kubo: INkosi ibe lani ngokunjalo,
njengoba ngizaliyekela lihambe labantwanyana benu!
Bonani ngoba kulokubi phambi kwenu. **11** Kungabi
njalo! Hambani khathesi, madoda, liyikhonze iNkosi,
ngoba yikho elikudingayo. Basebebaxotsha ebusweni
bukaFaro. **12** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Yelula isandla
sakho phezu kwelizwe leGibhithe, ngenxa yesikhonyane,
ukuze senyukele phezu kwelizwe leGibhithe, sidle wonke
umbhida welizwe lakho konke isiqhotho esikutshiyileyo.
13 UMozisi waseyelula intonga yakhe phezu kwelizwe
leGibhithe; iNkosi yasiqhuba umoya wempumalanga
elizweni, lonke lolosuku lobusuku bonke; kwasekusithi
ekuseni, umoya wempumalanga wenyusa isikhonyane.
14 Isikhonyane sasesisenyukela phezu kwelizwe lonke
leGibhithe, sehlela emngceleni wonke weGibhithe,
esinzima kakhulu. Phambi kwaso akuzange kube khona
isikhonyane esinjalo njengaso, futhi kakuyikuba khona
esinjalo emva kwaso. **15** Ngoba sasibekela ubuso
belizwe lonke, kwaze kwafiphazwa ilizwe; sadla wonke
umbhida welizwe laso sonke isithelo sezihlahla isiqhotho
esasitshiyayo; kakusalanga lutho oluluhlaza esihlahleni,
lombhida weganga, elizweni lonke leGibhithe. **16** UFaro
wasephangisa ukubabiza oMozisi loAroni, wathi: Ngonile
eNkosini uNkulunkulu wenu lakini. **17** Khathesi-ke
ake lithethelele isono sami okwalesisikhathi kuphela,
liyincenge iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu ukuthi isuse kimi
lokhu ukufa kuphela. **18** Wasephuma kuFaro, wayincenga
iNkosi. **19** INkosi yasiphendula umoya wentshonalanga
olamandla kakhulu owenyusa isikhonyane, wasiphosela
oLwandle oluBomvu; kakusalanga sikhonyane lesisodwa
kuwo wonke umngcele weGibhithe. **20** Kodwa
iNkosi yayenza lukhuni inhliziyo kaFaro, kazabayekela
abantwana bakoIsrayeli bahambe. **21** INkosi yasisithi
kuMozisi: Yelulela isandla sakho emazulwini, ukuze kube
khona umnyama phezu kwelizwe leGibhithe, ngitsho
umnyama ophumputhekayo. **22** UMozisi waseselulela
isandla sakhe emazulwini; kwasekusiba khona umnyama
wobumnyama elizweni lonke leGibhithe insuku ezintathu.
23 Kababonananga, futhi kakusukumanga muntu
endaweni yakhe okwensuku ezintathu; kodwa kubo
bonke abantwana bakoIsrayeli kwakukhona ukukhanya
emizini yabo. **24** UFaro wasembiza uMozisi wathi:
Hambani likhonze iNkosi, kuphela izimvu zenu lenkomo
zenu kuzagcinwa, labantwanyana benu bazahamba lani.
25 Kodwa uMozisi wathi: Lawe ubonika imihlatshelo
leminikelo yokutshiswa ezandleni zethu, esizayenzela
iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu. **26** Njalo lezifuyo zethu
zizahamba kanye lathi, kakuyikusala emuva isondo;
ngoba sizathatha kuzo ukukhonza iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wethu, ngoba kasikwazi esizakhonza ngakho iNkosi size
sifike khona. **27** Kodwa iNkosi yenza lukhuni inhliziyo
kaFaro, njalo kafunanga ukubayekela bahambe. **28**
UFaro wasesithi kuye: Suka kimi, uziqaphele, ungaboni
ubuso bami futhi; ngoba mhla ubona ubuso bami
uzakufa. **29** UMozisi wasesithi: Ukhulume ngokuqonda,
kangisayikubona futhi ubuso bakho.

11 INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Ngisezakwehlisela
kuFaro lakulo iGibhithe inhlupheko eyodwa; emva
kwalokho uzaliyekela lihambe lisuke lapha; ekuliyekeleni
kwakhe lihambe uzalixotsha lokulixotsha lisuka lapha
ngokupheleleyo. **2** Ake ukhulume endlebeni zabantu,
ukuthi bacele, ngulowo kumakhelwane wakhe, lalowo
owesifazana kumakhelwane wakhe, izinto zesiliva lezinto
zegolide. **3** INkosi yasinika abantu umusa emehlweni
amaGibhithe. Futhi indoda uMozisi waba mkhulu
kakhulu elizweni leGibhithe emehlweni enceku zikaFaro
lemehlweni esizwe. **4** UMozisi wasesithi: Itsho njalo
iNkosiithi: Phose phakathi kobusuku ngizaphuma ngiye
phakathi kweGibhithe; **5** lawo wonke amazibulo elizweni
leGibhithe azakufa, kusukela kuzibulo likaFaro elizahlala
esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi, kuze kube kuzibulo
lencekukazi engemva kwelitshe lokuchola, lamazibulo
wonke ezifuyo. **6** Njalo kuzakuba khona isililo esikhulu
elizweni lonke leGibhithe, esingazanga sibe khona
esinjengaso, lesingayikuba khona futhi esinjengaso.
7 Kodwa lakubo bonke abantwana bakoIsrayeli inja
kayiyikulola ulimi lwayo, kusukela emuntwini kusiya
ezifuyweni, ukuze lazi ukuthi iNkosi iyehlukanisa phakathi
kweGibhithe loIsrayeli. **8** Lazo zonke izinceku zakho lezi

zizakwehlela kimi, zingikhothamele zisithi: Phuma wena
lesizwe sonke esikulandelayo. Langemva kwalokho
ngizaphuma. Wasephuma kuFaro ekuvutheni kolaka.
9 INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: UFaro kayikulizwa, ukuze
zande izimangaliso zami elizweni leGibhithe. 10 OMozisi
loAroni basebesenza zonke lezizimangaliso phambi
kukaFaro, kodwa iNkosi yenza inhliziyo kaFaro yaba
lukhuni, kazabayekela abantwana bakoIsrayeli baphume
elizweni lakhe.

12 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi lakuAroni elizweni
leGibhithe, isithi: 2 Le inyanga kayibe kini yinhloko
yezinyanga, ibe kini ngeyokuqala yenyanga zomnyaka.
3 Khulumani kunhlangano yonke yakoIsrayeli lithi:
Ngolwetshumi lwalinyanga bazazithathela ngulowo
iwundlu, ngokwezindlu zaboyise, iwundlu ngendlu. 4
Uba-ke indlu incinyane kakhulu ewundlwini, kakuthi yena
athathe lomakhelwane wakhe, oseduze lendlu yakhe,
njengobunengi bemiphefumulo; ngulowo njengokudla
kwakhe, lizabalela iwundlu. 5 Lizakuba lezinyane
elingelasici, eliduna, elilomnyaka owodwa; lithatheni
ezimvini loba ezimbuzini. 6 Njalo lizaligcina kuze kufike
usuku lwetshumi lane lwaleyonyanga, njalo ibandla
lonke lenhlangano yakoIsrayeli izalihlaba kusihlwa.
7 Bazathatha-ke okwegazi, bakufake emigubazini
yomibili lekhothameni, ezindlini abazalidlela kuzo.
8 Njalo bazakudla inyama ngalobobusuku, yosiwe
ngomlilo, lesinkwa esingelamvubelo, lemibhida ebabayo
bazayidla. 9 Lingadli okwalo kuluhlaza kumbe kuphekiwe
lokuphekwa ngamanzi, kodwa yosiwe ngomlilo; inhloko
yalo lemilenze yalo, kanye lemibilini yalo. 10 Njalo
lingatshiyi lutho kulo kuze kube sekuseni, kodwa
okusalayo kulo kuze kube sekuseni lizakutshisa
ngomlilo. 11 Ngokunjalo-ke lizalidla, inkalo zenu
zibotshiwe, izicathulo zenu zisenyaweni zenu, lendondolo
zenu zisezandleni zenu; lizalidla ngokuphangisa;
kuliphasika leNkosi. 12 Ngoba ngizadabula phakathi
kwelizwe leGibhithe ngalobubusuku, ngitshaye wonke
amazibulo elizweni leGibhithe, kusukela emuntwini kusiya
enyamazaneni, ngizakwenza izigwebo kubo bonke
onkulunkulu beGibhithe; mina ngiyiNkosi. 13 Legazi
lizakuba kini yisibonakaliso ezindlini lapho elikhona; nxa
ngibona igazi ngizadlula phezu kwenu, njalo kungehleli
kini inhlupheko yokuchitha, mhla ngitshaya ilizwe
leGibhithe. 14 Njalo lolusuku luzakuba kini yisikhumbuzo;
njalo lizalugcina lube ngumkhosi eNkosini; lizalugcina
ezizukulwaneni zenu ngokomthetho waninininI. 15 Insuku
eziyisikhombisa lizakudla isinkwa esingelamvubelo.
Yebo ngosuku lokuqala lizakhupha imvubelo ezindlini
zenu; ngoba wonke odla okuvutshelweyo kusukela
kusuku lokuqala kuze kufike usuku lwesikhombisa,
lowomphefumulo uzaqunywa usuke koIsrayeli. 16
Njalo ngosuku lokuqala kuzakuba khona inhlangano
ebiziweyo engcwele, langosuku lwesikhombisa lizakuba
lenhlangano ebiziweyo engcwele; kungenziwa msebenzi
ngazo, kuphela lokho wonke umphefumulo okudlayo,
lokho kodwa kungenziwa yini. 17 Ngakho gcinani izinkwa
ezingelamvubelo; ngoba ngalona lolosuku ngikhuphile
amabutho enu elizweni leGibhithe. Ngakho lizagcina
lolosuku ezizukulwaneni zenu ngesimiso saphakade.
18 Kweyokuqala, osukwini lwetshumi lane lwenyanga
kusihlwa lizakudla isinkwa esingelamvubelo, kuze kufike
usuku lwamatshumi amabili lanye lwenyanga kusihlwa.
19 Insuku eziyisikhombisa kakungaficwa imvubelo
ezindlini zenu; ngoba wonke odla okuvutshelweyo
lowomphefumulo uzaqunywa usuke kunhlangano
yakoIsrayeli, loba engowemzini loba engowokuzalwa
elizweni. 20 Lingadli lutho oluvutshelweyo; emizini
yenu yonke lizakudla isinkwa esingelamvubelo. 21
UMozisi wasebiza bonke abadala bakoIsrayeli, wathi
kubo: Hudulani lizithathele amawundlu ngokwensapho
zenu, lihlabe iphasika, 22 lithathe ilixha lehisope,
liligxamuze egazini elisemganwini, lininde ekhothameni
lemigubazini emibili ngegazi elisemganwini; lina-ke,
kakungaphumi muntu endlini yakhe kuze kube sekuseni.
23 Ngoba iNkosi izadabula ukutshaya amaGibhithe;
nxa ibona igazi ekhothameni lemigubazini yomibili,
iNkosi izadlula phezu komnyango, ingavumeli umchithi
ukuthi angene ezindlini zenu ukutshaya. 24 Njalo
lizagcina le into, kube yisimiso kini lakubantwana benu
kuze kube phakade. 25 Njalo kuzakuthi lapho lifika
elizweni iNkosi ezalinika lona njengokukhuluma kwayo,
lizagcina linkonzo. 26 Kuzakuthi-ke lapho abantwana
benu besithi kini: Iyini linkonzo elilayo? 27 Lizakuthi-
ke: Lo ngumhlatshelo wephasika leNkosi, eyedlula
phezu kwezindlu zabantwana bakoIsrayeli eGibhithe
mhla itshaya amaGibhithe, wophula izindlu zethu.
Njalo abantu bakhothama bakhonza. 28 Abantwana
bakoIsrayeli basebehamba, bayakwenza njengalokhu
iNkosi yayibalayile oMozisi loAroni, benza njalo. 29
Kwasekusithi phakathi kobusuku iNkosi yatshaya wonke
amazibulo elizweni leGibhithe, kusukela kuzibulo likaFaro
elalizahlala esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi kuze kube
kuzibulo lesibotshwa esasisentolongweni, lamazibulo
wonke ezifuyo. 30 UFaro wasesukuma ebusuku, yena
lenceku zakhe zonke lamaGibhithe wonke. Kwasekusiba
khona isililo esikhulu eGibhithe, ngoba kwakungekho
ndlu lapho okwakungelamufi khona. 31 Wasebiza oMozisi
loAroni ebusuku, wathi: Sukumani, liphume phakathi
kwabantu bami, lonke lina labantwana bakoIsrayeli,
lihambe liyekhonza iNkosi njengokutsho kwenu. 32
Thathani lani izimvu zenu lenkomo zenu njengokutsho
kwenu, lihambe; futhi lingibusise lami. 33 Njalo
amaGibhithe ayebakhuthaza abantu ebahaluzelisa ukuthi
baphume elizweni, ngoba athi: Sonke sifile. 34 Abantu-
ke bathatha inhlama yabo ingakavutshelwa, betshata
imiganu yabo yokuxovela ibotshelwe ezembathweni
zabo. 35 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesenza

njengelizwi likaMozisi; bacela kumaGibhithe izinto
zesiliva lezinto zegolide lezigqoko. 36 INkosi yasibapha
abantu umusa emehlweni amaGibhithe, aze abanika
izicelo zabo. Basebewaphundla amaGibhithe. 37
Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesuka eRamesesi
besiya eSukothi; amadoda angaba zinkulungwane
ezingamakhulu ayisithupha ahamba ngenyawo,
ngaphandle kwabantwana. 38 Kwasekusenyuka
labo lexuku lenhlobonhlobo, lezimvu lezinkomo,
lezifuyo ezinengi kakhulu. 39 Basebebhaka izinkwa
ezingelamvubelo ngenhlama abayikhupha eGibhithe,
ngoba ingavutshelwanga, ngoba baxotshwa eGibhithe,
ngoba babengelakulibala, futhi bengazilungiselelanga
umphako. 40 Isikhathi sokuhlala-ke kwabantwana
bakoIsrayeli abasihlala eGibhithe sasiyiminyaka
engamakhulu amane lamatshumi amathathu. 41
Kwasekusithi ekupheleni kweminyaka engamakhulu
amane lamatshumi amathathu, kwathi ngalona lolosuku
wonke amabutho eNkosi aphuma elizweni leGibhithe.
42 Kuyibusuku bemilindo eNkosini ngokubakhupha
elizweni leGibhithe; lobu yibusuku beNkosi bemilindo
yabo bonke abantwana bakoIsrayeli ezizukulwaneni
zabo. 43 INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi loAroni: Lesi
yisimiso sephasika. Kakho owezizwe ongalidla; 44
kodwa sonke isigqili sawo wonke umuntu, esathengwa
ngemali, nxa usisokile, ngalesosikhathi sizakudla
kulo. 45 Owezizwe loqhatshiweyo bangadli kulo.
46 Lizadlelwa endlini yinye; ungakhupheli phandle
kwendlu okwenyama, ungephuli thambo lalo. 47
Inhlangano yonke yakoIsrayeli izakwenza lokhu. 48 Uba
owemzini ohlala lani njengowezizwe egcinela iNkosi
iphasika, kabasokwe bonke abesilisa laye, abesesondela-
ke aligcine, uzakuba njengowokuzalwa elizweni;
kodwa kakho ongasokwanga ozalidla. 49 Umlayo
munye uzakuba kowokuzalwa elizweni lakowemzini
ohlala phakathi kwenu njengowezizwe. 50 Bonke
abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesenza njengalokhu
iNkosi yayibalayile oMozisi loAroni; benza njalo. 51
Kwasekusithi ngalona lolosuku iNkosi yabakhupha
abantwana bakoIsrayeli elizweni leGibhithe ngamabutho
abo.

13 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: 2
Ngingcwelisela lonke izibulo, elivula loba yisiphi
isizalo phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli, elomuntu
lelenyamazana, lingelami. 3 UMozisi wasesithi ebantwini:
Khumbulani lolusuku eliphume ngalo eGibhithe, endlini
yobugqili; ngoba ngamandla esandla iNkosi ilikhuphile
lapha. Njalo kakungadliwa isinkwa esilemvubelo. 4
Ngalolusuku liyaphuma ngenyanga kaAbhibhi. 5
Njalo kuzakuthi lapho iNkosi isikungenisile elizweni
lamaKhanani lamaHethi lamaAmori lamaHivi lamaJebusi,
afunga kuboyihlo ukukunika lona, ilizwe eligeleza
uchago loluju, uzagcina linkonzo ngalinyanga. 6 Insuku
eziyisikhombisa uzakudla izinkwa ezingelamvubelo,
langosuku lwesikhombisa kuzakuba khona umkhosi
eNkosini. 7 Izinkwa ezingelamvubelo zizadliwa
ngensuku eziyisikhombisa; njalo kakuyikubonwa kuwe
okuvutshelweyo lemvubelo kayiyikubonwa kuwe kuwo
wonke umngcele wakho. 8 Njalo uzatshela indodana
yakho ngalolosuku usithi: Ngenxa yalokho iNkosi
eyakwenza kimi ekuphumeni kwami eGibhithe. 9 Futhi
kuzakuba kuwe luphawu phezu kwesandla sakho
lesikhumbuzo phakathi laphakathi kwamehlo akho,
ukuze umlayo weNkosi ube semlonyeni wakho; ngoba
ngesandla esilamandla iNkosi ikukhuphile eGibhithe.
10 Ngakho uzagcina lesisimiso ngesikhathi saso
esimisiweyo iminyaka ngeminyaka. 11 Njalo kuzakuthi
lapho iNkosi isikungenisile elizweni lamaKhanani,
njengokufunga kwayo kuwe lakuboyihlo, isikunike lona,
12 uzakwehlukanisela iNkosi konke okuvula isizalo;
lalo lonke izibulo lomqegu wezifuyo olazo, amaduna
azakuba ngaweNkosi. 13 Lalo lonke izibulo likababhemi
uzalihlenga ngewundlu; kodwa uba ungalihlengi,
uzalephula intamo; lalo lonke izibulo lomuntu phakathi
kwamadodana akho uzalihlenga. 14 Njalo kuzakuthi
lapho indodana yakho ikubuza ngesikhathi esizayo isithi:
Kuyini lokhu? Uzakuthi kuyo: Ngamandla esandla iNkosi
yasikhupha eGibhithe, endlini yobugqili. 15 Ngoba kwathi
uFaro ezenza lukhuni ukuthi asiyekele sihambe, iNkosi
yabulala lonke izibulo elizweni leGibhithe, kusukela
kuzibulo lomuntu kusiya kuzibulo lezifuyo; ngakho
ngiyahlabela iNkosi konke okuvula isizalo okuduna;
kodwa lonke izibulo lamadodana ami ngiyalihlenga.
16 Njalo kuzakuba luphawu phezu kwesandla sakho
lamafilakteriyu phakathi laphakathi kwamehlo akho,
ngoba ngamandla esandla iNkosi yasikhupha eGibhithe.
17 Kwasekusithi uFaro eseyekele abantu bahambe,
uNkulunkulu kabakhokhelanga ngendlela yelizwe
lamaFilisti, lanxa yayiseduze; ngoba uNkulunkulu wathi:
Hlezi abantu bazisole nxa bebona impi, babuyele
eGibhithe. 18 Kodwa uNkulunkulu wababhodisa abantu
ngendlela yenkangala yoLwandle oluBomvu. Abantwana
bakoIsrayeli basebesenyuka besuka elizweni leGibhithe
behlomile. 19 UMozisi wasethatha amathambo kaJosefa
wahamba lawo, ngoba wayebafungisile lokubafungisa
abantwana bakoIsrayeli esithi: Isibili uNkulunkulu
uzalihambela; futhi kalibokwenyusa lapha amathambo
ami lihambe lawo. 20 Basebesuka eSukothi, bamisa
inkamba eEthama, ekucineni kwenkangala. 21 INkosi
yasihamba phambi kwabo emini ngensika yeyezi
ukubakhokhela endleleni, lebusuku ngensika yomlilo
ukubakhanyisela, ukuze bahambe emini lebusuku.
22 Kayiyisusanga insika yeyezi emini, lensika yomlilo
ebusuku, phambi kwabantu.

14 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: 2 Tshela
abantwana bakoIsrayeli ukuthi baphenduke,
bamise inkamba phambi kwePi-Hahirothi, phakathi
kweMigidoli lolwandle, phambi kweBhali-Zefoni,

maqondana layo limise inkamba elwandle. **3** Njalo
uFaro uzakuthi ngabantwana bakoIsrayeli: Badidekile
elizweni, inkangala ibavalele. **4** Njalo ngizayenza
lukhuni inhliziyo kaFaro, ukuthi axotshane labo, ngibe
sengidunyiswa kuFaro lebuthweni lakhe lonke, ukuze
amaGibhithe azi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi. Basebesenza
njalo. **5** Kwathi sekubikiwe enkosini yeGibhithe
ukuthi abantu babalekile, inhliziyo kaFaro lenhliziyo
yenceku zakhe yaguquka mayelana labantu, basebesithi:
Kuyini lokho esikwenzileyo, ukuthi siyekele uIsrayeli
ahambe angasisebenzeli? **6** Wasebophela inqola yakhe,
wathatha abantu bakhe laye. **7** Wasethatha inqola
ezingamakhulu ayisithupha ezikhethiweyo lazo zonke
inqola zeGibhithe lenduna eziphezu kwazo zonke.
8 INkosi yasiyenza lukhuni inhliziyo kaFaro inkosi
yeGibhithe, wasexotshana labantwana bakoIsrayeli,
kodwa abantwana bakoIsrayeli baphuma ngesandla
esiphakemeyo. **9** Kodwa amaGibhithe asexotshana labo,
amabhiza wonke, izinqola zikaFaro, labagadi bakhe
bamabhiza, lebutho lakhe, abafica bemise inkamba
elwandle, eceleni kwePi-Hahirothi phambi kweBhali-
Zefoni. **10** Kwathi uFaro esesondele, abantwana
bakoIsrayeli baphakamisa amehlo abo, khangela-
ke, amaGibhithe ehamba ebalandela, basebesesaba
kakhulu. Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebekhala eNkosini;
11 bathi kuMozisi: Kungoba kwakungekho mangcwaba
yini eGibhithe ukuthi usithethe ukuze sifele enkangala?
Kuyini lokhu okwenze kithi, ukusikhupha eGibhithe?
12 Kayisilo leli ilizwi esalikhuluma kuwe eGibhithe
sisithi: Siyekele ukuthi sisebenzele amaGibhithe? Ngoba
bekuzakuba ngcono kithi ukuthi sisebenzele amaGibhithe
kulokuthi sifele enkangala. **13** UMozisi wasesithi
ebantwini: Lingesabi; manini liqine, libone usindiso
lweNkosi ezalenzela lona lamuhla; ngoba amaGibhithe
eliwabonayo lamuhla, kalisayikuwabona futhi kuze
kube laphakade. **14** INkosi izalilwela, lina-ke lizathula.
15 INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Ukhalelani kimi? Tshela
abantwana bakoIsrayeli ukuthi baqhubekele phambili. **16**
Wena-ke, phakamisa intonga yakho, welulele isandla
sakho phezu kolwandle uludabule, ukuze abantwana
bakoIsrayeli bahambe phakathi kolwandle emhlabathini
owomileyo. **17** Mina-ke, khangela, ngizayenza lukhuni
inhliziyo yamaGibhithe ukuze angene ngemva kwabo.
Njalo ngizadunyiswa ngoFaro langebutho lakhe lonke,
ngezinqola zakhe, langabagadi bamabhiza bakhe.
18 Njalo amaGibhithe azakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi
sengidunyiswe ngoFaro, ngezinqola zakhe langabagadi
bamabhiza bakhe. **19** Njalo ingilosi kaNkulunkulu
eyayihamba phambi kwebutho lakoIsrayeli yasuka
yayahamba ngemva kwabo; lensika yeyezi yasuka
phambi kwabo, yema ngemva kwabo, **20** yasisiza
phakathi kwebutho lamaGibhithe lebutho lakoIsrayeli.
Njalo yayiliyezi lobumnyama, kodwa yakhanyisa ubusuku,
okokuthi elinye kalisondelanga kwelinye ubusuku bonke.
21 UMozisi waseselulela isandla sakhe phezu kolwandle;
iNkosi yalwenza ulwandle lwahamba ngomoya olamandla
wempumalanga ubusuku bonke, yenza ulwandle lwaba
ngumhlabathi owomileyo; amanzi asesehlukaniswa.
22 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebengena olwandle
emhlabathini owomileyo; njalo amanzi aba ngumduli
kubo ngakwesokunene sabo langakwesokhohlo sabo.
23 AmaGibhithe asexotshana labo, angena ngemva
kwabo, wonke amabhiza kaFaro, inqola zakhe labagadi
bamabhiza bakhe, phakathi kolwandle. **24** Kwasekusithi
ngomlindo wokusa, iNkosi yakhangela phansi ebuthweni
lamaGibhithe isensikeni yomlilo leyeyezi, yalidunga
ibutho lamaGibhithe; **25** yakhupha amavili ezinqola zawo
ukuze zihambe nzima, aze athi amaGibhithe: Asibalekele
ubuso bukaIsrayeli, ngoba iNkosi iyabalwela imelene
lamaGibhithe. **26** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Yelulela
isandla sakho phezu kolwandle ukuze amanzi abuyele
phezu kwamaGibhithe, phezu kwenqola zawo laphezu
kwabagadi bawo bamabhiza. **27** UMozisi waseselulela
isandla sakhe phezu kolwandle; ulwandle lwaselubuyela
endaweni yalo eyejwayelekileyo emadabukakusa;
amaGibhithe asebalekela kulo; iNkosi yasiwathintithela
amaGibhithe phakathi kolwandle. **28** Amanzi asebuyela,
asibekela izinqola labagadi bamabhiza, lebutho
lonke likaFaro elalingene olwandle ngemva kwabo;
kakusalanga loyedwa kubo. **29** Kodwa abantwana
bakoIsrayeli bahamba phezu komhlabathi owomileyo
phakathi kolwandle; njalo amanzi aba ngumduli kubo
ngakwesokunene sabo langakwesokhohlo sabo. **30**
Ngokunjalo iNkosi yamsindisa uIsrayeli ngalolosuku
esandleni samaGibhithe; njalo uIsrayeli wabona
amaGibhithe efile ekhunjini lolwandle. **31** UIsrayeli
wasebona amandla amakhulu iNkosi eyawenzayo
kumaGibhithe. Abantu basebeyesaba iNkosi, bakholwa
eNkosini, lakuMozisi inceku yayo.

15 Khona oMozisi labantwana bakoIsrayeli
bahlabelela lelihubo eNkosini; bakhuluma bathi:
Ngizahlabelela iNkosi, ngoba iphakeme isibili. Ibhiza
lomgadi walo ikuphosele olwandle. **2** INkosi ingamandla
lehubo lami, isibe kimi lusindiso, lo nguNkulunkulu wami,
ngakho ngizamdumisa, unguNkulunkulu kababa, ngakho
ngizamphakamisa. **3** INkosi yindoda yempi, iNkosi
libizo layo. **4** Inqola zikaFaro lebutho lakhe ikuphosele
olwandle, lokhetho lwezinduna zakhe lwacwiliswa
oLwandle oluBomvu. **5** Inziki zabasibekela; behlela
ekujuleni njengelitshe. **6** Isandla sakho sokunene, Nkosi,
sidunyisiwe ngamandla; isandla sakho sokunene, Nkosi,
sisiphahlazile isitha. **7** Njalo ngobukhulu bokuphakama
kwakho uchithile abakuvukelayo; uthumele ulaka
lwakho oluvuthayo, lwabaqeda njengezidindi. **8**
Langokuvuthela kwamakhala akho amanzi abuthelelwa;
impophoma zema njengenqumbi; izinziki zajiya
enhliziyweni yolwandle. **9** Isitha sathi: Ngizaxotsha,

ngifice, ngehlukanise impango; isiloyiso sami sizasutha
bona, ngizahwatsha inkemba yami, isandla sami
sizababhubhisa. 10 Waphephetha ngomoya wakho,
ulwandle lwabasibekela; batshona njengomnuso
emanzini alamandla. 11 Ngubani onjengawe, Nkosi,
phakathi kwabonkulunkulu? Ngubani onjengawe
olodumo ebungcweleni, owesabekayo ezindunyisweni,
esenza izimangaliso? 12 Welulile isandla sakho
sokunene, umhlaba wabaginya. 13 Ukhokhele ngomusa
wakho lesisizwe osihlengileyo; wasihola ngamandla
akho endaweni yakho yokuhlala yobungcwele bakho.
14 Izizwe zizwile, ziyathuthumela; umhelo ubabambile
abahlali beFilisti. 15 Ngalesosikhathi izinduna zeEdoma
zizasanganiseka, iziphathamandla zakoMowabi,
ukuthuthumela kwazibamba, bonke abahlali beKhanani
bazancibilika. 16 Ukwethuka lokwesaba kuzabehlela;
ngobukhulu bengalo yakho bazathula njengelitshe, size
sichaphe isizwe sakho, Nkosi, size sichaphe isizwe
osithengileyo. 17 Uzabangenisa, ubahlanyele entabeni
yelifa lakho, indawo oyenzileyo, Nkosi, ukuthi uhlale
kuyo, indawo engcwele eziyimisileyo izandla zakho,
Nkosi. 18 INkosi izabusa kuze kube phakade lanininini.
19 Ngoba ibhiza likaFaro langena olwandle lenqola
yakhe labagadi bakhe bamabhiza, iNkosi yasibuyisela
amanzi olwandle phezu kwabo, kodwa abantwana
bakoIsrayeli bahamba emhlabathini owomileyo phakathi
kolwandle. 20 UMiriyamu umprofethikazi, udadewabo
kaAroni, wasethatha isigujana esandleni sakhe;
bonke abesifazana basebephuma ngemva kwakhe,
lezigujana lemigido. 21 UMiriyamu wasebaphendula
wathi: Hlabelelani iNkosi, ngoba inqobe ngodumo.
Ibhiza lomgadi walo ikuphosele olwandle. 22 UMozisi
wasemkhokhela uIsrayeli eqhubeka esuka eLwandle
oluBomvu, baphuma baya enkangala yeShuri; bahamba
insuku ezintathu enkangala, kabatholanga manzi. 23
Kwathi lapho befika eMara babengelakuwanatha amanzi
eMara, ngoba ayebaba; ngakho ibizo layo lathiwa
yiMara. 24 Abantu basebekhonona bemelene loMozisi
besithi: Sizanathani? 25 Wasekhala eNkosini. INkosi
yasimtshengisa isihlahla, asiphosela emanzini, amanzi
asesiba mnandi. Yabamisela khona isimiso lesimiselo,
lalapho yabalinga, 26 yasisithi: Uba lilalela lokulalela
ilizwi leNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu, lenze okulungileyo
emehlweni ayo, libeke indlebe emilayweni yayo, ligcine
zonke izimiso zayo, kangiyikwehlisela phezu kwenu
lasinye sezifo engazehlisela phezu kwamaGibhithe;
ngoba ngiyiNkosi elelaphayo. 27 Basebefika eElimi lapho
okwakukhona imithombo elitshumi lambili yamanzi,
lezihlahla zelala ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa;
basebemisa inkamba khona emanzini.

16 Basebesuka eElimi, lenhlangano yonke
yabantwana bakoIsrayeli yafika enkangala yeSini,
ephakathi kweElimi leSinayi, ngosuku lwetshumi
lanhlanu lwenyanga yesibili emva kokuphuma kwabo
elizweni leGibhithe. 2 Lenhlangano yonke yabantwana
bakoIsrayeli yakhonona imelana loMozisi loAroni
enkangala. 3 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesithi
kubo: Kungathi ngabe safa ngesandla seNkosi elizweni
leGibhithe lapho sasihlezi embizeni zenyama, lapho
sadla isinkwa sasutha; ngoba lisikhuphele kulinkangala
ukuze libulale lelibandla lonke ngendlala. 4 INkosi
yasisithi kuMozisi: Khangela, ngizalinisela isinkwa
sivela emazulwini; labantu bazaphuma ukubutha
isabelo sosuku ngosuku lwaso, ukuze ngibalinge
ukuthi bazahamba ngomlayo wami yini kumbe hayi.
5 Kuzakuthi-ke ngosuku lwesithupha bazalungisa
lokho abakulethileyo, njalo kuzabe kuphindwe kabili
kulokho abakubuthayo insuku ngensuku. 6 UMozisi
loAroni basebesithi kubo bonke abantwana bakoIsrayeli:
Kusihlwa, khona lizakwazi ukuthi iNkosi ilikhuphile
elizweni leGibhithe; 7 njalo kusisa, khona lizabona
inkazimulo yeNkosi, ngoba izwile ukukhonona kwenu
limelene leNkosi. Thina-ke siyini ukuthi lisikhononele?
8 UMozisi wasesithi: Lapho iNkosi ilinika inyama
yokudla kusihlwa, lesinkwa ekuseni, ukuze lisuthe,
kungoba iNkosi izwile ukukhonona kwenu elikukhonona
limelene layo. Ngoba thina siyini? Ukukhonona kwenu
kakumelananga lathi, kodwa kumelene leNkosi. 9
UMozisi wasesithi kuAroni: Tshono kunhlangano
yonke yabantwana bakoIsrayeli uthi: Sondelani phambi
kweNkosi, ngoba izwile ukukhonona kwenu. 10
Kwasekusithi uAroni esakhuluma kunhlangano yonke
yabantwana bakoIsrayeli, bakhangela ngasenkangala,
khangela-ke, inkazimulo yeNkosi yabonakala eyezini.
11 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: 12 Sengizwile
ukukhonona kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli; batshele uthi:
Kusihlwa lizakudla inyama, lekuseni lisuthe isinkwa,
njalo lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu.
13 Kwasekusithi ntambama kwenyuka izagwaca,
zasibekela inkamba; lakusisa kwakulomlalela wamazolo
uzingelezele inkamba. 14 Kwathi umlalela wamazolo
usuwenyukile, khangela-ke, phezu kobuso benkangala
into eyisigaqa encinyane, incinyane njengongqwaqwane
emhlabathini. 15 Kwathi abantwana bakoIsrayeli
bezibona bathi omunye komunye: Yimana. Ngoba
babengazi ukuthi kuyini. UMozisi wasesithi kubo:
Kuyisinkwa iNkosi elinike sona ukuze lidle. 16 Le
yinto iNkosi elilaye ngayo yathi: Ngulowo lalowo
kabuthe kuyo okulingene ukudla kwakhe, i-omeri
ngekhanda, njengenani lemiphefumulo yenu, ngulowo
uzathathela abasethenteni lakhe. 17 Abantwana
bakoIsrayeli basebesenza njalo, babutha, omunye
okunengi lomunye okulutshwana. 18 Sebelinganise
nge-omeri, lowo owayebuthe okunengi kabanga
lokusalayo, lowayebuthe okulutshwana kaswelanga;
babutha, ngulowo lalowo okulingene ukudla kwakhe. 19
UMozisi wasesithi kubo: Kakungabi lamuntu otshiya
kukho kuze kube sekuseni. 20 Kodwa kabamlalelanga

uMozisi; kodwa abanye batshiya kukho kwaze kwaba
sekuseni, kwasekuphethuza impethu, kwaba levumba.
Ngakho uMozisi wabathukuthelela. 21 Bakubutha ukusa
ngokusa, ngulowo lalowo okulingene ukudla kwakhe;
lapho ilanga selitshisa, kwancibilika. 22 Kwasekusithi
ngosuku lwesithupha babutha isinkwa esiphindwe kabili,
ama-omeri amabili ngamunye. Njalo zonke izinduna
zenhlangano zeza zamtshela uMozisi. 23 Wasesithi kuzo:
Lokhu yikho iNkosi ekutshiloyo: Kusasa yikuphumula,
isabatha elingcwele leNkosi. Bhakani elizakubhaka,
lipheke elizakupheka, konke lokho okuseleyo lizibekele
kugcinwe kuze kube sekuseni. 24 Basebekubeka
kwaze kwaba sekuseni njengokulaya kukaMozisi. Njalo
kakubanga levumba, kwakungelampethu kukho. 25
UMozisi wasesithi: Dlanini lokhu lamuhla, ngoba lamuhla
kulisabatha leNkosi; lamuhla kaliyikukuthola egangeni.
26 Lizakubutha insuku eziyisithupha; kodwa ngosuku
lwesikhombisa, isabatha, kakuyikuba khona kulo. 27
Kwasekusithi ngosuku lwesikhombisa abanye babantu
baphuma ukubutha, kodwa kabakutholanga. 28 INkosi
yasisithi kuMozisi: Koze kube nini lisala ukugcina imilayo
yami lemithetho yami? 29 Bonani, ngoba iNkosi ilinikile
isabatha, ngakho ilinika ngosuku lwesithupha isinkwa
sensuku ezimbili; hlalani kube ngulowo lalowo endaweni
yakhe, kakungaphumi muntu endaweni yakhe ngosuku
lwesikhombisa. 30 Ngakho abantu baphumula ngosuku
lwesikhombisa. 31 Indlu yakoIsrayeli yasibiza ibizo
lakho ngokuthi yimana; njalo kwakunjengenhlanyelo
yekhoriyanderi emhlophe, lokunambitheka kwayo
kwakunjengezinkwana eziyizipatalala eziloluju. 32
UMozisi wasesithi: Le yinto iNkosi elaye ngayo ukuthi:
Gcwalisani i-omeri ngayo igcinelwe izizukulwana zenu,
ukuze zibone isinkwa engalinika sona ukuthi lidle
enkangala ekulikhupheni kwami elizweni leGibhithe. 33
UMozisi wasesithi kuAroni: Thatha inqayi eyodwa, ufake
kuyo i-omeri eligcwele imana, uyibeke phambi kweNkosi,
igcinelwe izizukulwana zenu. 34 Njengokulaya kweNkosi
kuMozisi, uAroni wayibeka phambi kobufakazi ukuze
igcinwe. 35 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli-ke badla imana
iminyaka engamatshumi amane baze bafika elizweni
elakhiweyo. Badla imana baze bafika emngceleni
welizwe leKhanani. 36 I-omeri-ke ingokwetshumi kwe-
efa.

17 Inhlangano yonke yabantwana bakoIsrayeli
yasuka enkangala yeSini, ngamalombolombo abo,
ngokomlayo weNkosi, bamisa inkamba eRefidimi; kodwa
kwakungelamanzi okuthi abantu banathe. 2 Ngakho
abantu bamsola uMozisi bathi: Sinike amanzi, sinathe.
UMozisi wasesithi kubo: Lingisolelani? Liyilingelani
iNkosi? 3 Abantu basebesomela amanzi lapho, abantu
bangunguna kuMozisi bathi: Wasenyuselani eGibhithe
ukuze usibulale thina labantwana bethu lezifuyo zethu
ngokoma? 4 UMozisi wasekhala eNkosini esithi:
Ngizakwenzani kulababantu? Sekukancane ukuthi
bangikhande ngamatshe. 5 INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi:
Dlula phambi kwabantu, uthathe kanye lawe kubadala
bakoIsrayeli, lentonga yakho owatshaya umfula ngayo,
ithathe ngesandla sakho, uhambe. 6 Khangela,
ngizakuma lapho phambi kwakho phezu kwedwala
eHorebe; njalo uzatshaya idwala, kuphume-ke kulo
amanzi ukuze abantu banathe. UMozisi wasesenza njalo
phambi kwamehlo abadala bakoIsrayeli. 7 Wasebiza
ibizo lendawo ngokuthi yiMasa lokuthi yiMeriba ngenxa
yokusola kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli langenxa yokuyilinga
kwabo iNkosi besithi: INkosi iphakathi kwethu yini
loba hatshi? 8 Kwasekufika uAmaleki, walwa loIsrayeli
eRefidimi. 9 UMozisi wasesithi kuJoshuwa: Sikhethele
amadoda, uphume uyekulwa loAmaleki; kusasa
ngizakuma engqongeni yoqaqa, lentonga kaNkulunkulu
izakuba sesandleni sami. 10 UJoshuwa wasesenza
njengokutsho kukaMozisi kuye, walwa loAmaleki.
OMozisi, uAroni loHuri basebesenyukela engqongeni
yoqaqa. 11 Kwasekusithi lapho uMozisi ephakamisa
isandla sakhe, uIsrayeli waba lamandla; kodwa lapho
wehlisa isandla sakhe, uAmaleki waba lamandla. 12
Kodwa izandla zikaMozisi zaba nzima, ngakho bathatha
ilitshe, balibeka ngaphansi kwakhe, ukuthi ahlale kulo.
OAroni loHuri basebesekela izandla zakhe, omunye
engapha lomunye engale, ukuze izandla zakhe ziqine
lize litshone ilanga. 13 UJoshuwa wasemchitha uAmaleki
labantu bakhe ngobukhali benkemba. 14 INkosi yasisithi
kuMozisi: Bhala lokhu egwalweni kube yisikhumbuzo,
ukubeke ezindlebeni zikaJoshuwa ukuthi ngokwesula
ngizakwesula ukukhunjulwa kukaAmaleki ngaphansi
kwamazulu. 15 UMozisi wasesakha ilathi, wabiza
ibizo lalo ngokuthi: UJehova-nisi; 16 wathi: Ngoba
isandla sisesihlahleni sobukhosi seNkosi, iNkosi izakuba
lempi imelene loAmaleki kusukela kusizukulwana kusiya
kusizukulwana.

18 Kwathi uJetro umpristi weMidiyani, uyisezala
kaMozisi, esezwile konke uNkulunkulu ayemenzele
khona uMozisi loIsrayeli isizwe sakhe, ukuthi
iNkosi yayimkhuphile uIsrayeli eGibhithe, 2 uJetro
uyisezala kaMozisi wathatha uZipora umkaMozisi emva
kokumbuyisela kwakhe, 3 kanye lamadodana akhe
amabili; obizo lenye lalinguGereshoma, ngoba wathi:
Ngangingowemzini elizweni lemzini; 4 lebizo lenye
linguEliyezeri, ngoba uNkulunkulu kababa wayelusizo
lwami, wangikhulula enkembeni kaFaro. 5 UJetro
uyisezala kaMozisi wasesiza lamadodana akhe lomkakhe
kuMozisi enkangala, entabeni kaNkulunkulu lapho
ayemise khona inkamba. 6 Wasesithi kuMozisi:
Mina, uyihlozala, uJetro, ngiza kuwe lomkakho
lamadodana akhe amabili elaye. 7 UMozisi wasephuma
ukumhlangabeza uyisezala, wakhothama, wamanga.
Basebebuzana impilakahle; bangena ethenteni. 8
UMozisi wasemlandisela uyisezala ngakho konke

iNkosi eyayikwenzile kuFaro lakumaGibhithe ngenxa
kaIsrayeli, yonke inhlupheko eyabehlela endleleni,
lokuthi iNkosi yayibakhulule. 9 UJetro wasethokoza
ngakho konke okuhle iNkosi eyayikwenzele uIsrayeli,
ukuthi yayimkhulule esandleni samaGibhithe. 10
UJetro wasesithi: Ibusisiwe iNkosi elikhulule esandleni
samaGibhithe lesandleni sikaFaro; eyakhulula lesisizwe
ngaphansi kwesandla samaGibhithe. 11 Khathesi
sengisazi ukuthi iNkosi inkulu kulabo bonke onkulunkulu,
ngoba endabeni abazigabisa ngayo yayiphezu kwabo.
12 UJetro uyisezala kaMozisi wasethathela uNkulunkulu
umnikelo wokutshiswa lemihlatshelo; kwasekusiza uAroni
labo bonke abadala bakoIsrayeli ukudla isinkwa loyisezala
kaMozisi phambi kukaNkulunkulu. 13 Kwasekusithi kusisa
uMozisi wahlala ukwahlulela abantu; njalo abantu bema
phambi kukaMozisi kusukela ekuseni kwaze kwahlwa.
14 Kwathi lapho uyisezala kaMozisi esekubonile konke
akwenzela abantu wathi: Iyini linto oyenza ebantwini?
Uhlalelani wedwa, labantu bonke bemi kuwe kusukela
ekuseni kuze kuhlwe? 15 UMozisi wasesithi kuyisezala:
Ngoba abantu beza kimi ukubuza kuNkulunkulu. 16 Nxa
belendaba, beza kimi, njalo ngahlulele phakathi komuntu
lomakhelwane wakhe, ngibazise izimiso zikaNkulunkulu
lemithetho yakhe. 17 Uyisezala kaMozisi wasesithi kuye:
Into oyenzayo kayinhle. 18 Isibili uzazidlakaza, wena-
ke lalababantu abalawe; ngoba linto inzima kakhulu
kuwe, kawulakukwenza wedwa. 19 Khathesi lalela ilizwi
lami; ngizakweluleka, njalo uNkulunkulu abe lawe. Wena
kawube ngowabantu phambi kukaNkulunkulu, wena
ulethe izindaba kuNkulunkulu, 20 ubafundise izimiso
lemithetho, ubazise indlela abamele bahambe ngayo,
lomsebenzi abamele bawenze. 21 Futhi wena ubone
phakathi kwabo bonke abantu amadoda alamandla,
amesabayo uNkulunkulu, amadoda eqiniso, azonda
inzuzo engalunganga, uwabeke phezu kwabo, induna
zezinkulungwane, induna zamakhulu, induna zamatshumi
amahlanu, lenduna zamatshumi; 22 ukuthi zahlulele
abantu ngaso sonke isikhathi; kodwa kuzakuthi lonke
udaba olukhulu zizaluletha kuwe, kodwa lonke udaba
oluncinyane zizalwahlulela zona, ukuze kube lula
kuwe, njalo zizathwalisana lawe. 23 Uba usenza linto,
loNkulunkulu ekulawula, uzakuba lamandla okuma,
njalo labo bonke lababantu bazabuyela endaweni yabo
ngokuthula. 24 UMozisi waselilalela ilizwi likayisezala,
wenza konke ayekutshilo. 25 UMozisi wasekhetha
amadoda alamandla kuye wonke uIsrayeli, wawabeka
inhloko phezu kwabantu, induna zezinkulungwane,
induna zamakhulu, induna zamatshumi amahlanu
lenduna zamatshumi. 26 Zasezibahlulela abantu ngaso
sonke isikhathi; zaletha kuMozisi indaba ezinzima, kodwa
lonke udaba oluncinyane zalwahlulela zona. 27 UMozisi
wasemyekela wahamba uyisezala; waya elizweni lakibo.

19 Ngenyanga yesithathu emva kokuphuma
kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli elizweni leGibhithe,
ngalelolanga bafika enkangala yeSinayi. 2 Sebesukile
eRefidimi, bafika enkangala yeSinayi, bamisa inkamba
enkangala; uIsrayeli wamisa-ke inkamba khona phambi
kwentaba. 3 UMozisi wasesenyukela kuNkulunkulu.
INkosi yasimemeza kuye esentabeni isithi: Uzakutsho
njalo kuyo indlu kaJakobe, ubatshele abantwana
bakoIsrayeli uthi: 4 Lina libonile lokho engikwenze
kumaGibhithe, lokuthi ngalithwala phezu kwempiko
zenkozi, ngaliletha kimi. 5 Ngakho-ke uba lilalela
lokulalela ilizwi lami, ligcine isivumelwano sami, khona
lizakuba yimfuyo ekhethekileyo kimi kulazo zonke
izizwe; ngoba umhlaba wonke ungowami; 6 njalo
lizakuba ngumbuso wabapristi lesizwe esingcwele kimi.
Yiwo lamazwi ozawatsho kubantwana bakoIsrayeli. 7
UMozisi wasesiza wabiza abadala babantu, wabeka
phambi kwabo wonke la amazwi iNkosi emlaye wona.
8 Bonke abantu basebephendula kanyekanye bathi:
Konke iNkosi ekukhulumileyo sizakwenza. UMozisi
wasebuyisela amazwi abantu eNkosini. 9 INkosi yasisithi
kuMozisi: Khangela, ngizakuza kuwe eyezini elinzima
ukuze abantu bezwe nxa ngikhuluma lawe, lokuthi
bakholwe kuwe kuze kube nininini. UMozisi wasebikela
iNkosi amazwi abantu. 10 INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi:
Hamba uye ebantwini, ubangcwelise lamuhla lakusasa,
bawatshe izembatho zabo, 11 babe sebelungele usuku
lwesithathu; ngoba ngosuku lwesithathu iNkosi izakwehla
phambi kwamehlo abantu bonke phezu kwentaba
yeSinayi. 12 Uzabamisela abantu umngcele inhlangothi
zonke uthi: Ziqapheleni ukukhwela entabeni, lokuthinta
ewatheni layo. Wonke othinta intaba uzabulawa
lokubulawa. 13 Kakulasandla esizayithinta, kodwa sibili
uzakhandwa ngamatshe loba sibili uzatshokwa; loba
inyamazana loba umuntu, kakuyikuphila. Lapho uphondo
lwenqama lukhala isikhathi eside bazakwenyukela
entabeni. 14 UMozisi wasesehla entabeni waya
ebantwini, wangcwelisa abantu, njalo bahlamba
izembatho zabo. 15 Wathi ebantwini: Lungelani usuku
lwesithathu; lingasondeli kowesifazana. 16 Kwasekusithi
ngosuku lwesithathu sekusile, kwakulemidumo
lemibane leyezi elinzima phezu kwentaba, lelizwi
lophondo olulamandla amakhulu; kwaze kwathi bonke
abantu ababesenkambeni bathuthumela. 17 UMozisi
wasebakhupha abantu enkambeni ukuyamhlangabeza
uNkulunkulu; basebesima ngaphansi kwentaba. 18
Intaba yonke-ke yeSinayi yathunqa intuthu, ngoba
iNkosi yehlela phezu kwayo ngomlilo; njalo intuthu
yayo yenyuka njengentuthu yesithando; intaba yonke
yasizamazama kakhulu. 19 Kwathi ilizwi lophondo
liqhubeka lisiba lamandla amakhulu, uMozisi wakhuluma;
njalo uNkulunkulu wamphendula ngelizwi. 20 INkosi
yasisehlela entabeni yeSinayi, engqongeni yentaba;
iNkosi yambizela uMozisi engqongeni yentaba; uMozisi
wenyuka-ke. 21 INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Yehla,
ubaxwayise abantu hlezi bafohlele eNkosini ukubona,

njalo abanengi babo bawe. 22 Labapristi labo abasondela
eNkosini kabazingcwelise hlezi iNkosi ibadumele. 23
UMozisi wasesithi eNkosini: Abantu bangenyukele
entabeni yeSinayi, ngoba wena usixwayisile usithi: Misa
umngcele wentaba, uyingcwelise. 24 INkosi yasisithi
kuye: Hamba wehle, ubuye wenyuke, wena loAroni
elawe; kodwa abapristi labantu kabangafohli benyukele
eNkosini, hlezi ibadumele. 25 UMozisi wasesehlela
ebantwini, wabatshela.

20 UNkulunkulu wasekhuluma wonke la amazwi esithi:
2 NgiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho eyakukhupha
elizweni leGibhithe, endlini yobugqili. 3 Ungabi
labanye onkulunkulu phambi kwami. 4 Ungazenzeli
isithombe esibaziweyo loba yiwuphi umfanekiso
wokusemazulwini phezulu, loba wokusemhlabeni
phansi, loba wokusemanzini ngaphansi komhlaba; 5
ungakukhothameli, ungakukhonzi; ngoba mina iNkosi,
uNkulunkulu wakho, nginguNkulunkulu olobukhwele,
ngiphindisela ububi baboyise phezu kwabantwana,
kuze kube sesizukulwaneni sesithathu lesesine
sabangizondayo, 6 kodwa ngibenzela umusa
abayizinkulungwane zabangithandayo lezabagcina
imilayo yami. 7 Ungaliphathi ngeze ibizo leNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho; ngoba iNkosi kayiyikumyekela
engelacala ophatha ibizo layo ngeze. 8 Khumbula
usuku lwesabatha, ukulugcina lube ngcwele. 9 Insuku
eziyisithupha uzasebenza, uwenze wonke umsebenzi
wakho; 10 kodwa usuku lwesikhombisa lulisabatha
leNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho; ungenzi loba yiwuphi
umsebenzi ngalo, wena lendodana yakho lendodakazi
yakho, inceku yakho lencekukazi yakho lezifuyo zakho
lowemzini wakho ophakathi kwamasango akho. 11
Ngoba ngensuku eziyisithupha iNkosi yenza amazulu
lomhlaba lolwandle lakho konke okukukho, yasiphumula
ngosuku lwesikhombisa; ngalokhu iNkosi yalubusisa
usuku lwesabatha, yalungcwelisa. 12 Hlonipha uyihlo
lonyoko, ukuze insuku zakho zelulwe elizweni iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona. 13 Ungabulali. 14
Ungafebi. 15 Ungebi. 16 Unganiki ubufakazi bamanga
ngomakhelwane wakho. 17 Ungafisi indlu kamakhelwane
wakho, ungafisi umkamakhelwane wakho, lenceku yakhe,
lencekukazi yakhe, lenkabi yakhe, lobabhemi wakhe,
njalo loba yini ekamakhelwane wakho. 18 Bonke abantu
basebebona imidumo lemibane lelizwi lophondo, lentaba
ithunqa. Kwathi abantu bekubona bathuthumela, bema
khatshana; 19 bathi kuMozisi: Khuluma wena lathi, njalo
sizakuzwa; kodwa uNkulunkulu kangakhulumi lathi hlezi
sife. 20 UMozisi wasesithi ebantwini: Lingesabi; ngoba
uNkulunkulu ufikile ukuze alilinge, lokuze ukwesabeka
kwakhe kube phambi kwenu, ukuze lingoni. 21
Abantu bema-ke khatshana; kodwa uMozisi wasondela
emnyameni onzima lapho uNkulunkulu ayekhona. 22
INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Uzakutsho njalo kubantwana
bakoIsrayeli uthi: Lina selibonile ukuthi ngikhulume lani
ngisemazulwini. 23 Kaliyikwenza kanye lami onkulunkulu
besiliva, njalo onkulunkulu begolide kaliyikuzenzela.
24 Ngenzela ilathi lenhlabathi, unikele phezu kwalo
iminikelo yakho yokutshiswa leminikelo yakho yokuthula,
izimvu zakho lenkabi zakho. Kuyo yonke indawo
lapho engilenza ibizo lami ukuthi likhunjulwe khona
ngizakuza kuwe ngikubusise. 25 Kodwa uba ungenzela
ilathi lamatshe, awuyikulakha ngamatshe abaziweyo;
ngoba nxa uphakamisela kulo insimbi yakho yokubaza,
uyalingcolisa. 26 Awuyikukhwela phezu kwelathi lami
ngezikhwelo, ukuze ubunqunu bakho bungembulwa
phezu kwalo.

21 Lezi yizahlulelo ozazibeka-ke phambi kwabo. 2
Uba uthenga isigqili esingumHebheru, sizasebenza
iminyaka eyisithupha, kodwa ngowesikhombisa
sizaphuma sikhululekile ngesihle. 3 Uba safika sisodwa,
sizaphuma sisodwa; uba sithethe, umkaso uzaphuma
laso. 4 Uba inkosi yaso yasinika umfazi, asizalele
amadodana kumbe amadodakazi, umfazi labantwana
bakhe bazakuba ngabenkosi yakhe, njalo sizaphuma
sisodwa. 5 Kodwa uba isigqili sisitsho lokutsho ukuthi:
Ngiyayithanda inkosi yami, umkami labantwana bami,
kangiyikuphuma ngikhululekile; 6 inkosi yaso izasiletha
kubahluleli, ibisisiletha emnyango loba emgubazini,
njalo inkosi yaso izabhoboza indlebe yaso ngosungulo,
siyisebenzele-ke kuze kube nininini. 7 Njalo uba umuntu
ethengisa indodakazi yakhe ukuze ibe yisigqilikazi,
kayiyikuphuma njengalokhu izigqili ziphuma. 8 Uba
singayithokozisi inkosi yaso ezimisele sona, izasenza
sihlengwe; kayiyikuba lamandla okusithengisa esizweni
semzini, njengoba esiphethe ngenkohliso. 9 Kodwa uba
esimisela indodana yayo, izakwenza kuso njengelungelo
lamadodakazi. 10 Uba ezithathela omunye, ukudla
kwaso, isigubuzelo saso lokuhlala kwaso ndawonye
kayiyikukunciphisa. 11 Kodwa uba ingasenzeli lezizinto
ezintathu, sizaphuma ngesihle ngaphandle kwemali. 12
Otshaya umuntu aze afe, uzabulawa lokubulawa. 13
Kodwa uba ebengamcathamelanga, kodwa uNkulunkulu
ekwenze wahlangana lesandla sakhe, ngizakumisela
indawo ukuthi abalekele kuyo. 14 Kodwa uba umuntu
esukela umakhelwane wakhe ambulale ngobuqili,
uzamsusa elathini lami ukuze afe. 15 Otshaya uyise
kumbe unina, uzabulawa lokubulawa. 16 Loweba umuntu,
amthengise, loba eficwa esandleni sakhe, uzabulawa
lokubulawa. 17 Othuka uyise kumbe unina, uzabulawa
lokubulawa. 18 Njalo nxa amadoda esilwa, enye
itshaye enye ngelitshe kumbe ngenqindi, kodwa ingafi
kodwa ilale embhedeni, 19 uba ilulama itotobe phandle
ngodondolo lwayo, leyo eyitshayileyo izakhululwa.
Kodwa izahlawulela isikhathi sokungasebenzi kwayo,
izayelaphisa lokuyelaphisa. 20 Uba-ke umuntu etshaya
isigqili sakhe kumbe isigqilikazi sakhe ngenduku size
sife ngaphansi kwesandla sakhe, sizaphindiselwa

lokuphindiselwa. **21** Kanti nxa silulama usuku kumbe
insuku ezimbili, kayikuphindiselwa, ngoba siyimali yakhe.
22 Njalo nxa amadoda esilwa, atshaye owesifazana
okhulelweyo aze aphume umntwana wakhe, kodwa
kungelangozi yokufa, izahlawuliswa lokuhlawuliswa,
njengokubeka kwendoda yomfazi phezu kwayo,
izahlawulanjengokumiswe ngabahluleli. **23** Kodwa uba
kulengozi yokufa, uzanika umphefumulo ngomphefumulo,
24 ilihlo ngelihlo, izinyo ngezinyo, isandla ngesandla,
unyawo ngonyawo, **25** ukutshiswa ngokutshiswa,
inxeba ngenxeba, umvimvinya ngomvimvinya. **26**
Uba-ke umuntu etshaya ilihlo lesigqili sakhe kumbe
ilihlo lesigqilikazi sakhe alibulale, uzasiyekela sihambe
sikhululekile ngenxa yelihlo laso. **27** Uba-ke etshaya
izinyo lesigqili kumbe izinyo lesigqilikazi likhumuke,
uzasiyekela sihambe sikhululekile ngenxa yezinyo laso.
28 Njalo uba inkabi ihlaba owesilisa kumbe owesifazana
abesesifa, inkabi izakhandwa lokukhandwa ngamatshe,
lenyama yayo ingadliwa; kodwa umnininkabi uzayekelwa.
29 Kodwa uba inkabi ibijwayele ukuhlaba mandulo,
njalo kufakaziwe kumniniyo, kodwa engayilondolozanga,
ibisibulala owesilisa kumbe owesifazana, leyonkabi
izakhandwa ngamatshe, lomniniyo laye abulawe. **30**
Uba inhlawulo ibekwa phezu kwakhe, uzanika imbadalo
yokuhlengwa komphefumulo wakhe, njengakho konke
okubekwe phezu kwakhe. **31** Loba ihlaba indodana kumbe
ihlaba indodakazi, kuzakwenziwa kuye njengomthetho
lo. **32** Nxa inkabi ihlaba inceku kumbe incekukazi,
uzanika amashekeli esiliva angamatshumi amathathu
enkosini yayo, lenkabi ikhandwe ngamatshe. **33** Njalo uba
umuntu evula umgodi, loba uba umuntu egebha umgodi
angawusibekeli, kuwele kuwo inkabi kumbe ubabhemi,
34 umninimgodi uzahlawula, abuyisele imali kumniniyo,
kodwa efileyo izakuba ngeyakhe. **35** Njalo uba inkabi
yomuntu ilimaza inkabi kamakhelwane wakhe ize ife,
bazathengisa inkabi ephilayo, behlukaniselane imali yayo,
behlukaniselane efileyo futhi. **36** Kumbe uba kusaziwa
ukuthi inkabi ibijwayele ukuhlaba mandulo, kodwa
umniniyo engayilondolozanga, uzabhadala lokubhadala
inkabi ngenkabi, kodwa efileyo izakuba ngeyakhe.

22 Uba umuntu eseba inkabi loba imvu, ayihlabe
kumbe ayithengise, uzahlawula inkabi ezinhlanu
ngenkabi, lezimvu ezine ngemvu. **2** Uba isela lificwa
lifohlela, litshaywe lize life, kakulacala legazi kuye. **3**
Uba ilanga seliphumile phezu kwalo, ulecala legazi.
Lifanele ukubhadala lokubhadala; uba lingelalutho, limele
lithengiswe ngenxa yokweba kwalo. **4** Uba okwebiweyo
kuficwa lokuficwa esandleni salo kuphila, loba inkabi loba
ubabhemi kumbe imvu, lizabuyisela kuphindwe kabili.
5 Nxa umuntu edlisa insimu kumbe isivini, angenise
izifuyo zakhe zidle ensimini yomunye, uzabuyisela
ngokuhle kwensimu yakhe langokuhle kwesivini sakhe.
6 Uba kuqhamuka umlilo, ulumathe emeveni kuze
kutshe inqumbi yamabele loba amabele amileyo loba
insimu, othungele umlilo uzahlawula lokuhlawula. **7**
Uba umuntu enika umakhelwane wakhe imali loba
impahla ukuze akulondoloze, njalo kwebiwe endlini
yalowomuntu, uba isela litholwa lizabuyisela kuphindwe
kabili. **8** Uba isela lingatholwa, umninindlu uzasondezwa
kubahluleli ukuthi kafakanga yini isandla sakhe empahleni
kamakhelwane wakhe. **9** Ngalo lonke udaba lwecala,
ngenkabi, ngobabhemi, ngemvu, ngesembatho, ngakho
konke okulahlekileyo, umuntu atsho ngakho ukuthi
ngokwakhe, udaba lwabo bobabili luzakuza kubahluleli;
lowo abahluleli abamlahlayo uzabuyisela kuphindwe
kabili kumakhelwane wakhe. **10** Uba umuntu enikela
kumakhelwane wakhe ubabhemi loba inkabi loba imvu
kumbe isifuyo nje ukuthi akulondoloze, besekusifa loba
kulimala kumbe kuthunjwe, kungelamuntu obonayo, **11**
isifungo seNkosi sizakuba phakathi kwabo bobabili, ukuthi
kelulanga isandla empahleni kamakhelwane wakhe;
njalo umniniyo uzasemukela, kayikubuyisela. **12** Kodwa
uba yebiwe lokwebiwa kuye, uzamhlawula umniniyo. **13**
Uba idatshuliwe lokudatshulwa, kayilethe ibe yibufakazi,
kayikubuyisela edatshuliweyo. **14** Uba-ke umuntu
eseboleka ulutho kumakhelwane wakhe, beselulimala
loba lusifa umninilo engelalo, uzahlawula lokuhlawula. **15**
Uba umninilo elalo, kayikuhlawula; uba beluqhatshiwe,
lulande ukuqhatshwa kwalo. **16** Uba-ke indoda iyenga
intombi emsulwa engakhombanga, ilale layo, izayilobola
lokuyilobola ibe ngumkayo. **17** Uba uyise esala lokwala
ukumnika yona, uzabhadala imali njengelobolo lezintombi
ezimsulwa. **18** Lingayekeli umthakathikazi ukuthi aphile.
19 Wonke olala lenyamazana uzabulawa lokubulawa. **20**
Ohlabela onkulunkulu ngaphandle kweNkosi kuphela
uzatshabalaliswa. **21** Njalo ungamcindezeli owezizwe,
ungamhluphi, ngoba lalingabezizwe elizweni leGibhithe.
22 Lingacindezeli lawuphi umfelokazi kumbe intandane.
23 Uba ubacindezela lokubacindezela, yebo, uba bekhala
lokukhala kimi, ngizakuzwa lokuzwa ukukhala kwabo,
24 ulaka lwami luzavutha, ngilibulale ngenkemba,
labomkenu babe ngabafelokazi labantwana benu
intandane. **25** Uba useboleka abantu bami imali
abangabayanga abalawe, ungaziphathi njengombolekisi
kubo, ungabeki inzalo phezu kwabo. **26** Uba uthatha
lokuthatha isembatho sikamakhelwane wakho sibe
yisibambiso, sibuyisele kuye lingakatshoni ilanga; **27**
ngoba siyisigubuzelo sakhe sodwa, siyisembatho sakhe
esikhumbeni sakhe; uzalala phakathi kwani? Kuzakuthi-
ke lapho ekhala kimi, ngizamuzwa, ngoba ngilomusa. **28**
Lingathuki onkulunkulu, lingaqalekisi induna yabantu
bakini. **29** Lingaphuzisi isivuno senu esigcweleyo
lomhluzi wenu wezithelo. Uzangipha izibulo emadodaneni
akho. **30** Wenze njalo ngenkabi yakho langemvu
yakho; kuzakuba lonina insuku eziyisikhombisa; ngosuku
lwesificaminwembili unginike khona. **31** Lizakuba
ngabantu abangcwele kimi; ngakho lingadli inyama
edatshulwe egangeni yizilo, iphoseleni inja.

23 Ungawuphathi umbiko wamanga, ungafaki isandla
sakho lomubi ukuze ube ngumfakazi wobubi.
2 Ungalandeli abanengi ngezinto ezimbi, ungafakazi
ecaleni ukuze weyamele kwabanengi uliphambule.
3 Lomyanga ungamzweli ecaleni lakhe. **4** Uba
uhlangana lenkabi yesitha sakho loba ubabhemi
waso kuduha, uzakubuyisela lokukubuyisela kuso.
5 Uba ubona ubabhemi walowo okuzondayo elele
ngaphansi komthwalo wakhe, uyekele ukumkhulula,
uzamkhulula lokumkhulula laye. **6** Kawuyikuphambula
ukwahlulelwa komyanga wakho ecaleni lakhe. **7** Bana
khatshana lendaba yamanga, ungabulali ongelacala
lolungileyo, ngoba kangiyikumlungisisa okhohlakeleyo.
8 Njalo kawuyikwemukela isivalamlomo, ngoba
isivalamlomo siphumputhekisa ababonayo, sonakalise
amazwi abalungileyo. **9** Futhi kawuyikumcindezela
owezizwe; ngoba lina liyayazi imizwa yowezizwe,
ngoba lalingabezizwe elizweni leGibhithe. **10** Njalo
iminyaka eyisithupha uzahlanyela isiqinti sakho,
ubuthe isivuno saso. **11** Kodwa ngowesikhombisa
uzasilalukisa sibe lifusi, ukuze abayanga besizwe
sakho badle, lalokho okuseleyo inyamazana zeganga
zikudle. Wenze njalo ngesivini sakho lemihlwathi
yakho. **12** Insuku eziyisithupha uzakwenza umsebenzi
wakho, njalo ngosuku lwesikhombisa uphumule, ukuze
kuphumule inkabi yakho labobabhemi bakho, kuvuselele-
ke indodana yencekukazi yakho lowezizweni. **13**
Lezintweni zonke esengizitshilo kini qaphelani, lebizo
labanye onkulunkulu lingaliphathi, kaliyikuzwakala
emlonyeni wakho. **14** Kathathu ngomnyaka uzangigcinela
umkhosi. **15** Umkhosi wesinkwa esingelamvubelo
uzawugcina, insuku eziyisikhombisa udle isinkwa
esingelamvubelo njengokukulaya kwami, ngesikhathi
esimisiweyo senyanga kaAbhibhi; ngoba kuyo waphuma
eGibhithe; kabayikubonakala phambi kwami bengaphethe
lutho. **16** Lomkhosi wesivuno, izithelo zokuqala
zomsebenzi wakho, owuhlanyeleyo ensimini; lomkhosi
wokubutha ekupheleni komnyaka, lapho usubuthile
umsebenzi wakho ensimini. **17** Kathathu ngomnyaka
bonke abesilisa bakho bazabonakala phambi kweNkosi
uJehova. **18** Kawuyikunikela igazi lomhlatshelo wami
kanye lesinkwa esilemvubelo. Lamafutha omkhosi wami
angalali kuze kuse. **19** Ikhethelo lezithelo zokuqala
zensimu yakho uzaliletha endlini yeNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho. Ungapheki izinyane echagweni lukanina. **20**
Khangela, ngithuma ingilosi phambi kwakho ukuze
ikulondoloze endleleni, ikuse endaweni engiyilungisileyo.
21 Uqaphele phambi kwayo, ulalele ilizwi layo;
ungayicunuli, ngoba kayiyikuthethelela iziphambeko
zenu; ngoba ibizo lami liphakathi kwayo. **22** Kodwa uba
ulalela lokulalela ilizwi layo, wenze konke engikutshoyo,
sengizakuba yisitha sezitha zakho, ngiphambane
labaphambana lawe. **23** Ngoba ingilosi yami izahamba
phambi kwakho, ikungenise kumaAmori lamaHethi
lamaPerizi lamaKhanani lamaHivi lamaJebusi. Njalo
ngizababhubhisa. **24** Ungakhothameli onkulunkulu babo,
ungabakhonzi, ungenzi njengemisebenzi yabo; kodwa
ubachithe lokubachitha, ubhidlize lokubhidliza izinsika
zabo eziyizithombe. **25** Lizakhonza-ke iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wenu; njalo izabusisa ukudla kwakho lamanzi akho,
njalo ngisuse isifo phakathi kwakho. **26** Kakuyikuba
khona okuphunzayo lokuyinyumba elizweni lakho.
Ngizaphelelisa inani lensuku zakho. **27** Ngizathumela
ukwesabeka kwami phambi kwakho, ngiphambanise
bonke abantu ozafika kubo, ngenze izitha zakho zonke
zikunike isiphundu. **28** Ngizathumela olonyovu phambi
kwakho abazaxotsha amaHivi, amaKhanani lamaHethi
phambi kwakho. **29** Kangiyikubaxotsha phambi kwakho
ngomnyaka owodwa, hlezi ilizwe libe ngamanxiwa,
lenyamazana zeganga zikwandele. **30** Ngizabaxotsha
phambi kwakho kancinyane kancinyane, uze wande,
udle ilifa lelizwe. **31** Njalo ngizamisa imingcele yakho
kusukela eLwandle oluBomvu kuze kufike elwandle
lwamaFilisti, njalo kusukela enkangala kuze kufike
emfuleni; ngoba ngizanikela esandleni sakho abakhileyo
belizwe; uzabaxotsha phambi kwakho. **32** Ungenzi
isivumelwano labo labonkulunkulu babo. **33** Kabayikuhlala
elizweni lakho, hlezi bakwenze ukuthi wone kimi; uba
ukhonza onkulunkulu babo, ngeqiniso kuzakuba yisifu
kuwe.

24 Yasisithi kuMozisi: Yenyukela eNkosini, wena
loAroni, uNadabi loAbihu, labangamatshumi
ayisikhombisa kubadala bakoIsrayeli, likhonze
likhatshana. **2** Njalo uMozisi yedwa uzasondela eNkosini,
kodwa bona kabayikusondela; labantu kabayikwenyuka
laye. **3** UMozisi wasesiza wabatshela abantu wonke
amazwi eNkosi lokwahlulela konke; bonke abantu
baphendula ngalizwi linye bathi: Wonke amazwi eNkosi
ewakhulumileyo sizawenza. **4** UMozisi wasebhala
wonke amazwi eNkosi. Wavuka ekuseni kakhulu,
wakha ilathi phansi kwentaba, lensika ezilitshumi
lambili, ngokwezizwe ezilitshumi lambili zakoIsrayeli.
5 Wathuma amajaha abantwana bakoIsrayeli, anikela
iminikelo yokutshiswa, ahlabela iNkosi iminikelo
yokuthula yamajongosi. **6** UMozisi wasethatha
ingxenye yegazi, wayifaka emiganwini; lengxenye
yegazi wayifafaza phezu kwelathi. **7** Wasethatha
incwadi yesivumelwano, wayibala ezindlebeni zabantu.
Basebesithi: Konke iNkosi ekutshiloyo sizakwenza
silalele. **8** UMozisi wasethatha igazi, walifafaza phezu
kwabantu, wathi: Khangelani igazi lesivumelwano
iNkosi esenze lani mayelana lawo wonke la amazwi.
9 Basebesenyuka oMozisi loAroni, uNadabi loAbihu,
labangamatshumi ayisikhombisa kubadala bakoIsrayeli,
10 basebebona uNkulunkulu wakoIsrayeli, langaphansi
kwenyawo zakhe kwakukhona okunjengomsebenzi
wamasafire agandelweyo, lanjengamazulu uqobo
ngokucwengeka. **11** Kodwa kaselulanga isandla

sakhe kuzo iziphathamandla zabantwana bakoIsrayeli.
Sebembonile-ke uNkulunkulu badla banatha. **12**
INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Yenyukela kimi entabeni,
ube khona; njalo ngizakunika izibhebhe zamatshe
lomlayo lemithetho, engikubhalileyo ukubafundisa.
13 Wasukuma-ke uMozisi, lenceku yakhe uJoshuwa;
uMozisi wasesenyukela entabeni kaNkulunkulu. **14**
Wasesithi ebadaleni: Silindeleni lapha size sibuye
kini; khangelani-ke uAroni loHuri balani; olezindaba
kasondele kubo. **15** UMozisi wasesenyukela entabeni,
leyezi lasibekela intaba. **16** Njalo inkazimulo yeNkosi
yahlala entabeni yeSinayi; leyezi layisibekela insuku
eziyisithupha; yasimbiza uMozisi ngosuku lwesikhombisa
iphakathi kweyezi. **17** Njalo ukubonakala kwenkazimulo
yeNkosi kwakunjengomlilo oqothulayo, engqongeni
yentaba, emehlweni abantwana bakoIsrayeli. **18** UMozisi
wasengena phakathi kweyezi, wenyukela entabeni; njalo
uMozisi waba sentabeni insuku ezingamatshumi amane
lobusuku obungamatshumi amane.

25 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **2** Khuluma
kubantwana bakoIsrayeli ukuthi bangithathele
umnikelo; uzathatha umnikelo wami kuye wonke umuntu,
onhliziyo yakhe imenza avume. **3** Njalo yilo umnikelo
ozawuthatha kubo: Igolide, lesiliva, lethusi, **4** lokuluhlaza
okwesibhakabhaka, lokuyibubende, lokubomvu, lelembu
elicolekileyo kakhulu, loboya bembuzi, **5** lezikhumba
eziphendulwe zababomvu zezinqama, lezikhumba
zikamantswane, lesihlahla sesinga, **6** amafutha esibane,
amakha amafutha okugcoba, lawempepha ethunqayo
elephunga elimnandi, **7** amatshe athiwa ngama-
onikse, lamatshe okubekwa e-efodini lesembathweni
sesifuba. **8** Njalo kabangenzele indawo engcwele
ukuze ngihlale phakathi kwabo. **9** Njengakho konke
engizakutshengisa khona, isibonelo sethabhanekele,
lesibonelo sempahla yalo yonke, lenze njalo-ke. **10**
Njalo bazakwenza umtshokotsho ngesihlahla sesinga;
ubude bawo bube zingalo ezimbili lengxenye, lobubanzi
bawo yingalo lengxenye, lokuphakama kwawo yingalo
lengxenye. **11** Uwuhuqe-ke ngegolide elicwengekileyo,
uwuhuqe ngaphakathi langaphandle, wenze phezu
kwawo umqolo wegolide inhlangothi zonke. **12**
Uwubumbele ngokuncibilikisa futhi amasongo amane
egolide, uwafake emagumbini omane awo, ukuze
amasongo amabili abe kolunye uhlangothi lwawo,
lamasongo amabili abe kolunye uhlangothi lwawo.
13 Njalo uzakwenza imijabo ngesihlahla sesinga,
uyihuqe ngegolide, **14** uyifake imijabo emasongweni
enhlangothini zomtshokotsho, ukuthwala umtshokotsho
ngayo. **15** Imijabo izakuba semasongweni omtshokotsho,
ayiyikukhutshwa kuwo. **16** Ubusufaka emtshokotshweni
ubufakazi engizakunika bona. **17** Njalo uzakwenza
isihlalo somusa ngegolide elicwengekileyo, ubude
baso bube zingalo ezimbili lengxenye, ububanzi baso
yingalo lengxenye. **18** Ububusenza amakherubhi amabili
ngegolide, uzawenza ngomsebenzi okhandiweyo, avele
emaphethelweni womabili esihlalo somusa. **19** Wenze
elinye ikherubhi livele ephethelweni lwaloluhlangothi,
lelinye ikherubhi livele ephethelweni lolunye uhlangothi,
uzakwenza amakherubhi evela esihlalweni somusa
emaphethelweni womabili aso. **20** Lamakherubhi
azakwelula impiko zawo ngaphezulu, ambomboze isihlalo
somusa ngempiko zawo, lobuso bawo bukhangelane;
ubuso bamakherubhi buzakhangela isihlalo somusa.
21 Njalo uzasibeka isihlalo somusa ngaphezulu, phezu
komtshokotsho, ufake emtshokotshweni ubufakazi
engizakunika bona. **22** Ngizahlangana-ke lawe
lapho, ngikhulume lawe ngingaphezu kwesihlalo
somusa, ngiphakathi kwamakherubhi amabili aphezu
komtshokotsho wobufakazi, konke engizakulaya khona
kubantwana bakoIsrayeli. **23** Uzakwenza futhi itafula
ngesihlahla sesinga; ubude balo bube zingalo
ezimbili, lobubanzi balo yingalo, lokuphakama kwalo
yingalo lengxenye. **24** Uzalihuqa-ke ngegolide
elicwengekileyo, wenze kulo umqolo wegolide inhlangothi
zonke. **25** Uzakwenza kulo inhlangothi zonke ibhanti
elingangobubanzi besandla, ulenzele ibhanti lalo umqolo
wegolide inhlangothi zonke. **26** Ulenzele futhi amasongo
amane egolide, uwafake amasongo emagunjini amane
asenyaweni zalo zozine. **27** Amasongo azakuba
ngasebhantini ukuze abe zindawo zemijabo, ukuthwala
itafula. **28** Njalo uzakwenza imijabo ngesihlahla sesinga,
uyihuqe ngegolide, ukuze itafula lithwalwe ngayo;
29 wenze futhi imiganu yalo lenkezo zalo lezitsha
zalo lenditshi zalo abathela ngazo, uzenze ngegolide
elicwengekileyo. **30** Uzabeka-ke etafuleni izinkwa
zokubukiswa phambi kwami njalonjalo. **31** Uzakwenza
njalo uluthi lwesibane ngegolide elicwengekileyo; uluthi
lwesibane luzakwenziwa ngomsebenzi okhandiweyo,
isidindi salo, lezinti zalo, imbizana zalo, induku zalo,
lamaluba alo, kuvele kulo. **32** Njalo izinti eziyisithupha
zizaphuma enhlangothini zalo; izinti ezintathu zoluthi
lwesibane kolunye uhlangothi, lezinti ezintathu zoluthi
lwesibane kolunye uhlangothi. **33** Imbizana ezintathu
ezenziwe zafanana lamaluba esihlahla se-alimondi
kolunye uluthi, isiduku leluba; lembizana ezintathu
ezenziwe zafanana lamaluba esihlahla se-alimondi
kolunye uluthi, isiduku leluba; kube njalo ezintini
eziyisithupha eziphuma oluthini lwesibane. **34** Oluthini
lwesibane kube khona imbizana ezine ezenziwe zafanana
lamaluba esihlahla se-alimondi, iziduku zalo lamaluba
alo; **35** kube lesiduku ngaphansi kwezinti ezimbili
ezivela kulo, lesiduku ngaphansi kwezinti ezimbili
ezivela kulo, futhi isiduku ngaphansi kwezinti ezimbili
ezivela kulo, njengezinti eziyisithupha eziphuma oluthini
lwesibane. **36** Iziduku zazo lezinti zazo zizavela kulo,
lonke lube ngumsebenzi munye okhandiweyo wegolide
elicwengekileyo. **37** Uzakwenza futhi izibane zalo

eziyisikhombisa, njalo bazalumathisa izibane zalo,
bazazenza zikhanyise ehlangothini oluphambi kwalo. **38**
Njalo indlawu zalo lemiganu yalo yomlotha kuzakuba
ligolide elicwengekileyo. **39** Kalwenziwe ngethalenta
legolide elicwengekileyo, kanye lazo zonke lezizinto.
40 Nanzelela-ke ukuthi uzenze njengomfanekiso wazo,
owatshengiswa wona entabeni.

26 Uzakwenza-ke ithabhanekele ngamakhetheni
alitshumi elembu elicolekileyo elenziwe
ngentambo ephothiweyo lokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka
lokuyibubende lokubomvu, ngamakherubhi; uzawenza
enziwe ngumuntu oyingcitshi. **2** Ubude bekhetheni
elilodwa bube zingalo ezingamatshumi amabili
lesificaminwembili, lobubanzi bekhetheni elilodwa
zingalo ezine; wonke amakhetheni alingane. **3**
Amakhetheni amahlanu azahlanganiswa, elinye lelinye;
lamakhetheni amahlanu azahlanganiswa, elinye
lelinye. **4** Uzakwenza-ke izihitshela ngokuluhlaza
okwesibhakabhaka emphethweni welinye ikhetheni,
ekucineni kwenhlangano, njalo ngokufananayo wenze
emphethweni wekhetheni ekucineni, kunhlangano
yesibili. **5** Wenze izihitshela ezingamatshumi amahlanu
kwelinye ikhetheni, lezihitshela ezingamatshumi
amahlanu uzazenza emphethweni wekhetheni
elikunhlangano yeyesibili; izihitshela zikhangelane.
6 Njalo wenze ingwegwe zegolide ezingamatshumi
amahlanu, uhlanganise amakhetheni elinye lelinye
ngengwegwe, ukuze kube lethabhanekele elilodwa. **7**
Wenze futhi amakhetheni ngoboya bembuzi abe lithente
phezu kwethabhanekele; uzalenza ngamakhetheni
alitshumi lanye. **8** Ubude bekhetheni elilodwa zingalo
ezingamatshumi amathathu, lobubanzi bekhetheni
elilodwa zingalo ezine; amakhetheni alitshumi lanye
alingane. **9** Njalo uzahlanganisa amakhetheni amahlanu
abe wodwa, lamakhetheni ayisithupha abe wodwa;
lekhetheni lesithupha uzalipheqa phambi kwethente
ngaphambili. **10** Wenze-ke izihitshela ezingamatshumi
amahlanu emphethweni wekhetheni, ekucineni
kwenhlangano, lezihitshela ezingamatshumi amahlanu
emphethweni wekhetheni elihlanganisa elesibili. **11**
Wenze futhi ingwegwe zethusi ezingamatshumi
amahlanu, uzifake ingwegwe ezihitsheleni, uhlanganise
ithente libe linye. **12** Njalo okuseleyo okwedluleleyo
kwamakhetheni ethente, ingxenye yekhetheni eseleyo,
izalengela ehlangothini olungemuva kwethabhanekele. **13**
Njalo ingalo ngapha lengalo langapha kulokho okuseleyo
ebudeni bamakhetheni ethente, izalengela emaceleni
ethabhanekele ngapha langapha ukulisibekela. **14**
Uzalenzela ithente isembeso sezikhumba eziphendulwe
zababomvu zezinqama, lesembeso sezikhumba
zikamantswane phezulu. **15** Njalo uzakwenza
amapulanka ethabhanekele ngesihlahla sesinga, ame,
16 ubude bamapulanka buzakuba zingalo ezilitshumi,
lobubanzi bepulanka linye bube yingalo lengxenye
yengalo. **17** Ipulanka elilodwa lizakuba lemisuka emibili,
ihlanganisiwe omunye komunye; wenze njalo kuwo
wonke amapulanka ethabhanekeleni. **18** Uzalenzela-ke
ithabhanekele amapulanka, amapulanka angamatshumi
amabili ehlangothini lweningizimu olukhangele
eningizimu; **19** wenze njalo izisekelo ezingamatshumi
amane zesiliva ngaphansi kwamapulanka angamatshumi
amabili, izisekelo ezimbili ngaphansi kwepulanka linye
zibe ngezemisuka yalo yomibili, lezisekelo ezimbili
ngaphansi kwelinye ipulanka zibe ngezemisuka yalo
yomibili, **20** njalo amapulanka angamatshumi amabili
ehlangothini lwesibili lwethabhanekele, uhlangothi
lwenyakatho, **21** lezisekelo zawo ezingamatshumi
amane zesiliva, izisekelo ezimbili ngaphansi kwepulanka
linye lezisekelo ezimbili ngaphansi kwelinye ipulanka.
22 Njalo wenze amapulanka ayisithupha ehlangothini
olungemuva kwethabhanekele ngentshonalanga, **23**
njalo uzakwenza lamapulanka amabili awengonsi
zethabhanekele ehlangothini olungemuva, **24** njalo
abe mabili ngaphansi, azaphelela langaphezulu
ndawonye, esongweni elilodwa; kuzakuba njalo ngawo
womabili, abe ngawengonsi zombili. **25** Njalo azakuba
ngamapulanka ayisificaminwembili, lezisekelo zawo
zesiliva, izisekelo ezilitshumi lesithupha, izisekelo
ezimbili ngaphansi kwepulanka elinye, lezisekelo
ezimbili ngaphansi kwelinye ipulanka. **26** Uzakwenza
njalo imithando ngesihlahla sesinga, emihlanu ibe
ngeyamapulanka akolunye uhlangothi lwethabhanekele,
27 lemithando emihlanu ibe ngeyamapulanka akolunye
uhlangothi lwethabhanekele, lemithando emihlanu
ibe ngeyamapulanka ehlangothini lwethabhanekele,
ehlangothini olusemuva ngentshonalanga; **28** lomthando
waphakathi, phakathi kwamapulanka, uzadabula
kusukela ekucineni kusiya ekucineni. **29** Njalo
uzawahuqa amapulanka ngegolide, uwenze amasongo
awo ngegolide, abe zindawo zemithando; uyihuqe
imithando ngegolide. **30** Uzalimisa-ke ithabhanekele
njengomfanekiso walo owawutshengiswa entabeni. **31**
Uzakwenza leveyili ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka
lokuyibubende lokubomvu, lelembu elicolekileyo
elentambo ephothiweyo, kube ngumsebenzi wengcitshi,
lamakherubhi; **32** uzalilengisa-ke ensikeni ezine zesinga,
ezihuqwe ngegolide, lengwegwe zalo zegolide, phezu
kwezisekelo ezine zesiliva. **33** Njalo uzalilengisa
iveyili phansi kwezingwegwe, ukuze ungenise lapho,
ngaphakathi kweveyili, umtshokotsho wobufakazi;
leliveyili lizalehlukanisela phakathi kwengcwele
lengcwele yezingcwele. **34** Uzabeka-ke isihlalo
somusa phezu komtshokotsho wobufakazi engcweleni
yezingcwele, **35** njalo ubeke itafula ngaphandle
kweveyili, loluthi lwesibane maqondana letafula
ehlangothini lwethabhanekele ngaseningizimu, ubeke
itafula ehlangothini lwenyakatho. **36** Uzakwenza isilenge
somnyango wethente ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka

lokuyibubende lokubomvu langelembu elicolekileyo
elilentambo ephothiweyo, umsebenzi womfekethisi
ngenalithi. 37 Usenzele-ke isilenge insika ezinhlanu
zesinga, uzihuqe ngegolide; ingwegwe zazo zibe
ngezegolide, uzibumbele ngokuncibilikisa izisekelo
ezinhlanu zibe ngezethusi.

27 Uzakwenza-ke ilathi ngesihlahla sesinga, ubude
bube zingalo ezinhlanu, ububanzi bube zingalo
ezinhlanu, ilathi lilingane inhlangothi zozine, ukuphakama
kwalo kube zingalo ezintathu. 2 Njalo uzakwenza
impondo zalo phezu kwengonsi zalo zozine, impondo
zalo zizavela kulo; ubusulihuqa ngethusi. 3 Njalo wenze
izimbiza zokususa umlotha walo, lamafotsholo alo,
lemiganu yalo yokufafaza, lamafologwe alo enyama,
lezitsha zalo zokuthwala umlilo, uzenze zonke izinto
zalo ngethusi. 4 Ulenzele-ke iziko lethusi elenziwe
njengembule, wenze phezu kwembule amasongo amane
ethusi engonsini zalo zozine; 5 usibeke ngaphansi
komphetho welathi phansi, ukuze imbule lifinyelele
phakathi kwelathi. 6 Ulenzele ilathi imijabo, imijabo
yesihlahla sesinga, uyihuqe ngethusi; 7 lemijabo ifakwe
emasongweni, imijabo izakuba-ke enhlangothini zombili
zelathi, ekulithwaleni. 8 Ulenze ngamapulanka ligubheke,
njengalokho wakutshengiswa entabeni, bazalenza njalo.
9 Njalo uzakwenza iguma lethabhanekele; okohlangothi
olungeningizimu ngaseningizimu kube lamakhetheni
elembu elicolekileyo lentambo ephothiweyo, ubude
bohlangothi lunye bube zingalo ezilikhulu; 10 lensika zawo
ezingamatshumi amabili lezisekelo zazo ezingamatshumi
amabili zibe ngezethusi, ingwegwe zezinsika lezibopho
zazo zibe ngezesiliva. 11 Ngokunjalo-ke ehlangothini
olungenyakatho ebudeni, amakhetheni azakuba zingalo
ezilikhulu ebudeni, lensika zawo ezingamatshumi amabili
lezisekelo zazo ezingamatshumi amabili zibe ngezethusi,
ingwegwe zezinsika lezibopho zazo zibe ngezesiliva. 12
Lebubanzini beguma, ehlangothini olusentshonalanga,
kuzakuba khona amakhetheni azingalo ezingamatshumi
amahlanu, insika zawo zibe litshumi lezisekelo zazo
zibe litshumi. 13 Lobubanzi beguma ehlangothini
olungempumalanga ngasempumalanga bube zingalo
ezingamatshumi amahlanu. 14 Lamakhetheni olunye
uhlangothi azakuba zingalo ezilitshumi lanhlanu, insika
zawo zibentathu, lezisekelo zazo zibentathu; 15
lakolunye uhlangothi amakhetheni abe zingalo ezilitshumi
lanhlanu, insika zawo zibentathu lezisekelo zazo
zibentathu. 16 Emnyango weguma kuzakuba-ke lesilenge
esizingalo ezingamatshumi amabili, esilokuluhlaza
okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende lokubomvu lelembu
elicolekileyo lentambo ephothiweyo, kube ngumsebenzi
womfekethisi ngenalithi; insika zaso zibe zine lezisekelo
zazo zibe zine. 17 Zonke insika ezizingelezele
iguma zizabotshwa ngesiliva, ingwegwe zazo zibe
ngezesiliva lezisekelo zazo zibe ngezethusi. 18
Ubude beguma bube zingalo ezilikhulu, lobubanzi
bube zingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu inhlangothi
zombili, lokuphakama kube zingalo ezinhlanu zelembu
elicolekileyo lentambo ephothiweyo, lezisekelo zazo
ngezethusi. 19 Zonke izinto zethabhanekele emsebenzini
walo wonke, lezikhonkwane zalo zonke, lazo zonke
izikhonkwane zeguma zizakuba ngezethusi. 20 Wena
uzabalaya-ke abantwana bakoIsrayeli ukuze bakulethele
amafutha acengekileyo emihlwathi agigelwe isibane,
ukuze enze isibane sivuthe njalonjalo. 21 Ethenteni
lenhlangano ngaphandle kweveyili eliphambi kobufakazi,
uAroni lamadodana akhe bazasilondoloza kusukela
kusihlwa kuze kube sekuseni phambi kweNkosi;
kuzakuba yisimiso saphakade ezizukulwaneni zabo,
ngenxa yabantwana bakoIsrayeli.

28 Wena-ke sondeza kuwe uAroni umnewenu
lamadodana akhe kanye laye, phakathi
kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli, ukuze bangisebenzele
njengabapristi, uAroni, uNadabi loAbihu, uEleyazare
loIthamari, amadodana kaAroni. 2 Umenzele-ke
uAroni umnewenu izembatho ezingcwele, ezobukhosi
lezokucecisa. 3 Wena-ke khuluma labo bonke
abahlakaniphileyo ngenhliziyo, engibagcwalise ngomoya
wenhlakanipho, ukuze benze izembatho zikaAroni
zokumehlukanisela ukungisebenzela njengompristi. 4
Lalezi yizembatho abazazenza; isembatho sesifuba
le-efodi, lebhatshi, lesigqoko esilamabala, iqhiye,
lebhanti; bamenzele uAroni umnewenu izembatho
ezingcwele, lezamadodana akhe, ukuze angisebenzele
njengompristi. 5 Bona-ke kabathathe igolide lokuluhlaza
okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende lokubomvu lelembu
elicolekileyo kakhulu. 6 Besebesenza i-efodi ngegolide,
okuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, lokuyibubende,
okubomvu, lelembu elicolekileyo lentambo ephothiweyo,
umsebenzi wengcitshi. 7 Sizakuba lezichibi ezimbili
zamahlombe, zihlangane emaceleni aso womabili, ukuze
sihlanganiswe. 8 Ibhanti elelukwe ngobungcitshi le-
efodi lakhe, elikuye, lizakuba njengomsebenzi walo,
liyinto yinye, ngegolide, okuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka,
lokuyibubende, lokubomvu, lelembu elicolekileyo
lentambo ephothiweyo. 9 Njalo uzathatha amatshe
amabili ama-onikse, ubaze kuwo amabizo amadodana
kaIsrayeli, 10 ayisithupha kumabizo awo phezu kwelinye
ilitshe, lamabizo ayisithupha aseleyo phezu kwelinye
ilitshe, njengokuzalwa kwawo. 11 Njengomsebenzi
wombazi wamatshe, njengokubazwa kwendandatho
elophawu, uzawabaza amatshe womabili, ngamabizo
amadodana kaIsrayeli, uwenze amiswe ezisekelweni
zegolide ezitshiliweyo. 12 Njalo uzabeka amatshe
womabili ezichibini zamahlombe ze-efodi, amatshe
esikhumbuzo ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli; loAroni
uzathwala amabizo abo emahlombe akhe womabili
phambi kweNkosi, kube yisikhumbuzo. 13 Wenze
lezisekelo ezitshiliweyo zegolide, 14 lamaketane

amabili egolide elicwengekileyo, uwenze ukuthi abe
njengamagoda, umsebenzi ophothiweyo, amaketane
aphothiweyo uwabophele ezisekelweni ezitshiliweyo
zegolide. **15** Ubususenza isembatho sesifuba
sokwahlulela, kube ngumsebenzi wengcitshi, uyenze
njengomsebenzi we-efodi, ngegolide, okuluhlaza
okwesibhakabhaka, lokuyibubende, lokubomvu,
langelembu elicolekileyo lentambo ephothiweyo
uzasenza. **16** Kasilingane inhlangothi zozine, siphindwe
kabili, ubude baso bube yikwelulwa kweminwe,
lobubanzi baso bube yikwelulwa kweminwe. **17**
Njalo uhlele kuso inhlelo zamatshe, imizila emine
yamatshe; umzila wesardiyusi, itopazi le-emeraldi,
umzila wokuqala. **18** Lomzila wesibili ube lerubi,
isafire, lendayimana, **19** lomzila wesithathu ube
lejasinte, i-agate, le-ametiste, **20** lomzila wesine ube
lebherule, le-onikse, lejaspi; amatshe la azasekelwa
ngegolide ezisekelweni zawo ezitshiliweyo. **21** Lamatshe
azakuba lamabizo amadodana kaIsrayeli, alitshumi
lambili, lamabizo awo; njengokubazwa kwendandatho
elophawu, yilelo lalelo lebizo lalo; azakuba ngawezizwe
ezilitshumi lambili. **22** Wenze-ke esembathweni sesifuba
amaketane aphothiweyo omsebenzi wegoda egolide
elicwengekileyo, **23** wenze futhi phezu kwesembatho
sesifuba amasongo amabili egolide, uwafake amasongo
amabili emaceleni womabili esembatho sesifuba.
24 Ufake amaketane amabili egolide aphothiweyo
emasongweni amabili emaceleni esembatho sesifuba;
25 kodwa izihloko zombili zamaketane womabili
aphothiweyo uzifake ezisekelweni ezimbili ezitshiliweyo,
uzibeke ezichibini ze-efodi, phambili kwayo kanye. **26**
Uzakwenza njalo amasongo amabili egolide, uwafake
emaceleni womabili esembatho sesifuba, emphethweni
waso ongaphakathi kwe-efodi. **27** Wenze futhi amasongo
amabili egolide, uwafake ezichibini ezimbili ze-efodi,
ngaphansi ngaphambili kwaso, eduze kokuhlangana
kwazo, phezu kwebhanti elelukwe ngobungcitshi le-efodi.
28 Bazabophela-ke isembatho sesifuba ngamasongo
aso emasongweni e-efodi ngentambo eluhlaza
okwesibhakabhaka, ukuze sibe phezu kwebhanti
elelukwe ngobungcitshi, njalo isembatho sesifuba
singakhumuki e-efodini. **29** Njalo uAroni uzathwala
amabizo abantwana bakoIsrayeli esembathweni sesifuba
sokwahlulela phezu kwenhliziyo yakhe, nxa engena
endaweni engcwele, kube yisikhumbuzo phambi
kweNkosi njalonjalo. **30** Uzafaka-ke esembathweni
sesifuba sokwahlulela iUrimi leThumimi, njalo kube
phezu kwenhliziyo kaAroni, nxa engena phambi
kweNkosi; ngakho uAroni uzakuthwala ukwahlulelwa
kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli phezu kwenhliziyo yakhe
phambi kweNkosi njalonjalo. **31** Uzakwenza ibhatshi
lonke le-efodi ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka; **32**
njalo sibe lesikhala sekhanda ngaphakathi kwaso,
isikhala sibe lomphetho osizingelezeleyo, umsebenzi
owelukiweyo, sibe njengesikhala sebhatshi lensimbi,
ukuze singadabuki. **33** Lemiphethweni yaso wenze
amapomegranati ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka
lokuyibubende lokubomvu, emiphethweni yaso
osizingelezeleyo, lamabhera egolide phakathi kwawo
asizingelezeleyo, **34** ibhera legolide lepomegranati,
ibhera legolide lepomegranati, emiphethweni yebhatshi
kuzingelezele. **35** UAroni kasembathele-ke ukukhonza,
lokukhenceza kwaso kuzwakale lapho engena endaweni
engcwele phambi kweNkosi, lalapho ephuma, ukuze
angafi. **36** Uzakwenza njalo incence ngegolide
elicwengekileyo, ubaze kuyo ukubazwa kwendandatho
elophawu: UBUNGCWELE ENKOSINI. **37** Uyifake
phezu kwentambo eluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, ukuze
ibe phezu kweqhiye, ibe ngaphambili kweqhiye. **38**
Izakuba sebunzini likaAroni, ukuze uAroni athwale
ububi bezinto ezingcwele, abantwana bakoIsrayeli
abazazingcwelisa, kuzo zonke izipho zabo ezingcwele;
njalo izahlala isebunzini lakhe, ukuze bemukeleke
phambi kweNkosi. **39** Uzakweluka njalo isigqoko
ngelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu elilamabala, wenze
leqhiye ngelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu, lebhanti,
umsebenzi womfekethisi ngenalithi. **40** Wenzele-ke
amadodana kaAroni izigqoko, uwenzele amabhanti,
lezingowane uwenzele, kube ngokobukhosi lokuceca. **41**
Umgqokise zona uAroni umnewenu lamadodana akhe
kanye laye, ubagcobe, ubehlukanise, ubangcwelise
ukuze bangisebenzele njengabapristi. **42** Ubenzele
labokabhudula bangaphansi belembu elicolekileyo
okusibekela inyama yobunqunu, aqale ekhalweni afike
emathangazini; **43** njalo uAroni lamadodana akhe
bawagqoke lapho bengena ethenteni lenhlangano
kumbe lapho besondela elathini ukukhonza endaweni
engcwele, hlezi bathwale ububi, bafe. Kuzakuba yisimiso
esilaphakade kuye lakuyo inzalo yakhe emva kwakhe.

29 Yile-ke into ozayenza kubo ukubehlukanisa ukuthi
bangisebenzele njengabapristi. Thatha ijongosi
elilodwa ithole lenkomo, lenqama ezimbili ezingelasici,
2 lesinkwa esingelamvubelo, lamaqebelengwana
angelamvubelo ahlanganiswe lamafutha, lezinkwana
eziyizipatalala ezingelamvubelo ezinindwe ngamafutha,
uzenze ngempuphu ecolekileyo yengqoloyi; **3** ukufake
esitsheni esisodwa, ukusondeze ngesitsha, kanye
lejongosi lenqama ezimbili. **4** Usondeze uAroni
lamadodana akhe emnyango wethente lenhlangano,
ubagezise ngamanzi; **5** uthathe izembatho, ugqokise
uAroni isigqoko, lebhatshi le-efodi, le-efodi, lesembatho
sesifuba, umbophe ngebhanti elelukwe ngobungcitshi le-
efodi, **6** umthwalise iqhiye ekhanda lakhe, umthwalise
umqhele ongcwele phezu kweqhiye. **7** Uthathe amafutha
okugcoba, uwathele ekhanda lakhe, umgcobe. **8**
Usondeze lamadodana akhe, uwagqokise izigqoko. **9**
Ubabophe ngamabhanti, uAroni lamadodana akhe,

ubabophele izingowane, lobupristi bube ngobabo
ngesimiso saphakade. Ubehlukanise-ke uAroni
lamadodana akhe. **10** Uzasondeza ijongosi phambi
kwethente lenhlangano; njalo uAroni lamadodana
akhe babeke izandla zabo enhlokweni yejongosi; **11**
ubusulihlaba ijongosi phambi kweNkosi emnyango
wethente lenhlangano, **12** uthathe okwegazi lejongosi,
ulifake empondweni zelathi ngomunwe wakho, uthululele
lonke igazi esisekelweni selathi. **13** Uzathatha idanga
lonke, lamahwahwa aphezu kwesibindi, lezinso zombili,
lamahwahwa aphezu kwazo, ukutshise elathini. **14**
Kodwa inyama yejongosi lesikhumba salo lomswane
walo ukutshise ngomlilo ngaphandle kwenkamba;
kungumnikelo wesono. **15** Ubusuthatha inqama ibenye;
njalo uAroni lamadodana akhe babeke izandla zabo
phezu kwenhloko yenqama. **16** Ubusuyihlaba inqama,
uthathe igazi layo, ulifafaze elathini uligombolozele.
17 Uyiqume inqama ngeziqa zayo, ugezise imibilini
yayo lemilenze yayo, ukubeke phezu kweziqa
zayo laphezu kwenhloko yayo, **18** utshise inqama
yonke elathini. Kungumnikelo wokutshiswa eNkosini,
kuluqhatshi olumnandi, umnikelo owenzelwe iNkosi
ngomlilo. **19** Uzathatha inqama yesibili; uAroni
lamadodana akhe babesebebeka izandla zabo phezu
kwenhloko yenqama. **20** Uyihlabe-ke inqama, uthathe
okwegazi layo, ulifake eqwangeni lwendlebe kaAroni,
leqwangeni lwendlebe yokunene yamadodana akhe,
lesithupheni sesandla sabo sokunene, lezwaneni
olukhulu lonyawo lwabo lokunene, ufafaze igazi elathini
uligombolozele. **21** Uthathe okwegazi eliselathini
lokwamafutha okugcoba, ukufafaze phezu kukaAroni,
laphezu kwezembatho zakhe, laphezu kwamadodana
akhe, laphezu kwezembatho zamadodana akhe kanye
laye, ukuze abe ngcwele lezembatho zakhe, lamadodana
akhe lezembatho zamadodana akhe kanye laye. **22**
Uthathe enqameni amahwahwa, lomsila ononileyo,
ledanga, lamahwahwa esibindi, lezinso zombili,
lamahwahwa aphezu kwazo, lomlenze wokunene,
ngoba iyinqama yokwehlukaniswa; **23** lesinkwa
esiyindilinga esisodwa, leqebelengwana elilodwa
elesinkwa esilamafutha, lesinkwana esiyisipatalala
esisodwa, esitsheni sezinkwa ezingelamvubelo
esiphambi kweNkosi, **24** ukubeke konke ezandleni
zikaAroni lezandleni zamadodana akhe, ukuzunguze
ukuze kube ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa phambi
kweNkosi. **25** Ukuthathe ezandleni zabo, ukutshise phezu
kwelathi phezu komnikelo wokutshiswa, ukuze kube
luqhatshi olumnandi phambi kweNkosi; kungumnikelo
owenzelwe iNkosi ngomlilo. **26** Uzathatha isifuba
senqama yokwehlukaniswa engekaAroni, usizunguze
sibe ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa phambi kweNkosi, njalo
sibe yisabelo sakho. **27** Uzasingcwelisa isifuba somnikelo
wokuzunguzwa lomlenze womnikelo wokuphakanyiswa
ozunguzwayo lophakanyiswayo, okwenqama
yokwehlukaniswa, okwalokho okungokukaAroni
lokwalokho okungokwamadodana akhe; **28** njalo
kuzakuba ngokukaAroni lokwamadodana akhe, kube
yisimiso saphakade kuvela kubantwana bakoIsrayeli;
ngoba kungumnikelo wokuphakanyiswa; kuzakuba
ngumnikelo wokuphakanyiswa ovela kubantwana
bakoIsrayeli, eminikelweni yabo yokuthula; umnikelo
wabo wokuphakanyiswa eNkosini. **29** Lezembatho
ezingcwele zikaAroni zizakuba ngezamadodana
akhe emva kwakhe, ukuze agcotshwe embethe
zona, lokuze ehlukaniswe embethe zona. **30** Insuku
eziyisikhombisa umpristi endaweni yakhe, ovela
kumadodana akhe, uzazembatha, nxa engena ethenteni
lenhlangano ukukhonza endaweni engcwele. **31**
Uzathatha-ke inqama yokwehlukaniswa, upheke
inyama yayo endaweni engcwele. **32** Njalo uAroni
lamadodana akhe bazakudla inyama yenqama lesinkwa
esisesitsheni emnyango wethente lenhlangano, **33**
badle lezozinto okwenziwa ngazo inhlawulo yokuthula,
ukubehlukanisa, ukubangcwelisa; kodwa owemzini
angazidli ngoba zingcwele. **34** Njalo uba kusala
okwenyama yokwehlukaniswa kumbe okwesinkwa
kuze kuse, tshisa okuseleyo ngomlilo; kungadliwa,
ngoba kungcwele. **35** Uzakwenza njalo-ke kuAroni
lakumadodana akhe njengakho konke engikulaya khona;
insuku eziyisikhombisa uzabehlukanisa. **36** Insuku
ngensuku unikele ijongosi lomnikelo wesono wenhlawulo
yokuthula; uhlambulule ilathi lapho ulenzela inhlawulo
yokuthula, uligcobe ukuze ulingcwelise. **37** Ulenzele ilathi
inhlawulo yokuthula insuku eziyisikhombisa, ulingcwelise,
lelathi lizakuba yingcwelengcwele; konke okulithintayo
ilathi kuzakuba ngcwele. **38** Yilokhu-ke ozakunikela
phezu kwelathi: Amawundlu amabili alomnyaka
owodwa insuku ngensuku njalonjalo. **39** Elinye
iwundlu uzalinikela ekuseni, lelinye iwundlu ulinikele
kusihlwa, **40** lokwetshumi kwempuphu ecolekileyo
kuxubene lengxenye yesine yehini yamafutha agigiweyo,
lengxenye yesine yehini yewayini kube ngumnikelo
wokunathwayo, welinye iwundlu. **41** Lelinye iwundlu
ulinikele kusihlwa, wenze kulo njengomnikelo wokudla
wekuseni, lanjengomnikelo wawo wokunathwayo,
kube luqhatshi olumnandi, umnikelo owenzelwe iNkosi
ngomlilo. **42** Uzakuba ngumnikelo wokutshiswa njalonjalo
ezizukulwaneni zenu, emnyango wethente lenhlangano
phambi kweNkosi, lapho engizahlangana khona lani,
ukukhuluma lawe lapho. **43** Lalapho ngizahlangana
labantwana bakoIsrayeli, njalo kungcweliswe yinkazimulo
yami. **44** Njalo ngizangcwelisa ithente lenhlangano
lelathi, ngizangcwelisa loAroni lamadodana akhe, ukuze
bangisebenzele njengabapristi. **45** Ngizahlala phakathi
kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli, ngibe nguNkulunkulu kubo.
46 Bazakwazi-ke ukuthi ngiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo,
eyabakhupha elizweni leGibhithe ukuze ngihlale phakathi
kwabo; ngiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo.

30 Uzakwenza lelathi lokutshisela impepha, ulenze
ngesihlahla sesinga. **2** Ubude balo bube
yingalo, lobubanzi balo ingalo, lilingane inhlangothi
zozine; lokuphakama kwalo kube zingalo ezimbili;
impondo zalo zizavela kulo. **3** Njalo ulihuqe ngegolide
elicwengekileyo, ingaphezulu yalo, lenhlangothi zalo
ezilizingelezeleyo, lempondo zalo; wenze kulo umqolo
wegolide olizingelezeleyo. **4** Wenze njalo amasongo
amabili egolide, ngaphansi komqolo walo, enhlangothini
ezimbili zalo; wenze enhlangothini zalo zombili; azakuba
zindawo zemijabo ezokulithwala ngayo. **5** Njalo wenze
imijabo ngesihlahla sesinga, uyihuqe ngegolide. **6**
Uzalibeka phambi kweveyili elingasemtshokotshweni
wobufakazi, phambi kwesihlalo somusa esiphezu
kobufakazi, lapho engizahlangana khona lawe. **7** Njalo
uAroni atshisele kulo impepha elephunga elimnandi
ukusa ngokusa, eselungise izibane uzayitshisa; **8** lapho
uAroni elumathisa izibane kusihlwa, ayitshise; yimpepha
eqhubekayo phambi kweNkosi ezizukulwaneni zenu. **9**
Linganikeleli kulo impepha engejwayelekanga kumbe
umnikelo wokutshiswa kumbe umnikelo wokudla; njalo
lingatheli kulo umnikelo wokunathwayo. **10** UAroni
uzakwenza inhlawulo yokuthula empondweni zalo kanye
ngomnyaka, ngegazi lomnikelo wesono wezinhlawulo
zokuthula; kanye ngomnyaka uzakwenza inhlawulo
yokuthula kulo ezizukulwaneni zenu; liyingcwelengcwele
eNkosini. **11** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi yathi: **12**
Lapho uthatha inani lonke labantwana bakoIsrayeli,
njengokubalwa kwabo, bazanika ngulowo lalowo ihlawulo
ngomphefumulo wakhe eNkosini, nxa ubabala; ukuze
kungabi lenhlupheko phakathi kwabo, nxa ubabala.
13 Bazanika lokhu, wonke odlulela kwababaliweyo,
ingxenye yeshekeli, njengokweshekeli lendlu engcwele -
ishekeli lingamagera angamatshumi amabili - ingxenye
yeshekeli ngumnikelo eNkosini. **14** Wonke odlulela
kwababaliweyo, kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi
amabili langaphezulu, anikele umnikelo weNkosi. **15**
Abanothileyo bangadlulisi, labayanga banganciphisi
ingxenye yeshekeli, lapho linikela umnikelo weNkosi,
ukwenzela imiphefumulo yenu inhlawulo yokuthula.
16 Uzathatha imali yenhlawulo zokuthula ebantwaneni
bakoIsrayeli, uyinikele inkonzo yethente lenhlangano,
ukuthi ibe yisikhumbuzo sabantwana bakoIsrayeli
phambi kweNkosi, ukwenzela imiphefumulo yenu
inhlawulo yokuthula. **17** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi
yathi: **18** Uzakwenza lenditshi yethusi yokugezela
elonyawo lwayo lwethusi, ukugezela kuyo; uyibeke
phakathi laphakathi kwethente lenhlangano lelathi,
uthele kuyo amanzi, **19** njalo uAroni lamadodana akhe
bagezele kuyo izandla zabo lenyawo zabo. **20** Nxa
bengena ethenteni lenhlangano bazageza ngamanzi,
ukuze bangafi, loba besondela elathini ukukhonza,
ukutshisa umnikelo owenzelwe iNkosi ngomlilo. **21**
Ngakho bazageza izandla zabo lenyawo zabo ukuze
bangafi; njalo kuzakuba kubo yisimiso esilaphakade,
kuye lakunzalo yakhe ezizukulwaneni zabo. **22**
INkosi yakhuluma futhi kuMozisi yathi: **23** Wena-ke,
zithathele amakha aqakathekileyo, imure elizigelezelayo
elingamashekeli angamakhulu amahlanu, lekinamoni
elilephunga elimnandi ingxenye yalokho, elingamashekeli
angamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu, lekalamu
elilephunga elimnandi elingamashekeli angamakhulu
amabili lamatshumi amahlanu, **24** lekhasiya
elingamashekeli angamakhulu amahlanu ngokweshekeli
lendlu engcwele, lamafutha omhlwathi alihini; **25** wenze
lokhu kube ngamafutha angcwele okugcoba, amakha
axutshanisiweyo njengokwenza komenzi wamakha;
azakuba ngamafutha angcwele okugcoba. **26** Uzagcoba
ngawo ithente lenhlangano lomtshokotsho wobufakazi,
27 letafula lezitsha zalo zonke, loluthi lwesibane lezitsha
zalo, lelathi lempepha, **28** lelathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa
lezitsha zalo zonke, lenditshi yokugezela lonyawo lwayo;
29 ukungcwelise ukuze kube yingcwelengcwele; loba yini
okukuthintayo kuzakuba ngcwele. **30** Ugcobe laye uAroni
lamadodana akhe, ubangcwelise ukuze bangisebenzele
njengabapristi. **31** Ukhulume kubantwana bakoIsrayeli
uthi: Lokhu kuzakuba kimi ngamafutha angcwele
okugcoba ezizukulwaneni zenu; **32** angabothelwa
emzimbeni womuntu; njalo lingawenzi anjengawo
ngokwenziwa kwawo; angcwele, azakuba ngcwele kini.
33 Loba ngubani owenza anjengawo, loba ewafaka
kowemzini, uzaqunywa asuke ebantwini bakibo. **34**
INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Zithathele amakha amnandi,
isitakete leonika legalibanu, amakha amnandi lenhlaka
ecengekileyo, kube yizabelo ezilinganayo; **35** wenze
kube yimpepha, amakha axutshanisiweyo njengokwenza
komenzi wamakha, itshwayiwe, icengekile, ingcwele;
36 uchole okwayo kucolisiseke, ubeke okwayo phambi
kobufakazi ethenteni lenhlangano, lapho engizahlangana
khona lawe; izakuba yingcwelengcwele kini. **37** Kodwa
impepha ozayenza, lingazenzeli yona njengokwenziwa
kwayo; izakuba ngcwele kuwe, yenzelwe iNkosi. **38** Loba
ngubani ozakwenza enjengayo ukuyinuka, uzaqunywa
asuke ebantwini bakibo.

31 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi yathi: **2** Bona,
ngibizile ngebizo uBhezaleli indodana kaUri
indodana kaHuri owesizwe sakoJuda; **3** ngimgcwalisile
ngoMoya kaNkulunkulu, ekuhlakanipheni lekuqedisiseni
lelwazini lakuyo yonke imisebenzi yobungcitshi, **4**
ukuthi aqambe imisebenzi yobungcitshi, asebenze
ngegolide langesiliva langethusi, **5** ekubazeni amatshe
ukuwafaka, lekubazeni izigodo, ukwenza yonke
imisebenzi yobungcitshi. **6** Mina-ke, khangela, nginike
uOholiyaba indodana kaAhisamaki owesizwe sakoDani
kanye laye; lenhliziyweni yakhe wonke ohlakaniphileyo
ngenhliziyo ngifake inhlakanipho, ukuthi benze konke
engikulaye khona, **7** ithente lenhlangano, lomtshokotsho
wobufakazi, lesihlalo somusa esiphezu kwawo, lempahla

yonke yethente, 8 letafula lezitsha zalo, loluthi lwesibane
olucwengekileyo lezitsha zalo zonke, lelathi lempepha,
9 lelathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa lezitsha zalo zonke,
lenditshi yokugezela lonyawo lwayo, 10 lezembatho
ezifekethisiweyo, lezembatho ezingcwele zikaAroni
umpristi, lezembatho zamadodana akhe, ukusebenza
njengabapristi, 11 lamafutha okugcoba, lempepha
emnandi yendawo engcwele; benze njengakho konke
engikulaye khona. 12 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi
isithi: 13 Wena-ke, tshela abantwana bakoIsrayeli
uthi: Isibili lizagcina amasabatha ami; ngoba lokhu
kuyisibonakaliso phakathi kwami lani ezizukulwaneni
zenu, ukwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi elingcwelisayo. 14
Ngakho gcinani isabatha, ngoba lingcwele kini;
olonayo uzabulawa lokubulawa; ngoba wonke owenza
umsebenzi ngalo, lowomphefumulo uzaqunywa usuke
ebantwini bawo. 15 Insuku eziyisithupha kwenziwe
umsebenzi, kodwa ngosuku lwesikhombisa kulisabatha
lokuphumula, lingcwele eNkosini; wonke owenza
umsebenzi ngesabatha uzabulawa lokubulawa. 16
Ngakho abantwana bakoIsrayeli bazagcina isabatha,
balilondoloze isabatha ezizukulwaneni zabo, libe
yisivumelwano esilaphakade. 17 Liyisibonakaliso phakathi
kwami labantwana bakoIsrayeli kuze kube nini lanini;
ngoba ngensuku eziyisithupha iNkosi yenza amazulu
lomhlaba, kodwa ngosuku lwesikhombisa yaphumula,
yavuselelwa. 18 Wasemnika uMozisi, eseqedile
ukukhuluma laye entabeni yeSinayi, izibhebhe ezimbili
zobufakazi, izibhebhe zamatshe, zibhalwe ngomunwe
kaNkulunkulu.

32 Abantu sebebonile ukuthi uMozisi uphuzile ukwehla
entabeni, abantu babuthana kuAroni bathi kuye:
Sukuma, usenzele onkulunkulu abazahamba phambi
kwethu; ngoba uMozisi lo, indoda eyasikhuphula elizweni
leGibhithe, kasazi ukuthi yehlelwe yini. 2 UAroni
wasesithi kubo: Qamulani amacici egolide asendlebeni
zabomkenu, zamadodana enu, lezamadodakazi enu,
liwalethe kimi. 3 Bonke abantu basebeqamula
amacici egolide ayesendlebeni zabo, bawaletha
kuAroni. 4 Wawemukela ezandleni zabo, walibumba
ngesikhali sokukhanda, wawenza aba lithole elibunjwe
ngokuncibilikisa. Basebesithi: Laba ngonkulunkulu
bakho, Israyeli, abakukhuphule elizweni leGibhithe. 5
UAroni eselibonile wakha ilathi phambi kwalo; uAroni
wamemezela wathi: Kusasa kuzakuba khona umkhosi
weNkosi. 6 Basebevuka ekuseni kakhulu, banikela
iminikelo yokutshiswa, basondeza iminikelo yokuthula;
abantu bahlala phansi ukudla lokunatha, basebesukuma
ukudlala. 7 INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Hamba
wehle, ngoba abantu bakho owabakhuphula elizweni
leGibhithe bonakalisile; 8 baphambukile masinyane
endleleni engabalaya ngayo; bazenzele ithole elibunjwe
ngokuncibilikisa, balikhonza, balihlabela, bathi: Laba
ngonkulunkulu bakho, Israyeli, abakukhuphule elizweni
leGibhithe. 9 INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Ngibabonile
lababantu, khangela-ke, bangabantu abantamo zilukhuni.
10 Khathesi-ke ngiyekela ukuze ulaka lwami lubavuthele,
ngibaqede; kodwa wena ngizakwenza ube yisizwe
esikhulu. 11 Kodwa uMozisi wancenga ubuso beNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakhe wathi: Kungani, Nkosi, ulaka
lwakho lubavuthela abantu bakho owabakhupha elizweni
leGibhithe ngamandla amakhulu langesandla esiqinileyo?
12 Kungani amaGibhithe ezakhuluma athi: Wabakhuphela
ububi ukubabulala ezintabeni, lokubaqeda ebusweni
bomhlaba? Phenduka ekuvutheni kolaka lwakho, uzisole
ngobubi obumelene labantu bakho. 13 Khumbula
uAbrahama, uIsaka loIsrayeli, inceku zakho, owazifunga
wena kizo wathi kuzo: Ngizakwandisa inzalo yenu
njengezinkanyezi zamazulu, lalelilizwe lonke engikhulume
ngalo, ngizalipha inzalo yenu, njalo bazalidla ilifa
lalo kuze kube nininini. 14 INkosi yasizisola ebubini
eyayisithi izabenza ebantwini bayo. 15 UMozisi
wasetshibilika wehla entabeni, lezibhebhe ezimbili
zobufakazi esandleni sakhe; izibhebhe zazibhalwe
inhlangothi zazo zombili; zibhalwe ngapha langapha. 16
Lezibhebhe zazingumsebenzi kaNkulunkulu, lombhalo
wawungumbhalo kaNkulunkulu, ubazwe ezibhebheni. 17
Kwathi uJoshuwa esezwile umsindo wabantu beklabalala,
wathi kuMozisi: Kulomsindo wempi enkambeni. 18 Kodwa
wathi: Kakusumsindo wokuklabalala kokunqoba, njalo
kakusumsindo wokuklabalala kokunqotshwa; ngizwa
umsindo wokuhlabelela. 19 Kwasekusithi esesondele
enkambeni walibona ithole lokugida; ulaka lukaMozisi
lwaseluvutha, wasezilahla izibhebhe ezandleni zakhe,
waziphahlazela phansi kwentaba. 20 Wathatha ithole
ababelenzile, walitshisa emlilweni, walichola laze
lacoleka, walivuvuzela emanzini, wabanathisa wona
abantwana bakoIsrayeli. 21 UMozisi wasesithi kuAroni:
Abantu laba benzeni kuwe ukuze ubehlisele isono
esikhulu kangaka? 22 UAroni wasesithi: Kalungavuthi
ulaka lwenkosi yami; wena uyabazi abantu ukuthi
batshekele ebubini. 23 Ngoba bathi kimi: Senzele
onkulunkulu abazahamba phambi kwethu; ngoba uMozisi
lo, indoda eyasikhuphula elizweni leGibhithe, kasazi
ukuthi yehlelwe yini. 24 Ngasengisithi kubo: Loba
ngubani olegolide, kabaliqamule. Basebenginika lona.
Ngasengiliphosela emlilweni, kwasekuphuma lelithole. 25
Kwathi uMozisi esebonile abantu ukuthi babengabambeki
(ngoba uAroni wabayekela bangabambeki ukuze
bayangeke kwababengabavukela), 26 uMozisi wasesima
esangweni lenkamba, wathi: Loba ngubani ongoweNkosi,
keze kimi! Kwasekubuthana kuye wonke amadodana
kaLevi. 27 Wasesithi kuwo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uNkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli ithi: Ngulowo lalowo kahlome inkemba yakhe
ethangazini lakhe, adabule aphenduke esuka esangweni
esiya esangweni enkambeni, langulowo lalowo abulale
umfowabo, langulowo lalowo umngane wakhe, langulowo

lalowo umakhelwane wakhe. 28 Amadodana kaLevi
asesenza njengelizwi likaMozisi; njalo kwawa ebantwini
ngalolosuku abantu abangabazinkulungwane ezintathu.
29 UMozisi wasesithi: Lizehlukanisele iNkosi lamuhla,
ngoba ngulowo lalowo ubemelene lendodana yakhe
amelane lomfowabo, ukuze aphe isibusiso phezu kwenu
lamuhla. 30 Kwasekusithi kusisa uMozisi wathi ebantwini:
Lina lenze isono esikhulu; khathesi sengizakwenyukela
eNkosini; mhlawumbe ngingenza inhlawulo yokuthula
ngesono senu. 31 UMozisi wasebuyela eNkosini wathi:
Maye! Lababantu bonile isono esikhulu, bazenzele
onkulunkulu begolide. 32 Khathesi-ke, uba uthethelela
isono sabo - kodwa uba kungenjalo, ake ungesule
egwalweni lwakho olubhalileyo. 33 INkosi yasisithi
kuMozisi: Owonileyo kimi ngizamesula egwalweni lwami.
34 Kodwa hamba-ke, ukhokhele abantu baye lapho
engikhulume lawe ngakho; khangela, ingilosi yami
izahamba phambi kwakho. Kanti mhla ngiphindisela
ngizaphindisela isono sabo phezu kwabo. 35 INkosi
yasibatshaya abantu ngoba babenze ithole, uAroni
ayelenzile.

33 INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Hamba wenyuke lapha
wena labantu owabenyusa elizweni leGibhithe,
uye elizweni engalifungela uAbrahama, uIsaka loJakobe
ngisithi: Inzalo yakho ngizayinika lona. 2 Njalo ngizathuma
ingilosi phambi kwakho, ngixotshe amaKhanani,
amaAmori, lamaHethi, lamaPerizi, amaHivi, lamaJebusi.
3 Uye elizweni eligeleza uchago loluju; ngoba
kangiyikwenyuka phakathi kwakho, ngoba uyisizwe
esintamo lukhuni, hlezi ngikuqede endleleni. 4 Kwathi
abantu sebezwile lelilizwi elibi, balila; njalo kakulamuntu
owafaka izigqizo zakhe; 5 ngoba iNkosi yayithe kuMozisi:
Tshono ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli uthi: Lingabantu
abantamo zilukhuni; ngisenyuka ngiphakathi kwakho
ngokucwayiza kwelihlo, ngizakuqeda. Ngakho-ke khupha
izigqizo zakho kuwe ukuze ngazi engizakwenza kuwe. 6
Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebezihlubula izigqizo zabo
kusukela entabeni yeHorebe. 7 UMozisi wasethatha
ithente walimisa ngaphandle kwenkamba, khatshana
lenkamba; walibiza ngokuthi lithente lenhlangano.
Kwasekusithi wonke odinga iNkosi waphuma waya
ethenteni lenhlangano elalingaphandle kwenkamba. 8
Kwakusithi lapho uMozisi ephuma ukuya ethenteni,
bonke abantu basukume, beme kube ngulowo lalowo
emnyango wethente lakhe; bakhangele emva kukaMozisi
aze angene ethenteni; 9 njalo kwakusithi lapho
uMozisi esengene ethenteni, insika yeyezi yehle, ime
emnyango wethente; ibisikhuluma loMozisi. 10 Lapho
bonke abantu beyibona insika yeyezi imi emnyango
wethente, bonke abantu basukume bakhonze, kube
ngulowo lalowo emnyango wethente lakhe. 11 INkosi
yakhuluma-ke kuMozisi ubuso ngobuso, njengomuntu
ekhuluma lomngane wakhe. Wasebuyela enkambeni,
kodwa uJoshuwa inceku yakhe, indodana kaNuni, ijaha,
kasukanga phakathi kwethente. 12 UMozisi wasesithi
eNkosini: Khangela, uthi kimi: Yenyusa lababantu; kodwa
wena kawungazisanga ozamthuma lami. Kanti wena uthe:
Ngiyakwazi ngebizo, futhi uthole umusa emehlweni ami.
13 Ngakho-ke ngicela, uba ngithole umusa emehlweni
akho, ake ungazise indlela yakho, ukuze ngikwazi,
ukuze ngithole umusa emehlweni akho; ukhumbule
futhi ukuthi lesisizwe singabantu bakho. 14 Wasesithi:
Ubukhona bami buzahamba lawe, ngikuphumuze. 15
Wasesithi kuye: Uba ubukhona bakho bungahambi
lami, ungasenyusi lapha. 16 Ngoba kuzakwaziwa-ke
ngani ukuthi ngithole umusa emehlweni akho, mina
labantu bakho? Kakusikho yini ekuhambeni kwakho
lathi? Ngakho sizakwehlukaniswa, mina labantu bakho,
kubo bonke abantu abasebusweni bomhlaba. 17 INkosi
yasisithi kuMozisi: Lale into oyitshoyo ngizayenza,
ngoba uthole umusa emehlweni ami, njalo ngiyakwazi
ngebizo. 18 Wasesithi: Ake ungitshengise inkazimulo
yakho. 19 Yasisithi: Mina ngizadlulisa bonke ubuhle bami
phambi kwakho, ngimemezele ibizo leNkosi phambi
kwakho. Ngizahawukela lowo engizamhawukela, ngibe
lomusa kulowo engizakuba lomusa kuye. 20 Yathi
futhi: Ungebone ubuso bami; ngoba kakho umuntu
ongangibona, aphile. 21 INkosi yasisithi: Khangela,
kulendawo ngakimi lapho ozakuma khona edwaleni; 22
kuzakuthi-ke lapho inkazimulo yami isedlula, ngizakufaka
esikhexeni sedwala, ngikusibekele ngesandla sami
ngize ngidlule; 23 besengisusa isandla sami ubusubona
ingemuva yami; kodwa ubuso bami kabuyikubonwa.

34 INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Zibazele izibhebhe
ezimbili zamatshe njengezakuqala; ngibe
sengibhala phezu kwezibhebhe amazwi ayesezibhebheni
zakuqala owaziphahlazayo. 2 Ubusulungile ekuseni,
wenyukele entabeni yeSinayi ekuseni, ume phambi
kwami lapho engqongeni yentaba. 3 Njalo kungenyukeli
muntu kanye lawe, futhi kungabonakali lamuntu
entabeni yonke; njalo izimvu lezinkomo zingadli phambi
kwaleyontaba. 4 Wasebaza izibhebhe ezimbili zamatshe
njengezakuqala; uMozisi wasevuka ekuseni kakhulu,
wenyukela entabeni yeSinayi, njengoba iNkosi imlayile,
wathatha esandleni sakhe izibhebhe ezimbili zamatshe.
5 INkosi yasisehla eyezini, yema laye lapho, yamemeza
ibizo leNkosi. 6 INkosi yasisedlula phambi kwakhe,
yamemeza yathi: INkosi, INkosi, uNkulunkulu, elesihawu
elomusa, ephuza ukuthukuthela, levame ububele
lobuqotho, 7 egcinela abayizinkulungwane umusa,
ethethelela ububi lesiphambeko lesono, engayikuyekela
lokuyekela olecala, ephindisela ububi baboyise phezu
kwabantwana laphezu kwabantwana babantwana kuze
kube sesizukulwaneni sesithathu lesesine. 8 UMozisi
wasephangisa, wakhothamela emhlabathini, wakhonza.
9 Wathi: Uba-ke ngithole umusa emehlweni akho,
Nkosi, akuthi iNkosi ihambe phakathi kwethu, ngoba
yisizwe esintamo lukhuni, uthethelele ububi bethu

lesono sethu, usithathe sibe yilifa lakho. **10** Yasisithi:
Khangela, ngenza isivumelwano; phambi kwabantu
bonke ngizakwenza izimangaliso ezingazange zidalwe
emhlabeni wonke laphakathi kwezizwe zonke; labo bonke
abantu ophakathi kwabo bazabona umsebenzi weNkosi,
ngoba kuyesabeka engizakwenza lawe. **11** Zigcinele
lokho engikulaya khona lamuhla; khangela ngizaxotsha
phambi kwakho amaAmori lamaKhanani lamaHethi
lamaPerizi lamaHivi lamaJebusi. **12** Ziqaphelisele
ukuthi ungenzi isivumelwano labakhileyo elizweni
oya kulo, hlezi kube ngumjibila phakathi kwakho.
13 Kodwa amalathi abo lizawadiliza, lensika zabo
eziyizithombe lizaziphahlaza, lezixuku zabo lizazigamula;
14 ngoba kawuyikukhonza omunye unkulunkulu; ngoba
iNkosi, ebizo layo linguBukhwele, inguNkulunkulu
olobukhwele. **15** Hlezi wenze isivumelwano labakhileyo
elizweni, nxa bephinga ngokulandela onkulunkulu
babo, behlabele onkulunkulu babo, lomunye akunxuse,
njalo udle okomhlatshelo wakhe; **16** uwathathele
amadodana akho kumadodakazi abo; nxa amadodakazi
abo ephinga ngokulandela onkulunkulu bawo, enze
lamadodana akho ukuthi aphinge ngokulandela
onkulunkulu bawo. **17** Ungazenzeli onkulunkulu
ababunjwe ngokuncibilikisa. **18** Umkhosi wesinkwa
esingelamvubelo uwugcine; insuku eziyisikhombisa
udle isinkwa esingelamvubelo njengokukulaya kwami,
ngesikhathi esimisiweyo senyanga kaAbhibhi, ngoba
ngenyanga kaAbhibhi waphuma eGibhithe. **19** Konke
okuvula isizalo kungokwami, lalo lonke izibulo eliduna
elezifuyo, inkomo kumbe imvu. **20** Kodwa izibulo
likababhemi ulihlenge ngezinyane; uba-ke ungalihlengi
ulephule intamo. Lonke izibulo lamadodana akho
uzalihlenga; njalo kungabonakali muntu phambi kwami
engaphethe lutho. **21** Uzasebenza insuku eziyisithupha,
kodwa ngosuku lwesikhombisa uphumule, ngesikhathi
sokulima lekuvuneni uzaphumula. **22** Uzagcina umkhosi
wamaviki, izithelo zokuqala zesivuno sengqoloyi,
lomkhosi wokubuthelela ekuthwaseni komnyaka. **23**
Kathathu ngomnyaka wonke owesilisa uzabonakala
phambi kweNkosi uJehova, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli. **24**
Ngoba ngizaxotsha izizwe phambi kwakho, ngiqhelise
imingcele yakho; njalo kakuyikuba lamuntu ofisa
ilizwe lakho nxa usenyuka ukuyabonakala phambi
kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, kathathu ngomnyaka. **25**
Unganikeli igazi lomhlatshelo wami kanye lokulemvubelo;
futhi kakungasali kuze kuse umhlatshelo womkhosi
wephasika. **26** Ikhethelo lezithelo zokuqala zensimu
yakho ulilethe endlini yeNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho.
Ungapheki izinyane echagweni lukanina. **27** INkosi
yasisithi kuMozisi: Zibhalele la amazwi, ngoba ngokutsho
kwalamazwi ngenzile isivumelwano lawe loIsrayeli. **28**
Njalo wayelapho leNkosi insuku ezingamatshumi amane
lobusuku obungamatshumi amane; kadlanga sinkwa
kanathanga manzi. Yasibhala ezibhebheni amazwi
esivumelwano, imilayo elitshumi. **29** Kwasekusithi uMozisi
esehla entabeni yeSinayi, lezibhebhe zombili zobufakazi
zazisesandleni sikaMozisi esehla entabeni, uMozisi
wayengazi ukuthi isikhumba sobuso bakhe sasikhazimula
ekhuluma laye. **30** Kwathi uAroni labo bonke abantwana
bakoIsrayeli bebona uMozisi, khangela-ke, isikhumba
sobuso bakhe sakhazimula, basebesesaba ukusondela
kuye. **31** UMozisi wasebabiza; loAroni lazo zonke induna
zenhlangano babuyela kuye; uMozisi wasekhuluma labo.
32 Njalo emva kwalokho basondela bonke abantwana
bakoIsrayeli; wasebalaya konke iNkosi eyayikukhulume
laye entabeni yeSinayi. **33** Kwathi uMozisi eseqedile
ukukhuluma labo, wafaka isimbombozo ebusweni bakhe.
34 Kodwa lapho uMozisi engena phambi kweNkosi
ukukhuluma layo, wasisusa isimbombozo aze aphume;
esephumile wakhuluma kubantwana bakoIsrayeli lokho
akulayiweyo, **35** labantwana bakoIsrayeli babona
ubuso bukaMozisi, ukuthi isikhumba sobuso bukaMozisi
sakhazimula. UMozisi wabuyisela isimbombozo ebusweni
bakhe, aze angene ukuyakhuluma laye.

35 UMozisi wasebuthanisa inhlangano yonke
yabantwana bakoIsrayeli, wathi kubo: La
ngamazwi iNkosi ewalayileyo ukuthi liwenze. **2**
Insuku eziyisithupha kuzakwenziwa umsebenzi, kodwa
ngosuku lwesikhombisa kuzakuba yibungcwele kini,
isabatha lokuphumula eNkosini; loba ngubani owenza
umsebenzi ngalo uzabulawa. **3** Lingabasi umlilo
ngosuku lwesabatha kuyo yonke imizi yenu. **4**
UMozisi wasekhuluma kunhlangano yonke yabantwana
bakoIsrayeli esithi: Yile into iNkosi eyilayileyo isithi: **5**
Thathani phakathi kwenu umnikelo ube ngoweNkosi;
loba ngubani olenhliziyo evumayo kawulethe, umnikelo
weNkosi, igolide lesiliva lethusi, **6** lokuluhlaza
okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende lokubomvu, lelembu
elicolekileyo kakhulu, loboya bembuzi, **7** lezikhumba
eziphendulwe zababomvu zezinqama, lezikhumba
zikamantswane, lezihlahla zesinga, **8** lamafutha ezibane,
lamakha amafutha okugcoba lempepha elephunga
elimnandi, **9** lamatshe ama-onikse, lamatshe okubekwa
awe-efodi lawesembatho sesifuba. **10** Labo bonke
abalenhliziyo ehlakaniphileyo phakathi kwenu kabeze
benze konke iNkosi ekulayileyo; **11** ithabhanekele,
ithente lalo, lesifulelo salo, ingwegwe zalo, lamapulanka
alo, imithando yalo, insika zalo, lezisekelo zalo; **12**
umtshokotsho, lemijabo yawo, isihlalo somusa, leveyili
lesembeso; **13** itafula, lemijabo yalo, lezitsha zalo
zonke, lezinkwa zokubukiswa; **14** loluthi lwesibane
sesikhanyiso, lezitsha zalo, lezibane zalo, lamafutha
esikhanyiso; **15** lelathi lempepha, lemijabo yalo,
lamafutha okugcoba, lempepha elephunga elimnandi,
lesilenge somnyango emnyango wethabhanekele;
16 ilathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa, lesihlengo sethusi
elilaso, imijabo yalo, lazo zonke izitsha zalo, inditshi
yokugezela lonyawo lwayo; **17** amakhetheni eguma,

insika zalo, lezisekelo zazo, lesilenge sesango
leguma; 18 izikhonkwane zethabhanekele, lezikhonkwane
zeguma, lentambo zazo; 19 izembatho ezifekethisiweyo
zokukhonza endaweni engcwele, izembatho ezingcwele
zikaAroni umpristi, lezembatho zamadodana akhe,
ukusebenza njengabapristi. 20 Lenhlangano yonke
yabantwana bakoIsrayeli yaphuma phambi kukaMozisi.
21 Beza-ke, wonke onhliziyo yakhe eyamvusayo,
laye wonke omoya wakhe owamenza wavuma,
baletha umnikelo eNkosini emsebenzini wethente
lenhlangano lowenkonzo yonke yalo lowezembatho
ezingcwele. 22 Beza-ke abesilisa kanye labesifazana,
bonke abavumayo ngenhliziyo, baletha iziceco lamacici
lendandatho lamasongo, zonke izinto zegolide;
laye wonke owazunguza umnikelo wokuzunguzwa
wegolide eNkosini. 23 Laye wonke okwatholakala
kuye okuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende
lokubomvu lelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu loboya
bembuzi lezikhumba eziphendulwe zababomvu zenqama
lezikhumba zikamantswane bakuletha. 24 Wonke
owanikela umnikelo wokuzunguzwa wesiliva lowethusi
bakuletha kungumnikelo wokuzunguzwa weNkosi; laye
wonke okwatholakala kuye izihlahla zesinga ezawo
wonke umsebenzi wenkonzo baziletha. 25 Labo bonke
abesifazana ababehlakaniphile ngenhliziyo baphotha
ngezandla zabo, baletha okuphothiweyo, okuluhlaza
okwesibhakabhaka, lokuyibubende, okubomvu, lelembu
elicolekileyo kakhulu. 26 Labo bonke abesifazana
abanhliziyo zabo zabavusa enhlakanipheni baphotha
uboya bembuzi. 27 Lezinduna zaletha amatshe ama-
onikse lamatshe okubekwa, awe-efodi lawesembatho
sesifuba, 28 lamakha lamafutha awesibane, lawamafutha
okugcoba, lawempepha elephunga elimnandi. 29
Abantwana bakoIsrayeli bawuletha umnikelo wesihle
eNkosini. Bonke abesilisa labesifazana abanhliziyo zabo
zabenza bavuma ukulethela wonke umsebenzi iNkosi
eyayiwulayile ukuthi wenziwe ngesandla sikaMozisi. 30
UMozisi wasesithi ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli: Bonani,
iNkosi imbizile ngebizo uBhezaleli indodana kaUri,
indodana kaHuri owesizwe sakoJuda; 31 imgcwalisile
ngoMoya kaNkulunkulu enhlakanipheni, ekuqedisiseni,
lelwazini, lemisebenzini yobungcitshi yonke, 32 lokuthi
acebe ubungcitshi ukusebenza ngegolide langesiliva
langethusi, 33 lekubazeni amatshe okufakwa, lekubazeni
izigodo, ukusebenza emisebenzini yonke yeminwe
ngobungcitshi. 34 Ifakile laye enhliziyweni yakhe
ukufundisa, yena loOholiyaba indodana kaAhisamaki
owesizwe sakoDani. 35 Ibagcwalisile ngokuhlakanipha
kwenhliziyo, ukwenza wonke umsebenzi wombazi,
lowengcitshi, lowomfekethisi ngenalithi, ngokuluhlaza
okwesibhakabhaka langokuyibubende, ngokubomvu
langelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu, lowomeluki; besenza
wonke umsebenzi beceba ubungcitshi.

36 UBhezaleli loOholiyaba basebesenza, lawo wonke
amadoda ahlakaniphileyo ngenhliziyo okukuwo
iNkosi ifake ukuhlakanipha lokuqedisisa ukwazi ukwenza
wonke umsebenzi wenkonzo yendawo engcwele,
njengakho konke iNkosi eyayikulayile. 2 UMozisi
wasebiza uBhezaleli loOholiyaba layo yonke indoda
ehlakaniphileyo ngenhliziyo iNkosi efake inhlakanipho
enhliziyweni yayo, wonke onhliziyo yakhe eyamvusela
ukusondela emsebenzini ukuwenza; 3 basebesemukela
kuMozisi wonke umnikelo, abantwana bakoIsrayeli
ababewulethele umsebenzi wenkonzo yendlu engcwele
ukuwenza ngawo. Bona-ke babesaletha kuye iminikelo
yesihle ukusa ngokusa. 4 Bonke abahlakaniphileyo
ababesenza wonke umsebenzi wendlu engcwele
basebesiza, ngulowo lalowo evela emsebenzini
wakhe, abawenzayo. 5 Basebekhuluma kuMozisi
besithi: Abantu baletha okunengi kakhulu okwedlula
okwanele ukusetshenzwa komsebenzi iNkosi elaye
ukuthi wenziwe. 6 UMozisi waselaya ukuthi bedlulise
ilizwi enkambeni lisithi: Kakungabi lendoda kumbe
umfazi owenza futhi umsebenzi ngomnikelo wendlu
engcwele. Ngalokhu abantu banqatshelwa ukuthi
balethe; 7 ngoba okokusetshenziswa kwakwanele
kubo, ukuwenza umsebenzi wonke, kwaze kwasala.
8 Labo bonke abahlakaniphileyo ngenhliziyo phakathi
kwalabo ababesenza umsebenzi wethabhanekele benza
amakhetheni alitshumi; ngelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu
lentambo ephothiweyo lokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka
lokuyibubende lokubomvu, ngamakherubhi wawenza,
umsebenzi wengcitshi. 9 Ubude bekhetheni elilodwa
babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili lesificaminwembili,
lobubanzi bekhetheni elilodwa babuzingalo ezine;
wonke amakhetheni ayelesilinganiso sinye. 10
Wasehlanganisa amakhetheni amahlanu elinye
lelinye, wahlanganisa amanye amakhetheni amahlanu
elinye lelinye. 11 Wenza izihitshela ngokuluhlaza
okwesibhakabhaka emphethweni wekhetheni elinye,
ekucineni ekuhlanganeni; wenze njalo emphethweni
wekhetheni elisekucineni, ekuhlanganeni kwelesibili.
12 Wenza izihitshela ezingamatshumi amahlanu
kwelinye ikhetheni, wenza lezihitshela ezingamatshumi
amahlanu emphethweni wekhetheni, elisekuhlanganeni
kwelesibili; izihitshela zazikhangelene, esinye lesinye. 13
Wenza ingwegwe zegolide ezingamatshumi amahlanu,
wahlanganisa amakhetheni, elinye lelinye ngengwegwe;
ngalokhu kwaba lithabhanekele linye. 14 Wenza
amakhetheni ngoboya bembuzi abe lithente phezu
kwethabhanekele; wawenza amakhetheni alitshumi
lanye. 15 Ubude bekhetheni elilodwa babuzingalo
ezingamatshumi amathathu, lobubanzi bekhetheni
elilodwa babuzingalo ezine; amakhetheni alitshumi lanye
ayeyisilinganiso sinye. 16 Wahlanganisa amakhetheni
amahlanu wodwa, lamakhetheni ayisithupha wodwa.
17 Wenza izihitshela ezingamatshumi amahlanu

emphethweni wekhetheni elisekucineni ekuhlanganeni,
lezihitshela ezingamatshumi amahlanu wazenza
emphethweni wekhetheni elihlanganisa elesibili. **18**
Wenza ingwegwe zethusi ezingamatshumi amahlanu,
ukuhlanganisa ithente, ukuze libe linye. **19** Wenza
isifulelo sethente ngezikhumba eziphendulwe zababomvu
zenqama, lesifulelo ngezikhumba zikamantswane
phezulu. **20** Wenza amapulanka ethabhanekele
ngesihlahla sesinga, amiyo; **21** ubude bepulanka
babuzingalo ezilitshumi, lobubanzi bepulanka ngalinye
babuyingalo lengxenye. **22** Ipulanka elilodwa lalilemisuka
emibili, ihlangana omunye komunye; wenze njalo
kuwo wonke amapulanka ethabhanekele. **23** Wenza
amapulanka ethabhanekele, amapulanka angamatshumi
amabili ehlangothini lweningizimu ngaseningizimu;
24 wenza izisekelo ezingamatshumi amane zesiliva
ngaphansi kwamapulanka angamatshumi amabili,
izisekelo ezimbili ngaphansi kwepulanka linye zibe
ngezemisuka yalo yomibili, lezisekelo ezimbili ngaphansi
kwelinye ipulanka zibe ngezemisuka yalo yomibili; **25**
wenza amapulanka angamatshumi amabili ehlangothini
lwesibili lwethabhanekele, ehlangothini lwenyakatho,
26 lezisekelo zawo ezingamatshumi amane zesiliva,
izisekelo ezimbili ngaphansi kwepulanka linye,
lezisekelo ezimbili ngaphansi kwelinye ipulanka.
27 Wenza amapulanka ayisithupha ehlangothini
lwethabhanekele ngentshonalanga, **28** lamapulanka
amabili wawenzela izingonsi zethabhanekele
ngasemuva; **29** ayengamaphahla ngaphansi ehlangene,
ephelele phezulu, ngesongo linye; wenze njalo
kuwo womabili, ezingonsini zombili. **30** Njalo
kwakulamapulanka ayisificaminwembili lezisekelo zawo
zesiliva, izisekelo ezilitshumi lesithupha, izisekelo
ezimbili, izisekelo ezimbili ngaphansi kwepulanka linye.
31 Wenza imithando ngesihlahla sesinga, emihlanu
eyamapulanka ehlangothini olunye lwethabhanekele,
32 lemithando emihlanu eyamapulanka kolunye
uhlangothi lwethabhanekele, lemithando emihlanu
eyamapulanka ethabhanekele, ehlangothini olungemuva
ngasentshonalanga. **33** Wenza umthando waphakathi
udabule phakathi kwamapulanka, kusukela ekucineni
kusiya ekucineni. **34** Wahuqa amapulanka ngegolide,
wenza amasongo awo ngegolide, azindawo zemithando,
wayihuqa imithando ngegolide. **35** Wenza iveyili
ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka langokuyibubende
langokubomvu langelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu
lentambo ephothiweyo, walenza laba ngumsebenzi
wengcitshi lamakherubhi. **36** Walenzela insika ezine
ngesinga, wazihuqa ngegolide; ingwegwe zazo
zazingezegolide; wazibumbela ngokuncibilikisa izisekelo
ezine zesiliva. **37** Wenza isilenge somnyango wethente
ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende
lokubomvu, lelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu lentambo
ephothiweyo, umsebenzi womfekethisi ngenalithi; **38**
lensika zalo ezinhlanu lengwegwe zazo; wazihuqa
izihloko zazo lezibopho zazo ngegolide; lezisekelo zazo
ezinhlanu zazingezethusi.

37 UBhezaleli wasewenza umtshokotsho ngesihlahla
sesinga, ubude bawo babuzingalo ezimbili
lengxenye, lobubanzi bawo babuyingalo lengxenye,
lokuphakama kwawo kwakuyingalo lengxenye. **2**
Wawuhuqa ngegolide elicwengekileyo ngaphakathi
langaphandle, wawenzela umqolo wegolide inhlangothi
zonke. **3** Wawubumbela ngokuncibilikisa futhi amasongo
amane egolide enyaweni zawo zozine, kuze kuthi
amasongo amabili ayekolunye uhlangothi lamasongo
amabili kolunye uhlangothi. **4** Wenza imijabo ngesihlahla
sesinga, wayihuqa ngegolide. **5** Wayifaka imijabo
emasongweni enhlangothini zomtshokotsho ukuthwala
umtshokotsho. **6** Wenza isihlalo somusa ngegolide
elicwengekileyo, ubude baso babuzingalo ezimbili
lengxenye, lobubanzi baso babuyingalo lengxenye.
7 Wenza amakherubhi amabili ngegolide, wawenza
ngomsebenzi okhandiweyo, avela emaphethelweni
womabili esihlalo somusa, **8** elinye ikherubhi
livela ephethelweni lwaloluhlangothi, lelinye ikherubhi
livela ephethelweni lolunye uhlangothi; wawenza
amakherubhi amabili evela esihlalweni somusa evela
emaphethelweni womabili aso. **9** Amakherubhi elula
impiko ezimbili ngaphezulu, embomboza isihlalo somusa
ngempiko zawo, lobuso bawo babukhangelene; ubuso
bamakherubhi babukhangele isihlalo somusa. **10**
Njalo wenza itafula ngesihlahla sesinga, ubude balo
babuzingalo ezimbili, lobubanzi balo babuyingalo,
lokuphakama kwalo kwakuyingalo lengxenye. **11**
Walihuqa ngegolide elicwengekileyo, walenzela umqolo
wegolide inhlangothi zonke. **12** Walenzela ibhanti
elilingana lobubanzi besandla inhlangothi zonke, wenzela
ibhanti lalo umqolo wegolide inhlangothi zonke. **13**
Walibumbela ngokuncibilikisa amasongo amane egolide,
wawafaka amasongo ezingonsini ezine ezazisenyaweni
zozine zalo. **14** Eduze lebhanti kwakulamasongo,
indawo zemijabo yokuthwala itafula. **15** Wenza lemijabo
ngesihlahla sesinga, wayihuqa ngegolide, ukuthwala
itafula. **16** Wazenza izitsha ezaziphezu kwetafula,
imiganu yalo lenkezo zalo lenditshi zalo lezitsha
zokuthulula, ngegolide elicwengekileyo. **17** Wenza uluthi
lwesibane ngegolide elicwengekileyo; ngomsebenzi
okhandiweyo walwenza uluthi lwesibane, isisekelo salo,
lesiqu salo, imbizana zalo, iziduku zalo, lamaluba alo,
kwakuvela kulo. **18** Lengatsha eziyisithupha ziphuma
enhlangothini zalo, ingatsha ezintathu zoluthi lwesibane
kolunye uhlangothi lwalo lengatsha ezintathu zoluthi
lwesibane kolunye uhlangothi lwalo. **19** Egatsheni
olunye kwakulembizana ezintathu ezenziwe zafanana
lamaluba e-alimondi, isiduku leluba; lembizana ezintathu
ezenziwe zafanana lamaluba e-alimondi kolunye ugatsha,

isiduku leluba; kwakunjalo ngengatsha eziyisithupha
eziphuma eluthini lwesibane. 20 Njalo kwakukhona
eluthini lwesibane imbizana ezine ezenziwe zafanana
lamaluba e-alimondi, iziduku zalo lamaluba alo; 21
kwakukhona-ke isiduku ngaphansi kwengatsha ezimbili
ezivela kulo, lesiduku ngaphansi kwengatsha ezimbili
ezivela kulo, lesiduku ngaphansi kwengatsha ezimbili
ezivela kulo, kuzo ingatsha eziyisithupha eziphuma
kulo. 22 Iziduku zazo lezingatsha zazo zazivela kulo;
konke okwalo kwakungumsebenzi munye okhandiweyo
wegolide elicwengekileyo. 23 Wasesenza izibane zalo
eziyisikhombisa, lezindlawu zalo, lemiganu yalo yomlotha,
ngegolide elicwengekileyo. 24 Walenza ngethalenta
legolide elicwengekileyo, lazo zonke izitsha zalo. 25
Njalo wenza ilathi lempepha ngesihlahla sesinga; ubude
balo babuyingalo lobubanzi balo babuyingalo, lilingana
inhlangothi zozine; lokuphakama kwalo kwakuzingalo
ezimbili; impondo zalo zazivela kulo. 26 Walihuqa
ngegolide elicwengekileyo, ingaphezulu lemiduli yalo
inhlangothi zonke lempondo zalo; walenzela-ke umqolo
wegolide inhlangothi zonke. 27 Waselenzela amasongo
amabili egolide, ngaphansi komqolo walo, ezingonsini
ezimbili zalo, enhlangothini ezimbili zalo, ukuba yindawo
yemijabo yokulithwala. 28 Wayenza imijabo ngesihlahla
sesinga, wayihuqa ngegolide. 29 Wenza amafutha
angcwele okugcoba, lempepha ecwengekileyo yamakha
alephunga elimnandi, njengokwenza komenzi wamakha.

38 Wenza-ke ilathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa ngesihlahla
sesinga; ubude balo babuzingalo ezinhlanu,
lobubanzi balo babuzingalo ezinhlanu, lilingana
inhlangothi zozine, lokuphakama kwalo kwakuzingalo
ezintathu. 2 Wenza impondo zalo engonsini zalo zozine;
impondo zalo zazivela kulo; walihuqa ngethusi. 3 Wenza
zonke izinto zelathi, izimbiza lamafotsholo lemiganu
yokufafaza lamafologwe lezitsha zokuthwala umlilo;
zonke izinto zalo wazenza ngethusi. 4 Walenzela ilathi
isihlengo sethusi esenziwe njengembule, ngaphansi
komphetho walo, sehla saze safinyelela phakathi
kwalo. 5 Wabumba ngokuncibilikisa amasongo
amane engonsini zozine zesihlengo sethusi, abe
zindawo zemijabo. 6 Wayenza imijabo ngesihlahla
sesinga, wayihuqa ngethusi. 7 Wayifaka imijabo
emasongweni enhlangothini zelathi ukuze lithwalwe
ngayo; walenza lagubheka ngamapulanka. 8
Wenza inditshi yokugezela ngethusi, lonyawo lwayo
ngethusi, ngezibuko zabesifazana abababuthanayo,
ababuthana emnyango wethente lenhlangano. 9 Wenza
leguma; ehlangothini oluseningizimu ngaseningizimu
kwakukhona amakhetheni eguma ayengawelembu
elicolekileyo kakhulu lentambo ephothiweyo, izingalo
ezilikhulu; 10 insika zawo ezingamatshumi amabili
lezisekelo zawo ezingamatshumi amabili zazingezethusi,
ingwegwe zensika lezibopho zazo zazingezesiliva.
11 Lehlangothini olungenyakatho ingalo ezilikhulu;
insika zawo ezingamatshumi amabili lezisekelo
zawo ezingamatshumi amabili zazingezethusi;
ingwegwe zezinsika lezibopho zazo zazingezesiliva.
12 Lehlangothini olusentshonalanga kwakukhona
amakhetheni azingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu,
lensika zawo ezilitshumi lezisekelo zawo ezilitshumi;
ingwegwe zezinsika lezibopho zazo zazingezesiliva. 13
Lehlangothini olusempumalanga ngasempumalanga
ingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu. 14 Amakhetheni
kwelinye icele ayezingalo ezilitshumi lanhlanu, insika
zawo ezintathu lezisekelo zawo ezintathu. 15 Lakwelinye
icele, kwakukhona ngapha langapha komnyango weguma
amakhetheni azingalo ezilitshumi lanhlanu, insika
zawo ezintathu lezisekelo zawo ezintathu. 16 Wonke
amakhetheni eguma inhlangothi zonke ayengawelembu
elicolekileyo kakhulu lentambo ephothiweyo. 17
Lezisekelo zensika zazingezethusi, ingwegwe zezinsika
lezibopho zazo zingezesiliva; ukuhuqwa kwezihloko
zazo kwakungesiliva, lazo zonke insika zeguma
zazilesibopho sesiliva. 18 Lesilenge somnyango weguma
sasingumsebenzi womfekethisi ngenalithi, ngokuluhlaza
okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende lokubomvu lelembu
elicolekileyo kakhulu lentambo ephothiweyo; ubude
babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili, lokuphakama
ebubanzini kwakuzingalo ezinhlanu, kuvumelane
lamakhetheni eguma. 19 Insika zawo ezine lezisekelo
zawo ezine zingezethusi, ingwegwe zawo zingezesiliva,
lokuhuqwa kwezihloko zawo lezibopho zawo kungesiliva.
20 Lazo zonke izikhonkwane zethabhanekele lezeguma
inhlangothi zonke zazingezethusi. 21 Leli linani
lezinto zethabhanekele, ithabhanekele lobufakazi,
ezabalwayo njengokulaya kukaMozisi, umsebenzi
wamaLevi, ngesandla sikalthamari indodana kaAroni
umpristi. 22 UBhezaleli indodana kaUri indodana
kaHuri owesizwe sakoJuda wasekwenza konke
njengalokho iNkosi ibimlayile uMozisi; 23 njalo
kanye laye kwakuloOholiyaba indodana kaAhisamaki
owesizwe sakoDani, umbazi wamatshe, lengcitshi,
lomfekethisi ngenalithi ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka
lokuyibubende lokubomvu lelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu.
24 Lonke igolide elasetshenziswa emsebenzini,
kuwo wonke umsebenzi wendlu engcwele, ngitsho
igolide lomnikelo wokuzunguzwa, lalingamathalenta
angamatshumi amabili lesificamunwemunye lamashekeli
angamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amathathu,
ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele. 25 Lesiliva
sababalwayo benhlangano sasingamathalenta alikhulu
lamashekeli ayinkulungwane lamakhulu ayisikhombisa
lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lanhlanu ngokweshekeli
lendlu engcwele; 26 kwaba libheka ngekhanda
linye, ingxenye yeshekeli, njengokweshekeli lendlu
engcwele, kuye wonke odlulela kwababaliweyo,
kusukela kwabaleminyaka engamatshumi amabili

langaphezulu; abazinkulungwane ezingamakhulu
eziyisithupha lantathu lamakhulu amahlanu lamatshumi
amahlanu. 27 Njalo kwakulamathalenta alikhulu
esiliva ukubumba ngokuncibilikisa izisekelo zendlu
engcwele lezisekelo zeveyili, izisekelo ezilikhulu
ngamathalenta alikhulu, ithalenta ngesisekelo.
28 Lokwamashekeli ayinkulungwane lamakhulu
ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lanhlanu
wenza ingwegwe zensika, wahuqa inhloko zazo
wazenzela izibopho. 29 Lethusi lomnikelo wokuzunguzwa
lalingamathalenta angamatshumi ayisikhombisa
lamashekeli azinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu amane.
30 Wenza ngalo izisekelo zomnyango wethente
lenhlangano, lelathi lethusi, lesihlengo sethusi elalilaso,
lezinto zonke zelathi, 31 lezisekelo zeguma inhlangothi
zonke, lezisekelo zesango leguma, lazo zonke
izikhonkwane zethabhanekele, lezikhonkwane zonke
zeguma inhlangothi zonke.

39 Langokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende
lokubomvu benza izembatho zomsebenzi
zokusebenza endaweni engcwele; benza njalo izembatho
ezingcwele ezazingezikaAroni, njengalokhu iNkosi
ibimlayile uMozisi. 2 Wasesenza i-efodi ngegolide,
ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, lokuyibubende,
lokubomvu, langelembu elicolekileyo lentambo
ephothiweyo. 3 Basebekhanda izicantalala zegolide,
bazisika zaba yizincingwana ukuzisebenzisa
phakathi kokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka laphakathi
kokuyibubende laphakathi kokubomvu laphakathi
kwelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu; umsebenzi wengcitshi.
4 Basenzela izichibi zamahlombe ukusihlanganisa;
sahlanganiswa emaceleni aso womabili. 5 Lebhanti
le-efodi lakhe elelukwe ngobungcitshi elikulo, liyinto
yinye, njengomsebenzi walo, ngegolide, ngokuluhlaza
okwesibhakabhaka langokuyibubende lokubomvu
langelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu lentambo ephothiweyo,
njengalokhu iNkosi ibimlayile uMozisi. 6 Balungisa njalo
amatshe e-onikse, bawabeka ukuze azingelezelwe
ngezinto ezitshiliweyo zegolide, abazwa njengokubazwa
kwendandatho elophawu, ngamabizo abantwana
bakoIsrayeli. 7 Wasewabeka phezu kwezichibi ze-
efodi, abe ngamatshe esikhumbuzo ebantwaneni
bakoIsrayeli, njengokulaya kweNkosi kuMozisi. 8
Wenza isembatho sesifuba ngomsebenzi wengcitshi,
njengomsebenzi we-efodi, ngegolide, ngokuluhlaza
okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende lokubomvu lelembu
elicolekileyo kakhulu lentambo ephothiweyo. 9
Sasilingana inhlangothi zozine, benza isembatho
sesifuba saphindwa, ubude baso babungangokwelulwa
kweminwe, lobubanzi baso babungangokwelulwa
kweminwe, siphindiwe. 10 Basebefaka kuso imizila
emine yamatshe; umzila wesardiyusi, itopazi le-emeraldi;
umzila wokuqala; 11 lomzila wesibili, i-emeraldi, isafire
lendayimana; 12 lomzila wesithathu, ijasinte, i-agate le-
ametiste; 13 lomzila wesine, ibherule, i-onikse lejaspi;
ayezingelezelwe ngezinto ezitshiliweyo zegolide lapho
afakwe khona. 14 Lalawomatshe ayengokwamabizo
amadodana kaIsrayeli, alitshumi lambili, njengamabizo
awo, njengokubazwa kwendandatho elophawu, ilelo
lalelo ngokwebizo lawo, ngokwezizwe ezilitshumi lambili.
15 Benza njalo esembathweni sesifuba amaketane,
umsebenzi ophothiweyo, ngegolide elicwengekileyo. 16
Benza izinto ezimbili ezitshiliweyo ngegolide lamasongo
amabili egolide, bafaka amasongo amabili emaceleni
womabili esembatho sesifuba, 17 bafaka amaketane
amabili egolide emasongweni amabili emaceleni
esembatho sesifuba. 18 Izihloko ezimbili zamaketane
womabili bazifaka ezintweni ezimbili ezitshiliweyo
zegolide, bazifaka ezichibini ze-efodi ngaphambili kwaso
kanye. 19 Benza lamasongo amabili egolide, bawafaka
emaceleni womabili esembatho sesifuba, emphethweni
waso, oseceleni kwe-efodi ngaphakathi. 20 Benza
njalo amasongo amabili egolide, bawafaka ezichibini
ezimbili ze-efodi, ngaphansi, ngaphambili kwaso,
maqondana lekuhlanganeni kwaso, phezu kwebhanti
elelukwe ngobungcitshi le-efodi. 21 Basebebophela
isembatho sesifuba ngamasongo aso emasongweni e-
efodi ngentambo eluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, ukuze
sibe phezu kwebhanti elelukwe ngobungcitshi le-efodi,
ukuze isembatho sesifuba singakhumuki e-efodini;
njengokulaya kweNkosi kuMozisi. 22 Wasesenza
ibhatshi le-efodi ngomsebenzi owelukiweyo, lonke
ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka; 23 lesikhala sebhatshi
sasiphakathi laphakathi kwaso, njengesikhala sebhatshi
lensimbi; isikhala sasilomphetho osizingelezeleyo
ukuze singadabuki. 24 Lemiphethweni yebhatshi benza
amapomegranati ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka
lokuyibubende lokubomvu, kuphothiwe. 25 Benza
lamabhera egolide elicwengekileyo, bafaka amabhera
phakathi laphakathi kwamapomegranati emiphethweni
yebhatshi inhlangothi zonke, phakathi laphakathi
kwamapomegranati, 26 ibhera lepomegranati, ibhera
lepomegranati, emiphethweni yebhatshi kuzingeleze,
ukusebenza, njengokulaya kweNkosi kuMozisi. 27
Basebebenzela oAroni lamadodana akhe izigqoko
ngelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu lomsebenzi owelukiweyo,
28 leqhiye yelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu, lezingowane
ezinhle zelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu, labokabhudula
bangaphansi belembu elicolekileyo kakhulu lentambo
ephothiweyo, 29 lebhanti lelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu
lentambo ephothiweyo lokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka
lokuyibubende lokubomvu, umsebenzi womfekethisi
ngenalithi, njengokulaya kweNkosi kuMozisi. 30
Benza lencence yomqhele ongcwele ngegolide
elicwengekileyo, babhala phezu kwayo umbhalo,
ngokubazwa kwendandatho elophawu ukuthi:
UBUNGCWELE ENKOSINI. 31 Babophela kuyo intambo
eluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka ukuze ibotshelwe eqhiyeni

ngaphezulu; njengokulaya kweNkosi kuMozisi. **32** Waphela-ke umsebenzi wonke wethabhanekele lethente lenhlangano; njalo abantwana bakoIsrayeli bakwenza njengakho konke iNkosi eyakulaya kuMozisi; benza njalo. **33** Basebeletha ithabhanekele kuMozisi, ithente, lazo zonke impahla zalo, ingwegwe zalo, amapulanka alo, imithando yalo, lensika zalo, lezisekelo zalo, **34** lesifulelo sezikhumba eziphendulwe zababomvu zezinqama, lesifulelo sezikhumba zikamantswane, leveyili lesembeso, **35** umtshokotsho wobufakazi lemijabo yawo lesihlalo somusa, **36** itafula, zonke izitsha zalo, lezinkwa zokubukiswa, **37** uluthi lwesibane olucwengekileyo, izibane zalo, izibane ezihleliweyo, lezitsha zalo zonke, lamafutha esibane, **38** lelathi legolide, lamafutha okugcoba, lempepha elephunga elimnandi, lesilenge somnyango wethente, **39** ilathi lethusi, lesihlengo sethusi elalilaso, imijabo yalo, lazo zonke izitsha zalo, inditshi yokugezela lonyawo lwayo, **40** amakhetheni eguma, insika zalo, lezisekelo zalo, lesilenge sesango leguma, intambo zalo, lezikhonkwane zalo, lempahla yonke yomsebenzi wethabhanekele, wethente lenhlangano, **41** izembatho zomsebenzi zokusebenza endaweni engcwele, izembatho ezingcwele zikaAroni umpristi, lezembatho zamadodana akhe ukuze basebenze njengabapristi. **42** Njengakho konke iNkosi eyakulaya uMozisi, ngokunjalo abantwana bakoIsrayeli benza umsebenzi wonke. **43** UMozisi wasebona umsebenzi wonke, khangela-ke babewenze njengokulaya kweNkosi, babenze njalo; uMozisi wasebabusisa.

40 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **2** Ngosuku lwenyanga yokuqala, ngolokuqala lwenyanga, uzamisa ithabhanekele, ithente lenhlangano, **3** ubusufaka lapho umtshokotsho wobufakazi, umbomboze umtshokotsho ngeveyili. **4** Ungenise itafula, uhlele okuhlelwayo phezu kwalo; ungenise uluthi lwesibane, ulumathise izibane zalo. **5** Ubeke ilathi legolide lempepha phambi komtshokotsho wobufakazi, ulengise isilenge somnyango wethabhanekele. **6** Ubeke ilathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa phambi komnyango wethabhanekele wethente lenhlangano, **7** ubeke inditshi yokugezela phakathi kwethente lenhlangano lelathi, uthele amanzi lapho. **8** Umise iguma inhlangothi zonke, ulengise isilenge sesango leguma. **9** Uthathe amafutha okugcoba, ugcobe ithabhanekele lakho konke okukulo, ulingcwelise lempahla yalo yonke, njalo lizakuba ngcwele. **10** Njalo ugcobe ilathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa lezitsha zalo zonke, ulingcwelise ilathi, njalo ilathi lizakuba yingcwelengcwele. **11** Njalo ugcobe inditshi yokugezela lonyawo lwayo, uyingcwelise. **12** Usondeze uAroni lamadodana akhe emnyango wethente lenhlangano, ubagezise ngamanzi. **13** Ugqokise uAroni izembatho ezingcwele, umgcobe, umngcwelise, ukuze angisebenzele njengompristi. **14** Usondeze amadodana akhe, uwagqokise izigqoko, **15** uwagcobe njengalokhu ugcobe uyise, ukuze angisebenzele njengabapristi; kuzakuthi-ke ukugcotshwa kwabo kuzakuba kubo yibupristi obuphakade kuzizukulwana zabo. **16** UMozisi wenza njengakho konke iNkosi eyayimlaye khona; wenza njalo. **17** Kwasekusithi ngenyanga yokuqala ngomnyaka wesibili ngolokuqala lwenyanga ithabhanekele lamiswa. **18** UMozisi wasemisa ithabhanekele; wabeka phansi izisekelo zalo, wamisa amapulanka alo, wafaka imithando yalo, wamisa insika zalo. **19** Wendlala ithente phezu kwethabhanekele, wabeka isifulelo sethente phezu kwalo phezulu, njengokulaya kweNkosi kuMozisi. **20** Wathatha wafaka ubufakazi emtshokotshweni, wafaka imijabo emtshokotshweni, wafaka isihlalo somusa ngaphezu komtshokotsho phezulu. **21** Wangenisa umtshokotsho ethabhanekeleni, wamisa iveyili lesembeso wambomboza umtshokotsho wobufakazi, njengokulaya kweNkosi kuMozisi. **22** Wasefaka itafula ethenteni lenhlangano, eceleni kwethabhanekele ngenyakatho ngaphandle kweveyili, **23** wahlela isinkwa ngohlelo phezu kwalo phambi kweNkosi, njengokulaya kweNkosi kuMozisi. **24** Wafaka uluthi lwesibane ethenteni lenhlangano, maqondana letafula, eceleni kwethabhanekele ngeningizimu. **25** Walumathisa izibane phambi kweNkosi, njengokulaya kweNkosi kuMozisi. **26** Wafaka ilathi legolide ethenteni lenhlangano phambi kweveyili, **27** watshisa kulo impepha elephunga elimnandi, njengokulaya kweNkosi kuMozisi. **28** Walengisa isilenge somnyango wethabhanekele. **29** Wabeka ilathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa emnyango wethabhanekele lethente lenhlangano, wanikela kulo umnikelo wokutshiswa lomnikelo wokudla, njengokulaya kweNkosi kuMozisi. **30** Wabeka inditshi yokugezela phakathi kwethente lenhlangano lelathi, wathela lapho amanzi okugeza. **31** UMozisi loAroni lamadodana akhe bagezela kuyo izandla zabo lenyawo zabo; **32** ekungeneni kwabo ethenteni lenhlangano lekusondeleni kwabo elathini bageza, njengokulaya kweNkosi kuMozisi. **33** Wasemisa iguma lazingelezela ithabhanekele lelathi, walengisa isilenge sesango leguma. UMozisi wasewuqeda umsebenzi. **34** Iyezi laselisibekela ithente lenhlangano, lenkazimulo yeNkosi yagcwalisa ithabhanekele. **35** Ngakho uMozisi wayengelakungena ethenteni lenhlangano, ngoba iyezi lahlala phezu kwalo lenkazimulo yeNkosi yagcwalisa ithabhanekele. **36** Lalapho iyezi lisenyuswa lisuka ethabhanekeleni, abantwana bakoIsrayeli baqhubekela phambili enhambeni zabo zonke, **37** kodwa lapho iyezi lingenyuswanga kabahambanga kuze kufike usuku lokwenyuswa kwalo. **38** Ngoba iyezi leNkosi laliphezu kwethabhanekele emini, lomlilo wawuphezu kwalo ebusuku, phambi kwamehlo endlu yonke yakoIsrayeli, enhambeni zabo zonke.

ULevi

1 INkosi yasimbiza uMozisi yakhuluma kuye isethenteni
lenhlangano yathi: **2** Khuluma kubantwana
bakoIsrayeli uthi kubo: Nxa umuntu wakini esondeza
umnikelo eNkosini, lizasondeza umnikelo wenu ovela
ezifuyweni, ovela enkomeni, loba ovela ezimvini.
3 Uba umnikelo wakhe ungumnikelo wokutshiswa
ovela enkomeni, uzanikela iduna elingelasici, alinikele
emnyango wethente lenhlangano, ngokuthanda kwakhe,
phambi kweNkosi. **4** Uzabeka isandla sakhe enhlokweni
yomnikelo wokutshiswa, njalo wemukelelwe yena,
ukumenzela inhlawulo yokuthula. **5** Uzalihlaba ijongosi
phambi kweNkosi; lamadodana kaAroni, abapristi,
azanikela igazi, afafaze igazi elathini inhlangothi zonke,
elisemnyango wethente lenhlangano. **6** Uzahlinza
umnikelo wokutshiswa, awusike ngeziqa zawo. **7** Njalo
amadodana kaAroni umpristi azafaka umlilo elathini,
ahlele inkuni phezu komlilo. **8** Amadodana kaAroni,
abapristi, azahlela-ke izitho, inhloko lamahwahwa, phezu
kwenkuni ezisemlilweni ophezu kwelathi. **9** Kodwa
imibilini yalo lemilenze yalo uzakugezisa ngamanzi; njalo
umpristi uzakutshisa konke elathini, kube ngumnikelo
wokutshiswa, umnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo oloqhatshi
olumnandi eNkosini. **10** Njalo uba umnikelo wakhe
uvela emhlanjini, owezimvu loba owembuzi, kube
ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, uzasondeza iduna elingelasici;
11 uzalihlabela eceleni kwelathi ngenyakatho, phambi
kweNkosi; njalo amadodana kaAroni, abapristi, azafafaza
igazi lalo elathini inhlangothi zonke. **12** Uzalisika
ngeziqa zalo, lenhloko yalo lamahwahwa alo; lompristi
uzakuhlela phezu kwenkuni ezisemlilweni ophezu
kwelathi. **13** Kodwa uzagezisa imibilini lemilenze
ngamanzi; lompristi uzakunikela konke, akutshise
elathini; kungumnikelo wokutshiswa, umnikelo owenziwe
ngomlilo oloqhatshi olumnandi eNkosini. **14** Uba-ke
umnikelo wakhe eNkosini ungumnikelo wokutshiswa
owezinyoni, uzanikela umnikelo wakhe uvela emajubeni
loba amaphuphu enkwilimba. **15** Umpristi alisondeze
elathini, atshuphune inhloko yalo, alitshise elathini,
legazi lalo likhanyelwe eceleni kwelathi, **16** asuse
isidlelo salo lensiba zalo, akulahle eceleni kwelathi
ngempumalanga, endaweni yomlotha, **17** aliqhaqhe
ngempiko zalo, angalehlukanisi; umpristi alitshise-ke
elathini, phezu kwenkuni ezisemlilweni; kungumnikelo
wokutshiswa, umnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo oloqhatshi
olumnandi eNkosini.

2 Lalapho umuntu enikela eNkosini umnikelo wokudla,
umnikelo wakhe uzakuba ngowempuphu ecolekileyo;
abesethela amafutha phezu kwawo, abeke inhlaka kuwo,
2 awulethe kumadodana kaAroni, abapristi, acuphe kuwo
isandla sakhe esigcweleyo impuphu yawo ecolekileyo
lokwamafutha awo, kanye lenhlaka yawo yonke;
lompristi atshise isikhumbuzo sawo elathini, umnikelo
owenziwe ngomlilo, oloqhatshi olumnandi eNkosini. **3**
Lokuseleyo komnikelo wokudla kuzakuba ngokukaAroni
lokwamadodana akhe; kuyingcwelengcwele eminikelweni
yeNkosi eyenziwe ngomlilo. **4** Nxa uletha-ke
umnikelo womnikelo wokudla ophekwe eziko, kawube
ngowamaqebelengwana angelamvubelo empuphu
ecolekileyo ahlanganiswe lamafutha, loba izinkwana
eziyizipatalala ezingelamvubelo ezinindwe ngamafutha.
5 Uba-ke umnikelo wakho ungumnikelo wokudla
ophekwe ngomganu oyincence, uzakuba ngowempuphu
ecolekileyo engelamvubelo, ixubene lamafutha. **6**
Uwuhlephune ube yizihlephu, uthele amafutha kuzo;
kungumnikelo wokudla. **7** Uba-ke umnikelo wakho
ungumnikelo wokudla ophekwe ngembiza, kuzakwenziwa
ngempuphu ecolekileyo kanye lamafutha. **8** Njalo
uzaletha umnikelo wokudla owenziwe ngalezizinto
eNkosini; nxa ulethwa kumpristi, uzawuletha elathini. **9**
Umpristi uzathatha emnikelweni wokudla isikhumbuzo
sawo, asitshise elathini; singumnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo,
oloqhatshi olumnandi eNkosini. **10** Lokuseleyo komnikelo
wokudla kuzakuba ngokukaAroni lokwamadodana
akhe; kuyingcwelengcwele eminikelweni yeNkosi
eyenziwe ngomlilo. **11** Kakulamnikelo wokudla
elizawuletha eNkosini ozakwenziwa ngemvubelo, ngoba
kawuyikutshisa langayiphi imvubelo loba ngaluphi uluju
umnikelo owenzelwe iNkosi ngomlilo. **12** Umnikelo
wezithelo zokuqala lizawunikela eNkosini, kodwa
kawuyikutshiswa elathini kube luqhatshi olumnandi.
13 Lawo wonke umnikelo womnikelo wakho wokudla
uzawutshwaya ngetshwayi; njalo ungavumeli ukuthi
itshwayi lesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu wakho lisweleke
emnikelweni wakho wokudla; kanye leminikelo yakho
yonke uzanikela itshwayi. **14** Uba-ke unikela umnikelo
wokudla wezithelo zokuqala eNkosini, uzanikela kube
ngumnikelo wokudla ezithelweni zakho zokuqala
amabele amatsha ayizikhwebu ezosiweyo, amabele
achotshoziweyo ezikhwebu ezintsha; **15** uthele amafutha
kuwo, ubeke inhlaka phezu kwawo; kungumnikelo
wokudla. **16** Umpristi uzatshisa-ke isikhumbuzo sawo,
okwamabele achotshoziweyo awo lokwamafutha awo,
layo yonke inhlaka yawo; kungumnikelo owenzelwe
iNkosi ngomlilo.

3 Uba-ke umnikelo wakhe ungumhlatshelo weminikelo
yokuthula, nxa enikela okwenkomo, ingabe iduna
kumbe insikazi, uzawunikela ungelasici phambi kweNkosi.
2 Uzabeka isandla sakhe enhlokweni yomnikelo
wakhe, awuhlabe emnyango wethente lenhlangano;
amadodana kaAroni angabapristi azafafaza-ke igazi
phezu kwelathi inhlangothi zonke. **3** Uzanikela okuvela
kuwo umhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula umnikelo
owenzelwe iNkosi ngomlilo, idanga, lamahwahwa wonke
asemibilini, **4** lezinso zombili lamahwahwa akuzo

asezinkalweni, lamahwahwa angaphezu kwesibindi
uzawasusa lezinso. 5 Njalo amadodana kaAroni
azawatshisa elathini phezu komnikelo wokutshiswa
ophezu kwenkuni eziphezu komlilo; kungumnikelo
owenziwe ngomlilo oloqhatshi olumnandi eNkosini. 6
Uba-ke umnikelo wakhe ongumhlatshelo weminikelo
yokuthula eNkosini ungowomhlambi, iduna kumbe
insikazi, uzawunikela ungelasici. 7 Uba enikela
iwundlu, libe ngumnikelo wakhe, uzalinikela phambi
kweNkosi, 8 abeke isandla sakhe enhlokweni yomnikelo
wakhe, awuhlabe phambi kwethente lenhlangano;
amadodana kaAroni azafafaza-ke igazi lawo phezu
kwelathi inhlangothi zonke. 9 Uzanikela okuvela
kuwo umhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula, umnikelo
owenzelwe iNkosi ngomlilo, amahwahwa awo, umsila
wonke ononileyo ewuquma eduze lomgogodla, ledanga,
lamahwahwa wonke asemibilini, 10 lezinso zombili
lamahwahwa akuzo asezinkalweni, lamahwahwa
angaphezu kwesibindi uzawasusa lezinso. 11 Umpristi
uzakutshisa-ke elathini, kuyikudla komnikelo owenzelwe
iNkosi ngomlilo. 12 Uba-ke umnikelo wakhe uyimbuzi,
uzawunikela phambi kweNkosi, 13 abeke isandla
sakhe enhlokweni yayo, ayihlabe phambi kwethente
lenhlangano; amadodana kaAroni azafafaza-ke igazi
layo phezu kwelathi inhlangothi zonke. 14 Uzanikela
okuvela kiyo umnikelo wakhe, umnikelo owenzelwe
iNkosi ngomlilo, idanga, lamahwahwa wonke asemibilini,
15 lezinso zombili lamahwahwa akuzo asezinkalweni,
lamahwahwa angaphezu kwesibindi uzawasusa lezinso.
16 Njalo umpristi uzakutshisa elathini, kuyikudla komnikelo
owenziwe ngomlilo, kube luqhatshi olumnandi. Wonke
amahwahwa ngaweNkosi. 17 Yisimiso saphakade
ezizukulwaneni zenu, emizini yenu yonke, sokuthi lingadli
ngitsho amahwahwa lagazi.

4 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: 2 Khuluma
ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli uthi: Uba umphefumulo
usona ngokungazi umelana loba yiyiphi imilayo yeNkosi,
engafanele ukwenziwa, wenze okumelene lomunye wayo,
3 uba umpristi ogcotshiweyo esona, kube licala ebantwini,
uzanikela ngesono sakhe asonileyo ijongosi ithole
lenkomo elingelasici, eNkosini, libe ngumnikelo wesono.
4 Uzaletha ijongosi emnyango wethente lenhlangano
phambi kweNkosi, abeke isandla sakhe enhlokweni
yejongosi, alihlabe ijongosi phambi kweNkosi. 5 Njalo
umpristi ogcotshiweyo uzathatha okwegazi lejongosi,
alilethe ethenteni lenhlangano. 6 Umpristi uzagxamuza-ke
umunwe wakhe egazini, afafaze okwegazi kasikhombisa
phambi kweNkosi, phambi kweveyili lendlu engcwele. 7
Njalo umpristi uzafaka okwegazi empondweni zelathi
lempepha elephunga elimnandi phambi kweNkosi,
elisethenteni lenhlangano, athululele lonke igazi
lejongosi kungaphansi yelathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa,
elisemnyango wethente lenhlangano. 8 Lawo wonke
amahwahwa ejongosi lomnikelo wesono uzawasusa
kulo, idanga, lawo wonke amahwahwa asemibilini,
9 lezinso zombili lamahwahwa akuzo asezinkalweni,
lamahwahwa angaphezu kwesibindi uzawasusa lezinso,
10 njengalokhu kususwa kiyo inkabi yomhlatshelo
weminikelo yokuthula. Umpristi uzakutshisa elathini
lomnikelo wokutshiswa. 11 Kodwa isikhumba sejongosi,
lenyama yalo yonke, lenhloko yalo, lemilenze yalo,
lemibilini yalo, lomswane walo, 12 yebo, ijongosi lonke
uzalikhuphela ngaphandle kwenkamba, alise endaweni
ehlambulukileyo, lapho okuthululelwa khona umlotha,
alitshise phezu kwenkuni ngomlilo. Lizatshiselwa lapho
okuthululelwa khona umlotha. 13 Uba-ke inhlangano
yonke yakoIsrayeli isona ngokungazi, lendaba ifihlwe
emehlweni ebandla, benze ulutho olumelene loba yiwuphi
wemilayo yeNkosi, okungafanele ukwenziwa, njalo
babe lecala, 14 lapho isono abasone bemelene lawo
sesisaziwa, ibandla lizanikela ijongosi ithole lenkomo,
libe ngumnikelo wesono, lililethe phambi kwethente
lenhlangano. 15 Njalo abadala benhlangano bazabeka
izandla zabo enhlokweni yejongosi phambi kweNkosi,
lejongosi lizahlatshwa phambi kweNkosi. 16 Umpristi
ogcotshiweyo uzaletha-ke okwegazi lejongosi ethenteni
lenhlangano, 17 lompristi uzagxamuza umunwe wakhe
egazini, afafaze kasikhombisa phambi kweNkosi, phambi
kweveyili, 18 afake okwegazi empondweni zelathi
eliphambi kweNkosi, elisethenteni lenhlangano, athululele
lonke igazi kungaphansi yelathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa,
elisemnyango wethente lenhlangano. 19 Uzathatha-
ke kilo wonke amahwahwa alo, awatshise elathini. 20
Enze kulo ijongosi, njengakwenze kulo ijongosi lomnikelo
wesono, enze njalo kulo. Umpristi abenzele inhlawulo
yokuthula, njalo bazathethelelwa. 21 Njalo uzalikhuphela
ijongosi ngaphandle kwenkamba, alitshise njengalokho
walitshisa ijongosi lokuqala; kungumnikelo wesono
webandla. 22 Nxa induna isona, yenza ngokungazi
okumelene loba yiwuphi wemilayo yeNkosi uNkulunkulu
wayo, okungafanele ukwenziwa, njalo ibe lecala, 23
kumbe isono sayo esone imelene lawo sisaziswa
kuyo, izaletha umnikelo wayo, izinyane lembuzi, iduna
elingelasici, 24 ibeke isandla sayo enhlokweni yembuzi,
iyihlabe endaweni lapho okuhlatshelwa khona umnikelo
wokutshiswa phambi kweNkosi; kungumnikelo wesono.
25 Umpristi abesethatha okwegazi lomnikelo wesono
ngomunwe wakhe, alifake empondweni zelathi lomnikelo
wokutshiswa, athululele igazi lawo kungaphansi yelathi
lomnikelo wokutshiswa. 26 Lawo wonke amahwahwa
awo uzawatshisa elathini njengamahwahwa omhlatshelo
weminikelo yokuthula. Ngalokho umpristi uzayenzela
inhlawulo yokuthula ngesono sayo, njalo ithethelelwe. 27
Uba-ke loba ngubani wabantu belizwe esona ngokungazi,
ngoba esenza okumelene loba yiwuphi wemilayo yeNkosi,
okungafanele ukwenziwa, aze abe lecala, 28 kumbe
isono sakhe asonileyo sisaziswa kuye, uzaletha umnikelo
wakhe, izinyane lembuzi, isibhuzikazi esingelasici,

ngesono sakhe asonileyo. **29** Uzabeka-ke isandla sakhe
enhlokweni yomnikelo wesono, awuhlabe umnikelo
wesono endaweni yomnikelo wokutshiswa. **30** Njalo
umpristi uzathatha okwegazi lawo ngomunwe wakhe,
alifake empondweni zelathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa,
athululele lonke igazi lawo kungaphansi yelathi. **31**
Lawo wonke amahwahwa awo uzawasusa, njengalokhu
amahwahwa esuswa kuwo umhlatshelo weminikelo
yokuthula, lompristi awatshise elathini abe liphunga
elimnandi eNkosini. Ngalokho umpristi uzamenzela
inhlawulo yokuthula, abesethethelelwa. **32** Kodwa
uba eletha iwundlu lomnikelo wakhe libe ngumnikelo
wesono, uzaletha elisikazi elingelasici, **33** abeke isandla
sakhe enhlokweni yomnikelo wesono, awuhlabe ube
ngumnikelo wesono, endaweni lapho okuhlatshelwa
khona umnikelo wokutshiswa. **34** Njalo umpristi uzathatha
okwegazi lomnikelo wesono ngomunwe wakhe, alifake
empondweni zelathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa, athululele
lonke igazi lawo kungaphansi yelathi. **35** Lawo wonke
amahwahwa awo uzawasusa njengalokhu amahwahwa
ewundlu esuswa kuwo umhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula,
lompristi awatshise elathini phezu kweminikelo yeNkosi
eyenziwe ngomlilo. Ngalokho umpristi uzamenzela
inhlawulo yokuthula ngesono sakhe asonileyo, njalo
uzathethelelwa.

5 Umphefumulo, uba usona-ke usuzwe ilizwi lesifungo,
njalo ube ngumfakazi, kumbe ukubonile loba
ukwazi, uba ungakukhulumi, uzathwala ububi bawo.
2 Loba uba umphefumulo uthinta loba yiyiphi into
engcolileyo, loba iyisidumbu senyamazana engcolileyo,
loba isidumbu sesifuyo esingcolileyo, kumbe isidumbu
salokho okuhuquzelayo okungcolileyo, lanxa kufihliwe
kuye, kube kanti ungcolile ulecala. **3** Loba uba uthinta
ukungcola komuntu, loba kuyini ukungcola kwakhe
angcola ngakho, njalo kufihliwe kuwo, lapho usukwazi
uzakuba lecala. **4** Loba uba umphefumulo ufunga,
ukhuluma ngamawala ngendebe zawo ukwenza okubi
loba ukwenza okuhle, loba kuyini umuntu angakhuluma
ngakho ngamawala ngesifungo, njalo kufihliwe kuwo,
lapho usukwazi uzakuba lecala kokunye kwalokho. **5**
Kuzakuthi-ke nxa ulecala kwenye yalezizinto, uvume
ngalokho okonileyo, **6** ulethe umnikelo wawo wecala
eNkosini ngesono sawo osonileyo, ensikazi emhlanjini,
iwundlu loba izinyane lembuzi, kube ngumnikelo wesono,
umpristi abesewenzela inhlawulo yokuthula ngesono
sawo. **7** Kodwa uba isandla sawo singafinyeleli okwanela
imvu, ungaletha eNkosini ngecala lawo olonileyo amajuba
amabili loba amaphuphu enkwilimba amabili, elinye libe
ngumnikelo wesono lelinye libe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa;
8 ubusuwaletha kumpristi ozanikela elingelomnikelo
wesono kuqala, atshuphule inhloko yalo entanyeni yalo,
kodwa angakwehlukanisi, **9** afafaze okwegazi lomnikelo
wesono ehlangothini lwelathi, legazi eliseleyo likhanyelwe
kungaphansi yelathi; kungumnikelo wesono. **10** Elesibili
uzalenza libe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa njengokwesimiso,
lompristi amenzele inhlawulo yokuthula ngesono sakhe
asonileyo, njalo uzathethelelwa. **11** Kodwa uba isandla
sawo singafinyeleli emajubeni amabili loba emaphuphini
enkwilimba amabili, lowo owonileyo angaletha umnikelo
wakhe okwetshumi kwe-efa yempuphu ecolekileyo ube
ngumnikelo wesono; angabeki mafutha phezu kwayo,
angabeki nhlaka phezu kwayo, ngoba ingumnikelo
wesono. **12** Njalo uzayiletha kumpristi, umpristi acuphe-
ke kuyo isandla sakhe esigcweleyokube yisikhumbuzo
sayo, akutshise elathini, phezu kweminikelo yeNkosi
eyenziwe ngomlilo; kungumnikelo wesono. **13** Ngalokho
umpristi uzamenzela inhlawulo yokuthula ngesono sakhe
asonileyo lakuyiphi yalezizinto, njalo uzathethelelwa.
Njalo kuzakuba ngokompristi, njengomnikelo wokudla.
14 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **15** Uba
umphefumulo uphambeka ngesiphambeko wone ungazi
umelana lezinto ezingcwele zeNkosi, uzaletha umnikelo
wawo wecala eNkosini, inqama engelasici emhlanjini,
elesilinganiso sakho sentengo samashekeli esiliva
ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele, kube ngumnikelo
wecala. **16** Lalokho okonileyo okumelene lento
engcwele uzakubuyisela, wengezelele kukho ingxenye
yesihlanu yakho, oyinike umpristi, lompristi awenzele
inhlawulo yokuthula ngenqama yomnikelo wecala, njalo
uzathethelelwa. **17** Uba-ke umphefumulo usona, wenze
okumelene lomunye wayo yonke imilayo yeNkosi,
okungafanele ukwenziwa, lanxa ungakwazi, kube kanti
ulecala, njalo uzathwala ububi bawo. **18** Uzaletha-
ke kumpristi inqama engelasici evela emhlanjini,
elesilinganiso sakho sentengo, kube ngumnikelo
wecala, lompristi uzawenzela inhlawulo yokuthula
ngokuphambanisa kwawo ophambanisa ngakho
ungakwazi, njalo uzathethelelwa. **19** Kungumnikelo
wecala; ngeqiniso ulecala eNkosini.

6 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **2** Uba
umphefumulo usona, uphambeke isiphambeko
eNkosini ukhohlise umakhelwane wawo mayelana
lalokho okunikelwa kuwo ukuthi ukulondoloze, loba
mayelana lesibambiso sesandla, loba ngokuphangiweyo,
loba umcindezele umakhelwane wawo, **3** kumbe
uthola lokho okwakulahlekile, uqambe amanga ngakho,
ufunge amanga, loba kukuphi kwazo zonke lezo izinto
umuntu azenzayo, one ngakho, **4** kuzakuthi-ke ngoba
onile elecala, uzabuyisela impango ayiphangileyo,
loba lokho owakuzuza ngokucindezela, loba lokho
okwanikelwa kuye ukuthi akulondoloze, loba lokho
okwakulahlekile akutholileyo, **5** kumbe kukho konke
afunge amanga ngakho; uzakubuyisa ngesiqokoqela
sakho, engezelele kukho ingxenye yesihlanu yakho,
amnike lowo engeyakhe ngosuku lomnikelo wakhe
wecala. **6** Njalo uzaletha umnikelo wakhe wecala
eNkosini, inqama engelasici emhlanjini, elesilinganiso

sakho sentengo, kube ngumnikelo wecala, ayise
kumpristi, 7 njalo umpristi uzamenzela inhlawulo
yokuthula phambi kweNkosi, njalo uzathethelelwa,
loba kukuphi kwakho konke akwenzileyo alecala
ngakho. 8 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: 9 Laya
uAroni lamadodana akhe uthi: Lo ngumlayo womnikelo
wokutshiswa. Kungumnikelo wokutshiswa ngenxa
yokutshisa phezu kwelathi ubusuku bonke kuze kuse,
lomlilo welathi uzabhebha kulo. 10 Umpristi-ke uzagqoka
isembatho sakhe selembu elicolekileyo, lokabhudula
wakhe wangaphansi welembu elicolekileyo uzamfaka
emzimbeni wakhe, athathe umlotha umlilo usuqede
umnikelo wokutshiswa elathini, awubeke eceleni kwelathi.
11 Abesekhulula izembatho zakhe, embathe ezinye
izembatho, akhuphele umlotha ngaphandle kwenkamba
endaweni ehlambulukileyo. 12 Lomlilo ophezu kwelathi
uzabhebha kulo, ungacitshwa; njalo umpristi uzabasa
inkuni phezu kwalo ukusa ngokusa, abeke kuhle umnikelo
wokutshiswa phezu kwalo, atshise kulo amahwahwa
eminikelo yokuthula. 13 Umlilo uzabhebha njalonjalo
elathini, ungacitshi. 14 Lalo ngumlayo womnikelo
wokudla. Amadodana kaAroni azawunikela phambi
kweNkosi, phambi kwelathi. 15 Njalo uzacupha okwayo
isandla sakhe esigcweleyo, emputshini ecolekileyo
yomnikelo wokudla, lemafutheni awo, lenhlaka yonke
ephezu komnikelo wokudla, akutshise elathini, uqhatshi
olumnandi, isikhumbuzo sawo, eNkosini. 16 Lokuseleyo
kuwo uAroni lamadodana akhe bazakudla, kuzadliwa
kungelamvubelo endaweni engcwele, lokhu bazakudla
egumeni lethente lenhlangano. 17 Kakuyikubhakwa
ngemvubelo. Kuyisabelo sabo engisinike kuminikelo yami
eyenziwe ngomlilo; kuyingcwelengcwele, njengomnikelo
wesono lanjengomnikelo wecala. 18 Bonke
abesilisa ebantwaneni bakaAroni bazakudla. Kuyisimiso
esilaphakade ezizukulwaneni zenu, esivela eminikelweni
yeNkosi eyenziwe ngomlilo; wonke okuthintayo
uzakuba ngcwele. 19 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi
isithi: 20 Lo ngumnikelo kaAroni lamadodana akhe
abazawunikela eNkosini ngosuku lokugcotshwa kwakhe;
okwetshumi kwe-efa lempuphu ecolekileyo kube
ngumnikelo wokudla njalonjalo, ingxenye yayo ekuseni
lengxenye yayo kusihlwa. 21 Uzakwenzelwa emganwini
oyincence ngamafutha. Uzawuletha uxutshanisiwe,
unikele ngencezu ezibhakiweyo zomnikelo wokudla,
zibe luqhatshi olumnandi eNkosini. 22 Lompristi
wamadodana akhe, ogcotshiweyo esikhundleni sakhe,
uzakwenza. Kuyisimiso saphakade eNkosini. Uzatshiswa
ngokupheleleyo. 23 Wonke-ke umnikelo wokudla
wompristi uzatshiswa ngokupheleleyo, ungadliwa. 24
INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: 25 Tshono kuAroni
lakumadodana akhe uthi: Lo ngumlayo womnikelo
wesono. Endaweni lapho okuhlatshelwa khona umnikelo
wokutshiswa umnikelo wesono uzahlatshwa khona
phambi kweNkosi; uyingcwelengcwele. 26 Umpristi
owunikelela isono uzawudla; uzadlelwa endaweni
engcwele, egumeni lethente lenhlangano. 27 Konke
okuthinta inyama yawo kuzakuba ngcwele; lofafaza
okwegazi lawo esigqokweni, lokhu afafaze kikho wena
uzakugezisa endaweni engcwele. 28 Njalo imbiza
yebumba okuphekelwe kuyo izaphahlazwa; kodwa uba
kuphekelwe embizeni yethusi, kayiphalwe ihlanjululwe
ngamanzi. 29 Wonke owesilisa kubapristi uzawudla.
Kuyingcwelengcwele. 30 Kodwa loba yiwuphi umnikelo
wesono okwegazi lawo lingeniswe ethenteni lenhlangano
ukwenza inhlawulo yokuthula endaweni engcwele
kawuyikudliwa; uzatshiswa ngomlilo.

7 Lalo ngumlayo womnikelo wecala.
Uyingcwelengcwele. 2 Endaweni lapho okuhlatshelwa
khona umnikelo wokutshiswa bazahlabela khona
umnikelo wecala, legazi lawo uzalifafaza elathini
inhlangothi zonke. 3 Lawo wonke amahwahwa awo
uzawanikela, umsila ononileyo, ledanga, 4 lezinso
zombili lamahwahwa akuzo asezinkalweni, lamahwahwa
angaphezu kwesibindi uzawasusa lezinso; 5 lompristi
uzakutshisa elathini kube ngumnikelo owenzelwe
iNkosi ngomlilo; kungumnikelo wecala. 6 Wonke
owesilisa kubapristi uzawudla; kawudlelwe endaweni
engcwele, uyingcwelengcwele. 7 Njengomnikelo
wesono unjalo umnikelo wecala; umlayo wayo munye.
Umpristi owenza inhlawulo yokuthula ngawo, uzakuba
ngowakhe. 8 Umpristi onikela-ke umnikelo wokutshiswa
womuntu, isikhumba somnikelo wokutshiswa anikele
ngawo sizakuba ngesalowompristi. 9 Lawo wonke
umnikelo wokudla obhakwe eziko, lakho konke
okulungiswa epaneni loba emganwini oyincence,
kuzakuba ngokwalowompristi onikele ngakho. 10
Lawo wonke umnikelo wokudla ovutshwe ngamafutha
kumbe owomileyo uzakuba ngowamadodana wonke
kaAroni, enye njengenye. 11 Njalo lo ngumlayo
womhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula awunikela eNkosini.
12 Uba ewunikela ube ngumnikelo wokubonga,
uzanikela kanye lomhlatshelo womnikelo wokubonga
amaqebelengwana angelamvubelo ahlanganiswe
lamafutha, lezinkwana eziyizipatalala ezingelamvubelo
ezinindwe ngamafutha, lamaqebelengwana empuphu
ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, ekhanzingiwe. 13
Ngaphandle kwamaqebelengwana uzanikela isinkwa
esilemvubelo kube ngumnikelo wakhe, lomhlatshelo
womnikelo wokubonga weminikelo yakhe yokuthula.
14 Njalo uzanikela okwawo okukodwa okuvela kuwo
wonke umnikelo kube ngumnikelo wokuphakanyiswa
eNkosini; lizakuba ngelalowompristi ofafaza igazi
leminikelo yokuthula. 15 Kodwa inyama yomhlatshelo
womnikelo wokubonga weminikelo yakhe yokuthula
izadliwa ngosuku lokunikela kwakhe, angatshiyi okwayo
kuze kube sekuseni. 16 Kodwa uba umhlatshelo
womnikelo wakhe uyisithembiso loba umnikelo
wesihle, uzadliwa ngosuku anikela ngalo umhlatshelo

wakhe, lokuseleyo kuwo kudliwe lakusisa; **17** kodwa okuseleyo enyameni yomhlatshelo ngosuku lwesithathu kuzatshiswa ngomlilo. **18** Njalo uba okwenyama yomhlatshelo weminikelo yakhe yokuthula kudliwa lokudliwa ngosuku lwesithathu, okunikelayo kayikwemukeleka, kakuyikubalelwa kuye; kuzakuba yisinengiso, lomphefumulo odla okwayo uzathwala ububi bawo. **19** Lenyama ethinta into engcolileyo kayiyikudliwa, izatshiswa ngomlilo. Kodwa mayelana lenyama, wonke ohlambulukileyo angadla inyama, **20** kodwa umphefumulo odla inyama yomhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula, engeyeNkosi, lokungcola kwawo kuphezu kwawo, lowomphefumulo uzaqunywa usuke ebantwini bawo. **21** Njalo uba umphefumulo uthinta loba yini engcolileyo, ukungcola komuntu, loba inyamazana engcolileyo, kumbe loba yini engcolileyo eyisinengiso, abesesidla okwenyama yomhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula engeyeNkosi, lowomphefumulo uzaqunywa usuke ebantwini bawo. **22** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **23** Tshono ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli uthi: Lingadli lakanye amahwahwa enkomo kumbe awemvu kumbe awembuzi. **24** Kodwa amahwahwa esidumbu senyamazana, lamahwahwa enyamazana edatshuliweyo angasetshenziswa loba kuwuphi umsebenzi, kodwa lingawadli lakanye. **25** Ngoba loba ngubani odla amahwahwa enyamazana abanikela ngayo umnikelo owenzelwe iNkosi ngomlilo, lowomphefumulo odlayo uzaqunywa usuke ebantwini bawo. **26** Futhi lingadli lagazi lakuyiphi imizi yenu, elenyoni loba elenyamazana. **27** Wonke umphefumulo odlayo loba yiliphi igazi, lowomphefumulo uzaqunywa usuke ebantwini bawo. **28** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **29** Tshono ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli uthi: Lowo onikela umhlatshelo weminikelo yakhe yokuthula eNkosini uzaletha umnikelo wakhe eNkosini uvela kumhlatshelo weminikelo yakhe yokuthula. **30** Izandla zakhe zizaletha iminikelo yeNkosi eyenziwe ngomlilo, amahwahwa lesifuba, uzakuletha lesifuba, ukusizunguza sibe ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa phambi kweNkosi. **31** Umpristi uzatshisa-ke amahwahwa elathini, kodwa isifuba sibe ngesikaAroni lesamadodana akhe. **32** Lizanika-ke umpristi umlenze wokunene, ube ngumnikelo wokuphakanyiswa ovela emihlatshelweni yeminikelo yenu yokuthula. **33** Lowo phakathi kwamadodana kaAroni onikela igazi leminikelo yokuthula lamahwahwa uzazuza umlenze wokunene ube yisabelo sakhe. **34** Ngoba isifuba sokuzunguzwa lomlenze wokuphakanyiswa ngikuthethe ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli, emihlatshelweni yeminikelo yabo yokuthula, ngakunika uAroni umpristi lamadodana akhe, kube yisimiso esilaphakade, okuvela ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli. **35** Lokho kuyisabelo sikaAroni lesabelo samadodana akhe esivela eminikelweni yeNkosi eyenziwe ngomlilo, mhla ebasondeza ukusebenzela iNkosi njengabapristi, **36** iNkosi eyalaya ngakho ukubanika, ngosuku eyabagcoba ngalo, okuvela ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli. Kuyisimiso esilaphakade ezizukulwaneni zabo. **37** Lo ngumlayo womnikelo wokutshiswa, womnikelo wokudla, lowomnikelo wesono, lowomnikelo wecala, lowokwehlukaniselwa, lowomhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula, **38** iNkosi eyamlaya ngawo uMozisi entabeni yeSinayi, ngosuku alaya ngalo abantwana bakoIsrayeli ukuthi balethe iminikelo yabo eNkosini enkangala yeSinayi.

8 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **2** Thatha uAroni lamadodana akhe kanye laye, lezembatho, lamafutha okugcoba, lejongosi lomnikelo wesono, lenqama ezimbili, lesitsha sezinkwa ezingelamvubelo, **3** ubuthanise inhlangano yonke emnyango wethente lenhlangano. **4** UMozisi wasesenza njengokulaya kweNkosi kuye, lenhlangano yabuthana emnyango wethente lenhlangano. **5** UMozisi wasesithi enhlanganweni: Yiyo le into iNkosi elaye ukuthi yenziwe. **6** UMozisi wasesondeza uAroni lamadodana akhe, wabagezisa ngamanzi. **7** Wasemgqokisa isigqoko, wambopha ngebhanti, wamgqokisa ibhatshi, wamfaka i-efodi, wambopha ngebhanti le-efodi elelukwe ngobungcitshi, walibophela kuye ngalo. **8** Wamgqokisa isembatho sesifuba, wabeka esembathweni sesifuba iUrimi leThumimi. **9** Wamthwalisa iqhiye ekhanda lakhe; wabeka phezu kweqhiye, ngaphambi kobuso bayo, incence yegolide, umqhele wobungcwele, njengalokhu iNkosi yayimlayile uMozisi. **10** UMozisi wasethatha amafutha okugcoba, waligcoba ithabhanekele lakho konke okuphakathi kwalo, wakungcwelisa. **11** Wafafaza ngawo phezu kwelathi kasikhombisa, wagcoba ilathi lezitsha zalo zonke, lenditshi yokugezela lonyawo lwayo, ukukungcwelisa. **12** Wathela okwamafutha okugcoba ekhanda likaAroni, wamgcoba, ukumngcwelisa. **13** UMozisi wasesondeza amadodana kaAroni, wawagqokisa izigqoko, wawabopha ngamabhanti, wawathwalisa izingowane, njengalokhu iNkosi yayimlayile uMozisi. **14** Wasesondeza ijongosi lomnikelo wesono; uAroni lamadodana akhe basebebeka izandla zabo enhlokweni yejongosi lomnikelo wesono. **15** Waselihlaba, uMozisi wasethatha igazi, walifaka ngomunwe wakhe empondweni zelathi inhlangothi zonke, wahlambulula ilathi, wathululela igazi kungaphansi yelathi, walingcwelisa ukulenzela inhlawulo yokuthula. **16** Wathatha idanga lonke, lamahwahwa esibindi, lezinso zombili lamahwahwa azo, uMozisi wakutshisa elathini. **17** Kodwa ijongosi, lesikhumba salo, lenyama yalo, lomswane walo wakutshisa ngomlilo ngaphandle kwenkamba, njengalokhu iNkosi yayimlayile uMozisi. **18** Wasesondeza inqama yomnikelo wokutshiswa; uAroni lamadodana akhe basebebeka izandla zabo phezu kwenhloko yenqama. **19** Waseyihlaba, uMozisi wafafaza igazi phezu kwelathi inhlangothi zonke. **20** Waseyisika inqama ngeziqa zayo, uMozisi watshisa inhloko

lezitho lamahwahwa. **21** Wagezisa imibilini lemilenze
ngamanzi, uMozisi watshisa inqama yonke elathini,
kungumnikelo wokutshiswa oloqhatshi olumnandi,
kungumnikelo owenzelwe iNkosi ngomlilo, njengalokho
iNkosi yayimlayile uMozisi. **22** Wasesondeza enye
inqama, inqama yokwehlukaniswa; uAroni lamadodana
akhe basebebeka izandla zabo phezu kwenhloko
yenqama. **23** Waseyihlaba, uMozisi wathatha okwegazi
layo, walifaka eqwangeni lwendlebe yokunene kaAroni,
lesithupheni sesandla sakhe sokunene, lezwaneni
olukhulu lonyawo lwakhe lokunene. **24** Wasesondeza
amadodana kaAroni, uMozisi wafaka okwegazi
eqwangeni lwendlebe yawo yokunene, lesithupheni
sesandla sawo sokunene, lezwaneni olukhulu lonyawo
lwawo lokunene; uMozisi wasefafaza igazi phezu
kwelathi inhlangothi zonke. **25** Wasethatha amahwahwa,
lomsila ononileyo, ledanga lonke, lamahwahwa esibindi,
lezinso zombili lamahwahwa azo, lomlenze wokunene,
26 wakhupha esitsheni sezinkwa ezingelamvubelo
esasiphambi kweNkosi iqebelengwana laba linye
elingelamvubelo, leqebelengwana elilodwa lesinkwa
esilamafutha, lesinkwana esisodwa esiyisipatalala,
wakubeka phezu kwamahwahwa laphezu komlenze
wokunene; **27** wakubeka konke ezandleni zikaAroni
lezandleni zamadodana akhe, wakuzunguza kwaba
ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa phambi kweNkosi. **28**
UMozisi wasekuthatha ezandleni zabo, wakutshisa
elathini phezu komnikelo wokutshiswa, kwaba
yikwehlukaniswa okoqhatshi olumnandi, kungumnikelo
owenzelwe iNkosi ngomlilo. **29** UMozisi wasethatha
isifuba, wasizunguza saba ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa
phambi kweNkosi; saba yisabelo sikaMozisi senqama
yokwehlukaniswa, njengalokho iNkosi yayimlayile
uMozisi. **30** UMozisi wasethatha okwamafutha
okugcoba lokwegazi okwakuphezu kwelathi, wakufafaza
phezu kukaAroni, phezu kwezembatho zakhe,
laphezu kwamadodana akhe, laphezu kwezembatho
zamadodana akhe kanye laye. Wamngcwelisa uAroni,
izembatho zakhe, lamadodana akhe, lezembatho
zamadodana akhe kanye laye. **31** UMozisi
wasesithi kuAroni lemadodaneni akhe: Phekani
inyama emnyango wethente lenhlangano, liyidle lapho
lezinkwa ezisesitsheni sokwehlukaniswa, njengokulaya
kwami ngisithi: UAroni lamadodana akhe bazakudla.
32 Lokuseleyo kwenyama lokwezinkwa lizakutshisa
ngomlilo. **33** Njalo kaliyikuphuma ngomnyango wethente
lenhlangano, insuku eziyisikhombisa, kuze kufike usuku
okuzagcwaliswa ngalo insuku zokwehlukaniswa kwenu,
ngoba uzalehlukanisa okwensuku eziyisikhombisa. **34**
Njengoba enzile lamuhla iNkosi ilayile ukukwenza,
ukulenzela inhlawulo yokuthula. **35** Ngakho lizahlala
emnyango wethente lenhlangano insuku eziyisikhombisa,
imini lebusuku, ligcine imfanelo yeNkosi ukuze lingafi;
ngoba ngilaywe njalo. **36** UAroni lamadodana akhe
basebesenza izinto zonke iNkosi eyazilayayo ngesandla
sikaMozisi.

9 Kwasekusithi ngosuku lwesificaminwembili uMozisi
wabiza oAroni lamadodana akhe labadala
bakoIsrayeli. **2** Wathi kuAroni: Zithathele ithole, inkonyana
yenkomo, libe ngumnikelo wesono, lenqama ibe
ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, okungelasici, ukusondeze
eNkosini. **3** Lebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli uzakhuluma uthi:
Thathani izinyane lembuzi libe ngumnikelo wesono,
lethole, lewundlu, abe lomnyaka owodwa, angelasici,
abe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, **4** lenkabi lenqama zibe
yiminikelo yokuthula, zihlatshwe phambi kweNkosi,
lomnikelo wokudla oxubene lamafutha; ngoba lamuhla
iNkosi izabonakala kini. **5** Basebethatha lokho uMozisi
akulayayo bakuletha phambi kwethente lenhlangano;
lenhlangano yonke yasondela, yema phambi kweNkosi. **6**
UMozisi wasesithi: Le into iNkosi elilaye ngayo lizayenza;
lenkazimulo yeNkosi izabonakala kini. **7** UMozisi
wasesithi kuAroni: Sondela elathini, wenze umnikelo
wakho wesono lomnikelo wakho wokutshiswa, uzenzele
wena inhlawulo yokuthula lokwabantu; ubususenza
umnikelo wabantu, ubenzele inhlawulo yokuthula,
njengokulaya kweNkosi. **8** UAroni wasesondela elathini,
walihlaba ithole lomnikelo wesono owawungowakhe. **9**
Amadodana kaAroni aseletha igazi kuye, wasegxamuza
umunwe wakhe egazini, walifaka phezu kwempondo
zelathi, legazi walithululela kungaphansi yelathi; **10** kodwa
amahwahwa, lezinso, lamahwahwa esibindi omnikelo
wesono wakutshisa elathini, njengalokho iNkosi imlayile
uMozisi. **11** Kodwa inyama lesikhumba wakutshisa
ngomlilo ngaphandle kwenkamba. **12** Wasehlaba
umnikelo wokutshiswa; lamadodana kaAroni amnika
igazi, waselifafaza phezu kwelathi inhlangothi zonke. **13**
Amnika lomnikelo wokutshiswa ngezitho zawo lenhloko;
wasekutshisa phezu kwelathi. **14** Wagezisa imibilini
lemilenze, wayitshisa phezu komnikelo wokutshiswa
elathini. **15** Wasesondeza umnikelo wabantu, wathatha
impongo yomnikelo wesono eyayingeyabantu, wayihlaba,
wayinikela yaba ngumnikelo wesono, njengowokuqala.
16 Wasondeza umnikelo wokutshiswa, wawulungisa
njengokwesimiso. **17** Wasondeza umnikelo wokudla,
wagcwalisa isandla sakhe ngokwawo, wakutshisa phezu
kwelathi, ngaphandle komnikelo wokutshiswa wekuseni.
18 Wahlaba inkabi lenqama zibe ngumhlatshelo
weminikelo yokuthula owawungowabantu; lamadodana
kaAroni amnika igazi, owalifafaza phezu kwelathi
inhlangothi zonke. **19** Lamahwahwa enkabi lawenqama,
umsila ononileyo, ledanga elisibekelayo, lezinso,
lamahwahwa esibindi, **20** asebeka amahwahwa phezu
kwezifuba; wasetshisa amahwahwa elathini; **21** kodwa
izifuba lomlenze wokunene uAroni wakuzunguza
kwaba ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa phambi kweNkosi,
njengokulaya kukaMozisi. **22** UAroni wasephakamisela
isandla sakhe ebantwini, wababusisa. Wehla ekunikeleni

umnikelo wesono lomnikelo wokutshiswa leminikelo
yokuthula. 23 UMozisi loAroni basebengena ethenteni
lenhlangano; baphuma bababusisa abantu, lenkazimulo
yeNkosi yabonakala kubo bonke abantu. 24
Kwasekuphuma umlilo uvela phambi kweNkosi, watshisa
phezu kwelathi umnikelo wokutshiswa lamahwahwa.
Bonke abantu bathi bekubona lokhu bamemeza, bawa
ngobuso babo.

10 Amadodana kaAroni, oNadabi loAbihu, asethatha
ngulowo lalowo umganu wakhe wokutshisela
impepha, afaka umlilo kiyo, abeka phezu kwawo
impepha, anikela umlilo ongejwayelekanga phambi
kweNkosi, eyayingawalayanga wona. 2 Kwasekuphuma
umlilo ovela phambi kweNkosi, wawaqothula, asefela
phambi kweNkosi. 3 UMozisi wasesithi kuAroni: Yilokhu
iNkosi eyakukhulumayo isithi: Kulabo abasondela
kimi ngizangcweliswa, futhi phambi kwabantu bonke
ngizadunyiswa. UAroni wasethula. 4 UMozisi
wasebiza uMishayeli loElizafani, amadodana kaUziyeli
uyise omncane kaAroni, wathi kibo: Sondelani,
libasuse abafowenu phambi kwendlu engcwele, kuze
kube ngaphandle kwenkamba. 5 Basondela-ke,
babathwala bembethe izigqoko zabo kwaze kwaba
ngaphandle kwenkamba, njengokutsho kukaMozisi. 6
UMozisi wasesithi kuAroni lakuEleyazare lakuIthamari,
amadodana akhe: Lingembuli amakhanda enu,
lingadabuli izembatho zenu, hlezi life, lolaka lwehlele
phezu kwenhlangano yonke. Kodwa akuthi abafowenu,
indlu yonke kaIsrayeli, balilele ukutshisa iNkosi
ekuphembileyo. 7 Lingaphumi ngomnyango wethente
lenhlangano hlezi life, ngoba amafutha okugcoba
eNkosi aphezu kwenu. Benza-ke njengelizwi likaMozisi.
8 INkosi yasikhuluma kuAroni isithi: 9 Unganathi
iwayini lokunathwayo okulamandla, wena lamadodana
akho kanye lawe, nxa lingena ethenteni lenhlangano,
ukuze lingafi; kuyisimiso esilaphakade ezizukulwaneni
zenu; 10 lokwehlukanisa phakathi kokungcwele
lokungangcwele, laphakathi kokungahlambulukanga
lokuhlambulukileyo; 11 lokufundisa abantwana
bakoIsrayeli zonke izimiso iNkosi ezikhulume kubo
ngesandla sikaMozisi. 12 UMozisi wasesithi kuAroni
lakuEleyazare lakuIthamari, amadodana akhe ayesele:
Thathani umnikelo wokudla oseleyo eminikelweni yeNkosi
eyenziwe ngomlilo, liwudle ungelamvubelo eceleni
kwelathi, ngoba uyingcwelengcwele; 13 njalo liwudlele
endaweni engcwele, ngoba uyimfanelo yakho lemfanelo
yamadodana akho, esivela eminikelweni yeNkosi
eyenziwe ngomlilo; ngoba ngilaywe njalo. 14 Kodwa
isifuba sokuzunguzwa lomlenze wokuphakanyiswa
lizakudlela endaweni ehlambulukileyo, wena lamadodana
akho, lamadodakazi akho kanye lawe; ngoba kuyisabelo
sakho lesabelo samadodana akho; kunikwa kuvela
emihlatshelweni yeminikelo yokuthula yabantwana
bakoIsrayeli. 15 Umlenze wokuphakanyiswa lesifuba
sokuzunguzwa bazakuletha leminikelo yamahwahwa
eyenziwe ngomlilo, ukukuzunguza kube ngumnikelo
wokuzunguzwa phambi kweNkosi; kuzakuba ngokwakho
lokwamadodana akho kanye lawe, kube yisimiso
saphakade, njengokulaya kweNkosi. 16 UMozisi
wadingisisa impongo yomnikelo wesono, khangela-
ke yayitshisiwe. Ngakho wathukuthelela uEleyazare
loIthamari, amadodana kaAroni aseleyo, esithi: 17
Kalidlanga ngani umnikelo wesono endaweni engcwele,
ngoba uyingcwelengcwele, futhi ilinikile wona lina
ukuze lithwale ububi benhlangano, libenzele inhlawulo
yokuthula phambi kweNkosi? 18 Khangelani, igazi lawo
kalingeniswanga phakathi endaweni engcwele. Ngabe
isibili liyidlile endaweni engcwele njengokulaya kwami. 19
UAroni wasesithi kuMozisi: Khangela, lamuhla sebenikele
umnikelo wabo wesono lomnikelo wabo wokutshiswa
phambi kweNkosi, kanti izinto ezinje zingehlele! Uba
bengidlile umnikelo wesono lamuhla, bekuzakuba kuhle
emehlweni eNkosi yini? 20 Esezwile lokho uMozisi
kwaba kuhle emehlweni akhe.

11 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi lakuAroni isithi
kibo: 2 Tshonini ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli
lithi: Lezi zinyamazana elingazidla kuzo zonke
inyamazana ezisemhlabeni. 3 Konke okwehlukanisa
isondo lokwehlukanisa isondo kabili lokwetshisayo
phakathi kwenyamazana, lokhu lizakudla. 4 Kodwa
lezi kaliyikuzidla kulezo ezetshisayo kumbe kulezo
ezehlukanisa isondo: Ikamela, ngoba liyetshisa, kodwa
kalehlukanisi amasondo; lingcolile kini. 5 Lembila, ngoba
iyetshisa, kodwa kayehlukanisi isondo; ingcolile kini.
6 Lomvundla, ngoba uyetshisa, kodwa kawehlukanisi
isondo; ungcolile kini. 7 Lengulube, ngoba iyehlukanisa
isondo lokwehlukanisa isondo kube kubili kodwa
kayetshisi; ingcolile kini. 8 Lingadli okwenyama yazo,
lingathinti isidumbu sazo; zingcolile kini. 9 Lezi
lingazidla kuzo zonke ezisemanzini: Zonke ezilempiko
lamaxolo, emanzini, enlwandle lemifuleni, lezo lingazidla.
10 Kodwa zonke ezingelampiko lamaxolo enlwandle
lemifuleni, phakathi kwazo zonke ezibhinqika emanzini
laphakathi kwaso sonke isidalwa esiphilayo esisemanzini,
ziyisinengiso kini. 11 Yebo, zizakuba yisinengiso kini;
lingadli okwenyama yazo; kodwa lizanengwa yisidumbu
sazo. 12 Konke okungelampiko lamaxolo emanzini,
kuyisinengiso kini. 13 Lezi-ke lizanengwa yizo phakathi
kwezinyoni; kaziyikudliwa, ziyisinengiso; ukhozi lelinqe
lengqungqulu edla inhlanzi, 14 lomzwazwa, lohelwane
ngohlobo lwalo, 15 lonke iwabayi ngohlobo lwalo, 16
lesikhova, lomandukulo, lenkanku, lokhozi ngohlobo
lwalo, 17 lesikhova esincinyane, letshayamanzi, lesikhova
esikhulu, 18 lesikhova esimhlophe, lewunkwe, lelinqe
elikhulu, 19 lengabuzane, ihemu ngohlobo lwalo,
lemvenduna, lolulwane. 20 Zonke izibungu ezilempiko
ezihamba ngezine ziyisinengiso kini. 21 Kodwa lezi
lizazidla ezibungwini ezilempiko ezihamba ngezine

ezilemilenze ephezu kwenyawo zazo ezeqa ngayo
emhlabeni; 22 lezi lingadla kuzo: Isikhonyane ngohlobo
lwaso, lonyelele ngohlobo lwakhe, lediye ngohlobo
lwalo, lentethe ngohlobo lwayo. 23 Kodwa zonke
izibungu ezilempiko, ezilenyawo ezine, ziyisinengiso
kini. 24 Langalezi lizangcoliswa; wonke othinta isidumbu
sazo uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. 25 Njalo
wonke ophakamisa okwesidumbu sazo uzahlamba
izembatho zakhe, abe ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe.
26 Yonke inyamazana eyehlukanisa isondo, kodwa
ingehlukanisi isondo kabili, njalo ingetshisi, ingcolile
kini; wonke oyithintayo uzangcola. 27 Konke-ke
okuhamba ngezidladla zakho, phakathi kwazo zonke
inyamazana ezihamba ngezine, zingcolile kini; wonke
othinta isidumbu sazo uzangcola kuze kuhlwe. 28
Lothwala isidumbu sazo uzahlamba izembatho zakhe,
abe ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe; zingcolile kini. 29
Futhi lezi zizakuba ngezingcolileyo kini, phakathi
kwezihuquzelayo ezihuquzelayo emhlabeni; ubuchakide,
legundwane, legwababa ngohlobo lwalo, 30 lontulo,
lembulumakhasana, lombankwa, lesiqhuza, lonwabu. 31
Lezi zingcolile kini phakathi kwazo zonke ezihuquzelayo;
wonke ozithintayo sezifile uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze
kuhlwe. 32 Konke-ke ewela phezu kwakho enye
yazo isifile kuzakuba ngokungcolileyo, lokwasiphi
isitsha sesihlahla, loba isembatho, loba isikhumba,
loba isaka, lasiphi isitsha okusetshenzwa ngaso;
kuzafakwa emanzini, njalo kuzakuba ngokungcolileyo
kuze kuhlwe; khona kuzahlambuluka. 33 Layo
yonke imbiza yebumba ewela phakathi kwayo enye
yazo, konke okukiyo kuzakuba ngokungcolileyo, njalo
lizayibulala. 34 Ekudleni konke okudliwayo afike
kukho amanzi kuzakuba ngokungcolileyo; lakuphi
okunathwayo okunganathwa phakathi kwaloba yiyiphi
imbiza enjalo kuzakuba ngokungcolileyo. 35 Konke-
ke okuwela kukho okwesidumbu sazo kuzakuba
ngokungcolileyo; iziko loba isitofu, kuzaphohlozwa,
kungcolile, futhi kuzakuba ngokungcolileyo kini. 36
Kodwa umthombo loba umgodi aqoqene khona
amanzi uzakuba ngohlambulukileyo; kodwa okuthinta
izidumbu zazo kuzakuba ngokungcolileyo. 37 Njalo
uba okwesidumbu sazo kuwela phezu kwenhlanyelo
ehlanyelwayo ezahlanyelwa, ihlambulukile; 38 kodwa
uba okwamanzi kufakwa enhlanyelweni, lokwesidumbu
sazo kuwela phezu kwayo, ingcolile kini. 39 Uba
kusifa-ke enyamazaneni eyikudla kini, othinta isidumbu
sayo uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. 40 Lodla
okwesidumbu sayo uzahlamba izembatho zakhe, abe
ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe; lothwala isidumbu sayo
uzawatsha izembatho zakhe, abe ngongcolileyo kuze
kuhlwe. 41 Lazo zonke ezihuquzelayo ezihuquzela
emhlabeni ziyisinengiso; kaziyikudliwa. 42 Konke
okuhamba ngesisu, lakho konke okuhamba ngezine,
kuze kube yikho konke okulenyawo ezinengi, phakathi
kwazo zonke ezihuquzelayo ezihuquzela emhlabeni
kaliyikukudla, ngoba kuyisinengiso. 43 Lingazenzi
linengeke langakuphi okuhuquzelayo kuhuquzela,
lingazingcolisi ngakho ukuthi lingcoliswe yikho. 44 Ngoba
ngiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu. Ngakho zingcweliseni,
libe ngcwele, ngoba ngingcwele. Lingazingcolisi
langakuphi okuhuquzelayo okuhuquzela emhlabeni.
45 Ngoba ngiyiNkosi eyalenyusa lisuka elizweni
leGibhithe ukuthi ngibe nguNkulunkulu wenu. Ngakho
banini ngcwele, ngoba ngingcwele. 46 Lo ngumlayo
wezinyamazana lezinyoni, laso sonke isidalwa esiphilayo
esibhinqika emanzini lakuso sonke isidalwa esihuquzela
emhlabeni, 47 ukwehlukanisa phakathi kokungcolileyo
lokuhlambulukileyo, laphakathi kokuphilayo okungadliwa
lokuphilayo okungadliwayo.

12 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: 2 Tshono
ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli uthi: Uba owesifazana
ekhululeka, abelethe owesilisa, uzakuba ngongcolileyo
insuku eziyisikhombisa, njengensuku zokwehlukaniswa
kwakhe esemfuleni uzakuba ngongcolileyo. 3 Langosuku
lwesificaminwembili inyama yejwabu lakhe laphambili
izasokwa. 4 Khona ezahlala okwensuku ezingamatshumi
amathathu lantathu egazini lokuhlanjululwa kwakhe,
angathinti lutho olungcwele, angangeni endlini engcwele,
zize ziphelele insuku zokuhlanjululwa kwakhe. 5
Kodwa angabeletha owesifazana, uzakuba ngongcolileyo
amaviki amabili, njengokwehlukaniswa kwakhe; uzahlala
insuku ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lesithupha egazini
lokuhlanjululwa kwakhe. 6 Lapho sezigcwalisekile
insuku zokuhlanjululwa kwakhe, ngendodana loba
ngendodakazi, uzaletha iwundlu elilomnyaka owodwa,
libe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, lephuphu lenkwilimba
kumbe ijuba kube ngumnikelo wesono, emnyango
wethente lenhlangano, kumpristi, 7 ozakunikela eNkosini,
amenzele inhlawulo yokuthula; khona ezahlambuluka
ekopheni kwegazi lakhe. Lo ngumlayo walowo obeletha
owesilisa loba owesifazana. 8 Kodwa uba isandla
sakhe singatholi okwanela imvu, uzathatha amajuba
amabili loba amaphuphu amabili enkwilimba, okunye
kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa lokunye kube ngumnikelo
wesono, lompristi amenzele inhlawulo yokuthula, aze
ahlambuluke.

13 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi lakuAroni isithi: 2
Umuntu, nxa kukhona esikhumbeni senyama
yakhe ithumba loba uqweqwe loba ibala elikhanyayo,
njalo esikhumbeni senyama yakhe kube njengesifo
sobulephero, khona ezalethwa kuAroni umpristi
kumbe kwenye yamadodana akhe angabapristi. 3
Umpristi uzakhangela-ke isifo esikhumbeni senyama;
uba uboya esifweni sebuphenduke baba mhlophe,
lokubonakala kwesifo sekutshone kulesikhumba senyama
yakhe, kuyisifo sobulephero. Umpristi esemkhangele
uzakutsho ukuthi ungcolile. 4 Kodwa uba ibala

elikhanyayo esikhumbeni senyama yakhe limhlophe,
lokubonakala kwalo kungatshoni kulesikhumba, loboya
balo bungaphendukanga baba mhlophe, umpristi
uzamvalela olesifo insuku eziyisikhombisa. **5**
Umpristi uzamkhangela-ke ngosuku lwesikhombisa;
uba, khangela, isifo sisemi emehlweni akhe, isifo
singaqhelanga esikhumbeni, umpristi uzamvalela
ezinye insuku eziyisikhombisa. **6** Umpristi uzabuya-ke
amkhangele ngosuku lwesikhombisa; uba, khangela,
isifo sifiphele, lesifo singaqhelanga esikhumbeni, umpristi
uzakutsho ukuthi uhlambulukile; luqweqwe. Njalo
uzahlamba izembatho zakhe, ahlambuluke. **7** Kodwa
uba uqweqwe luqhela kakhulu esikhumbeni emva
kokubonakaliswa kwakhe kumpristi ngokuhlanjululwa
kwakhe, uzabonakaliswa kumpristi futhi. **8** Uba
umpristi ebona ukuthi, khangela, uqweqwe luyaqhela
esikhumbeni, umpristi uzakutsho ukuthi ungcolile;
kuyibulephero. **9** Isifo sobulephero, uba sisemuntwini,
uzalethwa kumpristi. **10** Njalo umpristi uzabona,
khangela-ke, kukhona ithumba elimhlophe esikhumbeni,
seliphendule uboya baba mhlophe, futhi kulenyama
entsha ephilayo ethunjeni, **11** kuyibulephero obudala
esikhumbeni senyama yakhe; umpristi uzakutsho-ke
ukuthi ungcolile, angamvaleli ngoba engcolile. **12**
Uba-ke ubulephero buqhela kakhulu esikhumbeni,
lobulephero bugubuzela isikhumba sonke salowo olesifo,
kusukela ekhanda lakhe kuze kufike lenyaweni zakhe,
njengokubona konke kwamehlo ompristi, **13** umpristi
uzabona, khangela-ke, ubulephero bugubuzele inyama
yonke yakhe, uzakutsho ukuthi olesifo uhlambulukile;
konke kuphendukile kwaba mhlophe; uhlambulukile.
14 Kodwa mhla kubonakala kuye inyama ebomvu,
uzakuba ngongcolileyo. **15** Lapho umpristi esebone
inyama ebomvu, uzakutsho ukuthi ungcolile; inyama
ebomvu ingcolile, iyibulephero. **16** Kumbe uba inyama
ebomvu ibuye iphenduke ibe mhlophe, uzakuya kumpristi.
17 Lapho umpristi esembonile ukuthi, khangela, isifo
sesiphenduke saba mhlophe, umpristi uzakutsho ukuthi
uhlambulukile olesifo; uhlambulukile. **18** Inyama layo, nxa
kukhona kuyo, esikhumbeni sayo, ithumba, selipholile,
19 lendaweni yethumba kube lokuvuvuka okumhlophe
kumbe ibala elikhanyayo elimhlophe libomvana,
kuzatshengiswa umpristi. **20** Uba umpristi ezabona ukuthi,
khangela, ukubonakala kwakho kutshone kulesikhumba,
loboya bakho sebuphenduke baba mhlophe, umpristi
uzakutsho ukuthi ungcolile; kuyisifo sobulephero,
siphume ethunjeni. **21** Kodwa uba umpristi ezakubona
ukuthi, khangela, kakulaboya obumhlophe kukho, lokuthi
kakutshonanga kulesikhumba, kodwa kufiphele, umpristi
uzamvalela insuku eziyisikhombisa. **22** Uba-ke kuqhela
kakhulu esikhumbeni, umpristi atsho ukuthi ungcolile,
kuyisifo. **23** Kodwa uba ibala elikhanyayo limi endaweni
yalo, lingaqheli, kuyisibavu sethumba; umpristi uzakutsho-
ke ukuthi uhlambulukile. **24** Kumbe inyama, uba
kukhona esikhumbeni sayo umtshiso womlilo, lokuphola
komtshiso kulibala elikhanyayo elimhlophe libomvana
kumbe limhlophe. **25** Lapho umpristi eselibonile ukuthi,
khangela, uboya bebala elikhanyayo buphenduke baba
mhlophe, lokubonakala kwalo litshone kulesikhumba,
kuyibulephero, buqhamuke emtshisweni; ngakho umpristi
uzakutsho ukuthi ungcolile; kuyisifo sobulephero.
26 Kodwa uba umpristi eselibona ukuthi, khangela,
kakulaboya obumhlophe ebaleni elikhanyayo, lokuthi
kalitshonanga kulesikhumba, kodwa lifiphele, umpristi
uzamvalela insuku eziyisikhombisa. **27** Langosuku
lwesikhombisa umpristi uzambona; uba liqhele kakhulu
esikhumbeni, umpristi uzakutsho ukuthi ungcolile; kuyisifo
sobulephero. **28** Kodwa uba ibala elikhanyayo limi
endaweni yalo, lingaqhelanga esikhumbeni, kodwa
lifiphele, kuyikuvuvuka komtshiso; umpristi atsho-ke
ukuthi uhlambulukile, ngoba kuyisibavu somtshiso. **29**
Njalo nxa owesilisa loba owesifazana elesifo ekhanda
loba endevini, **30** lapho umpristi esebonile isifo ukuthi,
khangela, ukubonakala kwaso kutshonile kulesikhumba,
njalo kulezinwele ezilithanga ezinciphileyo, umpristi
uzakutsho ukuthi ungcolile; kuluqweqwe; kuyibulephero
bekhanda loba obendevu. **31** Uba-ke umpristi esebone
isifo soqweqwe ukuthi, khangela, ukubonakala kwaso
kasitshonanga kulesikhumba, lokuthi kakulanwele
ezimnyama kuso, umpristi uzamvalela olesifo soqweqwe
insuku eziyisikhombisa. **32** Langosuku lwesikhombisa
umpristi uzabona isifo; uba, khangela, uqweqwe
lungaqhelanga, futhi kungekho kuso inwele ezilithanga,
lokubonakala koqweqwe kungatshonanga kulesikhumba,
33 uzaziphuca, kodwa uqweqwe angaluphuci, lompristi
uzamvalela oloqweqwe ezinye insuku eziyisikhombisa.
34 Langosuku lwesikhombisa umpristi uzabona uqweqwe;
uba, khangela, uqweqwe lungaqhelanga esikhumbeni,
futhi ukubonakala kwalo kungatshonanga kulesikhumba,
umpristi uzakutsho ukuthi uhlambulukile, njalo uzahlamba
izembatho zakhe, ahlambuluke. **35** Kodwa uba uqweqwe
luqhela kakhulu esikhumbeni emva kokuhlanjululwa
kwakhe, **36** umpristi uzabe esembonile ukuthi,
khangela, uqweqwe seluqhelile esikhumbeni, umpristi
kangadingi inwele ezilithanga; ungcolile. **37** Kodwa
uba emehlweni akhe uqweqwe lusemi, lenwele
ezimnyama sezimilile kulo, uqweqwe selupholile,
uhlambulukile; lompristi uzakutsho ukuthi uhlambulukile.
38 Njalo owesilisa loba owesifazana, nxa kukhona
esikhumbeni senyama yabo amabala akhanyayo,
amabala akhanyayo amhlophe, **39** nxa umpristi ebona
ukuthi, khangela, esikhumbeni senyama yabo kulamabala
akhanyayo afipheleyo amhlophe, kuyimpunza equbukayo
esikhumbeni; uhlambulukile. **40** Lendoda, uba ikhanda
layo lingaselanwele, ulempabanga, uhlambulukile. **41**
Uba-ke ikhanda layo lingaselanwele eceleni lebunzi
layo, ulempabanga ebunzini, uhlambulukile. **42** Kodwa
uba kukhona isifo esimhlophe sibomvana empabangeni

kumbe empabangeni esebunzini, kuyibulephero
obuqubuka ebumpabangeni bayo kumbe empabangeni
esebunzini layo. 43 Lapho umpristi esembonile ukuthi,
khangela, ukuvuvuka kwesifo kumhlophe kubomvana
empabangeni yayo kumbe empabangeni esebunzini
layo, njengokubonakala kobulephero esikhumbeni
senyama, 44 uyindoda elobulephero, ungcolile;
umpristi uzakutsho ukuthi ungcolile kakhulu; isifo
sayo sisekhanda layo. 45 Umlephero, esikuye
isifo, izembatho zakhe zizadatshulwa-ke, lekhanda
lakhe lembulwe, njalo ambomboze indevu zendebe
yakhe yangaphezulu, akhale athi: Ngcolile, ngcolile!
46 Zonke insuku isifo sikuye ungcolile; ungcolile,
uzahlala yedwa, indawo yakhe yokuhlala izakuba
ngaphandle kwenkamba. 47 Njalo isembatho, nxa
isifo sobulephero sikuso, esembathweni soboya
bezimvu, loba esembathweni selembu elicolekileyo,
48 loba ezintanjeni eziqondileyo kumbe ezintanjeni
eziqumayo zelembu elicolekileyo kumbe ezoboya
bezimvu, loba esikhumbeni, kumbe kukuphi okwenziwe
ngesikhumba, 49 futhi isifo siluhlazana loba sibomvana
esembathweni loba esikhumbeni loba ezintanjeni
eziqondileyo loba ezintanjeni eziqumayo kumbe
kuyiphi into yesikhumba; kuyisifo sobulephero, njalo
kuzatshengiswa umpristi. 50 Umpristi uzakhangela-
ke isifo, avalele okulesifo insuku eziyisikhombisa. 51
Akhangele isifo ngosuku lwesikhombisa; uba isifo
siqhelile esembathweni loba ezintanjeni eziqondileyo
loba ezintanjeni eziqumayo loba esikhumbeni, loba
kuwuphi umsebenzi owenziwe ngesikhumba; isifo
siyibulephero obuvukuzayo; kungcolile. 52 Ngakho
uzatshisa isembatho loba izintambo eziqondileyo loba
izintambo eziqumayo zoboya bezimvu loba ezelembu
elicolekileyo kumbe loba yiyiphi into yesikhumba okukuyo
isifo; ngoba kuyibulephero obuvukuzayo; kuzatshiswa
ngomlilo. 53 Kodwa uba umpristi ebona ukuthi, khangela,
isifo kasiqhelanga esembathweni kumbe ezintanjeni
eziqondileyo kumbe ezintanjeni eziqumayo, kumbe loba
kuyiphi into yesikhumba, 54 umpristi uzalaya-ke ukuthi
bawatshe lokho esikukho isifo, akuvalele ezinye insuku
eziyisikhombisa. 55 Kuzakuthi umpristi, sekuwatshiwe,
abone isifo ukuthi, khangela, isifo kasiphendukanga
ukubonakala kwaso, lesifo kasiqhelanga; kungcolile.
Uzakutshisa ngomlilo; kuyikucutheka kohlangothi lwakho
lwangemuva loba uhlangothi lwakho lwaphambili. 56
Kodwa uba umpristi ebona ukuthi, khangela, isifo
sifiphele emva kokuwatshwa kwaso, uzasidabula
esembathweni, loba esikhumbeni, loba ezintanjeni
eziqondileyo, kumbe ezintanjeni eziqumayo. 57 Kodwa
uba silokhu sibonakala esembathweni loba ezintanjeni
eziqondileyo kumbe ezintanjeni eziqumayo kumbe loba
kuyiphi into yesikhumba, siyaqhela; uzakutshisa ngomlilo
lokho esikukho isifo. 58 Kodwa isembatho kumbe
izintambo eziqondileyo loba izintambo eziqumayo kumbe
loba yiyiphi into yesikhumba okuwatshileyo, uba isifo
sisukile kukho, kuzawatshwa okwesibili, kuzahlambuluka-
ke. 59 Lo ngumlayo wesifo sobulephero wesembatho
soboya bezimvu kumbe selembu elicolekileyo, loba
izintambo eziqondileyo loba izintambo eziqumayo,
kumbe loba yiyiphi into yesikhumba, ukutsho ukuthi
kuhlambulukile kumbe ukutsho ukuthi kungcolile.

14 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: 2 Lo uzakuba
ngumlayo womlephero ngosuku lokuhlanjululwa
kwakhe: Uzalethwa kumpristi. 3 Umpristi uzaphuma-
ke ngaphandle kwenkamba. Uba umpristi ezabona
ukuthi, khangela, isifo sobulephero seselaphekile
kumlephero, 4 umpristi uzalaya-ke ukuthi kuthathelwe
lowo ozahlanjululwa inyoni ezimbili eziphilayo
ezihlambulukileyo, lesigodo somsedari, lokubomvu,
lehisope; 5 umpristi alaye ukuthi enye inyoni
ibulawelwe embizeni yebumba phezu kwamanzi
agobhozayo. 6 Inyoni ephilayo, uzayithatha lesigodo
somsedari, lokubomvu, lehisope, akugxamuze lenyoni
ephilayo egazini lenyoni ehlatshelwe phezu kwamanzi
agobhozayo, 7 amfafaze lowo ozahlanjululwa
kubulephero kasikhombisa, atsho ukuthi uhlambulukile,
ayekele inyoni ephilayo ikhululekile endle. 8 Lalowo
ozahlanjululwa uzahlamba izembatho zakhe, aphuce
zonke inwele zakhe, ageze ngamanzi, ahlambuluke;
emva kwalokho uzangena enkambeni, kodwa ahlale
ngaphandle kwethente lakhe insuku eziyisikhombisa. 9
Kuzakuthi-ke ngosuku lwesikhombisa uzaphuca zonke
inwele zakhe, ikhanda lakhe lezindevu zakhe lezintshiya
zakhe, yebo, aphuce zonke inwele zakhe, awatshe
izembatho zakhe, ageze umzimba wakhe ngamanzi,
ahlambuluke. 10 Langosuku lwesificaminwembili
uzathatha amawundlu amabili amaduna angelasici,
lewundlu elisikazi elilomnyaka owodwa elingelasici,
lengxenye ezintathu etshumini zempuphu ecolekileyo
kube ngumnikelo wokudla, kuxubene lamafutha,
lelogi eyodwa yamafutha. 11 Umpristi ohlambululayo
uzamisa-ke indoda ezahlanjululwa lezinto phambi
kweNkosi, emnyango wethente lenhlangano. 12 Njalo
umpristi uzathatha elinye iwundlu eliduna, alinikele
libe ngumnikelo wecala, lelogi yamafutha, akuzunguze
kube ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa phambi kweNkosi; 13
ahlabe iwundlu endaweni lapho okuhlatshelwa khona
umnikelo wesono lomnikelo wokutshiswa, endaweni
engcwele; ngoba umnikelo wecala ungowompristi
njengomnikelo wesono; uyingcwelengcwele. 14 Umpristi
uzathatha-ke okwegazi lomnikelo wecala, umpristi
uzakufaka eqwangeni lwendlebe yokunene yalowo
ozahlanjululwa, lesithupheni sesandla sakhe sokunene,
lezwaneni olukhulu lonyawo lwakhe lokunene. 15
Futhi umpristi uzathatha okwelogi yamafutha, akuthele
esandleni sompristi sokhohlo. 16 Njalo umpristi
uzagxamuza umunwe wakhe wokunene emafutheni
asesandleni sakhe sokhohlo, afafaze okwamafutha

kasikhombisa ngomunwe wakhe phambi kweNkosi. **17** Lokuseleyo kwamafutha asesandleni sakhe umpristi uzafaka eqwangeni lwendlebe yokunene yalowo ozahlanjululwa, lesithupheni sesandla sakhe sokunene, lezwaneni olukhulu lonyawo lwakhe lokunene, phezu kwegazi lomnikelo wecala. **18** Lokuseleyo kwamafutha asesandleni sompristi uzakufaka ekhanda lalowo ozahlanjululwa. Ngalokho umpristi uzamenzela inhlawulo yokuthula phambi kweNkosi. **19** Umpristi uzanikela-ke umnikelo wesono amenzele inhlawulo yokuthula lowo ozahlanjululwa ekungcoleni kwakhe, lemva kwalokho ahlabe umnikelo wokutshiswa. **20** Njalo umpristi uzanikela umnikelo wokutshiswa lomnikelo wokudla elathini. Ngalokho umpristi uzamenzela inhlawulo yokuthula, njalo uzahlambuluka. **21** Kodwa-ke uba engumyanga, lesandla sakhe singakufinyeleli, uzathatha iwundlu elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wecala lokuzunguzwa ukumenzela inhlawulo yokuthula, lengxenye eyodwa etshumini lempuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha kube ngumnikelo wokudla, lelogi yamafutha, **22** lamajuba amabili loba amaphuphu amabili enkwilimba, isandla sakhe esingakufinyelela, njalo okunye kube ngumnikelo wesono lokunye kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa. **23** Langosuku lwesificaminwembili uzakulethela ukuhlanjululwa kwakhe kumpristi, emnyango wethente lenhlangano, phambi kweNkosi. **24** Umpristi uzathatha-ke iwundlu elomnikelo wecala, lelogi yamafutha; njalo umpristi uzakuzunguza kube ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa phambi kweNkosi. **25** Ahlabe iwundlu elomnikelo wecala; njalo umpristi athathe okwegazi lomnikelo wecala, akufake eqwangeni lwendlebe yokunene yalowo ozahlanjululwa, lesithupheni sesandla sakhe sokunene, lezwaneni olukhulu lonyawo lwakhe lokunene; **26** njalo umpristi uzathela okwamafutha esandleni sompristi sokhohlo; **27** umpristi uzafafaza-ke okwamafutha asesandleni sakhe sokhohlo kasikhombisa phambi kweNkosi ngomunwe wakhe wokunene; **28** njalo umpristi uzafaka okwamafutha asesandleni sakhe eqwangeni lwendlebe yokunene yalowo ozahlanjululwa, lesithupheni sesandla sakhe sokunene, lezwaneni olukhulu lonyawo lwakhe lokunene, endaweni yegazi lomnikelo wecala. **29** Lokuseleyo kwamafutha asesandleni sompristi uzakufaka ekhanda lalowo ozahlanjululwa, ukumenzela inhlawulo yokuthula phambi kweNkosi. **30** Njalo uzanikela elinye lamajuba loba elamaphuphu enkwilimba, kulokho isandla sakhe esifinyelele kukho, **31** lokho isandla sakhe esifinyelele kukho, okunye kube ngumnikelo wesono lokunye kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, kanye lomnikelo wokudla. Lompristi uzamenzela ohlanjululwayo inhlawulo yokuthula phambi kweNkosi. **32** Lo ngumlayo ngalowo esikuye isifo sobulephero, osandla sakhe kasifinyeleli ekuhlanjululweni kwakhe. **33** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi lakuAroni isithi: **34** Lapho selifikile elizweni leKhanani engilinika lona libe yimfuyo, uba ngifake isifo sobulephero endlini yelizwe lelifa lenu, **35** umninindlu uzakuza ambikele umpristi, esithi: Kubonakala kimi kungathi kulesifo endlini. **36** Umpristi uzalaya ukuthi bakhuphe okusendlini, engakafiki umpristi ukubona isifo, ukuze konke okusendlini kungangcoli. Emva kwalokho umpristi uzangena ukukhangela indlu. **37** Lapho ebona isifo, khangela-ke, uba isifo sisemidulwini yendlu, silamagodigodi aluhlazana loba abomvana, lokubonakala kwawo kutshonile kulomduli, **38** umpristi uzaphuma endlini aye emnyango wendlu, ayivale indlu insuku eziyisikhombisa. **39** Njalo umpristi uzabuya ngosuku lwesikhombisa; uba ebona ukuthi, khangela, isifo sesiqhelile emidulwini yendlu, **40** umpristi uzalaya ukuthi bakhuphe izitina isifo esikuzo, bazilahlele ngaphandle komuzi endaweni engcolileyo, **41** njalo uzakwenza ukuthi indlu iphalwe phakathi inhlangothi zonke, babesebethululela uthuli abaluphalileyo ngaphandle komuzi endaweni engcolileyo. **42** Babesebethatha ezinye izitina, bazifake endaweni yalezozitina, njalo uzathatha olunye udaka ayibhade indlu. **43** Kodwa uba isifo sibuya futhi siqhamuke endlini emva kokukhupha kwakhe izitina, lemva kokuphalwa kwendlu, lemva kokubhadwa, **44** umpristi uzabuya; uba ebona ukuthi, khangela, isifo sesiqhelile endlini, kuyibulephero obuvukuzayo endlini; ingcolile. **45** Njalo uzayidiliza indlu, izitina zayo, lezigodo zayo, lalo lonke udaka lwendlu, akukhuphele ngaphandle komuzi endaweni engcolileyo. **46** Lalowo ongena kuleyondlu zonke izinsuku eseyivalile uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. **47** Lalowo olala kuleyondlu uzahlamba izembatho zakhe; lalowo odlela kuleyondlu uzahlamba izembatho zakhe. **48** Kodwa nxa umpristi esengenile lokungena abone ukuthi, khangela, isifo kasiqhelanga endlini emva kokubhadwa kwendlu, umpristi uzakutsho ukuthi indlu ihlambulukile, ngoba isifo seselatshiwe. **49** Lokuze indlu ihlambuluke, uzathatha inyoni ezimbili, lesigodo somsedari, lokubomvu, lehisope, **50** abulalele enye inyoni embizeni yebumba phezu kwamanzi agobhozayo, **51** athathe isigodo somsedari lehisope lokubomvu lenyoni ephilayo, akugxamuze egazini lenyoni ebuleweyo lemanzini agobhozayo, afafaze indlu kasikhombisa, **52** ahlambulule indlu ngegazi lenyoni langamanzi agobhozayo langenyoni ephilayo langesigodo somsedari langehisope langokubomvu, **53** ayiyekele inyoni ephilayo iye ngaphandle komuzi endle. Ngakho uzayenzela indlu inhlawulo yokuthula, njalo ihlambuluke. **54** Lo ngumlayo waso sonke isifo sobulephero, lowoqweqwe, **55** lowobulephero besembatho, lowendlu, **56** lowethumba, lowokhwekhwe, lowebala elikhanyayo, **57** ukufundisa mhla kungcolile lamhla kuhlambulukile. Lo ngumlayo wobulephero.

15 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi lakuAroni isithi: **2** Tshonini ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli lithi kubo: Ileyo laleyondoda, nxa kulokugobhoza okuphuma enyameni yayo, ngokugobhoza kwayo ingcolile. **3** Lalokhu kuzakuba yikungcola kwayo ngenxa yokugobhoza

kwayo. Loba inyama yayo iyagobhoza ngokugobhoza
kwayo loba inyama yayo isimile ekugobhozeni kwayo,
kuyikungcola kwayo. 4 Wonke umbheda alala kuwo
olokugobhoza uzangcola; layo yonke into ahlala kuyo
izangcola. 5 Njalo loba ngubani othinta umbheda
wakhe uzahlamba izembatho zakhe, ageze ngamanzi,
abe ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. 6 Lohlala entweni
ahlale kuyo olokugobhoza uzahlamba izembatho
zakhe, ageze ngamanzi, abe ngongcolileyo kuze
kuhlwe. 7 Lothinta inyama yalowo olokugobhoza
uzahlamba izembatho zakhe, ageze ngamanzi, abe
ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. 8 Uba-ke olokugobhoza
ekhafulela ngamathe ohlambulukileyo, uzahlamba
izembatho zakhe, ageze ngamanzi, abe ngongcolileyo
kuze kuhlwe. 9 Laso sonke isihlalo senyamazana
agada kuso olokugobhoza sizangcola. 10 Laloba
ngubani othinta loba yini ebingaphansi kwakhe uzakuba
ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe; loyithwalayo uzahlamba
izembatho zakhe, ageze ngamanzi, abe ngongcolileyo
kuze kuhlwe. 11 Laloba ngubani olokugobhoza
amthintayo engahlambululanga izandla zakhe ngamanzi,
uzahlamba izembatho zakhe, ageze ngamanzi, abe
ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. 12 Lembiza yebumba
olokugobhoza ayithintayo izabulawa, laso sonke isitsha
sesigodo sizahlanjululwa ngamanzi. 13 Lapho-ke
olokugobhoza esehlanjululwe ekugobhozeni kwakhe,
uzazibalela insuku eziyisikhombisa zokuhlanjululwa
kwakhe, awatshe izembatho zakhe, ageze umzimba
wakhe ngamanzi agobhozayo, ahlambuluke. 14 Njalo
ngosuku lwesificaminwembili uzazithathela amajuba
amabili loba amaphuphu amabili enkwilimba, eze phambi
kweNkosi emnyango wethente lenhlangano, akunike
umpristi. 15 Umpristi uzanikela-ke elinye libe ngumnikelo
wesono lelinye libe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa; ngalokho
umpristi uzamenzela inhlawulo yokuthula phambi
kweNkosi ngenxa yokugobhoza kwakhe. 16 Indoda,
nxa kuphuma-ke kuyo ubudoda bokuhlangana, izageza
umzimba wayo wonke ngamanzi, ibe ngengcolileyo
kuze kuhlwe. 17 Njalo sonke isembatho laso sonke
isikhumba obukuso ubudoda bokuhlangana sizawatshwa
ngamanzi, sibe ngesingcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. 18
Futhi owesifazana indoda elele laye ngobudoda
bokuhlangana, bobabili bazageza ngamanzi, babe
ngabangcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. 19 Njalo owesifazana, nxa
kulokugobhoza, ukugobhoza kwakhe enyameni yakhe
kuligazi, uzakuba sekwehlukanisweni kwakhe insuku
eziyisikhombisa; njalo loba ngubani omthintayo uzakuba
ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. 20 Lakho konke alala kukho
ekwehlukanisweni kwakhe kuzangcola; lakho konke
ahlala kukho kuzangcola. 21 Njalo loba ngubani othinta
umbheda wakhe uzahlamba izembatho zakhe, ageze
ngamanzi, abe ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. 22 Njalo loba
ngubani othinta loba yiyiphi into ahlale kuyo uzahlamba
izembatho zakhe, ageze ngamanzi, abe ngongcolileyo
kuze kuhlwe. 23 Loba-ke ibisembhedeni loba entweni
ahlala kuyo, uba eyithinta, uzakuba ngongcolileyo
kuze kuhlwe. 24 Njalo nxa indoda ilala lokulala laye,
ukwehlukaniswa kwakhe kuzakuba kiyo; isizakuba
ngengcolileyo insuku eziyisikhombisa, lawo wonke
umbheda elala kuwo uzangcola. 25 Njalo owesifazana,
uba ukugobhoza kwegazi kugobhoza insuku ezinengi,
kungeyisiso isikhathi sokwehlukaniswa kwakhe, kumbe
uba kugobhoza okwedlula isikhathi sokwehlukaniswa
kwakhe, zonke izinsuku zokugobhoza kokungcola
kwakhe, uzakuba njengensuku zokwehlukaniswa
kwakhe, abe ngongcolileyo. 26 Wonke umbheda alala
kuwo zonke izinsuku zokugobhoza kwakhe uzakuba
kuye njengombheda wokwehlukaniswa kwakhe; njalo
loba yiyiphi into ahlala kuyo izangcola, njengokungcola
kokwehlukaniswa kwakhe. 27 Njalo loba ngubani othinta
lezozinto uzakuba ngongcolileyo, awatshe izembatho
zakhe, ageze ngamanzi, abe ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe.
28 Kodwa uba esehlanjululwe ekugobhozeni kwakhe,
uzazibalela insuku eziyisikhombisa, lemva kwalokho
uzahlambuluka. 29 Langosuku lwesificaminwembili
uzazithathela amajuba amabili loba amaphuphu amabili
enkwilimba, akulethe kumpristi emnyango wethente
lenhlangano. 30 Umpristi uzanikela-ke elinye libe
ngumnikelo wesono lelinye libe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa.
Ngalokho umpristi uzamenzela inhlawulo yokuthula
phambi kweNkosi ngenxa yokugobhoza kokungcola
kwakhe. 31 Ngalindlela lizakwehlukanisa abantwana
bakoIsrayeli lokungcola kwabo, ukuze bangafeli
ekungcoleni kwabo, lapho bengcolisa ithabhanekele
lami eliphakathi kwabo. 32 Lo ngumlayo walowo
olokugobhoza, lowalowo okuphuma kuye ubudoda
bokuhlangana, aze angcole ngakho, 33 futhi lowesifazana
ogulayo ekwehlukanisweni kwakhe, lalowo ogobhoza
ngokugobhoza kwakhe, owesilisa lowesifazana,
langendoda elala lowesifazana ongcolileyo.

16 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi emva kokufa
kwamadodana amabili kaAroni ekusondeleni
kwawo phambi kweNkosi, asesifa. 2 INkosi yasisithi
kuMozisi: Khuluma kuAroni umnewenu ukuthi angangeni
langasiphi isikhathi endaweni engcwele ngaphakathi
kweveyili, phambi kwesihlalo somusa esiphezu
komtshokotsho, ukuze angafi; ngoba ngizabonakala
eyezini phezu kwesihlalo somusa. 3 Elalokhu uAroni
uzangena endaweni engcwele: elejongosi ithole lenkomo,
libe ngumnikelo wesono, lenqama ibe ngumnikelo
wokutshiswa. 4 Uzakwembatha isigqoko esingcwele
lelembu elicolekileyo, lokabhudula wangaphansi welembu
elicolekileyo uzakuba senyameni yakhe, azibophe
ngebhanti lelembu elicolekileyo, athandele ngeqhiye
yelembu elicolekileyo; lezi yizembatho ezingcwele.
Ngakho uzageza umzimba wakhe ngamanzi, azembathe.
5 Lakunhlangano yabantwana bakoIsrayeli uzathatha
izimpongo ezimbili zembuzi zibe ngumnikelo wesono,

lenqama eyodwa ibe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa. **6** Njalo
uAroni uzanikela ijongosi lomnikelo wesono elingelakhe,
azenzele inhlawulo yokuthula lokwendlu yakhe. **7**
Athathe impongo ezimbili, azibeke phambi kweNkosi
emnyango wethente lenhlangano. **8** UAroni uzakwenza-
ke inkatho phezu kwezimpongo ezimbili, enye inkatho ibe
ngeyeNkosi lenye inkatho ibe ngeyempongo yokususa. **9**
UAroni uzasondeza-ke impongo okuphezu kwayo inkatho
yeNkosi, ayenze ibe ngumnikelo wesono; **10** kodwa
impongo okuphezu kwayo inkatho yempongo yokususa
uzayibeka iphilile phambi kweNkosi ukwenza inhlawulo
yokuthula ngayo, ukuyiyekela ihambe njengempongo
yokususa enkangala. **11** Njalo uAroni uzasondeza
ijongosi lomnikelo wesono elingelakhe, azenzele
inhlawulo yokuthula leyendlu yakhe; ahlabe ijongosi
lomnikelo wesono elingelakhe. **12** Athathe umganu
wokutshisela impepha ugcwele amalahle omlilo avele
elathini phambi kweNkosi, lezandla zakhe zigcwele
impepha elephunga elimnandi echolisisiweyo, akulethe
ngaphakathi kweveyili, **13** abeke impepha phezu komlilo
phambi kweNkosi, ukuze iyezi lempepha lisibekele
isihlalo somusa esiphezu kobufakazi, ukuze angafi.
14 Athathe okwegazi lejongosi, alifafaze ngomunwe
wakhe phezu kwesihlalo somusa empumalanga;
langaphambi kwesihlalo somusa uzafafaza okwegazi
kasikhombisa ngomunwe wakhe. **15** Abesehlaba impongo
yomnikelo wesono engeyabantu, alethe igazi layo
ngaphakathi kweveyili, enze ngegazi layo njengokwenza
kwakhe ngegazi lejongosi, alifafaze phezu kwesihlalo
somusa laphambi kwesihlalo somusa. **16** Ngalokho
uzakwenzela indawo engcwele inhlawulo yokuthula,
ngenxa yokungcola kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli, langenxa
yeziphambeko zabo, ezonweni zabo zonke. Futhi
uzalenzela njalo ithente lenhlangano, elihlala labo
phakathi kokungcola kwabo. **17** Kakungabi khona lamuntu
ethenteni lenhlangano, ekungeneni kwakhe ukwenza
inhlawulo yokuthula endaweni engcwele aze aphume,
esezenzele inhlawulo yokuthula, leyendlu yakhe,
leyebandla lonke lakoIsrayeli. **18** Uzaphumela-ke elathini
eliphambi kweNkosi, alenzele inhlawulo yokuthula,
athathe okwegazi lejongosi lokwegazi lempongo, akufake
empondweni zelathi inhlangothi zonke; **19** afafaze
okwegazi phezu kwalo kasikhombisa ngomunwe wakhe,
alihlambulule, alingcwelise ekungcoleni kwabantwana
bakoIsrayeli. **20** Lapho eseqedile ukwenzela indawo
engcwele ukubuyisana, lethente lenhlangano, lelathi,
uzasondeza impongo ephilayo; **21** uAroni abeke-
ke izandla zakhe zombili enhlokweni yempongo
ephilayo, avume phezu kwayo bonke ububi babantwana
bakoIsrayeli, leziphambeko zonke zabo, lezono zabo
zonke, akubeke enhlokweni yempongo, ayiyekele ihambe
ngesandla sendoda efaneleyo, iye enkangala. **22**
Impongo izathwala-ke phezu kwayo bonke ububi babo,
iye emmangweni owehlukanisiweyo; njalo izayiyekela
impongo iye enkangala. **23** LoAroni uzangena
ethenteni lenhlangano, akhulule izembatho zelembu
elicolekileyo abezembethe ekungeneni kwakhe endaweni
engcwele, azitshiye khona, **24** ageze umzimba wakhe
ngamanzi endaweni engcwele, agqoke izembatho
zakhe, aphume, enze umnikelo wakhe wokutshiswa
lomnikelo wokutshiswa wabantu, azenzele yena inhlawulo
yokuthula leyabantu. **25** Lamahwahwa omnikelo wesono
uzawatshisa elathini. **26** Lalowo oyekele impongo
njengempongo yokususa uzahlamba izembatho zakhe,
ageze umzimba wakhe ngamanzi, emva kwalokho
angene enkambeni. **27** Kodwa ijongosi lomnikelo wesono
lempongo yomnikelo wesono, ogazi lazo langeniswa
ukwenza inhlawulo yokuthula endaweni engcwele,
zizakhitshelwa ngaphandle kwenkamba; babesebetshisa
izikhumba zazo lenyama yazo lomswane wazo ngomlilo.
28 Lalowo okutshisayo uzahlamba izembatho zakhe,
ageze umzimba wakhe ngamanzi, emva kwalokho
angene enkambeni. **29** Kuzakuba yisimiso esaphakade
kini: Ngenyanga yesikhombisa ngolwetshumi lwenyanga
lizathobisa imiphefumulo yenu, lingasebenzi lamsebenzi,
owokuzalwa elizweni lowemzini ohlala njengowezizwe
phakathi kwenu. **30** Ngoba ngalolusuku uzalenzela
inhlawulo yokuthula ukulihlambulula; kuzo zonke izono
zenu phambi kweNkosi lizahlanjululwa. **31** Kulisabatha
lokuphumula kini; njalo lizathobisa imiphefumulo yenu;
kuyisimiso saphakade. **32** Njalo umpristi ogcotshiweyo,
owehlukaniselwe ukusebenza njengompristi esikhundleni
sikayise, uzakwenza inhlawulo yokuthula, agqoke
izembatho zelembu elicolekileyo, izembatho ezingcwele,
33 enzele inhlawulo yokuthula indawo engcwele ngcwele,
lethente lenhlangano, lelathi uzakwenzela inhlawulo
yokuthula, labapristi labantu bonke bebandla uzabenzela
inhlawulo yokuthula. **34** Lokhu kuzakuba yisimiso
esilaphakade kini, ukwenzela inhlawulo yokuthula
abantwana bakoIsrayeli kanye ngomnyaka ngazo zonke
izono zabo. Wenza-ke njengokuba iNkosi yalaya uMozisi.

17 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **2** Tshono
kuAroni lakumadodana akhe, lebantwaneni bonke
bakoIsrayeli, uthi kubo: Leli yilizwi iNkosi elaye ngalo isithi:
3 Loba ngubani wendlu kaIsrayeli ohlaba inkabi loba imvu
loba imbuzi enkambeni, kumbe ekuhlabela ngaphandle
kwenkamba, **4** engakulethanga emnyango wethente
lenhlangano ukunikela umnikelo eNkosini phambi
kwethabhanekele leNkosi, igazi lizabalelwa lowomuntu,
uchithile igazi; ngakho lowomuntu uzaqunywa asuke
ebantwini bakibo. **5** Ukuze, lapho abantwana bakoIsrayeli
beletha imihlatshelo yabo, abayihlabela endle, bayilethe
eNkosini emnyango wethente lenhlangano, kumpristi,
bayihlabe ibe yimihlatshelo yeminikelo yokuthula
eNkosini. **6** Njalo umpristi uzafafaza igazi phezu
kwelathi leNkosi emnyango wethente lenhlangano,
atshise amahwahwa, abe luqhatshi olumnandi eNkosini.
7 Njalo kabasayikuhlabela amadimoni imihlatshelo yabo,

ababephinga ngokuwalandela. Lokhu kuzakuba yisimiso
esilaphakade kubo ezizukulwaneni zabo. 8 Tshono-ke
kubo uthi: Ngulowo lalowo wendlu kaIsrayeli, lakowemzini
ohlala njengowezizwe phakathi kwabo, onikela umnikelo
wokutshiswa loba umhlatshelo, 9 angawulethi emnyango
wethente lenhlangano ukuze awenzele iNkosi, lowomuntu
uzaqunywa asuke ebantwini bakibo. 10 Njalo
ngulowo lalowo wendlu kaIsrayeli, lakowemzini ohlala
njengowezizwe phakathi kwabo, odla loba yiliphi igazi,
ngizamisa ubuso bami bumelane lomphefumulo odla
igazi, ngiwuqume usuke phakathi kwabantu bawo. 11
Ngoba impilo yenyama isegazini; mina-ke ngilinike lona
phezu kwelathi ukwenzela imiphefumulo yenu inhlawulo
yokuthula; ngoba kuligazi elenzela umphefumulo
inhlawulo yokuthula. 12 Ngakho ngathi ebantwaneni
bakoIsrayeli: Kakungabi lamphefumulo kini odla igazi;
lowemzini ohlala njengowezizwe phakathi kwenu kangadli
igazi. 13 Njalo ngulowo lalowo ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli,
lakowemzini ohlala njengowezizwe phakathi kwabo,
ozingela inyama yenyamazana kumbe inyoni edliwayo,
uzathulula igazi layo, aligqibele ngenhlabathi. 14 Ngoba
kuyimpilo yenyama yonke; igazi layo lisempilweni yayo;
yikho ngathi ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli: Lingadli igazi
loba ngelayiphi inyama, ngoba impilo yayo yonke inyama
kuligazi layo; loba ngubani olidlayo uzaqunywa. 15 Futhi
wonke umphefumulo odla ingcuba kumbe inyamazana
edatshuliweyo phakathi kwabokuzalwa elizweni kumbe
phakathi kwabemzini, uzahlamba izembatho zakhe,
ageze ngamanzi, abe ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe; emva
kwalokho uzahlambuluka. 16 Kodwa uba engaziwatshi,
engagezi umzimba wakhe, uzathwala ububi bakhe.

18 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: 2 Tshono
ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli uthi kubo: NgiyiNkosi
uNkulunkulu wenu. 3 Lingenzi njengokwemisebenzi
yelizwe leGibhithe lapho elalihlala khona, lingenzi
futhi njengokwemisebenzi yelizwe leKhanani engililetha
kulo. Lingahambi ngemithetho yabo. 4 Lizakwenza
izahlulelo zami ligcine izimiso zami, ukuhamba
kuzo. NgiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu. 5 Ngakho
lizagcina izimiso zami lezahlulelo zami; okuthi uba
umuntu ezenza uzaphila ngazo. NgiyiNkosi. 6
Kakungasondeli lamuntu lakusiphi isihlobo senyama
yakhe ukwembula ubunqunu baso. NgiyiNkosi. 7
Ungembuli ubunqunu bukayihlo lobunqunu bukanyoko;
ungunyoko, ungembuli ubunqunu bakhe. 8 Ungembuli
ubunqunu bomkayihlo, buyibunqunu bukayihlo. 9
Ubunqunu bukadadewenu, indodakazi kayihlo loba
indodakazi kanyoko, ezelwe ekhaya loba ezelwe
ngaphandle, ungembuli ubunqunu babo. 10 Ungembuli
ubunqunu bendodakazi yendodana yakho, loba
bendodakazi yendodakazi yakho, ngoba bayibunqunu
bakho. 11 Ubunqunu bendodakazi yomkayihlo ezelwe
nguyihlo, ingudadewenu, ungembuli ubunqunu bayo.
12 Ungembuli ubunqunu bukadadewabo kayihlo,
ngoba eyisihlobo sikayihlo. 13 Ungembuli ubunqunu
bukadadewabo kanyoko, ngoba eyisihlobo sikanyoko. 14
Ungembuli ubunqunu bomfowabo kayihlo; ungasondeli
kumkakhe, ngoba enguyihlokazi. 15 Ungembuli
ubunqunu bukamalokozana; ungumkandodana yakho,
ungembuli ubunqunu bakhe. 16 Ungembuli ubunqunu
bomkamfowenu, buyibunqunu bomfowenu. 17
Ungembuli ubunqunu bowesifazana lobendodakazi
yakhe; ungathathi indodakazi yendodana yakhe
loba indodakazi yendodakazi yakhe, ukwembula
ubunqunu bayo; bayizihlobo; kuyinkohlakalo. 18
Ungathathi owesifazana kanye lodadewabo ukumhlupha,
ukwembula ubunqunu bakhe kanye laye empilweni
yakhe. 19 Ungasondeli kowesifazana ekwehlukanisweni
kokungcola kwakhe ukwembula ubunqunu bakhe. 20
Ungalali lomkamakhelwane wakho ukungcola ngaye.
21 Unganiki okwenzalo yakho ukuthi ukudabulisele
kuMoleki; ungangcolisi ibizo likaNkulunkulu wakho.
NgiyiNkosi. 22 Ungalali lowesilisa njengokulala
lowesifazana; kuyisinengiso. 23 Ungalali laloba yiyiphi
inyamazana ukungcola ngayo; futhi owesifazana angemi
phambi kwenyamazana ukulala layo; kuyingxube
elihlazo. 24 Lingazingcolisi langenye yalezizinto,
ngoba ngazo zonke lezizinto izizwe ziyangcoliswa
engizixotsha phambi kwenu. 25 Ngalokho ilizwe
lingcolile; ngakho ngiphindisela ububi balo phezu
kwalo, lelizwe liyabahlanza abahlali balo. 26 Ngakho
lina lizagcina izimiso zami lezahlulelo zami, lingenzi
okwazo zonke lezizinengiso; owokuzalwa elizweni loba
owemzini ohlala njengowezizwe phakathi kwenu. 27
Ngoba zonke lezizinengiso bazenza abantu balelolizwe
ababekhona ngaphambi kwenu, ngakho ilizwe langcola.
28 Ukuze ilizwe lingalihlanzi lapho lilingcolisa, njengalokhu
lahlanza isizwe esasikhona ngaphambi kwenu. 29
Ngoba wonke owenza okwalezizinengiso, imiphefumulo
ekwenzayo izaqunywa isuke ebantwini bayo. 30 Ngakho
lizagcina umlayo wami, ukuze lingenzi okwalezozimiso
eziyisinengiso ezenziwa ngaphambi kwenu, ukuthi
lingazingcolisi ngazo. NgiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu.

19 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: 2 Tshono
kunhlangano yonke yabantwana bakoIsrayeli uthi
kubo: Banini ngcwele, ngoba mina iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wenu ngingcwele. 3 Yesabani, ngulowo lalowo,
unina loyise. Gcinani-ke amasabatha ami. NgiyiNkosi
uNkulunkulu wenu. 4 Lingaphendukeli ezithombeni,
lingazenzeli onkulunkulu ababunjwe ngokuncibilikisa.
NgiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu. 5 Njalo nxa linikela
umhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula eNkosini, liwunikele
ukuze lemukeleke. 6 Uzadliwa ngosuku lokunikela kwenu
langakusasa; kodwa okuseleyo ngosuku lwesithathu
kuzatshiswa ngomlilo. 7 Uba kudliwa lokudliwa ngosuku
lwesithathu, kuzakuba yisinengiso; kakuyikwemukeleka.
8 Ngakho okudlayo uzathwala ububi bakhe, ngoba
ungcolise okungcwele kweNkosi; lalowomphefumulo

uzaqunywa usuke ebantwini bawo. **9** Lalapho
livuna isivuno selizwe lakini, ungavuni ngokupheleleyo
umngcele wensimu yakho; futhi ungabuthi okuseleyo
kwesivuno sakho. **10** Ungakhothozi isivini sakho; futhi
ungabuthi okuwileyo kwesivini sakho; uzakutshiyela
abayanga labemzini. NgiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu. **11**
Lingebi, lingaphathi ngenkohliso, lingaqambi manga
omunye kumakhelwane wakhe. **12** Lingafungi ngamanga
ngebizo lami, loba ungcolise ibizo likaNkulunkulu
wakho. NgiyiNkosi. **13** Ungacindezeli umakhelwane
wakho, ungamphangi. Iholo loqhatshiweyo lingahlali
kuwe ubusuku kuze kube sekuseni. **14** Ungaqalekisi
isacuthe, ungafaki isikhubekiso phambi kwesiphofu,
kodwa wesabe uNkulunkulu wakho. NgiyiNkosi. **15**
Ungenzi ukungalungi ekwahluleleni; ungemukeli ubuso
bomyanga, ungahloniphi ubuso bomkhulu, yahlulela
umakhelwane wakho ngokulunga. **16** Ungahambahambi
njengomnyundi phakathi kwabantu bakini; ungamelani
legazi lomakhelwane wakho. NgiyiNkosi. **17** Ungazondi
umfowenu enhliziyweni yakho; umkhuze lokumkhuza
umakhelwane wakho, ungathwali isono ngenxa yakhe.
18 Ungaphindiseli, ungabi lasikhwili labantwana babantu
bakini; kodwa thanda umakhelwane wakho njengalokhu
uzithanda wena. NgiyiNkosi. **19** Gcinani izimiso
zami. Ungavumeli izifuyo zakho zikhwelwe yimihlobo
emibili. Ungahlanyeli insimu yakho ngenhlobo ezimbili.
Lesigqoko esemihlobo emibili exubeneyo singezi
phezu kwakho. **20** Lendoda, nxa ilala ngokwenyama
lomfazi, eyisigqilikazi esikhombileyo, esingahlengwanga
lokuhlengwa, kumbe singanikwanga inkululeko, kuzakuba
lesijeziso. Kabayikubulawa, ngoba sasingakhululwanga.
21 Njalo izaletha umnikelo wayo wecala eNkosini,
emnyango wethente lenhlangano, inqama ibe ngumnikelo
wecala. **22** Njalo umpristi uzayenzela inhlawulo yokuthula
ngenqama yomnikelo wecala phambi kweNkosi ngesono
sayo esonileyo, izathethelelwa-ke esonweni sayo
esonileyo. **23** Lalapho selifikile elizweni, lihlanyele
yonke imihlobo yezihlahla zokudla, lizathatha isithelo
sazo njengento engasokwanga; iminyaka emithathu
sizakuba singasokwanga kini, singadliwa. **24** Kodwa
ngomnyaka wesine sonke isithelo sazo sizakuba ngcwele,
sibe yindumiso eNkosini. **25** Langomnyaka wesihlanu
lingadla isithelo sazo, ukuze zilengezelelele isivuno sazo.
NgiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu. **26** Lingadli lutho olulegazi.
Lingenzi imilingo, lingachasisi ngemibono. **27** Lingageli
amagumbi ekhanda lenu, ungoni amagumbi endevu
zakho. **28** Lingazicabi enyameni yenu ngenxa yofileyo,
lingafaki phezu kwenu uphawu lokuzisika. NgiyiNkosi. **29**
Ungangcolisi indodakazi yakho ngokuyenza ibe liwule,
hlezi ilizwe liphinge, lelizwe ligcwale inkohlakalo. **30**
Gcinani amasabatha ami, lihloniphe indlu yami engcwele.
NgiyiNkosi. **31** Lingaphendukeli kulabo abalamadlozi
lakwabalumbayo; lingabadingi ukuze lingcoliswe yibo.
NgiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu. **32** Sukumela impunga,
uhloniphe ubuso bomdala, wesabe uNkulunkulu
wakho. NgiyiNkosi. **33** Futhi nxa owezizweni ehlala
njengowezizwe lawe elizweni lakini, lingamcindezeli.
34 Owezizweni ohlala njengowezizwe lani uzakuba
kini njengozalwa elizweni phakathi kwenu, umthande
njengalokhu uzithanda wena; ngoba lalingabezizweni
elizweni leGibhithe. NgiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu.
35 Lingenzi ukungalungi ekwahluleleni, ebudeni,
esisindweni, lesilinganisweni. **36** Banini lezikali
zokulinganisa ezilungileyo, izilinganiso ezilungileyo, i-efa
elilungileyo, lehini elilungileyo. NgiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu
wenu owalikhupha elizweni leGibhithe. **37** Ngakho
gcinani zonke izimiso zami lezahlulelo zami zonke,
lizenze. NgiyiNkosi.

20 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **2** Tshono
futhi ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli uthi: Ngulowo
lalowo wabantwana bakoIsrayeli, loba owabezizweni
abahlala njengabezizwe koIsrayeli, onikela okwenzalo
yakhe kuMoleki, uzabulawa lokubulawa, abantu belizwe
bazamkhanda ngamatshe. **3** Mina-ke ngizamisa ubuso
bami bumelane lalowomuntu, ngimqume asuke phakathi
kwabantu bakibo, ngoba enikele okwenzalo yakhe
kuMoleki, ukuze angcolise indlu yami engcwele, eyise
ibizo lami elingcwele. **4** Uba-ke abantu belizwe befihla
lokufihla amehlo abo kulowomuntu nxa enikela okwenzalo
yakhe kuMoleki, ukuze bangambulali, **5** mina ngizamisa
ubuso bami bumelane lalowomuntu njalo bumelane
losapho lwakhe, ngimqume labo bonke abaphinga
emva kwakhe, ukuthi baphinge belandela uMoleki,
basuke phakathi kwabantu bakibo. **6** Umphefumulo,
ophendukela-ke kulabo abalamadlozi lakwabalumbayo
ukuphinga ubalandela, ngizamisa ubuso bami bumelane
lalowomphefumulo, ngiwuqume usuke phakathi kwabantu
bakibo. **7** Ngakho zingcweliseni libe ngcwele, ngoba
ngiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu. **8** Njalo gcinani izimiso
zami, lizenze. NgiyiNkosi elingcwelisayo. **9** Ngoba
ngulowo lalowo othuka uyise kumbe unina uzabulawa
lokubulawa; uthukile uyise kumbe unina; igazi lakhe
liphezu kwakhe. **10** Lendoda efeba lomfazi womuntu,
efeba lomkamakhelwane wayo, izabulawa lokubulawa,
isifebe lesifebekazi. **11** Lendoda elala lomkayise yembule
ubunqunu bukayise; bobabili bazabulawa lokubulawa;
igazi labo liphezu kwabo. **12** Lendoda elala lomalokazana
wayo, bobabili bazabulawa lokubulawa; benze ingxube;
igazi labo liphezu kwabo. **13** Lendoda elala lowesilisa
njengokulala lowesifazana, bobabili benze isinengiso;
bazabulawa lokubulawa; igazi labo liphezu kwabo. **14**
Lendoda ethatha umfazi kanye lonina, kuyinkohlakalo.
Bazatshiswa ngomlilo, yena labo, ukuze kungabi
khona inkohlakalo phakathi kwenu. **15** Lendoda elala
lenyamazana, izabulawa lokubulawa, futhi lizayibulala
inyamazana. **16** Lowesifazana osondela lakuyiphi
inyamazana ukulala layo, uzabulala owesifazana

lenyamazana; bazabulawa lokubulawa; igazi labo
liphezu kwabo. 17 Lendoda ethatha udadewabo,
indodakazi kayise loba indodakazi kanina, ibone
ubunqunu bakhe, laye abone ubunqunu bayo, kulihlazo;
njalo bazaqunywa emehlweni abantwana babantu bakibo;
yembule ubunqunu bukadadewabo; izathwala ububi
bayo. 18 Lendoda elala lowesifazana ogulayo, yembule
ubunqunu bakhe, inqunule umthombo wakhe, laye
wembule umthombo wegazi lakhe, bobabili bazaqunywa
basuke phakathi kwabantu bakibo. 19 Njalo ungembuli
ubunqunu bukadadewabo kanyoko, loba obukadadewabo
kayihlo; ngoba wembule isihlobo sakhe; bazathwala
ububi babo. 20 Lendoda elala lomkamfowabo kayise,
yembule ubunqunu bomfowabo kayise; bazathwala
isono sabo; bafe bengelabantwana. 21 Lendoda
ethatha umkamfowabo, kuyikungcola; yembule ubunqunu
bukamfowabo; bazakuba ngabangelabantwana. 22
Ngakho gcinani zonke izimiso zami lezahlulelo zonke
zami, lizenze, ukuze ilizwe engililetha kulo ukuhlala
kulo lingalihlanzi. 23 Njalo lingahambi ngezimiso
zesizwe engisixotshayo phambi kwenu; ngoba benze
zonke lezizinto; ngakho nganengwa yibo. 24 Kodwa
ngathi kini: Lizakudla ilifa lelizwe labo; mina ngizalinika
ukuthi lidle ilifa lalo, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju.
NgiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu, olehlukanise labezizwe.
25 Ngakho yehlukanisani phakathi kwenyamazana
ezihlambulukileyo lezingahlambulukanga, laphakathi
kwezinyoni ezingahlambulukanga lezihlambulukileyo;
lingenzi imiphefumulo yenu inengeke ngezinyamazana
loba ngezinyoni loba ngakuphi okuhuquzelayo
emhlabathini, engikwehlukanise lani njengokungcolileyo.
26 Njalo lizakuba ngcwele kimi, ngoba mina Nkosi
ngingcwele; ngilehlukanisile labezizwe ukuze libe
ngabami. 27 Njalo owesilisa loba owesifazana,
abalamadlozi loba abalumbayo, bazabulawa lokubulawa,
bazabakhanda ngamatshe; igazi labo liphezu kwabo.

21 INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Tshono kubapristi,
amadodana kaAroni, uthi kubo: Kakungabi
khona ozingcolisayo ngofileyo phakathi kwabantu
bakibo, 2 ngaphandle kwesihlobo sakhe, esiseduze
laye, ngonina, langoyise, langendodana yakhe,
langendodakazi yakhe, langomfowabo, 3 langodadewabo
intombi emsulwa, eseduze laye, engazange ibe
ngeyendoda; angazingcolisa ngayo. 4 Kayikuzingcolisa,
eyisikhulu phakathi kwabantu bakibo, ukuzingcolisa.
5 Kabayikwenza impabanga ekhanda labo, bangageli
igumbi lodevu lwabo, bangacabi inhlanga enyameni yabo.
6 Bazakuba ngcwele kuNkulunkulu wabo, bangeyisi ibizo
likaNkulunkulu wabo. Ngoba banikela iminikelo yeNkosi
eyenziwe ngomlilo, ukudla kukaNkulunkulu wabo. Ngakho
bazakuba ngcwele. 7 Kabayikuthatha owesifazana
oyisifebe kumbe ongcolileyo, njalo kabayikuthatha
owesifazana olahlwe yindoda yakhe; ngoba ungcwele
kuNkulunkulu wakhe. 8 Ngakho uzamngcwelisa, ngoba
unikela ukudla kukaNkulunkulu wakho. Uzakuba ngcwele
kuwe, ngoba mina Nkosi elingcwelisayo ngingcwele. 9
Lendodakazi yaloba nguwuphi umpristi, uba izingcolisa
ngokuphinga, iyamngcolisa uyise; izatshiswa ngomlilo.
10 Lompristi omkhulu phakathi kwabafowabo, okuthelwe
ekhanda lakhe amafutha okugcoba, lowehlukaniselwa
ukuthi embathe izembatho, kayikuvumela ukuthi ikhanda
lakhe lembulwe, angadabuli izembatho zakhe; 11
angayi lakusiphi isidumbu, angazingcolisi ngoyise
loba ngonina; 12 angaphumi endlini engcwele,
angangcolisi indlu engcwele kaNkulunkulu wakhe,
ngoba umqhele wamafutha okugcoba kaNkulunkulu
wakhe uphezu kwakhe. NgiyiNkosi. 13 Njalo yena
uzathatha umfazi ebuntombini bakhe. 14 Umfelokazi,
kumbe olahliweyo, loba isifebe esingcolisiweyo, laba
kangabathathi. Kodwa uzathatha intombi emsulwa
ebantwini bakibo ibe ngumkakhe, 15 njalo angangcolisi
inzalo yakhe phakathi kwabantu bakibo. Ngoba ngiyiNkosi
emngcwelisayo. 16 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi
isithi: 17 Khuluma kuAroni usithi: Loba ngubani
owenzalo yakho ezizukulwaneni zabo okulesici kuye
kangasondeli ukunikela ukudla kukaNkulunkulu wakhe.
18 Ngoba loba nguwuphi umuntu okulesici kuye
angasondeli, umuntu oyisiphofu, kumbe oyisiqhuli,
kumbe olimele ebusweni, kumbe olesitho eselulekileyo,
19 kumbe umuntu okulokwephuka konyawo kuye,
kumbe ukwephuka kwesandla, 20 kumbe olesifumbu,
kumbe ongumuthwa, kumbe olomntwana elihlweni lakhe,
kumbe olentembuzane, kumbe oloqweqwe olulumayo,
loba olimele emasendeni. 21 Kakulamuntu owenzalo
kaAroni umpristi okukuye isici ozasondela ukunikela
iminikelo yeNkosi eyenziwe ngomlilo; kulesici kuye,
angasondeli ukunikela ukudla kukaNkulunkulu wakhe.
22 Angadla ukudla kukaNkulunkulu wakhe, ezintweni
ezingcwelengcwele lezintweni ezingcwele, 23 kodwa
angezi kulo iveyili, angasondeli elathini, ngoba kulesici
kuye, ukuze angangcolisi izindlu zami ezingcwele. Ngoba
ngiyiNkosi ebangcwelisayo. 24 UMozisi wasekhuluma
lokho kuAroni, lakumadodana akhe, lakubo bonke
abantwana bakoIsrayeli.

22 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: 2 Tshono
kuAroni lakumadodana akhe ukuthi bazehlukanise
lezinto ezingcwele zabantwana bakoIsrayeli,
bangangcolisi ibizo lami elingcwele; ngoba zingcwele
kimi: NgiyiNkosi. 3 Tshono kibo uthi: Loba nguwuphi
umuntu ezizukulwaneni zenu owenzalo yenu yonke
osondela ezintweni ezingcwele, abantwana bakoIsrayeli
abazingcwelisela iNkosi, nxa ukungcola kwakhe
kuphezu kwakhe, lowomuntu uzaqunywa asuke phambi
kwami. NgiyiNkosi. 4 Ngulowo lalowo owenzalo
kaAroni, ongumlephero, loba olokugobhoza, kangadli
ezintweni ezingcwele aze ahlambuluke. Lothinta
lakuphi okungcoliswe yisidumbu, kumbe indoda
okuphuma kuyo ubudoda bokuhlangana, 5 kumbe

loba ngubani othinta loba yiyiphi into ehuquzelayo,
angcoliswa yiyo, kumbe umuntu angcoliswa nguye,
ngakho konke ukungcola kwakhe, 6 umuntu othinta
lokhu uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe, angadli
okwezinto ezingcwele ngaphandle kokuthi ageze
umzimba wakhe ngamanzi. 7 Nxa selitshonile ilanga
uzahlambuluka; lemva kwalokho angadla okwezinto
ezingcwele, ngoba kuyikudla kwakhe. 8 Ingcuba
lokudatshuliweyo kangakudli ukuzingcolisa ngakho.
NgiyiNkosi. 9 Ngakho bazagcina umlayo wami, ukuze
bangathwali isono ngawo, bafele kuso, sebewungcolisile.
NgiyiNkosi ebangcwelisayo. 10 Njalo kakho owemzini
ozakudla into engcwele. Ohlala lompristi loyisisebenzi
esiqhatshiweyo kangadli into engcwele. 11 Kodwa uba
umpristi ethenga umuntu eyintengo yemali yakhe, yena
angadla okwayo, lozelwe emzini wakhe, bona bangadla
okokudla kwakhe. 12 Lendodakazi yompristi, uba
isiba ngeyendoda yemzini, yona kayingadli okomnikelo
wezinto ezingcwele. 13 Kodwa indodakazi yompristi, nxa
ingumfelokazi loba ingelahliweyo ingelanzalo, isibuyele
emzini kayise njengebutsheni bayo, izakudla okokudla
kukayise; kanti kakho owemzini ongadla kukho. 14
Njalo nxa umuntu esidla into engcwele ngokungazi,
uzakwengezelela kuyo ingxenye yesihlanu yayo, anike
umpristi into engcwele. 15 Njalo kabayikungcolisa izinto
ezingcwele zabantwana bakoIsrayeli abaziphakamisela
iNkosi, 16 babenze bathwale ububi becala, lapho
besidla izinto zabo ezingcwele; ngoba ngiyiNkosi
ebangcwelisayo. 17 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi
isithi: 18 Tshono kuAroni, lakumadodana akhe,
lakubo bonke abantwana bakoIsrayeli, uthi kubo:
Ngulowo lalowo owendlu kaIsrayeli, lowabezizweni
koIsrayeli, ozanikela umnikelo wakhe ngezithembiso
zabo zonke, langokweminikelo yabo yonke yesihle,
abazayinikela eNkosini kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa,
19 ukuze lemukeleke, iduna elingelasici, elezinkomo,
elezimvu, loba elembuzi. 20 Linganikeli loba ngakuphi
okulesici kukho, ngoba kakuyikwemukeleka kini. 21
Umuntu, nxa enikela-ke umhlatshelo weminikelo
yokuthula eNkosini wesithembiso esikhethekileyo
loba womnikelo wesihle, enkomeni loba ezimvini,
kumele uphelele ukuze wemukeleke, kungabi lasici
kuwo. 22 Eziyiziphofu, kumbe ezephukileyo, kumbe
eziyizilima, kumbe ezilensumpa, kumbe eziloqweqwe,
kumbe ezilamathumba, linganikeli lezi eNkosini, futhi
linganikeli kulezi umnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo eNkosini
phezu kwelathi. 23 Kodwa inkunzi loba imvu elesitho
eselulekileyo kumbe esidundubeleyo lingayinikela
ibe ngumnikelo wesihle; kodwa kayiyikwemukeleka
ukuba ngeyesithembiso. 24 Njalo linganikeli
eNkosini okuhluzukileyo kumbe okugxotshiweyo loba
okudatshuliweyo loba okuqunyiweyo; lingakwenzi
elizweni lakini. 25 Ngokuvela esandleni sowemzini
linganikeli isinkwa sikaNkulunkulu wenu okuvela kuzo
zonke lezi; ngoba ukonakala kwazo kukuzo, isici sikuzo,
kaziyikwemukeleka kini. 26 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi
isithi: 27 Nxa kuzalwa inkunzi loba imvu loba imbuzi,
izakuba ngaphansi kukanina insuku eziyisikhombisa.
Njalo kusukela kusuku lwesificaminwembili njalo kusiya
phambili izakwemukeleka ibe ngumnikelo, umnikelo
owenzelwe iNkosi ngomlilo. 28 Kodwa inkomokazi
loba imvukazi lingayihlabi lomntwana wayo ngasuku
lunye. 29 Njalo nxa lihlabela iNkosi umhlatshelo
wokubonga, lizawuhlaba ukuze lemukeleke. 30 Uzadliwa
ngalolosuku, lingatshiyi okwawo kuze kube sekuseni.
NgiyiNkosi. 31 Ngakho gcinani imilayo yami, liyenze.
NgiyiNkosi. 32 Njalo lingeyisi ibizo lami elingcwele,
kodwa ngizangcweliswa phakathi kwabantwana
bakoIsrayeli. NgiyiNkosi elingcwelisayo, 33 eyalikhupha
elizweni leGibhithe ukuze ngibe nguNkulunkulu wenu.
NgiyiNkosi.

23 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: 2 Tshono
ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli uthi kubo: Imikhosi
emisiweyo yeNkosi elizayimemezela ibe zinhlangano
ezibiziweyo ezingcwele, le yimikhosi yami emisiweyo.
3 Umsebenzi uzakwenziwa insuku eziyisithupha;
kodwa usuku lwesikhombisa lulisabatha lokuphumula,
inhlangano ebiziweyo engcwele; lingenzi lamsebenzi;
lulisabatha eNkosini kuyo yonke imizi yenu.
4 Le yimikhosi emisiweyo yeNkosi, inhlangano
ezibiziweyo ezingcwele elizazimemezela ngesikhathi
sazo esimisiweyo. 5 Ngenyanga yokuqala ngolwetshumi
lane lwenyanga kusihlwa kuliphasika leNkosi.
6 Langosuku lwetshumi lanhlanu lwaleyonyanga
kulomkhosi wesinkwa esingelamvubelo eNkosini; dlanini
isinkwa esingelamvubelo insuku eziyisikhombisa. 7
Ngosuku lokuqala lizakuba lenhlangano ebiziweyo
engcwele; lingenzi lamsebenzi wezisebenzi. 8 Kodwa
lizanikela umnikelo owenzelwe iNkosi ngomlilo insuku
eziyisikhombisa. Ngosuku lwesikhombisa kuzakuba
khona inhlangano ebiziweyo engcwele; lingenzi
lamsebenzi wezisebenzi. 9 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi
isithi: 10 Tshono ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli uthi kubo:
Lapho selifikile elizweni engilinika lona, livune isivuno
salo, lethani isithungo sezithelo zokuqala zesivuno
senu kumpristi, 11 njalo azunguze isithungo phambi
kweNkosi ukuze lemukeleke. Umpristi uzasizunguza
ngosuku olulandela isabatha. 12 Ngosuku elizunguza
ngalo isithungo, nikelani iwundlu elingelasici elilomnyaka
owodwa, libe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa eNkosini. 13
Lomnikelo wawo wokudla uzakuba zingxenye ezimbili
etshumini zempuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha,
ube ngumnikelo owenzelwe iNkosi ngomlilo, kube
luqhatshi olumnandi; lomnikelo wawo wokunathwayo
uzakuba ngowewayini, ingxenye yesine yehini. 14
Njalo kaliyikudla isinkwa, lamabele akhanzingiweyo,
lezikhwebu ezintsha, kuze kufike lona lolosuku, lize lilethe
umnikelo kaNkulunkulu wenu. Kuyisimiso esilaphakade

ezizukulwaneni zenu, kuyo yonke imizi yenu. **15** Njalo
lizazibalela kusukela ngosuku olulandela isabatha,
kusukela ngosuku elaletha ngalo isithungo somnikelo
wokuzunguzwa; kuzakuba ngamasabatha ayisikhombisa
apheleleyo, **16** kuze kufike usuku olulandela
isabatha lesikhombisa libale insuku ezingamatshumi
amahlanu; khona lizanikela umnikelo omutsha wokudla
eNkosini. **17** Lethani okuvela emizini yenu izinkwa
ezimbili zokuzunguzwa; zizakuba zingxenye ezimbili
etshumini zempuphu ecolekileyo; zizabhakwa lemvubelo;
ziyizithelo zokuqala eNkosini. **18** Njalo lizanikela
kanye lesinkwa amawundlu ayisikhombisa angelasici
alomnyaka owodwa, lejongosi elilodwa ithole lenkomo,
lenqama ezimbili; zizakuba ngumnikelo wokutshiswa
eNkosini, kanye lomnikelo wazo wokudla leminikelo
yazo yokunathwayo, umnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo,
kube luqhatshi olumnandi eNkosini. **19** Lizalungisa
njalo izinyane lembuzi elilodwa libe ngumnikelo
wesono, lamawundlu amabili alomnyaka owodwa abe
ngumhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula. **20** Umpristi
uzazizunguza-ke kanye lesinkwa sezithelo zokuqala
zibe ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa phambi kweNkosi,
kanye lamawundlu amabili; zizakuba ngcwele eNkosini,
zibe ngezompristi. **21** Lizamemezela ngalona lolosuku;
kuzakuba yinhlangano ebiziweyo engcwele kini, lingenzi
lamsebenzi wezisebenzi. Kuyisimiso esaphakade kuyo
yonke imizi yenu ezizukulwaneni zenu. **22** Lalapho
livuna isivuno selizwe lakini, ekuvuneni kwakho ungaqedi
emngceleni wensimu yakho; futhi ungabuthi okuseleyo
kwesivuno sakho; ukutshiyele umyanga lowemzini.
NgiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu. **23** INkosi yasikhuluma
kuMozisi isithi: **24** Tshono ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli
uthi: Ngenyanga yesikhombisa ngolokuqala lwenyanga
kuzakuba kini yikuphumula, isikhumbuzo sokutshaywa
kwezimpondo, inhlangano ebiziweyo engcwele. **25**
Lingenzi lamsebenzi wezisebenzi; kodwa nikelani
umnikelo owenzelwe iNkosi ngomlilo. **26** INkosi
yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **27** Yebo, ngolwetshumi
lwalinyanga yesikhombisa kuzakuba lusuku lwenhlawulo
yokuthula; lizakuba lenhlangano ebiziweyo engcwele;
lizathobisa imiphefumulo yenu, linikele umnikelo
owenzelwe iNkosi ngomlilo. **28** Langalona lolosuku
lingenzi lamsebenzi, ngoba kulusuku lwenhlawulo
yokuthula, ukulenzela lina inhlawulo yokuthula phambi
kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu. **29** Ngoba loba yiwuphi
umphefumulo ongazithobiyo ngalona lolosuku uzaqunywa
usuke ebantwini bakibo. **30** Laloba yiwuphi umphefumulo
owenza loba yiwuphi umsebenzi ngalona lolosuku
ngizawubhubhisa lowomphefumulo usuke phakathi
kwabantu bakibo. **31** Lingenzi lamsebenzi. Kuyisimiso
esilaphakade ezizukulwaneni zenu kuyo yonke imizi yenu.
32 Lisabatha lokuphumula kini; lizathobisa imiphefumulo
yenu; ngolwesificamunwemunye lwenyanga, ntambama,
kusukela kusihlwa kuze kube kusihlwa, lizagcina isabatha
lenu. **33** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **34** Tshono
ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli uthi: Ngosuku lwetshumi
lanhlanu lwale inyanga yesikhombisa kuzakuba lomkhosi
wamadumba insuku eziyisikhombisa eNkosini. **35**
Ngosuku lokuqala kuzakuba lenhlangano ebiziweyo
engcwele; lingenzi lamsebenzi wezisebenzi. **36**
Insuku eziyisikhombisa lizanikela umnikelo owenzelwe
iNkosi ngomlilo. Ngosuku lwesificaminwembili kuzakuba
lenhlangano ebiziweyo engcwele kini, linikele umnikelo
owenzelwe iNkosi ngomlilo. Kungumhlangano onzulu,
lingenzi lamsebenzi wezisebenzi. **37** Le yimikhosi
emisiweyo yeNkosi elizayimemezela ibe zinhlangano
ezibiziweyo ezingcwele, ukunikela umnikelo owenzelwe
iNkosi ngomlilo, umnikelo wokutshiswa, lomnikelo
wokudla, umhlatshelo, leminikelo yokunathwayo, kube
yilokho lalokho ngosuku lwakho, **38** ngaphandle
kwamasabatha eNkosi, langaphandle kwezipho zenu,
langaphandle kwezithembiso zenu zonke, langaphandle
kweminikelo yenu yonke yesihle, elayinikela eNkosini.
39 Kodwa ngosuku lwetshumi lanhlanu lwenyanga
yesikhombisa, lapho selibuthile isivuno selizwe,
gcinani umkhosi weNkosi insuku eziyisikhombisa.
Ngosuku lokuqala kuzakuba lokuphumula langosuku
lwesificaminwembili kuzakuba lokuphumula. **40**
Langosuku lokuqala zithatheleni izithelo zezihlahla
ezinhle, izingatsha zezihlahla zelala, lezingatsha
zezihlahla ezilamahlamvu aminyeneyo, leminyezane
yemifula, lithabe phambi kweNkosi uNkulunkulu
wenu insuku eziyisikhombisa. **41** Lizawugcina ube
ngumkhosi eNkosini insuku eziyisikhombisa ngomnyaka.
Kuyisimiso esilaphakade ezizukulwaneni zenu; liwugubhe
ngenyanga yesikhombisa. **42** Lizahlala emadumbeni
insuku eziyisikhombisa; bonke abazalwa koIsrayeli
bazahlala emadumbeni, **43** ukuze izizukulwana zenu zazi
ukuthi ngabahlalisa abantwana bakoIsrayeli emadumbeni
ekubakhupheni kwami elizweni leGibhithe. NgiyiNkosi
uNkulunkulu wenu. **44** Ngokunjalo uMozisi wabatshela
abantwana bakoIsrayeli imikhosi emisiweyo yeNkosi.

24 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **2** Laya
abantwana bakoIsrayeli ukuthi balethe kuwe
amafutha emihlwathi acengekileyo agigelwe ukukhanyisa
ukuze izibane zivuthe njalonjalo. **3** Ngaphandle
kweveyili lobufakazi, ethenteni lenhlangano, uAroni
uzazilungisa phambi kweNkosi njalonjalo, kusukela
kusihlwa kuze kube sekuseni; kuzakuba yisimiso
esilaphakade ezizukulwaneni zenu. **4** Uzalungisa izibane
eluthini lwesibane olucwengekileyo phambi kweNkosi
njalonjalo. **5** Uzathatha-ke impuphu ecolekileyo, ubhake
ngayo amaqebelengwana alitshumi lambili; ingxenye
ezimbili etshumini kuzakuba liqebelengwana elilodwa. **6**
Uwabeke emizileni emibili, ayisithupha emzileni, phezu
kwetafula elicwengekileyo phambi kweNkosi; **7** futhi
ubeke kulowo lalowo umzila inhlaka ecengekileyo,

ibe yisinkwa sesikhumbuzo, umnikelo owenzelwe
iNkosi ngomlilo. 8 Ngalo lonke usuku lwesabatha
uzakulungisa phambi kweNkosi njalonjalo, kuvela
ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli, yisivumelwano esilaphakade.
9 Njalo kuzakuba ngokukaAroni lokwamadodana
akhe, besebekudlela endaweni engcwele; ngoba
kuyingcwelengcwele kuye, okuvela eminikelweni
yeNkosi eyenziwe ngomlilo, isimiso esilaphakade. 10
Kwasekuphuma indodana yowesifazana umIsrayelikazi,
owayeyindodana yendoda engumGibhithe, phakathi
kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli. Lalindodana yomIsrayelikazi
lendoda engumIsrayeli balwa enkambeni. 11 Indodana
yowesifazana umIsrayelikazi yasihlambaza iBizo,
yathuka. Basebemletha kuMozisi. Lebizo likanina
lalinguShelomithi, indodakazi kaDibiri, owesizwe
sakoDani. 12 Basebemfaka esitokosini, ukuze
bachasiselwe ngokomlomo weNkosi. 13 INkosi
yasikhuluma kuMozisi yathi: 14 Khiphela ngaphandle
kwenkamba umthuki; labo bonke abamuzwayo kababeke
izandla zabo ekhanda lakhe, lenhlangano yonke
imkhande ngamatshe. 15 Khuluma-ke ebantwaneni
bakoIsrayeli uthi: Ngulowo lalowo othuka uNkulunkulu
wakhe uzathwala isono sakhe. 16 Lohlambaza ibizo
leNkosi uzabulawa lokubulawa; inhlangano yonke
izamkhanda lokumkhanda ngamatshe. Njengowokuzalwa
elizweni uzakuba njalo owemzini, nxa ehlambaza iBizo
uzabulawa. 17 Lomuntu nxa etshaya loba yiwuphi
umphefumulo womuntu uzabulawa lokubulawa. 18
Lotshaya abulale inyamazana uzayihlawula, impilo
ngempilo. 19 Umuntu nxa esipha-ke umakhelwane
wakhe isici, njengokwenza kwakhe kuzakwenziwa njalo
kuye, 20 ukwephuka ngokwephuka, ilihlo ngelihlo, izinyo
ngezinyo; njengalokho ephe umuntu isici, kuzakwenziwa
njalo kuye. 21 Lotshaya inyamazana ife uzayihlawula;
lotshaya umuntu afe uzabulawa. 22 Lizakuba lokwahlulela
okukodwa, njengowezizwe uzakuba njalo owokuzalwa
elizweni. Ngoba ngiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu. 23
UMozisi wakhuluma-ke ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli,
ukuthi bamkhuphele ngaphandle kwenkamba umthuki,
bamkhande ngamatshe. Abantwana bakoIsrayeli
basebesenza njengokulaya kweNkosi kuMozisi.

25 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi entabeni yeSinayi
isithi: 2 Tshono ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli uthi kubo:
Nxa lifika elizweni engilinika lona, ilizwe lizaphumula,
isabatha eNkosini. 3 Iminyaka eyisithupha uzahlanyela
insimu yakho, leminyaka eyisithupha uthene isivini
sakho, ubuthe isithelo saso. 4 Kodwa ngomnyaka
wesikhombisa kuzakuba lesabatha lokuphumula
kwelizwe, isabatha eNkosini. Kawuyikuhlanyela insimu
yakho, ungatheni isivini sakho. 5 Kawuyikuvuna
umkhukhuzela wesivuno sakho, kaliyikukha izithelo
zamavini akho angathenwanga. Uzakuba ngumnyaka
wokuphumula welizwe. 6 Njalo isabatha lelizwe
lizakuba yikudla kwenu, ngokwakho, lokwenceku
yakho, lokwencekukazi yakho, lokoqhatshiweyo wakho,
lokowemzini wakho ohlala lawe njengowezizwe, 7
lokwezifuyo zakho, lokwenyamazana eziselizweni lakho;
konke elikuthelayo kuzakuba yikudla. 8 Uzazibalela-ke
amaviki ayisikhombisa eminyaka, iminyaka eyisikhombisa
ephindwe kasikhombisa, ukuze insuku zamaviki
ayisikhombisa eminyaka zibe yiminyaka engamatshumi
amane lesificamunwemunye kuwe. 9 Khona uzadlulisa
uphondo lomsindo omkhulu enyangeni yesikhombisa
ngolwetshumi lwenyanga; ngosuku lwenhlawulo
yokuthula lizadlulisa umsindo wophondo elizweni lonke
lakini. 10 Njalo lizangcwelisa lumnyaka wamatshumi
amahlanu, limemezele inkululeko elizweni kubo bonke
abakhileyo balo. Kuzakuba lijubili kini; lizabuyela,
ngulowo lalowo, elifeni lakhe; futhi lizabuyela, ngulowo
lalowo, kusapho lwakhe. 11 Umnyaka wamatshumi
amahlanu uzakuba ngumnyaka wejubili kini; lingahlanyeli,
lingavuni umkhukhuzela wawo, lingakhi ngawo kumavini
angathenwanga. 12 Ngoba ulijubili, uzakuba ngcwele
kini; lizakudla ensimini okuthelwayo kwayo. 13
Ngomnyaka walelijubili lizabuyela, ngulowo lalowo elifeni
lakhe. 14 Uba-ke uthengisa ulutho kumakhelwane
wakho loba uthenga esandleni sikamakhelwane
wakho, lingacindezelani. 15 Ngokwenani leminyaka
emva kwejubili uzathenga kumakhelwane wakho;
ngokwenani leminyaka yokuthelwayo uzakuthengisela.
16 Ngobunengi beminyaka uzakwandisa intengo yakho;
njalo ngobulutshwana beminyaka uzanciphisa intengo
yakho; ngoba ekuthengisela inani lezivuno. 17 Ngakho
lingacindezelani, kodwa wesabe uNkulunkulu wakho.
Ngoba ngiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu. 18 Ngakho yenzani
izimiso zami, ligcine izahlulelo zami, lizenze, ukuze
lihlale elizweni livikelekile. 19 Lelizwe lizathela izithelo
zalo, lidle lize lisuthe, lihlale kulo livikelekile. 20 Uba-ke
lisithi: Sizakudlani ngomnyaka wesikhombisa? Khangela,
kasihlanyeli, kasibuthi isivuno sethu. 21 Khona ngizalaya
isibusiso sami kini ngomnyaka wesithupha, ukuze uthele
isivuno seminyaka emithathu. 22 Njalo lizahlanyela
ngomnyaka wesificaminwembili lidle okwesivuno esidala
kuze kufike umnyaka wesificamunwemunye; kuze
kufike isivuno sawo lizakudla esidala. 23 Lelizwe
kaliyikuthengiswa lanininini, ngoba ilizwe ngelami; ngoba
lingabemzini labahlala njengabezizwe lami. 24 Lelizweni
lonke lelifa lenu lizavumela uhlengo lwelizwe. 25
Uba umfowenu esiba ngumyanga, athengise okwelifa
lakhe, uzafika umhlengi wakhe eyisihlobo sakhe,
ahlenge lokho umfowabo akuthengisileyo. 26 Njalo
umuntu, uba engelaye umhlengi, kodwa isandla sakhe
sifinyelele, athole okwenele uhlengo lwakhe, 27 kabale
iminyaka yokuthengiswa kwalo, abuyisele okuseleyo
kulowomuntu owamthengisela lona, abuyele elifeni
lakhe. 28 Kodwa uba isandla sakhe singatholanga
okwenele ukubuyisela kuye, okuthengisiweyo kuzakuba
sesandleni sokuthengileyo kuze kufike umnyaka wejubili;

kodwa ngejubili kuzaphuma, njalo uzabuyela elifeni
lakhe. 29 Umuntu, uba ethengisa-ke indlu yokuhlala
emzini olomthangala, ilungelo lohlengo lwayo lizakuba
kuze kuphele umnyaka wokuthengiswa kwayo; ilungelo
lohlengo lwayo lizakuba ngumnyaka wonke. 30
Kodwa uba ingahlengwanga uze umnyaka wayo wonke
ugcwale, leyondlu esemzini olomthangala izamiselwa
lowo owayithengayo njalonjalo, ezizukulwaneni zakhe;
kayiyikuphuma ngejubili. 31 Kodwa izindlu zemizi
engabiyelwanga ngomthangala zizabalwa njengensimu
yelizwe; kulohlengo lwayo, njalo izaphuma ngejubili.
32 Mayelana lemizi yamaLevi, izindlu zemizi yelifa
lawo, amaLevi azakuba lohlengo lwaphakade. 33
Uba kungohlenga kumaLevi, kuzaphuma ukuthengiswa
kwendlu lokomuzi welifa lakhe ngejubili; ngoba izindlu
zemizi yamaLevi ziyilifa lawo phakathi kwabantwana
bakoIsrayeli. 34 Kodwa insimu yamaphethelo emizi
yawo kayiyikuthengiswa, ngoba iyilifa lawo kuze kube
nininini. 35 Uba-ke umfowenu esiba ngumyanga, lesandla
sakhe sixega kuwe, uzamsekela: Owemzini lohlezi
njengowezizwe, ukuze aphile lawe. 36 Ungathathi kuye
umvuzo lenzuzo, kodwa wesabe uNkulunkulu wakho,
ukuze umfowenu aphile lawe. 37 Ungamuphi imali yakho
ngenzalo, futhi ungaphi ukudla kwakho ngenzuzo. 38
NgiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu owalikhupha elizweni
leGibhithe ukulinika ilizwe leKhanani, ukuze ngibe
nguNkulunkulu wenu. 39 Uba-ke umfowenu olawe esiba
ngumyanga, azithengise kuwe, ungamenzi asebenze
njengesigqili; 40 uzakuba lawe njengoqhatshiweyo,
njengohlala njengowezizwe, asebenze kuwe kuze kufike
umnyaka wejubili. 41 Khona ezaphuma kuwe, yena
labantwana bakhe laye, abuyele kwabomdeni wakhe,
abuyele elifeni laboyise. 42 Ngoba ziyizinceku zami
engazikhupha elizweni leGibhithe; kaziyikuthengiswa
ngokuthengiswa kwesigqili. 43 Ungambusi nzima,
kodwa wesabe uNkulunkulu wakho. 44 Lesigqili sakho
lesigqilikazi sakho ozakuba lazo, zizavela ezizweni
ezilizingelezeleyo; kuzo lizathenga isigqili kumbe
isigqilikazi. 45 Futhi-ke ebantwaneni balabo abahlala
njengabemzini abahlala njengabezizwe lani, kubo
lingazithenga lakuzizukulwana zabo ezilani, abazizalela
elizweni lakini, njalo bazakuba yimfuyo yenu. 46 Njalo
lizazenza abafuyi bazo lisenzela abantwana benu emva
kwenu ukuze badle ilifa lemfuyo; lizabasebenzisa kuze
kube nininini. Kodwa phakathi kwabafowenu, abantwana
bakoIsrayeli, kaliyikubusa nzima, omunye phezu
komunye. 47 Uba-ke isandla sowezizweni loba sowemzini
ohlala lawe sesifinyelele enothweni, lomfowenu olaye
abe ngumyanga, azithengise kowemzini, owezizweni
ohlala lawe, kumbe kusendo lwesizukulwana sowemzini,
48 esezithengisile kungaba lokuhlengwa kwakhe; omunye
wabafowabo angamhlenga, 49 loba umfowabo kayise,
loba umtanomfowabo kayise angamhlenga, kumbe
isihlobo sakhe segazi emdeni wakhe singamhlenga; uba
isandla sakhe sesifinyelele enothweni, angazihlenga.
50 Uzabalisana lowamthengayo, kusukela emnyakeni
owazithengisa kuye ngawo kuze kufike umnyaka wejubili;
ukuze imali yentengiso yakhe izakuba njengenani
leminyaka, njengensuku zoqhatshiweyo kuzakuba
njalo ngaye. 51 Uba kuseleminyaka eminengi,
ngokungayo uzabuyisela uhlengo lwakhe, emalini
yokuthengwa kwakhe. 52 Uba-ke kusele iminyaka
emilutshwana kuze kufike umnyaka wejubili, uzabalisana
laye; njengokweminyaka yakhe uzabuyisela uhlengo
lwakhe. 53 Uzakuba laye njengoqhatshiweyo iminyaka
ngeminyaka; kayikumbusa nzima phambi kwamehlo
akho. 54 Kodwa uba engahlengwanga ngalokhu,
uzaphuma ngomnyaka wejubili, yena labantwana bakhe
kanye laye. 55 Ngoba kimi abantwana bakoIsrayeli
bazinceku, bazinceku zami engazikhupha elizweni
leGibhithe. NgiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu.

26 Lingazenzeli izithombe, lingazimiseli isifanekiso
esibaziweyo lensika eyisithombe, lingabeki elizweni
lakini ilitshe elilemifanekiso ukulikhothamela; ngoba
ngiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu. 2 Gcinani amasabatha
ami, lihloniphe indlu yami engcwele. NgiyiNkosi. 3
Uba lihamba ngezimiso zami, ligcine imilayo yami,
liyenze, 4 khona ngizanika izulu lenu ngesikhathi
salo, lelizwe lizaveza isivuno salo, lezihlahla zeganga
zithele isithelo sazo. 5 Lesikhathi sokubhula kwenu
sizafinyelela esikhathini sokuvuna amavini, lesikhathi
sokuvuna amavini sizafinyelela esikhathini sokuhlanyela;
njalo lizakudla ukudla kwenu lize lisuthe, lihlale livikelekile
elizweni lakini. 6 Njalo ngizanika ukuthula elizweni,
lilale futhi kungelamuntu owethusayo, njalo ngisuse
inyamazana ezimbi elizweni, lenkemba kayiyikudabula
elizweni lakini. 7 Njalo lizaxotsha izitha zenu,
zizakuwa-ke phambi kwenu ngenkemba. 8 Labahlanu
benu bazaxotsha ikhulu, labalikhulu benu bazaxotsha
inkulungwane ezilitshumi; lezitha zenu zizakuwa phambi
kwenu ngenkemba. 9 Njalo ngizaphendukela kini,
ngilenze ukuthi lizale, ngilandise, ngimise isivumelwano
sami lani. 10 Lizakudla-ke okudala okugciniweyo,
likhuphe okudala ngenxa yokutsha. 11 Njalo ngizamisa
ithabhanekele lami phakathi kwenu, lomphefumulo
wami kawuyikunengwa yini. 12 Ngizahambahamba-
ke phakathi kwenu, ngibe nguNkulunkulu wenu, lina
libe ngabantu bami. 13 NgiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu
owalikhupha elizweni leGibhithe ukuze lingabi yizigqili
zabo; ngephule izikeyi zejogwe lenu, ngenze ukuthi
lihambe lelulelemе. 14 Kodwa uba lingangilaleli, lingayenzi
yonke le imilayo, 15 njalo uba lidelela izimiso zami, njalo
uba umphefumulo wenu unengwa yizahlulelo zami, ukuze
lingenzi yonke imilayo yami, ukwephula isivumelwano
sami, 16 lami ngizakwenza lokhu kini: Ngizamisa
phezu kwenu ukwesaba okukhulu, isifo esicakisayo,
lomkhuhlane, okuqeda amehlo, okwenza impilo iphele.
Njalo inhlanyelo yenu lizayihlanyelela ize, ngoba izitha

zenu zizayidla. **17** Njalo ngizamisa ubuso bami bumelane
lani, njalo litshaywe phambi kwezitha zenu. Labalizondayo
bazalibusa, libaleke kungelamuntu olixotshayo. **18** Kodwa
uba ngalezizinto lingangilaleli, ngizakwengeza ngilijezise
kasikhombisa ngenxa yezono zenu, **19** ngephule
ukuziphakamisa kwamandla enu, ngenze isibhakabhaka
senu sibe njengensimbi, lomhlabathi wenu njengethusi;
20 lamandla enu azachithelwa ize, ngoba ilizwe lenu
kaliyikuveza isivuno salo, lezihlahla zelizwe kaziyikuthela
isithelo sazo. **21** Uba-ke lihamba ngokuphambene
lami, lingafuni ukungilalela, ngizakwengezelela kini
inhlupheko kasikhombisa ngokwezono zenu. **22**
Ngizathumela phakathi kwenu izilo zeganga ezizalemuka
abantwana benu, zichithe izifuyo zenu, zilenze libe
balutshwana, lezindlela zenu zibe yinkangala. **23** Njalo
uba lingavumi ukuxwayiswa yimi ngalezizinto, kodwa
lihamba ngokuphambene lami, **24** lami ngizahamba
ngokuphambene lani, lami ngilitshaye kasikhombisa
ngenxa yezono zenu. **25** Ngizakwehlisela inkemba phezu
kwenu ezaphindisela impindiselo yesivumelwano. Uba
libuthana emizini yenu, ngizathumela umatshayabhuqe
wesifo phakathi kwenu, njalo linikelwe esandleni
sesitha. **26** Lapho ngilephulela udondolo lwesinkwa,
abesifazana abalitshumi bazabhaka isinkwa senu
eziko elilodwa, babuyise isinkwa senu ngesisindo;
njalo lizakudla, kodwa lingasuthi. **27** Kodwa uba
lingangilaleli kulokhu, lihambe ngokuphambene lami, **28**
lami ngizahamba ngokuphambene lani ngilentukuthelo,
lami ngilijezise kasikhombisa ngenxa yezono zenu.
29 Njalo lizakudla inyama yamadodana enu lenyama
yamadodakazi enu lizayidla. **30** Njalo ngizachitha
indawo zenu eziphakemeyo, ngidilize amalathi enu
elanga, ngiphosele izidumbu zenu phezu kwezidumbu
zezithombe zenu, lomphefumulo wami unengwe yini.
31 Ngizakwenza-ke imizi yenu ibe lunxiwa, ngidilize
izindlu zenu ezingcwele; kangiyikunuka uqhatshi lwenu
olumnandi. **32** Mina-ke ngizachitha ilizwe ukuze izitha
zenu ezihlala kulo zikhakhamale ngalo. **33** Njalo
ngizalihlakazela ezizweni, ngihwatshe inkemba emva
kwenu; lelizwe lakini lizakuba yincithakalo, lemizi yenu
ibe lunxiwa. **34** Khona ilizwe lizathokoza ngamasabatha
alo zonke izinsuku zencithakalo, liselizweni lezitha
zenu; khona ilizwe lizaphumula, lithokoze ngamasabatha
alo. **35** Zonke insuku zencithakalo lizaphumula, ngoba
kaliphumulanga ngamasabatha enu lisahlala kilo. **36**
Mayelana lalabo abaseleyo phakathi kwenu, ngizathuma
ubuthakathaka enhliziyweni zabo emazweni ezitha
zabo; lomsindo wehlamvu eliphephukayo uzabaxotsha,
bazabaleka njengomuntu obalekela inkemba, bawe
kungelamuntu obaxotshayo. **37** Bazakhubeka omunye
phezu komunye kungathi kuphambi kwenkemba,
kungelamuntu obaxotshayo. Kaliyikuba lakho ukuma
phambi kwezitha zenu. **38** Njalo lizabhubha phakathi
kwezizwe, lelizwe lezitha zenu lizakulidla. **39** Labaseleyo
phakathi kwenu bazacikizeka ebubini babo emazweni
ezitha zabo, yebo lebubini baboyise bazacikizeka
kanye labo. **40** Uba bezavuma ububi babo lobubi
baboyise, lesiphambeko sabo abaphambeka ngaso
kimi, yebo futhi ukuthi bahambe ngokuphambene
lami, **41** lami ngihambe ngokuphambene labo, ngibase
elizweni lezitha zabo. Uba ngalesosikhathi inhliziyo yabo
engasokanga izathotshiswa, langalesosikhathi bemukele
ngokuthokoza ukutshaywa ngenxa yobubi babo, **42**
khona ngizakhumbula isivumelwano sami loJakobe,
yebo lesivumelwano sami loIsaka, yebo lesivumelwano
sami loAbrahama ngisikhumbule, lelizwe ngilikhumbule.
43 Lelizwe lizatshiywa yibo, lithokoze ngamasabatha
alo lisachithekile lingelabo. Bona bazakwemukela
ngokuthokoza ukutshaywa ngenxa yobubi babo, ngoba,
yebo ngoba badelela izahlulelo zami, lomphefumulo
wabo wanengwa yizimiso zami. **44** Kanti-ke lalokhu,
lapho beselizweni lezitha zabo, kangiyikubadelela, futhi
kangiyikunengwa yibo ukuze ngibaqothule, ngephule
isivumelwano sami labo, ngoba ngiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu
wabo. **45** Kodwa ngizabakhumbulela isivumelwano
sabokhokho babo engabakhupha elizweni leGibhithe
phambi kwamehlo ezizwe, ukuze ngibe nguNkulunkulu
wabo. NgiyiNkosi. **46** Lezi yizimiso lezahlulelo
lemilayo iNkosi ekunikileyo phakathi kwayo labantwana
bakoIsrayeli entabeni yeSinayi ngesandla sikaMozisi.

27 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **2** Tshono
ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli uthi kubo: Umuntu, nxa
esenza isithembiso esikhethekileyo, njengesilinganiso
sakho imiphefumulo izakuba ngeyeNkosi. **3**
Khona isilinganiso sakho sizakuba ngesowesilisa,
kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya
koleminyaka engamatshumi ayisithupha, isilinganiso
sakho sizakuba ngamashekeli esiliva angamatshumi
amahlanu, ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele. **4**
Kodwa uba kungowesifazana, isilinganiso sakho
sizakuba ngamashekeli angamatshumi amathathu.
5 Njalo nxa kusukela koleminyaka emihlanu kusiya
koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili, isilinganiso sakho
sowesilisa sizakuba ngamashekeli angamatshumi
amabili, lakowesifazana amashekeli alitshumi. **6**
Njalo nxa kusukela kolenyanga kusiya koleminyaka
emihlanu, isilinganiso sakho sowesilisa sizakuba
ngamashekeli amahlanu esiliva, njalo kowesifazana
isilinganiso sakho sizakuba ngamashekeli amathathu
esiliva. **7** Uba-ke kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi
ayisithupha langaphezulu, uba kungowesilisa, isilinganiso
sakho sizakuba ngamashekeli alitshumi lanhlanu,
lakowesifazana amashekeli alitshumi. **8** Kodwa uba
engumyanga kulesilinganiso sakho, uzazimisa phambi
kompristi ukuze umpristi amlinganise; njengalokho
isandla sowathembisayo singafinyelela kukho umpristi
uzamlinganisa. **9** Njalo uba kuyinyamazana abanikela
okwayo umnikelo eNkosini, konke okwayo anikela ngakho

eNkosini kuzakuba ngcwele. **10** Kayikuyintshintsha,
futhi angenaniseli ngayo, enhle ngembi loba embi
ngenhle. Uba-ke usenanisa lokwenanisa inyamazana
ngenyamazana, lokhu lalokhukwenaniselana kuzakuba
ngcwele. **11** Njalo uba kuyinyamazana loba yiyiphi
engcolileyo abanganikeli okwayo ngayo umnikelo
eNkosini, uzayimisa inyamazana phambi kompristi,
12 umpristi ayilinganise-ke, ukuthi inhle loba imbi;
njengesilinganiso sakho, mpristi, izakuba njalo. **13** Kodwa
uba eyihlenga lokuyihlenga, uzakwengezelela ingxenye
yesihlanu yayo phezu kwesilinganiso sakho. **14** Umuntu,
nxa engcwelisa-ke indlu yakhe, ukuthi ibe ngcwele
eNkosini, umpristi uzayilinganisa, ukuthi inhle loba
imbi; njengalokho umpristi ezayilinganisa izakuma njalo.
15 Uba-ke oyingcwelisileyo ezayihlenga indlu yakhe,
uzakwengezelela ingxenye yesihlanu yemali yesilinganiso
sakho phezu kwayo, njalo izakuba ngeyakhe. **16** Uba-ke
umuntu ezangcwelisela iNkosi okwensimu yelifa lakhe,
isilinganiso sakho sizakuba njengokwenhlanyelo yayo.
Ihomeri lenhlanyelo yebhali libe ngamashekeli esiliva
engamatshumi amahlanu. **17** Uba engcwelisa insimu
yakhe kusukela emnyakeni wejubili, njengesilinganiso
sakho izakuma. **18** Kodwa uba wangcwelisa insimu
yakhe emva kwejubili, umpristi uzambalela imali
ngokweminyaka eseleyo kuze kufike umnyaka wejubili,
njalo kuzaphungulwa esilinganisweni sakho. **19** Uba-
ke owayingcwelisayo eyihlenga lokuyihlenga insimu,
uzakwengezelela ingxenye yesihlanu yemali yesilinganiso
sakho phezu kwayo, njalo iqiniswe kuye. **20** Kodwa uba
engayihlengi insimu, loba uba eseyithengisile insimu
komunye umuntu, kayisayikuhlengwa. **21** Kodwa insimu
ekuphumeni kwayo ngejubili izakuba ngcwele eNkosini,
njengensimu eyehlukanisiweyo; ilifa layo libe ngelompristi.
22 Uba-ke eyingcwelisela iNkosi insimu ayithengileyo,
engayisiyo insimu yelifa lakhe, **23** umpristi uzambalela-
ke inani lesilinganiso sakho, kuze kufike umnyaka
wejubili, abesenika isilinganiso sakho ngalolosuku,
into engcwele eNkosini. **24** Ngomnyaka wejubili
insimu izabuyela kulowo eyathengwa kuye, kulowo
ilifa lensimu ebelingelakhe. **25** Njalo sonke isilinganiso
sakho sizakuba ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele;
amagera angamatshumi amabili azakuba lishekeli.
26 Kodwa izibulo, elizelwe njengengqabutho eNkosini
elenyamazana, kakho ozalingcwelisa; loba inkabi loba
imvu, ngeleNkosi. **27** Kodwa uba lingelenyamazana
engcolileyo, uzalihlenga ngokwesilinganiso sakho,
engezelele phezu kwalo ingxenye yesihlanu yalo; kodwa
uba lingahlengwanga, lizathengiswa ngokwesilinganiso
sakho. **28** Kodwa kakukho into eyehlukanisiweyo, umuntu
ayehlukanisele iNkosi, kukho konke alakho, okuvela
emuntwini, loba enyamazaneni, loba okuvela ensimini
yelifa lakhe, kakuyikuthengiswa, futhi kakuyikuhlengwa;
konke okwehlukanisiweyo kuyingcwelengcwele eNkosini.
29 Yonke into eqalekisiweyo, eqalekiswe ebantwini,
kayiyikuhlengwa; izabulawa lokubulawa. **30** Lakho
konke okwetshumi kwelizwe, okwenhlanyelo yelizwe,
okwesithelo sezihlahla, kungokweNkosi; kungcwele
eNkosini. **31** Uba umuntu ehlenga lokuhlenga
kokwetshumi kwakhe, uzakwengezelela kukho ingxenye
yesihlanu yakho. **32** Mayelana lakho konke
okwetshumi kwezinkomo leyezimvu, konke okwedlula
ngaphansi kwentonga, okwetshumi kuzakuba ngcwele
eNkosini. **33** Kayikuhlola phakathi kokuhle lokubi,
futhi kayikuntshintsha. Njalo uba ekuntshintsha
lokukuntshintsha, ngakho khona lokuntshintshana lakho
kuzakuba ngcwele, kakuyikuhlengwa. **34** Leyo yimilayo
iNkosi eyayilaya uMozisi kubantwana bakoIsrayeli
entabeni yeSinayi.

Amanani

1 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi enkangala yeSinayi
ethenteni lenhlangano, ngolokuqala lwenyanga
yesibili, ngomnyaka wesibili emva kokuphuma
kwabo elizweni leGibhithe, isithi: **2** Thathani inani
lonke lenhlangano yonke yabantwana bakoIsrayeli
ngensendo zabo, ngezindlu zaboyise, lenani lamabizo,
wonke owesilisa, ngamakhanda abo. **3** Kusukela
koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphezulu, bonke
abangaphuma ukuya empini koIsrayeli, lizababala
ngamabutho abo, wena loAroni. **4** Kuzakuba lani
indoda kuleso lalesosizwe, ileyo laleyo eyinhloko
yendlu yaboyise. **5** Lala ngamabizo amadoda azakuma
lani. KoRubeni: UElizuri indodana kaShedewuri. **6**
KoSimeyoni: UShelumiyeli indodana kaZurishadayi.
7 KoJuda: UNashoni indodana kaAminadaba. **8**
KoIsakari: UNethaneli indodana kaZuwari. **9**
KoZebuluni: UEliyabi indodana kaHeloni. **10** Kubantwana
bakoJosefa, koEfrayimi: UElishama indodana kaAmihudi;
koManase: UGamaliyeli indodana kaPedazuri. **11**
KoBhenjamini: UAbidani indodana kaGideyoni. **12**
KoDani: UAhiyezeri indodana kaAmishadayi. **13**
KoAsheri: UPagiyeli indodana kaOkirani. **14** KoGadi:
UEliyasafi indodana kaDehuweli. **15** KoNafithali:
UAhira indodana kaEnani. **16** Yibo ababizwayo
benhlangano, iziphathamandla zezizwe zaboyise, inhloko
zezinkulungwane zakoIsrayeli. **17** OMozisi loAroni
basebethatha lawomadoda aqanjwe ngamabizo. **18**
Bahlanganisa inhlangano yonke ngolokuqala lwenyanga
yesibili; babala ngenhlanga zabo ngensendo zabo
ngezindlu zaboyise, ngokwenani lamabizo, kusukela
koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphezulu,
ngamakhanda abo. **19** Njengokulaya kweNkosi kuMozisi
wababala ngokunjalo enkangala yeSinayi. **20** Njalo
abantwana bakoRubeni, izibulo likaIsrayeli, izizukulwana
zabo, ngensendo zabo, ngezindlu zaboyise, ngokwenani
lamabizo, ngamakhanda abo, wonke owesilisa kusukela
koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphezulu, bonke
abangaphuma ukuya empini; **21** labo ababaliweyo
kubo, esizweni sakoRubeni, babeyizinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amane lesithupha lamakhulu amahlanu.
22 Kubantwana bakoSimeyoni, izizukulwana zabo,
ngensendo zabo, ngezindlu zaboyise, labo ababalwayo,
ngokwenani lamabizo, ngamakhanda abo, wonke
owesilisa kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi
amabili langaphezulu, bonke abangaphuma ukuya
empini; **23** labo ababaliweyo kubo, esizweni
sakoSimeyoni, babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amahlanu lesificamunwemunye lamakhulu amathathu.
24 Kubantwana bakoGadi, izizukulwana zabo,
ngensendo zabo, ngezindlu zaboyise, ngokwenani
lamabizo, kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi
amabili langaphezulu, bonke abangaphuma ukuya
empini; **25** labo ababaliweyo kubo, esizweni
sakoGadi, babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amane lanhlanu lamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi
amahlanu. **26** Kubantwana bakoJuda, izizukulwana
zabo, ngensendo zabo, ngezindlu zaboyise, ngokwenani
lamabizo, kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili
langaphezulu, bonke abangaphuma ukuya empini;
27 labo ababaliweyo kubo, esizweni sakoJuda,
babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa
lane lamakhulu ayisithupha. **28** Kubantwana
bakoIsakari, izizukulwana zabo, ngensendo zabo,
ngezindlu zaboyise, ngokwenani lamabizo, kusukela
koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphezulu, bonke
abangaphuma ukuya empini; **29** labo ababaliweyo
kubo, esizweni sakoIsakari, babeyizinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amahlanu lane lamakhulu amane.
30 Kubantwana bakoZebuluni, izizukulwana zabo,
ngensendo zabo, ngezindlu zaboyise, ngokwenani
lamabizo, kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili
langaphezulu, bonke abangaphuma ukuya empini;
31 labo ababaliweyo kubo, esizweni sakoZebuluni,
babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu
lesikhombisa lamakhulu amane. **32** Kubantwana
bakoJosefa, kubantwana bakoEfrayimi, izizukulwana
zabo, ngensendo zabo, ngezindlu zaboyise, ngokwenani
lamabizo, kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili
langaphezulu, bonke abangaphuma ukuya empini;
33 labo ababaliweyo kubo, esizweni sakoEfrayimi,
babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lamakhulu
amahlanu. **34** Kubantwana bakoManase, izizukulwana
zabo, ngensendo zabo, ngezindlu zaboyise, ngokwenani
lamabizo, kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi
amabili langaphezulu, bonke abangaphuma ukuya
empini; **35** labo ababaliweyo kubo, esizweni
sakoManase, babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amathathu lambili lamakhulu amabili. **36** Kubantwana
bakoBhenjamini, izizukulwana zabo, ngensendo zabo,
ngezindlu zaboyise, ngokwenani lamabizo, kusukela
koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphezulu, bonke
abangaphuma ukuya empini; **37** labo ababaliweyo
kubo, esizweni sakoBhenjamini, babeyizinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amathathu lanhlanu lamakhulu
amane. **38** Kubantwana bakoDani, izizukulwana zabo,
ngensendo zabo, ngezindlu zaboyise, ngokwenani
lamabizo, kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili
langaphezulu, bonke abangaphuma ukuya empini;
39 labo ababaliweyo kubo, esizweni sakoDani,
babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisithupha
lambili lamakhulu ayisikhombisa. **40** Kubantwana
bakoAsheri, izizukulwana zabo, ngensendo zabo,
ngezindlu zaboyise, ngokwenani lamabizo, kusukela
koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphezulu, bonke
abangaphuma ukuya empini; **41** labo ababaliweyo
kubo, esizweni sakoAsheri, babeyizinkulungwane

ezingamatshumi amane lanye lamakhulu amahlanu.
42 Abantwana bakoNafithali, izizukulwana zabo,
ngensendo zabo, ngezindlu zaboyise, ngokwenani
lamabizo, kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili
langaphezulu, bonke abangaphuma ukuya empini;
43 labo ababaliweyo kubo, esizweni sakoNafithali,
babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu
lantathu lamakhulu amane. **44** Yibo laba ababalwayo,
oMozisi loAroni abababalayo, leziphathamandla
zakoIsrayeli, amadoda alitshumi lambili, yileso laleso
singesendlu yaboyise. **45** Babenjalo bonke ababalwayo
babantwana bakoIsrayeli, ngezindlu zaboyise, kusukela
koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili langaphezulu, bonke
abangaphuma ukuya empini koIsrayeli. **46** Ngakho
bonke ababalwayo babeyizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu
ayisithupha lantathu lamakhulu amahlanu lamatshumi
amahlanu. **47** Kodwa amaLevi, ngezindlu zaboyise,
kawabalwanga phakathi kwabo. **48** Ngoba iNkosi
yayikhulume kuMozisi yathi: **49** Kuphela isizwe
sakoLevi ungasibali, ungathathi inani lonke laso
phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli; **50** kodwa wena,
misa amaLevi phezu kwethabhanekele lobufakazi,
laphezu kwazo zonke izitsha zalo, laphezu kwakho
konke okwalo. Wona azathwala ithabhanekele lazo
zonke izitsha zalo; futhi wona azakhonza kulo,
amise amathente awo azingelezele ithabhanekele.
51 Lekusukeni kwethabhanekele amaLevi azalidiliza,
lekumisweni kwethabhanekele amaLevi azalimisa.
Lowemzini osondelayo uzabulawa. **52** Abantwana
bakoIsrayeli bazamisa-ke amathente abo, kube ngulowo
lalowo enkambeni yakhe, langulowo lalowo ngophawu
lwakhe, ngokwamabutho abo. **53** Kodwa amaLevi
azamisa amathente awo azingeleze ithabhanekele
lobufakazi, ukuze kungabi lolaka phezu kwenhlangano
yabantwana bakoIsrayeli; amaLevi azagcina-ke umlindo
wethabhanekele lobufakazi. **54** Abantwana bakoIsrayeli
basebesenza njengakho konke iNkosi eyayimlaye khona
uMozisi, benza njalo.

2 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi lakuAroni isithi: **2**
Abantwana bakoIsrayeli bazamisa amathente
abo, kube ngulowo lalowo ngophawu lwakhe,
ngokwezibonakaliso zezindlu zaboyise; bazamisa
amathente abo bucwadlana lethente lenhlangano
inhlangothi zonke. **3** Labo abamisa amathente abo
ngempumalanga lapho okuphuma khona ilanga,
bangabophawu lwenkamba yakoJuda ngokwamabutho
abo, lesiphathamandla sabantwana bakoJuda sizakuba
nguNashoni indodana kaAminadaba; **4** lebutho
lakhe lababalwayo babo babeyizinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa lane lamakhulu
ayisithupha. **5** Lalabo abamisa amathente abo eceleni
kwakhe ngabesizwe sakoIsakari, lesiphathamandla
sabantwana bakoIsakari sizakuba nguNethaneli
indodana kaZuwari; **6** lebutho lakhe lababalwayo
balo babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu
lane lamakhulu amane. **7** Isizwe sakoZebuluni:
Isiphathamandla sabantwana bakoZebuluni sizakuba-
ke nguEliyabi indodana kaHeloni; **8** lebutho lakhe
lababalwayo balo babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amahlanu lesikhombisa lamakhulu amane. **9** Bonke
ababalwayo benkamba yakoJuda babeyizinkulungwane
ezilikhulu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lamakhulu
amane, ngamabutho abo; bazasuka kuqala. **10**
Uphawu lwenkamba yakoRubeni luzakuba ngeningizimu,
ngamabutho abo, lesiphathamandla sabantwana
bakoRubeni sizakuba nguElizuri indodana kaShedewuri;
11 lebutho lakhe lababalwayo balo babeyizinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amane lesithupha lamakhulu
amahlanu. **12** Lalabo abamisa amathente abo eceleni
kwakhe ngabesizwe sakoSimeyoni, lesiphathamandla
sabantwana bakoSimeyoni sizakuba nguShelumiyeli
indodana kaZurishadayi; **13** lebutho lakhe lababalwayo
babo babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu
lesificamunwemunye lamakhulu amathathu. **14** Lesizwe
sakoGadi: Isiphathamandla sabantwana bakoGadi
sizakuba-ke nguEliyasafi indodana kaRehuweli; **15**
lebutho lakhe lababalwayo babo babeyizinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amane lanhlanu lamakhulu ayisithupha
lamatshumi amahlanu. **16** Bonke ababalwayo
benkamba yakoRubeni babeyizinkulungwane ezilikhulu
lamatshumi amahlanu lanye lamakhulu amane
lamatshumi amahlanu, ngamabutho abo. Njalo
bazakuba ngabesibili ekusukeni. **17** Emva kwalokhu
kuzasuka ithente lenhlangano, lenkamba yamaLevi
phakathi kwenkamba; njengokumisa kwabo inkamba
ngokunjalo bazasuka, kube ngulowo lalowo endaweni
yakhe, ngokwempawu zabo. **18** Uphawu lwenkamba
yakoEfrayimi ngamabutho abo luzakuba sentshonalanga,
lesiphathamandla sabantwana bakoEfrayimi sizakuba
nguElishama indodana kaAmihudi; **19** lebutho lakhe
lababalwayo babo babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amane lamakhulu amahlanu. **20** Leceleni kwakhe
isizwe sakoManase, lesiphathamandla sabantwana
bakoManase sizakuba nguGamaliyeli indodana
kaPedazuri; **21** lebutho lakhe lababalwayo babo
babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu
lambili lamakhulu amabili. **22** Lesizwe sakoBhenjamini;
isiphathamandla sabantwana bakoBhenjamini sizakuba-
ke nguAbidani indodana kaGideyoni; **23** lebutho
lakhe lababalwayo babo babeyizinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amathathu lanhlanu lamakhulu
amane. **24** Bonke ababalwayo benkamba yakoEfrayimi
babeyizinkulungwane ezilikhulu lesificaminwembili
lekhulu, ngamabutho abo. Njalo bazakuba ngabesithathu
ekusukeni. **25** Uphawu lwenkamba yakoDani luzakuba
ngenyakatho, ngamabutho abo, lesiphathamandla
sabantwana bakoDani sizakuba nguAhiyezeri indodana

kaAmishadayi; 26 lebutho lakhe lababalwayo babo
babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisithupha
lambili lamakhulu ayisikhombisa. 27 Labamisa amathente
abo eceleni kwakhe kuzakuba yisizwe sakoAsheri,
lesiphathamandla sabantwana bakoAsheri sizakuba
nguPagiyeli indodana kaOkirani; 28 lebutho lakhe
lababalwayo babo babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amane lanye lamakhulu amahlanu. 29 Lesizwe
sakoNafithali; isiphathamandla sabantwana bakoNafithali
sizakuba-ke nguAhira indodana kaEnani; 30 lebutho lakhe
lababalwayo babo babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amahlanu lantathu lamakhulu amane. 31 Bonke
ababalwayo benkamba yakoDani babeyizinkulungwane
ezilikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu lesikhombisa lamakhulu
ayisithupha. Bazakuba ngabokucina ekusukeni
ngokwempawu zabo. 32 Yibo labo ababalwayo
babantwana bakoIsrayeli ngezindlu zaboyise. Bonke
ababalwayo bezinkamba ngokwamabutho abo
babeyizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisithupha
lantathu lamakhulu amahlanu lamatshumi amahlanu. 33
Kodwa amaLevi kawabalwanga phakathi kwabantwana
bakoIsrayeli, njengalokho iNkosi yayimlayile uMozisi.
34 Njalo abantwana bakoIsrayeli benza njengalokho
konke iNkosi eyayimlaye khona uMozisi; ngokunjalo
bamisa amathente abo ngokwempawu zabo futhi
basuka ngokunjalo, ngulowo lalowo ngosendo lwakhe
ngokwendlu kayise.

3 Lezi-ke yizizukulwana zikaAroni lezikaMozisi, ngosuku
iNkosi eyakhuluma ngalo loMozisi entabeni yeSinayi.
2 Lala ngamabizo amadodana kaAroni; izibulo uNadabi,
loAbihu, uEleyazare, loIthamari. 3 La ngamabizo
amadodana kaAroni, abapristi abagcotshiweyo,
owabehlukanisela ukusebenza njengabapristi. 4 Kodwa
uNadabi loAbihu bafa phambi kweNkosi, lapho benikela
umlilo ongejwayelekanga phambi kweNkosi enkangala
yeSinayi. Babengelabantwana. Ngakho uEleyazare
loIthamari basebenza njengabapristi phambi kukaAroni
uyise. 5 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: 6 Sondeza
isizwe sakoLevi, usimise phambi kukaAroni umpristi,
ukuthi bamsebenzele. 7 Bazagcina imfanelo yakhe
lemfanelo yenhlangano yonke phambi kwethente
lenhlangano ukwenza inkonzo yethabhanekele. 8
Bazalondoloza yonke impahla yethente lenhlangano,
lemfanelo yabantwana bakoIsrayeli, ukuthi benze
inkonzo yethabhanekele. 9 Njalo uzanikela amaLevi
kuAroni lemadodaneni akhe; aphiwe lokuphiwa kuye
bephuma kubantwana bakoIsrayeli. 10 Njalo uAroni
lamadodana akhe uzabamisa, bagcine-ke ubupristi
babo. Lowemzini osondelayo uzabulawa. 11 INkosi
yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: 12 Mina-ke, khangela,
ngithethe amaLevi ephuma phakathi kwabantwana
bakoIsrayeli endaweni yalo lonke izibulo elivula
isizalo kubantwana bakoIsrayeli. Ngakho amaLevi
azakuba ngawami, 13 ngoba lonke izibulo lingelami
ngosuku engatshaya ngalo lonke izibulo elizweni
leGibhithe. Ngizehlukanisele lonke izibulo koIsrayeli,
kusukela emuntwini kusiya enyamazaneni; lizakuba
ngelami; ngiyiNkosi. 14 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi
enkangala yeSinayi isithi: 15 Bala abantwana bakoLevi
ngezindlu zaboyise langensendo zabo; wonke owesilisa
kusukela kolenyanga kusiya phezulu, uzababala. 16
Ngakho uMozisi wababala ngokomlomo weNkosi
njengokulaywa kwakhe. 17 Lala ayengamadodana
kaLevi ngamabizo awo: UGerishoni loKohathi loMerari.
18 Lala ngamabizo amadodana kaGerishoni ngensendo
zawo: ULibini loShimeyi. 19 Lamadodana kaKohathi
ngensendo zawo: UAmramu loIzihari, uHebroni
loUziyeli. 20 Lamadodana kaMerari ngensendo
zawo: UMahli loMushi. Lezi zinsendo zamaLevi
ngezindlu zaboyise. 21 KuGerishoni kwakulosendo
lwamaLibini losendo lwamaShimeyi; lezi zinsendo
zamaGerishoni. 22 Ababalwayo babo, ngenani labo
bonke abesilisa, kusukela kolenyanga kusiya phezulu,
ababalwayo babo babeyizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa
lamakhulu amahlanu. 23 Insendo zamaGerishoni
zizamisa amathente azo ngemva kwethabhanekele
ngentshonalanga. 24 Lesiphathamandla sendlu kayise
wamaGerishoni sizakuba nguEliyasafi indodana kaLayeli.
25 Lemfanelo yamadodana kaGerishoni ethenteni
lenhlangano izakuba lithabhanekele, lethente, isifulelo
salo, lesilenge somnyango wethente lenhlangano, 26
lamakhetheni eguma, lesilenge somnyango weguma
elingasethabhanekeleni lelingaselathini inhlangothi
zonke, lentambo zalo, ngokomsebenzi walo wonke.
27 LakuKohathi kwakulosendo lwamaAmramu,
losendo lwamaIzihari, losendo lwamaHebroni, losendo
lwamaUziyeli. Lezi zinsendo zamaKohathi. 28 Kunani
labo bonke abesilisa, kusukela kolenyanga kusiya
phezulu, babeyizinkulungwane eziyisificaminwembili
lamakhulu ayisithupha, begcina imfanelo yendlu
engcwele. 29 Insendo zamadodana kaKohathi zizamisa
amathente azo eceleni kwethabhanekele ngeningizimu.
30 Lesiphathamandla sendlu kayise wensendo
zamaKohathi sizakuba nguElizafani indodana kaUziyeli.
31 Lemfanelo yawo izakuba ngumtshokotsho, letafula,
loluthi lwesibane, lamalathi, lezitsha zendlu engcwele
abakhonza ngazo, lesilenge, layo yonke inkonzo yalo.
32 Njalo umphathi weziphathamandla zamaLevi uzakuba
nguEleyazare, indodana kaAroni umpristi; ubuphathi
bakhe babukwabagcina ukulindwa kwendlu engcwele.
33 KoMerari kwakulusendo lwamaMahli losendo
lwamaMushi; lezi zinsendo zamaMerari. 34 Lababalwayo
babo, ngenani labo bonke abesilisa, kusukela kolenyanga
kusiya phezulu, babeyizinkulungwane eziyisithupha
lamakhulu amabili. 35 Lesiphathamandla sendlu
kayise wensendo zakoMerari sizakuba nguZuriyeli
indodana kaAbihayili. Bazamisa amathente abo eceleni

kwethabhanekele ngenyakatho. **36** Lobuphathi bokulinda
bamadodana kaMerari buzakuba ngamapulanka
ethabhanekele, lemithando yalo, lensika zalo, lezisekelo
zalo, lezitsha zalo zonke, lawo wonke umsebenzi
walo, **37** lensika zeguma inhlangothi zonke, lezisekelo
zazo, lezikhonkwane zazo, lentambo zazo. **38** Lalabo
ababemise amathente abo phambi kwethabhanekele
ngempumalanga, phambi kwethente lenhlangano,
kwakungoMozisi loAroni lamadodana akhe, belondoloza
ukulindwa kwendlu engcwele, kusenzelwa umlindo
wabantwana bakoIsrayeli. Lowemzini osondelayo
uzabulawa. **39** Bonke ababalwayo bamaLevi, oMozisi
loAroni abababalayo, ngokomlayo weNkosi, ngezinsapho
zabo, bonke abesilisa kusukela kolenyanga kusiya
phezulu, babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili
lambili. **40** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Bala wonke
amazibulo esilisa abantwana bakoIsrayeli, kusukela
kolenyanga kusiya phezulu, uthathe inani lamabizo abo.
41 Uzangithathela amaLevi (ngiyiNkosi) endaweni yawo
wonke amazibulo phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli;
lezifuyo zamaLevi endaweni yamazibulo wonke phakathi
kwezifuyo zabantwana bakoIsrayeli. **42** Ngakho uMozisi
wabala wonke amazibulo phakathi kwabantwana
bakoIsrayeli, njengokulaya kweNkosi kuye. **43** Lawo
wonke amazibulo esilisa, ngenani lamabizo, kusukela
kolenyanga kusiya phezulu, kwababaliweyo babo,
ayezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lambili
lamakhulu amabili lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lantathu.
44 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **45** Thatha amaLevi
endaweni yamazibulo wonke phakathi kwabantwana
bakoIsrayeli, lezifuyo zamaLevi endaweni yezifuyo
zabo; lamaLevi azakuba ngawami; ngiyiNkosi. **46**
Mayelana labazahlengwa, abangamakhulu amabili
lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lantathu bamazibulo
abantwana bakoIsrayeli, abaphezu kwenani lamaLevi; **47**
uzathatha lamashekeli nganhlanu nganhlanu ngekhanda,
ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele uzawathatha; ishekeli
lingamagera angamatshumi amabili. **48** Unike kuAroni
lakumadodana akhe imali yabahlengiweyo abasele
phakathi kwabo. **49** UMozisi wasethatha imali yohlengo
kulabo ababesele phezu kwabahlengwa ngamaLevi. **50**
Wayithatha imali kumazibulo abantwana bakoIsrayeli,
amashekeli ayinkulungwane lamakhulu amathathu
lamatshumi ayisithupha lanhlanu, ngokweshekeli lendlu
engcwele. **51** UMozisi wasenika uAroni lamadodana
akhe imali yabahlengiweyo, ngokomlomo weNkosi,
njengalokhu iNkosi imlayile uMozisi.

4 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi lakuAroni isithi:
2 Thathani inani lonke lamadodana kaKohathi
avela phakathi kwamadodana kaLevi, ngensendo
zawo, ngezindlu zaboyise, **3** kusukela koleminyaka
engamatshumi amathathu kusiya koleminyaka
engamatshumi amahlanu, wonke ongena enkonzweni
ukwenza umsebenzi wethente lenhlangano. **4** Lo
ngumsebenzi wamadodana kaKohathi ethenteni
lenhlangano: Izinto ezingcwelengcwele. **5** Ekusukeni-
ke kwenkamba uAroni lamadodana akhe bazakuza
behlise iveyili lesembeso, basibekele umtshokotsho
wobufakazi ngalo, **6** bazabeka phezu kwawo izikhumba
zikamantswane, bendlale phezu kwawo ilembu eliluhlaza
okwesibhakabhaka lonke, bafake imijabo yawo. **7**
Laphezu kwetafula lokubukisa bazakwendlala ilembu
eliluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, babeke phezu kwalo
imiganu, lenkezo zempepha, lezitsha, lenkezo zomnikelo
wokunathwayo; lesinkwa esihlezi sikhona sizakuba
phezu kwalo. **8** Laphezu kwalezizinto bazakwendlala
ilembu elibomvu, balembese ngesembeso sezikhumba
zikamantswane, bafake imijabo yalo. **9** Bazathatha-
ke ilembu eliluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, bembese
uluthi lwesibane sesikhanyiso, lezibane zalo, lendlawu
zalo, lemiganu yalo yomlotha, lezitsha zonke zalo
zamafutha abasebenza ngazo kulo. **10** Njalo
bazalufaka kanye lezinto zalo zonke esembesweni
sezikhumba zikamantswane, bakugaxe egodweni.
11 Laphezu kwelathi legolide bazakwendlala ilembu
eliluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, balembese ngesembeso
sezikhumba zikamantswane, bafake imijabo yalo.
12 Njalo bazathatha yonke impahla yenkonzo,
abakhonza ngayo endlini engcwele, bayifake elenjini
eliluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, bayembese ngesembeso
sezikhumba zikamantswane, bayigaxe egodweni. **13**
Njalo bazasusa umlotha elathini, bendlale phezu kwalo
ilembu eliyibubende, **14** babeke phezu kwalo zonke izinto
zalo abakhonza ngazo kulo, izitsha zokuthwala umlilo,
amafologwe enyama, lamafotsholo, lemiganu yokufafaza,
zonke izinto zelathi; bendlale phezu kwalo isembeso
sezikhumba zikamantswane, bafake imijabo yalo. **15**
Lapho uAroni lamadodana akhe sebeqedile ukwembesa
indlu engcwele lempahla zonke zendlu engcwele,
ekususweni kwenkamba, emva kwalokho amadodana
kaKohathi azakuza ukuthwala, kodwa kawayikuthinta into
engcwele hlezi afe. Lezizinto zingumthwalo wamadodana
kaKohathi, ethenteni lenhlangano. **16** Ubongameli
bukaEleyazare indodana kaAroni umpristi buzakuba
ngamafutha esibane, lempepha elephunga elimnandi,
lomnikelo wokudla njalonjalo, lamafutha okugcoba;
ububonisi ngethabhanekele lonke lakho konke okukilo,
endlini engcwele lezitsheni zayo. **17** INkosi yasikhuluma
kuMozisi lakuAroni isithi: **18** Lingaqumi insendo
zesizwe samaKohathi zisuke phakathi kwamaLevi. **19**
Kodwa lokho kwenzeni kuwo, ukuze aphile angafi,
ekusondeleni kwawo ezintweni ezingcwelengcwele;
uAroni lamadodana akhe bazangena, bawamise lowo
lalowo emsebenzini wakhe lemthwalweni wakhe; **20**
kodwa kawayikungena ukubona lapho izinto ezingcwele
zigoqelwa, hlezi afe. **21** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi
isithi: **22** Thatha inani lonke lamadodana kaGerishoni
lawo, ngezindlu zaboyise, ngensendo zawo, **23** kusukela

koleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu langaphezulu
kusiya koleminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu uzababala;
wonke ongena ukukhonza inkonzo, ukuthi enze
umsebenzi ethenteni lenhlangano. **24** Lo ngumsebenzi
wensendo zamaGerishoni ukukhonza lemthwalweni; **25**
bazathwala-ke amakhetheni ethabhanekele, lethente
lenhlangano, isembeso salo, lesembeso sezikhumba
zikamantswane eziphezu kwalo phezulu, lesilenge
somnyango wethente lenhlangano, **26** lamakhetheni
eguma, lesilenge somnyango wesango leguma
eliseduze lethabhanekele njalo eduze lelathi inhlangothi
zonke, lentambo zazo, lempahla yonke yenkonzo
yabo, lakho konke okwenzelwe bona; basebenze-
ke. **27** Njengokulaya kukaAroni lamadodana akhe
uzakuba njalo umsebenzi wonke wamadodana
amaGerishoni emthwalweni wabo wonke lenkonzweni
yabo yonke. Uzawamisa ukugcina wonke umthwalo
wabo. **28** Lo ngumsebenzi wensendo zamadodana
amaGerishoni ethenteni lenhlangano; ukugcinwa
kwawo kuzakuba ngaphansi kwesandla sikaIthamari
indodana kaAroni umpristi. **29** Amadodana kaMerari
uzawabala ngensendo zawo ngezindlu zaboyise,
30 kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu
langaphezulu kusiya koleminyaka engamatshumi
amahlanu uzababala, wonke ongena enkonzweni,
ukusebenza umsebenzi wethente lenhlangano. **31**
Lalokhu yikugcinwa komthwalo wabo, njengokomsebenzi
wabo wonke ethenteni lenhlangano: Amapulanka
ethabhanekele, lemithando yalo, lensika zalo, lezisekelo
zalo, **32** lensika zeguma inhlangothi zonke, lezisekelo
zazo, lezikhonkwane zazo, lezintambo zazo, lempahla
yazo yonke, lomsebenzi wazo wonke. Njalo lizaziqamba
ngamabizo impahla abafanele ukuzithwala. **33** Lo
ngumsebenzi wensendo zamadodana kaMerari,
ngokomsebenzi wonke wawo ethenteni lenhlangano,
ngaphansi kwesandla sikaIthamari indodana kaAroni
umpristi. **34** UMozisi loAroni leziphathamandla
zenhlangano basebebala amadodana amaKohathi
ngensendo zawo langezindlu zaboyise, **35** kusukela
koleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu langaphezulu
kusiya koleminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu, wonke
ongena enkonzweni, emsebenzini wethente lenhlangano.
36 Lalabo ababalwayo kuwo ngensendo zabo
babeyizinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu ayisikhombisa
lamatshumi amahlanu. **37** Laba ngababalwayo
bensendo zamaKohathi, wonke owasebenza ethenteni
lenhlangano, oMozisi loAroni ababababalayo, ngokomlayo
weNkosi ngesandla sikaMozisi. **38** Lalabo ababalwayo
bamadodana kaGerishoni, ngensendo zawo, langezindlu
zaboyise, **39** kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi
amathathu langaphezulu kusiya koleminyaka
engamatshumi amahlanu, wonke ongena enkonzweni,
emsebenzini ethenteni lenhlangano. **40** Lalabo
ababalwayo kuwo ngensendo zabo ngezindlu zaboyise
babeyizinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu ayisithupha
lamatshumi amathathu. **41** Laba ngababalwayo bensendo
zamadodana kaGerishoni, wonke owasebenza ethenteni
lenhlangano, oMozisi loAroni ababababalayo ngokomlayo
weNkosi. **42** Lalabo ababalwayo bensendo zamadodana
kaMerari, ngensendo zawo, ngezindlu zaboyise, **43**
kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu
langaphezulu kusiya koleminyaka engamatshumi
amahlanu, wonke ongena enkonzweni, emsebenzini
wethente lenhlangano. **44** Lalabo ababalwayo kuwo
ngensendo zabo babeyizinkulungwane ezintathu
lamakhulu amabili. **45** Laba ngababalwayo bensendo
zamadodana kaMerari, oMozisi loAroni ababababalayo,
ngokomlayo weNkosi ngesandla sikaMozisi. **46**
Bonke ababalwayo, oMozisi loAroni leziphathamandla
zakoIsrayeli ababababalayo, bamaLevi, ngensendo
zabo langezindlu zaboyise, **47** kusukela koleminyaka
engamatshumi amathathu langaphezulu kusiya
koleminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu, wonke owangena
ukusebenza umsebenzi wenkonzo lomsebenzi
womthwalo ethenteni lenhlangano, **48** lalabo ababalwayo
kubo babeyizinkulungwane eziyisificaminwembili
lamakhulu amahlanu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili. **49**
Ngokomlayo weNkosi bababala, ngesandla sikaMozisi,
ngulowo lalowo ngokomsebenzi wakhe langokomthwalo
wakhe; ngakho babalwa nguye, njengokulaya kweNkosi
kuMozisi.

5 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **2** Laya abantwana
bakoIsrayeli ukuthi bakhuphe enkambeni wonke
umlephero, laye wonke olokugobhoza, laye wonke
ongcolileyo ngofileyo. **3** Kusukela kowesilisa kusiya
kowesifazana lizabakhupha, kuze kube ngaphandle
kwenkamba lizabakhupha, ukuze bangangcolisi
izinkamba zabo, engihlala phakathi kwazo. **4** Abantwana
bakoIsrayeli basebesenza njalo, babakhupha baze
baba ngaphandle kwenkamba; njengokutsho kweNkosi
kuMozisi, benza njalo abantwana bakoIsrayeli. **5** INkosi
yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **6** Tshono ebantwaneni
bakoIsrayeli uthi: Indoda kumbe umfazi, uba besenza
loba yisiphi isono somuntu, ngokuphambeka isiphambeko
eNkosini, lowomuntu ulecala. **7** Njalo bazavuma
isono sabo abasenzileyo, abesehlawula icala lakhe
ngokupheleleyo kwalo, engezelele phezu kwalo
ingxenye yesihlanu yalo, anike lowo alecala kuye.
8 Kodwa uba lowomuntu engelamhlengi oyisihlobo
okungahlawulwa kuso icala, icala lizahlawulwa eNkosini
kube ngokompristi, ngaphandle kwenqama yenhlawulo
yokuthula, azamenzela inhlawulo yokuthula ngayo. **9**
Lawo wonke umnikelo wazo zonke izinto ezingcwele
zabantwana bakoIsrayeli, abaziletha kumpristi, uzakuba
ngowakhe. **10** Lezinto ezingcwele zawo wonke umuntu
zizakuba ngezakhe; lokhu loba ngubani akunika
umpristi kuzakuba ngokwakhe. **11** INkosi yasikhuluma

kuMozisi isithi: **12** Tshono ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli
uthi kubo: Loba yiyiphi indoda, uba umkayo eduha,
ngokungathembeki kuyo enze isenzo sokungathembeki,
13 lendoda ilala laye ngobudoda bokuhlangana, njalo
kufihlakale emehlweni endoda yakhe, angabonwa, yena
ungcolisiwe, njalo kungelamfakazi omelana laye, futhi
yena engabanjwanga, **14** lomoya wobukhwele ufike
phezu kwayo, futhi ibe lobukhwele ngomkayo, njalo
yena engcolisiwe, loba umoya wobukhwele ufike phezu
kwayo, futhi ibe lobukhwele ngomkayo, lanxa yena
engangcolanga, **15** indoda izaletha umkayo kumpristi,
imlethele umnikelo wakhe, okwetshumi kwe-efa lempuphu
yebhali; kayiyikuthela amafutha kuyo, ingabeki inhlaka
phezu kwayo, ngoba kungumnikelo wokudla wobukhwele,
umnikelo wokudla wesikhumbuzo, ukukhumbuza ububi.
16 Umpristi uzasondeza-ke owesifazana, ammise phambi
kweNkosi. **17** Umpristi athathe amanzi angcwele
embizeni yebumba, lompristi athathe okothuli oluphansi
ethabhanekeleni, akufake emanzini. **18** Umpristi
uzamisa owesifazana phambi kweNkosi, embule ikhanda
lowesifazana, abeke ezandleni zakhe umnikelo wokudla
wokukhumbuza, ongumnikelo wokudla wobukhwele.
Lesandleni sompristi kuzakuba lamanzi ababayo
aletha isiqalekiso. **19** Umpristi uzamfungisa-ke, athi
kowesifazana: Uba kungelandoda elele lawe, njalo uba
ungaduhelanga ekungcoleni, uphansi kwendoda yakho,
khululeka emanzini la ababayo aletha isiqalekiso. **20**
Kodwa wena, uba uduhile, uphansi kwendoda yakho, futhi
uba ungcolisiwe, lendoda yahlangana lawe, ngaphandle
kwendoda yakho, **21** umpristi amfungise owesifazana
ngesifungo sesiqalekiso, umpristi athi kuye: INkosi
kayikwenze ube yisiqalekiso lesifungo phakathi kwabantu
bakini, lapho iNkosi isenza ithangazi lakho liwe, lesisu
sakho sikhukhumale. **22** Lamanzi la aletha isiqalekiso
kawangene emibilini yakho, akwenze isisu sikhukhumale
lokwenza ithangazi liwe. Owesifazana abesesithi:
Ameni, Ameni. **23** Umpristi uzabhala-ke iziqalekiso lezi
egwalweni, azesule ngamanzi ababayo, **24** anathise
owesifazana amanzi ababayo aletha isiqalekiso, lamanzi
aletha isiqalekiso azangena kuye, abe ngokubabayo. **25**
Umpristi uzathatha-ke esandleni sowesifazana umnikelo
wokudla wobukhwele, awuzunguze umnikelo wokudla
phambi kweNkosi, awusondeze elathini, **26** umpristi
acuphe isandla esigcweleyo somnikelo wokudla, sibe
yisikhumbuzo sawo, asitshise elathini, lemva kwalokho
amnathise owesifazana amanzi. **27** Esemnathisile
amanzi, kuzakuthi uba engcolile, enze ngokungathembeki
isenzo sokungathembeki endodeni yakhe, amanzi
aletha isiqalekiso esengenile kuye abe ngokubabayo,
isisu sakhe sizakhukhumala lethangazi lakhe liwe,
lowesifazana uzakuba yisiqalekiso phakathi kwabantu
bakibo. **28** Kodwa uba owesifazana engangcolanga,
kodwa ehlambulukile, uzakhululeka, uzakwemukela
inhlanyelo. **29** Lo ngumlayo wobukhwele, lapho umfazi
eduha, ephansi kwendoda yakhe, abesengcoliswa, **30**
kumbe indoda, uba umoya wobukhwele ufika phezu
kwayo ibe lobukhwele ngomkayo; immise owesifazana
phambi kweNkosi, lompristi enze kuye umlayo lo
wonke. **31** Indoda izakhululeka-ke ecaleni, kodwa lowo
owesifazana uzathwala icala lakhe.

6 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **2** Tshono
ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli uthi kubo: Owesilisa
loba owesifazana, uba ezehlukanisela ukuthembisa
isithembiso somNaziri, ukuze azehlukanisele iNkosi, **3**
uzazehlukanisa lewayini lokunathwayo okulamandla,
anganathi iviniga lewayini, leviniga lokunathwayo
okulamandla, anganathi lamhluzi wezithelo zevini, angadli
izithelo zevini ezimanzi lezomileyo. **4** Zonke insuku
zokuzehlukanisela kwakhe kayikudla okolutho olwenziwe
ngevini lewayini, kusukela enhlamvini kusiya emakhasini.
5 Zonke insuku zesithembiso sokuzehlukanisela kwakhe
impuco kayiyikudlula phezu kwekhanda lakhe; kuze
kugcwaliseke insuku zokuzehlukanisela kwakhe iNkosi
uzakuba ngcwele, ayekele izihluthu zenwele zekhanda
lakhe zikhule. **6** Zonke insuku azehlukanisele iNkosi
ngazo kayikuya esidunjini. **7** Kayikuzingcolisa ngoyise,
langonina, ngomfowabo, langodadewabo, uba befile,
ngoba ukwehlukaniselwa uNkulunkulu wakhe kuphezu
kwekhanda lakhe. **8** Zonke insuku zokuzehlukanisela
kwakhe ungcwele eNkosini. **9** Uba-ke ofayo ejunywa
masinyane yikufa phansi kwakhe, usengcolise ikhanda
lokuzehlukanisela kwakhe, uzaphuca ikhanda lakhe
ngosuku lokuhlanjululwa kwakhe, uzaliphuca ngosuku
lwesikhombisa. **10** Langosuku lwesificaminwembili
uzaletha amajuba amabili loba amaphuphu amabili
enkwilimba kumpristi emnyango wethente lenhlangano.
11 Lompristi uzanikela enye ibe ngumnikelo wesono,
lenye ibe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, amenzele inhlawulo
yokuthula, ngoba wonile ngesidumbu. Njalo uzangcwelisa
ikhanda lakhe ngalona lolosuku, **12** azehlukanisele
iNkosi insuku zokuzehlukanisela kwakhe, alethe iwundlu
elilomnyaka owodwa libe ngumnikelo wecala; kodwa
insuku zakuqala zizakuwa, ngoba ukuzehlukanisela
kwakhe kungcolisiwe. **13** Lalo ngumlayo womNaziri
ngosuku lapho insuku zokuzehlukanisela kwakhe
sezigcwalisekile. Uzaletha lokhu emnyango wethente
lenhlangano, **14** anikele umnikelo wakhe eNkosini,
iwundlu elilodwa elilomnyaka owodwa elingelasici
libe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, lewundlukazi elilodwa
elilomnyaka owodwa elingelasici libe ngumnikelo
wesono, lenqama ibenye engelasici ibe yiminikelo
yokuthula, **15** lesitsha sezinkwa ezingelamvubelo,
amaqebelengwana empuphu ecolekileyo ehlanganiswe
lamafutha, lezinkwana eziyizipatalala ezingelamvubelo
ezinindwe ngamafutha, lomnikelo wazo wokudla
leminikelo yazo yokunathwayo. **16** Njalo umpristi
uzakusondeza phambi kweNkosi, anikele umnikelo wakhe

wesono lomnikelo wakhe wokutshiswa. **17** Lenqama
uzayinikela ibe ngumhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula
eNkosini kanye lesitsha sezinkwa ezingelamvubelo;
lompristi uzanikela umnikelo wakhe wokudla lomnikelo
wakhe wokunathwayo. **18** UmNaziri uzaphuca-ke
ikhanda lokuzehlukanisela kwakhe emnyango wethente
lenhlangano, athathe inwele zekhanda lokuzehlukanisela
kwakhe, azifake emlilweni ongaphansi komhlatshelo
weminikelo yokuthula. **19** Lompristi uzathatha
umkhono ophekiweyo wenqama, leqebelengwana
elilodwa elingelamvubelo esitsheni, lesinkwana esisodwa
esiyisipatalala esingelamvubelo, akubeke ezandleni
zomNaziri esephucile ukuzehlukanisela kwakhe, **20**
umpristi akuzunguze-ke kube ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa
phambi kweNkosi; kungcwele kumpristi, kanye lesifuba
esizunguziweyo kanye lomlenze wokuphakanyiswa.
Emva kwalokhu umNaziri usenganatha iwayini. **21**
Lo ngumlayo womNaziri othembise umnikelo wakhe
wokuzehlukanisela kwakhe eNkosini, ngaphandle
kwalokho isandla sakhe singafinyelela kukho;
njengesithembiso sakhe asithembisileyo uzakwenza
njalo, njengomlayo wobuNaziri bakhe. **22** INkosi
yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **23** Tshono kuAroni
lakumadodana akhe uthi: Lizabusisa kanje abantwana
bakoIsrayeli, lisithi kubo: **24** INkosi kayikubusise,
ikulondoloze. **25** INkosi kayikhanyise ubuso bayo kuwe,
ibe lomusa kuwe. **26** INkosi kayiphakamise ubuso
bayo kuwe, ikunike ukuthula. **27** Ngokunjalo bazabeka
ibizo lami phezu kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli, mina-ke
ngizababusisa.

7 Kwasekusithi ngosuku uMozisi aqeda ngalo ukumisa
ithabhanekele, waligcoba, walingcwelisa, lempahla
zalo zonke, lelathi lempahla zalo zonke, wakugcoba,
wakungcwelisa; **2** iziphathamandla zakoIsrayeli, izinhloko
zezindlu zaboyise, ezaziyiziphathamandla zezizwe,
ezazisongamela labo ababalwayo, zanikela, **3** zaletha
umnikelo wazo phambi kweNkosi, inqola eziyisithupha
ezembesiweyo lenkabi ezilitshumi lambili; inqola eyodwa
ngeziphathamandla ezimbili, lenkabi ngesisodwa;
zazisondeza phambi kwethabhanekele. **4** INkosi
yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **5** Yemukela kuzo, ukuze
zibe ngezokusebenza inkonzo yethente lenhlangano,
uzinike amaLevi, kulowo lalowo njengomsebenzi
wakhe. **6** Ngakho uMozisi wathatha izinqola lezinkabi,
wazinika amaLevi. **7** Inqola ezimbili lenkabi ezine
wazinika amadodana kaGerishoni, njengomsebenzi
wawo; **8** lenqola ezine lenkabi eziyisificaminwembili
wazinika amadodana kaMerari, njengomsebenzi wawo,
ngesandla sikaIthamari indodana kaAroni umpristi. **9**
Kodwa emadodaneni kaKohathi kanikanga lutho, ngoba
umsebenzi wendawo engcwele wawuphezu kwawo,
awuthwala emahlombe. **10** Leziphathamandla zanikelela
ukwehlukaniselwa kwelathi ngosuku elagcotshwa
ngalo; iziphathamandla zasondeza umnikelo wazo
phambi kwelathi. **11** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi:
Isiphathamandla ngasinye ngasinye ngosuku lwaso,
zizanikelela umnikelo wazo wokwehlukaniselwa kwelathi.
12 Owanikela-ke umnikelo wakhe ngosuku lokuqala
wayenguNashoni indodana kaAminadaba, owesizwe
sakoJuda. **13** Lomnikelo wakhe wawungumganu owodwa
wesiliva, osisindo sawo sasingamashekeli alikhulu
lamatshumi amathathu, umganu wokufafaza owodwa
wesiliva wamashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa,
ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele; yomibili yayigcwele
impuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, kube ngumnikelo
wokudla; **14** ukhezo olulodwa olungamashekeli alitshumi
egolide, lugcwele impepha; **15** ijongosi elilodwa
ithole lenkomo, inqama eyodwa, iwundlu elilodwa
elilomnyaka owodwa, kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa;
16 izinyane lembuzi elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono;
17 lokomhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula, izinkabi
ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu,
amawundlu amahlanu alomnyaka owodwa. Lokhu
kwakungumnikelo kaNashoni indodana kaAminadaba.
18 Ngosuku lwesibili uNethaneli indodana kaZuwari,
isiphathamandla sakoIsakari, wanikela. **19** Wanikela
umnikelo wakhe: Umganu owodwa wesiliva, osisindo
sawo sasingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu,
umganu wokufafaza owodwa wesiliva wamashekeli
angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, ngokweshekeli lendlu
engcwele; yomibili yayigcwele impuphu ecolekileyo
ixubene lamafutha, kube ngumnikelo wokudla; **20** ukhezo
olulodwa olungamashekeli alitshumi egolide, lugcwele
impepha; **21** ijongosi elilodwa ithole lenkomo, inqama
eyodwa, iwundlu elilodwa elilomnyaka owodwa, kube
ngumnikelo wokutshiswa; **22** izinyane lembuzi elilodwa
libe ngumnikelo wesono; **23** lokomhlatshelo weminikelo
yokuthula, izinkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo
ezinhlanu, amawundlu amahlanu alomnyaka owodwa.
Lokhu kwakungumnikelo kaNethaneli indodana kaZuwari.
24 Ngosuku lwesithathu uEliyabi indodana kaHeloni,
isiphathamandla sabantwana bakoZebuluni: **25** Umnikelo
wakhe wawungumganu owodwa wesiliva, osisindo
sawo sasingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu,
umganu wokufafaza owodwa wesiliva wamashekeli
angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, ngokweshekeli lendlu
engcwele; yomibili yayigcwele impuphu ecolekileyo
ixubene lamafutha, kube ngumnikelo wokudla; **26** ukhezo
olulodwa olungamashekeli alitshumi egolide, lugcwele
impepha; **27** ijongosi elilodwa ithole lenkomo, inqama
eyodwa, iwundlu elilodwa elilomnyaka owodwa, kube
ngumnikelo wokutshiswa; **28** izinyane lembuzi elilodwa
libe ngumnikelo wesono; **29** lokomhlatshelo weminikelo
yokuthula, izinkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo
ezinhlanu, amawundlu amahlanu alomnyaka owodwa.
Lokho kwakungumnikelo kaEliyabi indodana kaHeloni.
30 Ngosuku lwesine uElizuri indodana kaShedewuri,

isiphathamandla sabantwana bakoRubeni: **31** Umnikelo
wakhe wawungumganu owodwa wesiliva, osisindo
sawo sasingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu,
umganu wokufafaza owodwa wesiliva wamashekeli
angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, ngokweshekeli lendlu
engcwele; yomibili yayigcwele impuphu ecolekileyo
ixubene lamafutha, kube ngumnikelo wokudla; **32**
ukhezo olulodwa olungamashekeli alitshumi egolide,
lugcwele impepha; **33** ijongosi elilodwa ithole lenkomo,
inqama eyodwa, iwundlu elilodwa elilomnyaka owodwa,
kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa; **34** izinyane lembuzi
elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono; **35** lokomhlatshelo
weminikelo yokuthula, izinkabi ezimbili, inqama
ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu, amawundlu amahlanu
alomnyaka owodwa. Lokho kwakungumnikelo kaElizuri
indodana kaShedewuri. **36** Ngosuku lwesihlanu
uShelumiyeli indodana kaZurishadayi, isiphathamandla
sabantwana bakoSimeyoni: **37** Umnikelo wakhe
wawungumganu owodwa wesiliva, osisindo sawo
sasingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu,
umganu wokufafaza owodwa wesiliva wamashekeli
angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, ngokweshekeli lendlu
engcwele; yomibili yayigcwele impuphu ecolekileyo
ixubene lamafutha, kube ngumnikelo wokudla; **38** ukhezo
olulodwa olungamashekeli alitshumi egolide, lugcwele
impepha; **39** ijongosi elilodwa ithole lenkomo, inqama
eyodwa, iwundlu elilodwa elilomnyaka owodwa, kube
ngumnikelo wokutshiswa; **40** izinyane lembuzi elilodwa
libe ngumnikelo wesono; **41** lokomhlatshelo weminikelo
yokuthula, izinkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo
ezinhlanu, amawundlu amahlanu alomnyaka owodwa.
Lokho kwakungumnikelo kaShelumiyeli indodana
kaZurishadayi. **42** Ngosuku lwesithupha uEliyasafi
indodana kaDehuweli, isiphathamandla sabantwana
bakoGadi: **43** Umnikelo wakhe wawungumganu owodwa
wesiliva, osisindo sawo sasingamashekeli alikhulu
lamatshumi amathathu, umganu wokufafaza owodwa
wesiliva wamashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa,
ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele; yomibili yayigcwele
impuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, kube ngumnikelo
wokudla; **44** ukhezo olulodwa olungamashekeli alitshumi
egolide, lugcwele impepha; **45** ijongosi elilodwa
ithole lenkomo, inqama eyodwa, iwundlu elilodwa
elilomnyaka owodwa, kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa;
46 izinyane lembuzi elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono;
47 lokomhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula, izinkabi
ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu,
amawundlu amahlanu alomnyaka owodwa. Lokho
kwakungumnikelo kaEliyasafi indodana kaDehuweli. **48**
Ngosuku lwesikhombisa uElishama indodana kaAmihudi,
isiphathamandla sabantwana bakoEfrayimi: **49** Umnikelo
wakhe wawungumganu owodwa wesiliva, osisindo
sawo sasingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu,
umganu wokufafaza owodwa wesiliva wamashekeli
angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, ngokweshekeli lendlu
engcwele; yomibili yayigcwele impuphu ecolekileyo
ixubene lamafutha, kube ngumnikelo wokudla; **50**
ukhezo olulodwa olungamashekeli alitshumi egolide,
lugcwele impepha; **51** ijongosi elilodwa ithole
lenkomo, inqama eyodwa, iwundlu elilodwa elilomnyaka
owodwa, kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa; **52** izinyane
lembuzi elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono; **53**
lokomhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula, izinkabi ezimbili,
inqama ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu, amawundlu
amahlanu alomnyaka owodwa. Lokho kwakungumnikelo
kaElishama indodana kaAmihudi. **54** Ngosuku
lwesificaminwembili uGamaliyeli indodana kaPedazuri,
isiphathamandla sabantwana bakoManase: **55** Umnikelo
wakhe wawungumganu owodwa wesiliva, osisindo
sawo sasingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu,
umganu wokufafaza owodwa wesiliva wamashekeli
angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, ngokweshekeli lendlu
engcwele; yomibili yayigcwele impuphu ecolekileyo
ixubene lamafutha, kube ngumnikelo wokudla; **56**
ukhezo olulodwa olungamashekeli alitshumi egolide,
lugcwele impepha; **57** ijongosi elilodwa ithole lenkomo,
inqama eyodwa, iwundlu elilodwa elilomnyaka owodwa,
kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa; **58** izinyane lembuzi
elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono; **59** lokomhlatshelo
weminikelo yokuthula, izinkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu,
impongo ezinhlanu, amawundlu amahlanu alomnyaka
owodwa. Lokho kwakungumnikelo kaGamaliyeli indodana
kaPedazuri. **60** Ngosuku lwesificamunwemunye
uAbidani indodana kaGideyoni, isiphathamandla
sabantwana bakoBhenjamini: **61** Umnikelo wakhe
wawungumganu owodwa wesiliva, osisindo sawo
sasingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu,
umganu wokufafaza owodwa wesiliva wamashekeli
angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, ngokweshekeli lendlu
engcwele; yomibili yayigcwele impuphu ecolekileyo
ixubene lamafutha, kube ngumnikelo wokudla; **62**
ukhezo olulodwa olungamashekeli alitshumi egolide,
lugcwele impepha; **63** ijongosi elilodwa ithole lenkomo,
inqama eyodwa, iwundlu elilodwa elilomnyaka owodwa,
kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa; **64** izinyane lembuzi
elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono; **65** lokomhlatshelo
weminikelo yokuthula, izinkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu,
impongo ezinhlanu, amawundlu amahlanu alomnyaka
owodwa. Lokho kwakungumnikelo kaAbidani indodana
kaGideyoni. **66** Ngosuku lwetshumi uAhiyezeri
indodana kaAmishadayi, isiphathamandla sabantwana
bakoDani: **67** Umnikelo wakhe wawungumganu owodwa
wesiliva, osisindo sawo sasingamashekeli alikhulu
lamatshumi amathathu, umganu wokufafaza owodwa
wesiliva wamashekeli angamatshumi ayisikhombisa,
ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele; yomibili yayigcwele
impuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, kube ngumnikelo
wokudla; **68** ukhezo olulodwa olungamashekeli alitshumi

egolide, lugcwele impepha; **69** ijongosi elilodwa
ithole lenkomo, inqama eyodwa, iwundlu elilodwa
elilomnyaka owodwa, kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa; **70**
izinyane lembuzi elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono; **71**
lokomhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula, izinkabi ezimbili,
inqama ezinhlanu, impongo ezinhlanu, amawundlu
amahlanu alomnyaka owodwa. Lokho kwakungumnikelo
kaAhiyezeri indodana kaAmishadayi. **72** Ngosuku
lwetshumi lanye uPagiyeli indodana kaOkirani,
isiphathamandla sabantwana bakoAsheri: **73** Umnikelo
wakhe wawungumganu owodwa wesiliva, osisindo
sawo sasingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu,
umganu wokufafaza owodwa wesiliva wamashekeli
angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, ngokweshekeli lendlu
engcwele; yomibili yayigcwele impuphu ecolekileyo
ixubene lamafutha, kube ngumnikelo wokudla; **74** ukhezo
olulodwa olungamashekeli alitshumi egolide, lugcwele
impepha; **75** ijongosi elilodwa ithole lenkomo, inqama
eyodwa, iwundlu elilodwa elilomnyaka owodwa, kube
ngumnikelo wokutshiswa; **76** izinyane lembuzi elilodwa
libe ngumnikelo wesono; **77** lokomhlatshelo weminikelo
yokuthula, izinkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu, impongo
ezinhlanu, amawundlu amahlanu alomnyaka owodwa.
Lokho kwakungumnikelo kaPagiyeli indodana kaOkirani.
78 Ngosuku lwetshumi lambili uAhira indodana kaEnani,
isiphathamandla sabantwana bakoNafithali: **79** Umnikelo
wakhe wawungumganu owodwa wesiliva, osisindo
sawo sasingamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi amathathu,
umganu wokufafaza owodwa wesiliva wamashekeli
angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, ngokweshekeli lendlu
engcwele; yomibili yayigcwele impuphu ecolekileyo
ixubene lamafutha, kube ngumnikelo wokudla; **80**
ukhezo olulodwa olungamashekeli alitshumi egolide,
lugcwele impepha; **81** ijongosi elilodwa ithole lenkomo,
inqama eyodwa, iwundlu elilodwa elilomnyaka owodwa,
kube ngumnikelo wokutshiswa; **82** izinyane lembuzi
elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono; **83** lokomhlatshelo
weminikelo yokuthula, izinkabi ezimbili, inqama ezinhlanu,
impongo ezinhlanu, amawundlu amahlanu alomnyaka
owodwa. Lokho kwakungumnikelo kaAhira indodana
kaEnani. **84** Lokhu kwakuyikwehlukaniselwa kwelathi
ngosuku lokugcotshwa kwalo ngeziphathamandla
zakoIsrayeli. Imiganu yesiliva elitshumi lambili,
imiganu yokufafaza yesiliva elitshumi lambili, inkezo
zegolide ezilitshumi lambili. **85** Lowo lalowo umganu
wesiliva wawungamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi
amathathu; langulowo lalowo umganu wokufafaza
wamatshumi ayisikhombisa; sonke isiliva semiganu
sasingamashekeli azinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu
amane, ngokweshekeli lendlu engcwele. **86** Inkezo
zegolide ezilitshumi lambili, zigcwele impepha; yilolo
lalolokhezo lwalungamashekeli alitshumi ngokweshekeli
lendlu engcwele; igolide lonke lenkezo lalingamashekeli
alikhulu lamatshumi amabili. **87** Zonke izifuyo zomnikelo
wokutshiswa zazingamajongosi alitshumi lambili, inqama
ezilitshumi lambili, amawundlu alomnyaka owodwa
alitshumi lambili, lomnikelo wazo wokudla; lamazinyane
embuzi alitshumi lambili omnikelo wesono. **88** Lazo
zonke izifuyo zomhlatshelo weminikelo yokuthula
zazingamajongosi angamatshumi amabili lane, inqama
ezingamatshumi ayisithupha, impongo ezingamatshumi
ayisithupha, amawundlu angamatshumi ayisithupha
alomnyaka owodwa. Lokhu kwakuyikwehlukaniselwa
kwelathi, emva kokugcotshwa kwalo. **89** Lapho uMozisi
esengena ethenteni lenhlangano ukukhuluma laye,
wezwa ilizwi likhuluma kuye, livela ngaphezu kwesihlalo
somusa esiphezu komtshokotsho wobufakazi, livela
phakathi kwamakherubhi amabili; wasekhuluma kuye.

8 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **2** Tshono
kuAroni uthi kuye: Nxa ulumathisa izibane, izibane
eziyisikhombisa zizakhanyisa ngaphambili phambi koluthi
lwesibane. **3** UAroni wasesenza njalo; ngaphambili
phambi koluthi lwesibane walumathisa izibane zalo,
njengokulaya kweNkosi kuMozisi. **4** Lalo umsebenzi
woluthi lwesibane wawungowegolide elikhandiweyo,
kuze kube sesidindini salo kuze kuye emalubeni alo
lwalukhandiwe; njengesifanekiso iNkosi eyamtshengisa
sona uMozisi, walwenza njalo uluthi lwesibane. **5** INkosi
yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **6** Khupha amaLevi phakathi
kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli, uwahlambulule; **7** wenze
ngokunjalo kuwo ukuwahlambulula; ufafaze phezu kwawo
amanzi okuhlambulula, njalo adlulise impuco emzimbeni
wawo wonke, awatshe izigqoko zawo, azihlambulule.
8 Athathe ijongosi ithole lenkomo, lomnikelo walo
wokudla, impuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha,
uthathe lelinye ijongosi ithole lenkomo, libe ngumnikelo
wesono. **9** Njalo uzasondeza amaLevi phambi kwethente
lenhlangano, ubuthanise inhlangano yonke yabantwana
bakoIsrayeli. **10** Usondeze amaLevi phambi kweNkosi,
njalo abantwana bakoIsrayeli bazabeka izandla zabo
phezu kwamaLevi, **11** loAroni azunguze amaLevi,
abe ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa phambi kweNkosi,
evela ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli, ukuze abe ngasebenza
umsebenzi weNkosi. **12** AmaLevi azabeka-ke izandla
zawo enhlokweni yamajongosi; unikele elinye libe
ngumnikelo wesono, lelinye libe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa
eNkosini, ukuwenzela amaLevi inhlawulo yokuthula. **13**
Njalo uzawamisa amaLevi phambi kukaAroni laphambi
kwamadodana akhe, uwazunguze abe ngumnikelo
wokuzunguzwa eNkosini. **14** Ngakho uzakwehlukanisa
amaLevi uwakhuphe phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli,
ukuthi amaLevi abe ngawami. **15** Lemva kwalokho
amaLevi azangena ukukhonza ethenteni lenhlangano.
Njalo uzawahlambulula, uwazunguze abe ngumnikelo
wokuzunguzwa. **16** Ngoba wona aphiwe lokuphiwa
mina ephuma phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli.
Esikhundleni salokho okuvula sonke isizalo, izibulo

laye wonke wabantwana bakoIsrayeli, ngizithathele
wona. 17 Ngoba lonke izibulo phakathi kwabantwana
bakoIsrayeli ngelami, phakathi kwabantu laphakathi
kwezifuyo. Ngosuku engatshaya ngalo lonke izibulo
elizweni leGibhithe ngazingcwelisela wona; 18
sengithethe amaLevi esikhundleni sawo wonke amazibulo
phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli. 19 Ngiwanikile
amaLevi njengabaphiweyo kuAroni lakumadodana akhe,
ephuma phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli, ukukhonza
inkonzo yabantwana bakoIsrayeli ethenteni lenhlangano,
lokwenzela abantwana bakoIsrayeli inhlawulo yokuthula,
ukuze kungabi lenhlupheko phakathi kwabantwana
bakoIsrayeli, nxa abantwana bakoIsrayeli besondela
endlini engcwele. 20 UMozisi loAroni lenhlangano
yonke yabantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesenza kumaLevi
njengakho konke iNkosi eyakulaya uMozisi mayelana
lamaLevi; benza njalo abantwana bakoIsrayeli kuwo.
21 LamaLevi azihlambulula, ahlamba izembatho zawo;
uAroni wasewazunguza aba ngumnikelo wokuzunguzwa
phambi kweNkosi; loAroni wawenzela inhlawulo yokuthula
ukuwahlambulula. 22 Lemva kwalokho amaLevi angena
ukwenza inkonzo yawo ethenteni lenhlangano phambi
kukaAroni laphambi kwamadodana akhe. Njengalokhu
iNkosi yamlaya uMozisi ngamaLevi, benza njalo
kuwo. 23 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: 24
Yilokhu okuqondene lamaLevi: Kusukela koleminyaka
engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu langaphezulu azangena
ukukhonza inkonzo, enkonzweni yethente lenhlangano.
25 Njalo kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu
azaphuma enkonzweni yenkonzo, angabe esasebenza;
26 kodwa azasiza abazalwane bawo ethenteni
lenhlangano ukugcina umlindo, kodwa angasebenzi
umsebenzi. Uzakwenza njalo kumaLevi kumfanelo zawo.

9 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi enkangala yeSinayi,
ngomnyaka wesibili emva kokuphuma kwabo elizweni
leGibhithe ngenyanga yokuqala, isithi: 2 Futhi abantwana
bakoIsrayeli kabagcine iphasika ngesikhathi salo
esimisiweyo. 3 Ngosuku lwetshumi lane lwenyanga
le, kusihlwa, lizaligcina ngesikhathi salo esimisiweyo;
ngokwezimiso zalo zonke langokwemithetho yalo yonke
liligcine. 4 Ngakho uMozisi wakhuluma kubantwana
bakoIsrayeli, ukuthi bagcine iphasika. 5 Basebegcina
iphasika ngosuku lwetshumi lane lwenyanga yakuqala,
kusihlwa, enkangala yeSinayi; njengakho konke iNkosi
eyamlaya ngakho uMozisi, benza njalo abantwana
bakoIsrayeli. 6 Kwakukhona-ke amadoda ayengcolile
ngenxa yesidumbu, ukuthi ayengelakugcina iphasika
ngalolosuku. Asondela phambi kukaMozisi laphambi
kukaAroni ngalolosuku. 7 Lalawomadoda asesithi
kubo: Thina singcolile ngenxa yesidumbu; sivinjelelwani
ukuze singanikeli umnikelo weNkosi ngesikhathi sawo
esimisiweyo, phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli? 8
UMozisi wasesithi kuwo: Manini, ukuze ngizwe ukuthi
iNkosi izalilayani. 9 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:
10 Tshono ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli uthi: Uba ngulowo
lalowo phakathi kwenu loba owezizukulwana zenu
ezangcola ngenxa yesidumbu, loba esekuhambeni
khatshana, uzagcina iphasika eNkosini. 11 Ngenyanga
yesibili, ngosuku lwetshumi lane, kusihlwa, bazaligcina;
bazalidla lesinkwa esingelamvubelo lemibhida ebabayo.
12 Kabayikutshiya lutho lwalo kuze kube sekuseni,
bangephuli thambo lalo; bazaligcina ngokwezimiso
zonke zephasika. 13 Kodwa umuntu ohlambulukileyo,
ongekho ekuhambeni, oyekela ukugcina iphasika,
lowomphefumulo uzaqunywa usuke ebantwini bawo,
ngoba kanikelanga umnikelo weNkosi ngesikhathi sawo
esimisiweyo; lowomuntu uzathwala isono sakhe. 14 Uba-
ke owemzini ehlala njengowezizwe kini agcine iphasika
eNkosini, ngokwesimiso sephasika langokomthetho
walo, uzakwenza njalo. Kuzakuba lesimiso esisodwa
kini lakowemzini lakowokuzalwa elizweni. 15 Langosuku
ithabhanekele elamiswa ngalo, iyezi lasibekela
ithabhanekele, ithente lobufakazi; lakusihlwa kwakukhona
phezu kwethabhanekele njengokubonakala komlilo
kwaze kwaba sekuseni. 16 Kwakunjalo isikhathi sonke:
Iyezi lalisibekela, njalo kwaba lokubonakala komlilo
ebusuku. 17 Kwakusithi lapho iyezi liphakanyiswa
lisuka phezu kwethente, langemva kwalokho abantwana
bakoIsrayeli basuke; lendaweni lapho iyezi elima khona,
abantwana bakoIsrayeli bamisa khona amathente abo.
18 Ngokomlayo weNkosi abantwana bakoIsrayeli basuka,
langokomlayo weNkosi bamisa amathente abo: Bahlala
enkambeni insuku zonke iyezi elalihlala ngazo phezu
kwethabhanekele. 19 Lalapho iyezi lihlala isikhathi eside
phezu kwethabhanekele insuku ezinengi, abantwana
bakoIsrayeli bagcina imfanelo yeNkosi, kabasukanga.
20 Kwasekusithi lapho iyezi liphezu kwethabhanekele
insuku ezinlutshwana; ngokomlayo weNkosi bahlala
enkambeni, futhi ngokomlayo weNkosi basuka. 21
Kwasekusithi lapho iyezi likhona kusukela kusihlwa
kuze kube sekuseni, lapho iyezi liphakanyiswa ekuseni,
basuka. Loba kusemini kumbe ebusuku, lapho iyezi
liphakanyiswa basuka. 22 Kumbe uba iyezi lalihlala
isikhathi eside phezu kwethabhanekele okwensuku
ezimbili, loba inyanga, loba umnyaka, lihlezi phezu
kwalo, abantwana bakoIsrayeli bahlala enkambeni,
kabasukanga. Kodwa lapho liphakanyiswa, basuka. 23
Ngokomlayo weNkosi bamisa inkamba, langokomlayo
weNkosi basuka. Bagcina imfanelo yeNkosi ngokomlayo
weNkosi ngesandla sikaMozisi.

10 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: 2 Zenzele
impondo ezimbili zesiliva, uzenze zibe
ngumsebenzi okhandiweyo; njalo zizakuba ngezakho
ekubizeni inhlangano lekusukeni kwezinkamba. 3
Uba bezivuthela inhlangano yonke izabuthana kuwe
emnyango wethente lenhlangano. 4 Kodwa uba bevuthela
olulodwa, iziphathamandla, inhloko zezinkulungwane

zakoIsrayeli zizabuthana kuwe. **5** Lapho lihlaba umkhosi,
izinkamba ezimise ngempumalanga zizasuka. **6**
Lalapho lihlaba umkhosi ngokwesibili, izinkamba ezimise
ngeningizimu zizasuka. Bazahlaba umkhosi ukuze
zisuke. **7** Kodwa ekubuthaniseni ibandla lizavuthela
impondo, kodwa lingahlabi umkhosi. **8** Njalo amadodana
kaAroni, abapristi, azavuthela izimpondo. Zizakuba
kini yisimiso esilaphakade ezizukulwaneni zenu. **9**
Njalo lapho liphuma impi elizweni lakini ukuyakulwa
lesitha esilicindezelayo, lihlabe umkhosi ngezimpondo,
njalo likhunjulwe phambi kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu,
lisindiswe ezitheni zenu. **10** Langosuku lwentokozo yenu,
lemikhosini yenu emisiweyo, lekuthwaseni kwenyanga
zenu, lizavuthela izimpondo phezu kweminikelo yenu
yokutshiswa laphezu kwemihlatshelo yeminikelo
yenu yokuthula, ukuze ibe kini yisikhumbuzo phambi
kukaNkulunkulu wenu. NgiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu.
11 Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wesibili, ngenyanga
yesibili, ngolwamatshumi amabili lwenyanga, iyezi
laphakanyiswa lisuka phezu kwethabhanekele lobufakazi.
12 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesuka enkangala
yeSinayi ngokwenhambo zabo; leyezi lema enkangala
yeParani. **13** Basebesuka okokuqala ngokomlayo
weNkosi ngesandla sikaMozisi. **14** Kwasekusuka uphawu
lwenkamba yabantwana bakoJuda kuqala ngamabutho
abo; laphezu kwebutho lakhe kwakunguNashoni
indodana kaAminadaba. **15** Laphezu kwebutho
lesizwe sabantwana bakoIsakari kwakunguNethaneli
indodana kaZuwari. **16** Laphezu kwebutho lesizwe
sabantwana bakoZebuluni kwakunguEliyabi indodana
kaHeloni. **17** Ithabhanekele laselidilizwa; amadodana
kaGerishoni lamadodana kaMerari asesuka, ethwele
ithabhanekele. **18** Kwasekusuka uphawu lwenkamba
yakoRubeni ngamabutho abo; laphezu kwebutho
lakhe kwakunguElizuri indodana kaShedewuri. **19**
Laphezu kwebutho lesizwe sabantwana bakoSimeyoni
kwakunguShelumiyeli indodana kaZurishadayi. **20**
Laphezu kwebutho lesizwe sabantwana bakoGadi
kwakunguEliyasafi indodana kaDehuweli. **21**
Kwasekusuka amaKohathi ethwele indlu engcwele,
labanye bamisa ithabhanekele, engakafiki. **22**
Kwasekusuka uphawu lwenkamba yabantwana
bakoEfrayimi ngamabutho abo; laphezu kwebutho
lakhe kwakunguElishama indodana kaAmihudi. **23**
Laphezu kwebutho lesizwe sabantwana bakoManase
kwakunguGamaliyeli indodana kaPedazuri. **24** Laphezu
kwebutho lesizwe sabantwana bakoBhenjamini
kwakunguAbidani indodana kaGideyoni. **25** Kwasekusuka
uphawu lwenkamba yabantwana bakoDani;
babengabokucina ezinkambeni zonke ngamabutho
abo; laphezu kwebutho lakhe kwakunguAhiyezeri
indodana kaAmishadayi. **26** Laphezu kwebutho lesizwe
sabantwana bakoAsheri kwakunguPagiyeli indodana
kaOkirani. **27** Laphezu kwebutho lesizwe sabantwana
bakoNafithali kwakunguAhira indodana kaEnani. **28**
Lokhu yikusuka kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli ngamabutho
abo, ekusukeni kwabo. **29** UMozisi wasesithi kuHobabi
indodana kaRehuweli umMidiyani, uyisezala kaMozisi:
Thina siyasuka siya endaweni iNkosi eyathi ngayo:
Ngizalipha yona. Hamba lathi; sizakwenzela okuhle,
ngoba iNkosi ikhulume okuhle ngoIsrayeli. **30** Wasesithi
kuye: Kangiyikuhamba, kodwa-ke ngizakuya elizweni
lakithi lezihlotsheni zami. **31** Wasesithi: Ake ungasitshiyi,
ngoba uyazi lapho esingamisa khona inkamba
enkangala, uzakuba ngamehlo ethu. **32** Kuzakuthi-ke,
uba uhamba lathi, yebo, kuzakwenzeka lokho okuhle
okungakho iNkosi ezasenzela okuhle, sizakwenzela
okuhle. **33** Basuka-ke entabeni yeNkosi, uhambo
lwensuku ezintathu; lomtshokotsho wesivumelwano
seNkosi wahamba phambi kwabo uhambo lwensuku
ezintathu, ukuze ubadingele indawo yokuphumula. **34**
Leyezi leNkosi laliphezu kwabo emini, ekusukeni kwabo
enkambeni. **35** Kwasekusithi ekusukeni komtshokotsho,
uMozisi wathi: Vuka, Nkosi, kazichitheke-ke izitha
zakho, lalabo abakuzondayo kababaleke phambi
kwakho. **36** Ekumisweni kwawo wathi: Buyela,
Nkosi, kuzinkulungwane ezilitshumi zezinkulungwane
zakoIsrayeli.

11 Kwasekusithi abantu besola kwakukubi endlebeni
zeNkosi. Kwathi iNkosi isikuzwile, ulaka lwayo
lwavutha, lomlilo weNkosi wavutha phakathi kwabo,
waqothula emngceleni wenkamba. **2** Abantu basebekhala
kuMozisi; uMozisi wasekhuleka eNkosini, lomlilo
wadeda. **3** Ngakho wabiza ibizo laleyondawo iTabera,
ngoba umlilo weNkosi wavutha phakathi kwabo.
4 Ududu lwabantu olwaluphakathi kwabo lwaloyisa
isiloyiso; ngakho labantwana bakoIsrayeli baphinde
bakhala inyembezi, bathi: Ngubani ozasipha inyama
ukuthi sidle? **5** Siyazikhumbula inhlanzi esasizidla
ngesihle eGibhithe, amakhomane, lamakhabe, lamaliki,
lesandindima, legalikhi. **6** Kodwa khathesi umphefumulo
wethu womile, kakulalutho ngitsho, ngaphandle kwale
imana phambi kwamehlo ethu. **7** Njalo imana
yayinjengenhlanyelo yekhoriyanderi, lokukhangeleka
kwayo kwakunjengokukhangeleka kwebedola. **8**
Abantu bahambahamba bayibutha bayichola ematsheni
okuchola, loba bayigiga engigeni, bayipheka ezimbizeni,
benza amaqebelengwana ngayo; lokunambitheka kwayo
kwakunjengokunambitheka komhluzi wamafutha. **9**
Lapho amazolo esehlela phezu kwenkamba ebusuku,
imana yehla phezu kwawo. **10** Njalo uMozisi wezwa
abantu bekhala inyembezi ngokwensapho zabo, ngulowo
lalowo emnyango wethente lakhe. Lolaka lweNkosi
lwavutha kakhulu; futhi kwaba kubi emehlweni kaMozisi.
11 UMozisi wasesithi eNkosini: Wenzeleni okubi encekwini
yakho? Njalo kungani ngingatholanga umusa emehlweni
akho ukuthi ubeke umthwalo walababantu bonke phezu
kwami? **12** Mina ngakhulelwa yibo bonke lababantu

yini? Kumbe mina ngabazala yini, ukuze uthi kimi:
Basingathe esifubeni sakho, njengomlizane owesilisa
esingatha umntwana omunyayo, kuze kube selizweni
owalifungela oyise? 13 Ngingayithatha ngaphi inyama
ukuthi ngibaphe bonke lababantu? Ngoba bayakhala
inyembezi kimi besithi: Siphe inyama ukuze sidle.
14 Mina kangilamandla okuthwala bonke lababantu
ngedwa, ngoba kunzima kakhulu kimi. 15 Uba-ke usenza
njalo kimi, ake ungibulale lokungibulala, uba ngithole
umusa emehlweni akho, njalo kangingaboni usizi lwami.
16 INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Buthela kimi amadoda
angamatshumi ayisikhombisa abadala bakoIsrayeli,
owaziyo ngawo ukuthi angabadala babantu lenduna
zabo, uwalethe ethenteni lenhlangano ukuze eme khona
lawe. 17 Njalo ngizakwehla, ngikhulume lawe khona;
ngizagodla okomoya ophezu kwakho ngikufake phezu
kwabo; njalo bazathwala kanye lawe umthwalo wabantu,
ukuze ungawuthwali wedwa. 18 Tshono-ke ebantwini
uthi: Zingcweliseleleni ikusasa, lizakudla inyama; ngoba
likhalile inyembezi endlebeni zeNkosi lisithi: Ngubani
ozasipha inyama ukuze sidle? Ngoba kwakukuhle kithi
eGibhithe. Ngakho iNkosi izalipha inyama njalo lidle.
19 Kaliyikudla usuku olulodwa, loba insuku ezimbili,
loba insuku ezinhlanu, loba insuku ezilitshumi, kumbe
insuku ezingamatshumi amabili, 20 kuze kube yinyanga
yonke, ize iphume emakhaleni enu, ilitshiphele, ngenxa
yokuthi liyalile iNkosi ephakathi kwenu, lakhala inyembezi
phambi kwayo lisithi: Kanti saphumelani eGibhithe? 21
Kodwa uMozisi wathi: Abantu abahamba ngenyawo
engiphakathi kwabo bazinkulungwane ezingamakhulu
ayisithupha; wena-ke uthe: Ngizabanika inyama ukuze
badle inyanga yonke. 22 Bazahlatshelwa izimvu
lezinkomo yini ukuze zibanele? Loba bazabuthelwa yini
inhlanzi zonke zolwandle ukuze zibanele? 23 INkosi
yasisithi kuMozisi: Isandla seNkosi sifinyeziwe yini?
Khathesi uzabona ukuthi ilizwi lami lizakwenzeka kuwe
kumbe hatshi. 24 UMozisi wasephuma, wabatshela
abantu amazwi eNkosi; wabutha amadoda angamatshumi
ayisikhombisa ebadaleni babantu, wawamisa ehanqe
ithente. 25 INkosi yasisehla ngeyezi, yakhuluma
kuye, yagodla okomoya ophezu kwakhe, yakubeka
phezu kwamadoda angamatshumi ayisikhombisa,
abadala. Kwasekusithi lapho uMoya ehlala phezu
kwabo, baprofetha, kodwa kabakuphindanga. 26
Njalo kwakusele amadoda amabili enkambeni, ibizo
lenye lalinguElidadi lebizo lenye linguMedadi; loMoya
wahlala phezu kwawo. Njalo ayephakathi kwalabo
ababhaliweyo, kodwa kawaphumanga ukuya ethenteni,
njalo aprofetha enkambeni. 27 Kwagijima ijaha
labika kuMozisi lathi: UElidadi loMedadi bayaprofetha
enkambeni. 28 UJoshuwa indodana kaNuni, inceku
kaMozisi, omunye wabatsha bakhe, wasephendula
wathi: Nkosi yami, Mozisi, benqabele. 29 Kodwa
uMozisi wathi kuye: Ulobukhwele ngenxa yami yini?
Kungathi bonke abantu beNkosi bangaba ngabaprofethi,
ukuze iNkosi ifake uMoya wayo phezu kwabo! 30
UMozisi wasezibuthela enkambeni, yena labadala
bakoIsrayeli. 31 Kwasekusuka umoya ovela eNkosini,
waletha izagwaca zivela elwandle, wazehlisela phezu
kwenkamba, phose uhambo losuku ngapha, njalo phose
uhambo losuku ngapha, zizingelezele inkamba, njalo
okungaba zingalo ezimbili phezu komhlabathi. 32
Abantu basebesukuma lolosuku lonke, lobusuku bonke,
losuku lonke olulandelayo, bebutha izagwaca. Lowo
owayelezinlutshwana wayebuthe amahomeri alitshumi;
bazichayela zona inhlangothi zonke zenkamba. 33
Inyama isesephakathi kwamazinyo abo ingakahlafunwa,
intukuthelo yeNkosi yabavuthela abantu, njalo iNkosi
yabatshaya abantu ngenhlupheko enkulu kakhulu. 34
Ngakho ibizo laleyondawo lathiwa yiKibirothi-Hathava,
ngoba lapho bangcwaba abantu abakhanukayo. 35
Abantu basuka eKibirothi-Hathava baya eHazerothi;
bahlala eHazerothi.

12 UMiriyamu loAroni basebekhuluma bemelene
loMozisi ngenxa yowesifazana umEthiyophiyakazi
owayemthethe, ngoba wayethethe umfazi
umEthiyophiyakazi. 2 Basebesithi: Kambe, iNkosi
ikhulume ngoMozisi kuphela? Kayikhulumanga langathi?
LeNkosi yakuzwa. 3 Njalo indoda uMozisi yayimnene
kakhulu kulabo bonke abantu abaphezu kobuso
bomhlaba. 4 Khona iNkosi yahle yathi kuMozisi lakuAroni
lakuMiriyamu: Phumani lobathathu lize ethenteni
lenhlangano. Baphuma-ke bona bobathathu. 5 INkosi
yasisehla isensikeni yeyezi, yema emnyango wethente,
yabiza uAroni loMiriyamu; basebephuma bobabili.
6 Yasisithi: Zwanini-ke amazwi ami; uba kukhona
umprofethi phakathi kwenu, mina iNkosi ngizaziveza
kuye ngombono, ngikhulume laye ngephupho. 7
Kodwa inceku yami uMozisi kanjalo, uthembekile
endlini yami yonke. 8 Ngikhuluma laye umlomo
ngomlomo, langokubona, kungeyisikho ngemizekeliso;
futhi ukhangela isimo seNkosi. Ngakho kungani
belingesabi ukukhuluma limelene lenceku yami uMozisi?
9 Njalo ulaka lweNkosi lwabavuthela; yasihamba. 10
Kwathi lapho iyezi lisuka phezu kwethente, khangela,
uMiriyamu wayelobulephero, emhlophe njengeliqhwa
elikhithikileyo. UAroni wasemkhangela uMiriyamu,
khangela-ke, ulobulephero. 11 UAroni wasesithi
kuMozisi: Hawu nkosi yami, akungabeki isono phezu
kwethu, okungaso senze ngobuthutha, lokungaso
sonile. 12 Ake angabi njengofileyo, othi nxa ephuma
esiswini sikanina ingxenye yenyama yakhe idliwe.
13 UMozisi wasekhala eNkosini esithi: Nkulunkulu,
ake umelaphe, ngiyakuncenga. 14 INkosi yasisithi
kuMozisi: Uba uyise ubemkhafulele lokumkhafulela
ngamathe ebusweni bakhe, ubengayikuyangeka insuku
eziyisikhombisa yini? Kavalelwe ngaphandle kwenkamba

insuku eziyisikhombisa; lemva kwalokho emukelwe.
15 UMiriyamu wasevalelwa ngaphandle kwenkamba
insuku eziyisikhombisa; labantu kabasukanga, waze
wemukelwa uMiriyamu. 16 Lemva kwalokho abantu
basuka eHazerothi, bamisa inkamba enkangala
yeParani.

13 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: 2 Zithumele
amadoda ukuthi ahlole ilizwe leKhanani engibapha
lona abantwana bakoIsrayeli; uthume indoda eyodwa
yaleso lalesosizwe saboyise, yonke eyinduna phakathi
kwabo. 3 UMozisi wawathuma-ke esuka enkangala
yeParani, ngokomlayo weNkosi; wonke lawomadoda
ayezinhloko zabantwana bakoIsrayeli. 4 Lala ngamabizo
awo; owesizwe sakoRubeni, uShamuwa indodana
kaZakuri. 5 Owesizwe sakoSimeyoni, uShafati
indodana kaHori. 6 Owesizwe sakoJuda, uKalebi
indodana kaJefune. 7 Owesizwe sakoIsakari, uIgali
indodana kaJosefa. 8 Owesizwe sakoEfrayimi, uHoseya
indodana kaNuni. 9 Owesizwe sakoBhenjamini,
uPaliti indodana kaRafu. 10 Owesizwe sakoZebuluni,
uGadiyeli indodana kaSodi. 11 Owesizwe sakoJosefa,
owesizwe sakoManase, uGadi indodana kaSusi. 12
Owesizwe sakoDani, uAmiyeli indodana kaGemali. 13
Owesizwe sakoAsheri, uSethuri indodana kaMikayeli. 14
Owesizwe sakoNafithali, uNabi indodana kaVofisi. 15
Owesizwe sakoGadi, uGewuweli indodana kaMaki. 16
La ngamabizo amadoda uMozisi awathumayo ukuhlola
ilizwe. UMozisi wasembiza uHoseya indodana kaNuni
ngokuthi nguJoshuwa. 17 UMozisi wasewathuma
ukuhlola ilizwe leKhanani, wathi kuwo: Yenyukani
lapha liye eningizimu, lenyukele entabeni, 18 libone
ilizwe ukuthi linjani, labantu abakhileyo kulo ukuthi
balamandla kumbe babuthakathaka, balutshwana kumbe
banengi yini, 19 lokuthi linjani ilizwe abahlala kulo,
loba lihle loba libi, lokuthi injani imizi abahlala kiyo,
loba izinkamba loba izinqaba, 20 lokuthi ilizwe linjani,
loba livundile loba lilugwadule, lokuthi lilezihlahla loba
hayi. Manini isibindi, lithathe okwesithelo selizwe.
Lalesisikhathi kwakuyisikhathi sezithelo zokuqala zevini.
21 Basebesenyuka, balihlola ilizwe kusukela enkangala
yeZini kuze kube seRehobi, ekungeneni eHamathi.
22 Benyuka-ke ngeningizimu bafika eHebroni, lapho
kwakulaboAhimani, uSheshayi, loTalimayi, abantwana
bakaAnaki. IHebroni lakhiwa-ke iminyaka eyisikhombisa
kungakabi leZowani eGibhithe. 23 Basebefika esihotsheni
seEshikoli; baquma khona ugatsha olulehlukuzo
elilodwa lezithelo zevini, baluthwalisana ngesigodo
ngababili, lokwamapomegranati lokwemikhiwa. 24
Leyondawo kwathiwa yisihotsha seEshikoli, ngenxa
yehlukuzo abantwana bakoIsrayeli abaliqumayo lapho.
25 Basebebuya bevela ekuhloleni ilizwe ekupheleni
kwensuku ezingamatshumi amane. 26 Basebehamba
bafika kuMozisi lakuAroni lakunhlangano yonke
yabantwana bakoIsrayeli enkangala yeParani, eKadeshi;
basebebuyisela umbiko kubo lakunhlangano yonke,
basebebatshengisa isithelo selizwe. 27 Basebembikela
bathi: Safika elizweni owasithuma kulo; njalo ngeqiniso,
ligeleza uchago loluju; lalesi yisithelo salo. 28
Kodwa-ke abantu abahlala elizweni balamandla,
lemizi ibiyelwe ngemithangala, mikhulu kakhulu; njalo-
ke sibone khona inzalo kaAnaki. 29 AmaAmaleki
akhile elizweni leningizimu; lamaHethi lamaJebusi
lamaAmori akhile entabeni; lamaKhanani akhile elwandle
leceleni kweJordani. 30 UKalebi wasethulisa abantu
phambi kukaMozisi, wathi: Asenyukeni lokwenyuka,
sidle ilifa lalo, ngoba silamandla okulinqoba. 31
Kodwa amadoda ayenyuke laye athi: Kasilamandla
okwenyukela kulabobantu, ngoba balamandla kulathi.
32 Basebeveza umbiko omubi ngelizwe ababelihlolile
ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli besithi: Ilizwe esidabule
kulo ukulihlola yilizwe elidla abantu abahlala kulo;
labantu bonke esababona phakathi kwalo bangamadoda
amade kakhulu. 33 Lalapho sibone iziqhwaga,
amadodana kaAnaki, avela eziqhwageni. Lemehlweni
ethu sasinjengentethe, sasinjalo lemehlweni azo.

14 Lenhlangano yonke yasiziphakamisa, yazwakalisa
ilizwi layo; abantu basebekhala inyembezi
ngalobobusuku. 2 Bonke abantwana bakoIsrayeli
basebengunguna bemelene loMozisi loAroni;
lenhlangano yonke yathi kubo: Kungathi ngabe safela
elizweni leGibhithe, kumbe kungathi ngabe safela kule
inkangala! 3 Njalo kungani iNkosi isilethe kulelilizwe
ukuthi siwe ngenkemba? Omkethu labantwanyana
bethu bazakuba yimpango. Bekungebe ngcono kithi
ukubuyela eGibhithe yini? 4 Basebesithi omunye
komunye: Asimiseni inhloko, sibuyele eGibhithe. 5
UMozisi loAroni basebesithi mbo ngobuso babo phambi
kwebandla lonke lenhlangano yabantwana bakoIsrayeli.
6 UJoshuwa indodana kaNuni loKalebi indodana
kaJefune ababengabalabo abahlola ilizwe, basebedabula
izembatho zabo, 7 bakhuluma kunhlangano yonke
yabantwana bakoIsrayeli besithi: Ilizwe esadabula
kulo ukuze silihlole yilizwe elihle kakhulukazi. 8
Uba iNkosi ithokoza ngathi, izasingenisa kulelilizwe,
isinike lona, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju. 9 Kuphela
lingayivukeli iNkosi; futhi lina lingesabi abantu belizwe,
ngoba bayikudla kwethu. Umthunzi wabo usukile
kubo; leNkosi ilathi; lingabesabi. 10 Kodwa inhlangano
yonke yathi kabakhandwe ngamatshe. Inkazimulo
yeNkosi yasibonakala ethenteni lenhlangano kubo bonke
abantwana bakoIsrayeli. 11 INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi:
Koze kube nini lababantu bengidelela? Koze kube nini
bengangikholwa, ngazo zonke izibonakaliso engizenze
phakathi kwabo? 12 Ngizabatshaya ngomatshayabhuqe
wesifo, ngibathathele ilifa, ngikwenze ube yisizwe
esikhulu lesilamandla kulabo. 13 UMozisi wasesithi

eNkosini: Khona amaGibhithe azakuzwa; ngoba
wenyuse lababantu phakathi kwawo ngamandla akho.
14 Njalo azatshela abahlali balelilizwe. Bazwile ukuthi
wena Nkosi uphakathi kwalababantu, ukuthi wena Nkosi
ubonwa ubuso ngobuso, lokuthi iyezi lakho lima phezu
kwabo, uhamba phambi kwabo usensikeni yeyezi emini
lensikeni yomlilo ebusuku. 15 Uba ubulala lababantu
njengomuntu oyedwa, izizwe ezizwe ngendumela yakho
zizakhuluma zisithi: 16 Ngoba iNkosi yayingelakho
ukungenisa lababantu elizweni eyabafungela lona,
ngakho ibabulele enkangala. 17 Khathesi-ke,
ngiyancenga, kawabe makhulu amandla eNkosi yami,
njengokutsho kwakho usithi: 18 INkosi iyaphuza
ukuthukuthela, njalo inkulu emuseni, ithethelela ububi
leziphambeko, kodwa engayikumyekela lokumyekela
olecala, iphindisela ububi baboyise phezu kwabantwana
kwesesithathu lesesine isizukulwana. 19 Thethelela,
ngiyancenga, ububi balababantu njengobukhulu
bomusa wakho, lanjengalokho ubathethelele lababantu
kusukela eGibhithe kuze kube khathesi. 20 INkosi
yasisithi: Sengibathethelele njengokwelizwi lakho. 21
Kodwa isibili, njengalokhu ngiphila, umhlaba wonke
uzagcwala ngenkazimulo yeNkosi. 22 Ngoba wonke
amadoda abone inkazimulo yami lezibonakaliso
zami engazenza eGibhithe lenkangala, langilingileyo
lezizikhathi ezilitshumi, kawezwanga ilizwi lami, 23
isibili kabayikubona ilizwe engalifungela oyise; futhi
kakho owalabo abangideleleyo ozalibona. 24 Kodwa
inceku yami uKalebi, ngoba omunye umoya ubulaye,
wangilandela ngokupheleleyo; ngakho ngizamngenisa
elizweni ayengene kilo; lenzalo yakhe izakudla ilifa
lalo. 25 (AmaAmaleki lamaKhanani ahlala-ke esigodini.)
Kusasa phendukani, lisuke liziyele enkangala ngendlela
yoLwandle oluBomvu. 26 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi
lakuAroni isithi: 27 Koze kube nini ngilalinhlangano embi,
engingungunelayo? Ngizwile ukungunguna kwabantwana
bakoIsrayeli abangunguna ngakho bemelene lami. 28
Tshono kibo uthi: Sibili njengoba ngiphila, kutsho iNkosi,
njengalokhu likhulume endlebeni zami, ngizakwenza
njalo kini. 29 Izidumbu zenu zizawela enkangala
le, labo bonke ababaliweyo benu, njengokwenani
lonke lenu, kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi
amabili langaphezulu, lina abangingunguneleyo; 30
sibili lina kaliyikungena elizweni engiliphakamisele
isandla sami ukulihlalisa kulo, ngaphandle kukaKalebi
indodana kaJefune loJoshuwa indodana kaNuni. 31
Kodwa abantwanyana benu elathi ngabo bazakuba
yimpango, ngizabangenisa, bazalazi ilizwe elalilahlayo.
32 Lina-ke, izidumbu zenu zizawela kulinkangala. 33
Labantwana benu bazakuba ngabelusi enkangala
iminyaka engamatshumi amane, bathwale ukuphinga
kwenu, izidumbu zenu zize ziphele enkangala. 34
Njengokwenani lezinsuku elahlola ngazo ilizwe,
insuku ezingamatshumi amane, usuku ngomnyaka,
usuku ngomnyaka, lizathwala ububi benu, iminyaka
engamatshumi amane, lazi ukufulathela kwami. 35
Mina Nkosi ngikhulumile. Isibili ngizakwenza lokhu
kulinhlangano yonke embi ebuthene imelene lami;
kulinkangala bazaphela, bafele khona. 36 Njalo amadoda
uMozisi awathumayo ukuhlola ilizwe, esephenduka, enza
inhlangano yonke yamngungunela ngokuletha umbiko
omubi mayelana lelizwe, 37 lamadoda aletha umbiko
omubi ngelizwe afa ngenhlupheko phambi kweNkosi. 38
Kodwa uJoshuwa indodana kaNuni loKalebi indodana
kaJefune, kulawomadoda ayeyehlola ilizwe, asala
ephila. 39 Njalo uMozisi wakhuluma la amazwi kubo
bonke abantwana bakoIsrayeli; abantu basebelila
kakhulu. 40 Basebevuka ekuseni kakhulu, benyukela
engqongeni yentaba, besithi: Khangelani silapha,
sizakwenyukela endaweni iNkosi eyithembisileyo;
ngoba sonile. 41 Kodwa uMozisi wathi: Kungani-ke
liseqa umlayo weNkosi? Ngoba kakuyikuphumelela.
42 Lingenyuki, ngoba iNkosi kayikho phakathi kwenu,
ukuze lingatshaywa phambi kwezitha zenu. 43 Ngoba
amaAmaleki lamaKhanani alapho phambi kwenu; njalo
lizakuwa ngenkemba, ngoba njengoba liphendukile
ekulandeleni iNkosi, iNkosi kayiyikuba lani. 44 Kodwa
ngokuziqhenya benyukela engqongeni yentaba, kodwa
umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi loMozisi
kawuphumanga phakathi kwenkamba. 45 AmaAmaleki
asesehla, lamaKhanani ahlala kulezozintaba, abatshaya,
abahlakaza kwaze kwaba seHorma.

15 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: 2 Tshono
ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli uthi kubo: Lapho
lifika elizweni lokuhlala kwenu, engilinika lona, 3
lisenza umnikelo owenzelwe iNkosi ngomlilo, umnikelo
wokutshiswa kumbe umhlatshelo, owokugcwalisa
isithembiso, loba emnikelweni wesihle, loba emikhosini
yenu emisiweyo, ukwenza uqhatshi olumnandi eNkosini,
okuvela enkomeni kumbe ezimvini, 4 lowo-ke onikelayo
umnikelo wakhe eNkosini uzasondeza umnikelo wokudla,
ube ngokwetshumi lempuphu ecolekileyo ixubene
lengxenye yesine yehini yamafutha; 5 lewayini
libe ngumnikelo wokunathwayo, ingxenye yesine
yehini, uzakulungisa lomnikelo wokutshiswa loba
umhlatshelo, owewundlu elilodwa. 6 Kumbe owenqama
lizalungisa umnikelo wokudla, ube zingxenye ezimbili
etshumini zempuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha,
ingxenye yesithathu yehini; 7 lewayini libe ngumnikelo
wokunathwayo, ingxenye yesithathu yehini, uzalinikela
libe liphunga elimnandi eNkosini. 8 Njalo nxa lilungisa
ithole eliduna lenkomo libe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa
kumbe umhlatshelo, owokugcwalisa isithembiso, kumbe
iminikelo yokuthula eNkosini, 9 uzanikelela-ke ithole
lenkomo umnikelo wokudla, ube zingxenye ezintathu
etshumini lempuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha,
ingxenye yehini. 10 Linikele iwayini libe ngumnikelo
wokunathwayo, ingxenye yehini, kube ngumnikelo

owenziwe ngomlilo olephunga elimnandi eNkosini. **11** Kuzakwenziwa njalo ngaleyonkunzi, loba ngaleyonqama, loba ngewundlu, kumbe ngezinyane. **12** Njengenani elizalilungisa, lizakwenza njalo kuleyo laleyo, ngokwenani lazo. **13** Wonke owokuzalwa elizweni uzazenza njalo lezizinto, ekunikeleni umnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo woqhatshi olumnandi eNkosini. **14** Uba-ke owemzini ohlala njengowezizwe lani, kumbe loba ngubani ophakathi kwenu ezizukulwaneni zenu, njalo enikela umnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo woqhatshi olumnandi eNkosini, njengoba lisenza uzakwenza njalo. **15** Kuzakuba lesimiso sinye kini abebandla lakowemzini ohlala njengowezizwe, isimiso esilaphakade ezizukulwaneni zenu; njengani uzakuba njalo owemzini phambi kweNkosi. **16** Kuzakuba lomthetho munye lesimiso sinye kini lakowemzini ohlala lani njengowezizwe. **17** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **18** Tshono ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli uthi kubo: Ekungeneni kwenu elizweni engilisa kulo, **19** kuzakuthi nxa lisidla okokudla kwelizwe, linikele umnikelo wokuphakanyiswa eNkosini. **20** Ngokokuqala kwenhlama yenu lizanikela iqebelengwana, kube ngumnikelo wokuphakanyiswa; njengomnikelo wokuphakanyiswa webala lokubhulela, ngokunjalo lizawuphakamisa. **21** Ngokokuqala kwenhlama yenu lizanika eNkosini umnikelo wokuphakanyiswa ezizukulwaneni zenu. **22** Uba-ke liduha, lingenzanga yonke imilayo le iNkosi eyikhulume kuMozisi, **23** konke iNkosi elilaye khona ngesandla sikaMozisi kusukela ngosuku iNkosi eyalaya ngalo kusiya phambili ezizukulwaneni zenu, **24** kuzakuthi-ke uba kwenziwe ngokungazi, kungekho emehlweni enhlangano, inhlangano yonke izanikela ijongosi elilodwa ithole lenkomo, libe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, kube luqhatshi olumnandi eNkosini, lomnikelo walo wokudla, lomnikelo walo wokunathwayo njengomthetho, lezinyane lembuzi elilodwa, libe ngumnikelo wesono. **25** Umpristi uzakwenzela-ke inhlangano yonke yabantwana bakoIsrayeli inhlawulo yokuthula, bakuthethelelwe, ngoba kuyikungazi, futhi bona bazaletha umnikelo wabo, umnikelo owenzelwe iNkosi ngomlilo, lomnikelo wabo wesono phambi kweNkosi, ngenxa yesiphambeko sokungazi kwabo. **26** Lenhlangano yonke yabantwana bakoIsrayeli izakuthethelelwa, lowemzini ohlala njengowezizwe phakathi kwabo, ngoba kubo bonke abantu kwakusekungazini. **27** Uba-ke umuntu oyedwa esona ngokungazi, uzasondeza isibhuzikazi esilomnyaka owodwa, sibe ngumnikelo wesono. **28** Lompristi uzawenzela lowomphefumulo owone ngokungazi inhlawulo yokuthula, lapho one ngokungazi phambi kweNkosi, ukumenzela inhlawulo yokuthula; uzakuthethelelwa-ke. **29** Lizakuba lomlayo munye kwalowo owona ngokungazi, owokuzalwa elizweni phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli, lowemzini ohlala njengowezizwe phakathi kwabo. **30** Kodwa umuntu okwenza ngabomo, engowokuzalwa elizweni loba engowemzini, ethuka iNkosi; njalo lowomuntu uzaqunywa asuke phakathi kwabantu bakibo. **31** Ngoba edelele ilizwi leNkosi, wephula umlayo wayo, lowomuntu uzaqunywa lokuqunywa; ububi bakhe buzakuba phezu kwakhe. **32** Kwathi abantwana bakoIsrayeli besenkangala, bafica umuntu etheza inkuni ngosuku lwesabatha. **33** Labo abamficayo etheza inkuni bamletha kuMozisi lakuAroni lakunhlangano yonke. **34** Bamfaka esitokisini, ngoba kwakungakatshiwo ukuthi kuzakwenziwani kuye. **35** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Lowomuntu kabulawe lokubulawa; inhlangano yonke izamkhanda ngamatshe ngaphandle kwenkamba. **36** Lenhlangano yonke yamkhuphela ngaphandle kwenkamba, yamkhanda ngamatshe waze wafa, njengokulaya kweNkosi kuMozisi. **37** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **38** Khuluma ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli, ubatshele ukuthi bazenzele izintshaka emagumbini ezembatho zabo, ezizukulwaneni zabo, lokuthi bafake entshakeni yomphetho intambo eluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka. **39** Njalo kuzakuba kini yintshaka ukuze likukhangele, likhumbule yonke imilayo yeNkosi, liyenze, lingadingi lilandele inhliziyo yenu lilandele amehlo enu, eliphinga ngokukulandela. **40** Ukuze likhumbule lenze yonke imilayo yami, libe ngcwele kuNkulunkulu wenu. **41** NgiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu eyalikhupha elizweni leGibhithe ukuba nguNkulunkulu wenu; ngiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu.

16 UKora indodana kaIzihari indodana kaKohathi indodana kaLevi, loDathani loAbiramu amadodana kaEliyabi, loOni indodana kaPelethi, amadodana kaRubeni, basebethatha amadoda. **2** Basebesukuma phambi kukaMozisi, lamadoda abantwana bakoIsrayeli, abangamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu, abangabakhokheli benhlangano, abakhethiweyo bomhlangano, amadoda alebizo. **3** Bahlangana bamelana loMozisi bamelana loAroni, bathi kubo: Seledlulise amalawulo! Ngoba inhlangano yonke, bonke bangcwele, leNkosi iphakathi kwabo. Pho, liziphakamiselani phezu kwebandla leNkosi? **4** Kwathi uMozisi esekuzwile, wathi mbo ngobuso bakhe phansi. **5** Wasekhuluma kuKora lakuqembu lakhe lonke esithi: Kusisa, khona iNkosi izatshengisa ukuthi ngubani ongowayo lokuthi ngubani ongcwele, izamsondeza kuyo, lalowo emkhethileyo izamsondeza kuyo. **6** Yenzani lokhu: Zithatheleni imiganu yokutshisela impepha, uKora, leqembu lakhe lonke, **7** lifake kiyo umlilo, libeke kiyo impepha phambi kweNkosi kusasa. Kuzakuthi indoda iNkosi eyikhethayo, yiyo engcwele. Seledlulise amalawulo, madodana kaLevi! **8** UMozisi wasesithi kuKora: Ake lizwe, madodana kaLevi; **9** kuyinto encinyane kini yini ukuthi uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli ulehlukanisile lenhlangano yakoIsrayeli ukuze alisondeze kuye ukuthi lenze inkonzo yethabhanekele leNkosi, lokuthi lime phambi kwenhlangano ukubakhonza? **10** Ukusondezile, labafowenu bonke, amadodana kaLevi,

kanye lawe; selifuna lobupristi yini? **11** Ngalokho
wena leqembu lakho lonke selihlangene ukumelana
leNkosi. Ngoba uAroni uyini ukuthi limngungunele?
12 UMozisi wasethuma ukubiza uDathani loAbiramu,
amadodana kaEliyabi. Kodwa bathi: Kasiyikwenyuka;
13 kuyinto encinyane yini ukuthi wasenyusa sivela
elizweni eligeleza uchago loluju ukusibulala enkangala,
kanti lawe usuzenza umbusi phezu kwethu? **14**
Futhi kawusingenisanga elizweni eligeleza uchago
loluju, loba ukusinika ilifa lamasimu lezivini. Amehlo
ala amadoda ungawakopola yini? Asiyikwenyuka.
15 UMozisi wasethukuthela kakhulu, wathi eNkosini:
Unganaki umnikelo wabo. Kangithathanga ubabhemi
oyedwa wabo, futhi kangenzanga okubi komunye
wabo. **16** UMozisi wasesithi kuKora: Wena leqembu
lakho lonke banini phambi kweNkosi, wena, labo,
loAroni, kusasa; **17** thathani, omunye lomunye umganu
wakhe wokutshisela impepha, lifake kuyo impepha,
liyisondeze phambi kweNkosi, kube ngulowo lalowo
umganu wakhe wokutshisela impepha, imiganu
yokutshisela impepha engamakhulu amabili lamatshumi
amahlanu; lawe loAroni, ngulowo lalowo umganu wakhe
wokutshisela impepha. **18** Basebethatha, ngulowo
lalowo umganu wakhe wokutshisela impepha, bafaka
umlilo kuyo, babeka impepha kuyo, bema emnyango
wethente lenhlangano, loMozisi loAroni. **19** UKora
wasebuthanisa inhlangano yonke ukumelana labo
emnyango wethente lenhlangano. Inkazimulo yeNkosi
yasibonakala ebandleni lonke. **20** INkosi yasikhuluma
kuMozisi lakuAroni isithi: **21** Zehlukaniseni liphume
phakathi kwalinhlangano ukuze ngibaqede ngokucwayiza
kwelihlo. **22** Basebesithi mbo ngobuso babo phansi
bathi: Nkulunkulu, Nkulunkulu wemimoya yayo yonke
inyama, kona umuntu oyedwa, ubusuthukuthelela
inhlangano yonke yini? **23** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi
isithi: **24** Tshono enhlanganweni uthi: Yenyukani lisuke
kunhlangothi zonke zomuzi kaKora, uDathani, loAbiramu.
25 UMozisi wasesukuma, waya kuDathani loAbiramu,
labadala bakoIsrayeli bamlandela. **26** Wasekhuluma
enhlanganweni esithi: Ake lisuke emathenteni alamadoda
amabi, lingathinti lutho olungolwabo, hlezi liphetshulwe
ezonweni zabo zonke. **27** Basebesenyuka besuka
emzini yaboKora, uDathani loAbiramu enhlangothini
zonke; oDathani loAbiramu basebephuma, bema
emnyango wamathente abo labomkabo lamadodana abo
labantwanyana babo. **28** UMozisi wasesithi: Ngalokhu
lizakwazi ukuthi iNkosi ingithumile ukwenza yonke
limisebenzi, lokuthi kakusikho okwengqondo yami. **29**
Uba laba besifa njengokufa kwabantu bonke, kumbe
behlelwe njengokwehlelwa kwabantu bonke, iNkosi
kayingithumanga. **30** Kodwa uba iNkosi idala into entsha,
ukuthi umhlaba uvule umlomo wawo, ubaginye lakho
konke okwabo, behlele emgodini bephila, lizaqedisisa
ukuthi lamadoda ayidelele iNkosi. **(Sheol h7585)** **31**
Kwasekusithi eseqedile ukukhuluma wonke la amazwi,
umhlaba owawungaphansi kwabo waqhekezeka, **32**
lomhlaba wavula umlomo wawo, wabaginya lezindlu
zabo, labo bonke abantu ababengabakaKora, lempahla
yabo yonke. **33** Basebetshona emgodini bephila
bona lakho konke okwabo; umhlaba wabagqibela,
babhubha besuka phakathi kwebandla. **(Sheol h7585)**
34 UIsrayeli wonke owayebazingelezele wasebaleka
ekukhaleni kwabo, ngoba bathi: Hlezi umhlaba
usiginye. **35** Kwasekuphuma umlilo eNkosini, waqothula
amadoda angamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu
ayenikele impepha. **36** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi
isithi: **37** Tshono kuEleyazare, indodana kaAroni
umpristi, ukuthi athathe imiganu yokutshisela impepha
phakathi kokutsha; uwuchithachithele umlilo laphayana,
ngoba ingcwele. **38** Imiganu yokutshisela impepha
yalezizoni imelene lemiphefumulo yazo, kabayenze ibe
yizicecedu ezibanzi zibe yisisibekelo selathi; ngoba
bayinikele phambi kweNkosi, ngakho ingcwele; njalo
izakuba yisibonakaliso ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli.
39 UEleyazare umpristi wasethatha imiganu yethusi
yokutshisela impepha ababenikele ngayo abatshisiweyo,
basebeyikhanda yaba yizicecedu zokusibekela ilathi, **40**
kube yisikhumbuzo ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli ukuze
kungabi lowemzini, ongesuye owenzalo kaAroni,
osondela ukutshisa impepha phambi kweNkosi, ukuze
angabi njengoKora lanjengexuku lakhe, njengoba iNkosi
yakhuluma kuye ngesandla sikaMozisi. **41** Kodwa
kusisa inhlangano yonke yabantwana bakoIsrayeli
yabasola oMozisi loAroni, isithi: Lina libabulele abantu
beNkosi. **42** Kwasekusithi inhlangano isihlangene
imelene loMozisi njalo imelene loAroni, baphendukela
ethenteni lenhlangano, khangela-ke iyezi lalilisibekele
lenkazimulo yeNkosi yabonakala. **43** UMozisi loAroni
basebesiza ngaphambi kwethente lenhlangano. **44** INkosi
yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **45** Yenyukani lisuke phakathi
kwalinhlangano, ukuze ngibaqede njengokucwayiza
kwelihlo. Basebesithi mbo ngobuso babo phansi. **46**
UMozisi wasesithi kuAroni: Thatha umganu wokutshisela
impepha, ufake kuwo umlilo ovela elathini, ubeke
kuwo impepha, uye ngokuphangisa enhlanganweni,
ubenzele inhlawulo yokuthula; ngoba ulaka seluphumile
lusuka phambi kweNkosi, inhlupheko isiqalisile. **47**
UAroni wasekuthatha njengokutsho kukaMozisi,
wagijimela phakathi kwebandla, khangela-ke, inhlupheko
yayisiqalisile phakathi kwabantu. Wafaka impepha,
wabenzela abantu inhlawulo yokuthula. **48** Wasesima
phakathi kwabafileyo labaphilayo. Inhlupheko yasimiswa.
49 Labafayo enhluphekweni babeyizinkulungwane
ezilitshumi lane lamakhulu ayisikhombisa, ngaphandle
kwalabo abafa ngendaba kaKora. **50** UAroni wasebuyela
kuMozisi emnyango wethente lenhlangano; lenhlupheko
yayisimisiwe.

17 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **2** Tshono
kubantwana bakoIsrayeli, njalo uthathe induku
kulowo lalowo wabo, ngokwendlu kayise, kuzo zonke
iziphathamandla zabo, ngokwezindlu zaboyise, induku
ezilitshumi lambili. Bhala ibizo laleyo laleyondoda
endukwini yayo, **3** ubhale ibizo likaAroni endukwini
kaLevi. Ngoba induku eyodwa izakuba ngeyenhloko
yendlu yaboyise. **4** Njalo uzazibeka ethenteni lenhlangano
phambi kobufakazi, lapho engizahlangana lawe
khona. **5** Kuzakuthi-ke induku yendoda engizayikhetha
izahluma; njalo ngizathulisa kusuke kimi ukusola
kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli, abalisola ngakho. **6** UMozisi
wasekhuluma ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli; zonke-ke
iziphathamandla zabo zamnika izinduku, yabanye
kuleso lalesosiphathamandla, njengezindlu zaboyise,
induku ezilitshumi lambili; lenduku kaAroni yayiphakathi
kwenduku zazo. **7** UMozisi wasezibeka induku phambi
kweNkosi ethenteni lobufakazi. **8** Kwasekusithi kusisa
uMozisi wangena ethenteni lobufakazi, khangela-ke,
induku kaAroni eyendlu kaLevi yayihlumile, yakhupha
amahlumela, yakhahlela impoko, yathela ama-alimondi.
9 UMozisi wasezikhuphela phandle zonke induku zivela
phambi kweNkosi, kubo bonke abantwana bakoIsrayeli;
basebekhangela, bathatha ngulowo lalowo induku
yakhe. **10** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Buyisela induku
kaAroni phambi kobufakazi, igcinwe, ibe yisibonakaliso
kwabahlamukayo, ukuze ususe ukusola kwabo kimi,
ukuze bangafi. **11** UMozisi wasesenza; njengalokho
iNkosi yamlaya, wenza njalo. **12** Abantwana bakoIsrayeli
basebekhuluma kuMozisi besithi: Khangela, siyafa,
siyabhubha, sonke siyabhubha! **13** Wonke osondela
lokusondela ethabhanekeleni leNkosi uzakufa. Sizaphela
ngokufa yini?

18 INkosi yasisithi kuAroni: Wena lamadodana akho
lendlu kayihlo kanye lawe lizathwala ububi bendlu
engcwele; futhi wena lamadodana akho kanye lawe
lizathwala ububi bobupristi benu. **2** Labafowenu,
isizwe sakoLevi, isizwe sikayihlo, basondeze-ke lawe
ukuze bahlanganiswe lawe, bakusize. Kodwa wena
lamadodana akho kanye lawe lizakuba phambi kwethente
lobufakazi. **3** Bazagcina umlayo wakho, lemfanelo
zethente lonke; kodwa kabayikusondela ezitsheni
zendlu engcwele lelathini, ukuze bangafi, labo lani.
4 Bazahlanganiswa lawe, bagcine imfanelo zethente
lenhlangano kuyo yonke inkonzo yethente; kodwa
owemzini kayikusondela kini. **5** Njalo lizagcina
imfanelo zendlu engcwele lemfanelo zelathi, ukuze
kungabi kusaba khona ulaka phezu kwabantwana
bakoIsrayeli. **6** Mina-ke, khangelani, ngithethe abafowenu
amaLevi bevela phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli.
Bayisipho kini, baphiwe iNkosi ukwenza inkonzo
yethente lenhlangano. **7** Ngakho wena lamadodana
akho kanye lawe lizagcina ubupristi benu kuzo zonke
izinto zelathi laphakathi kweveyili, likhonze. Nginike
ubupristi benu bube ngumsebenzi wesipho; kodwa
owemzini osondelayo uzabulawa. **8** INkosi yasisithi
kuAroni: Mina-ke, khangela, ngikunike ukuphathwa
kweminikelo yami yokuphakanyiswa yazo zonke izinto
ezingcwele zabantwana bakoIsrayeli; ngiziphe wena,
ngenxa yokugcotshwa, lamadodana akho, ngesimiso
esilaphakade. **9** Lokhu kuzakuba ngokwakho okuvela
ezintweni ezingcwelengcwele, zivela emlilweni; yonke
iminikelo yabo, yonke iminikelo yabo yokudla, layo yonke
iminikelo yabo yesono, layo yonke iminikelo yabo yecala,
abazayibuyisela kimi; izakuba ngengcwelengcwele
ibe ngeyakho leyamadodana akho. **10** Lizakudlela
engcweleni yezingcwele; wonke owesilisa uzakudla;
kuzakuba ngcwele kuwe. **11** Lalokhu ngokwakho:
Umnikelo wokuphakanyiswa wesipho sabo, layo yonke
iminikelo yokuzunguzwa yabantwana bakoIsrayeli;
ngikuphe wena lamadodana akho lamadodakazi akho,
ngesimiso esilaphakade. Wonke ohlambulukileyo endlini
yakho uzakudla. **12** Ikhethelo lonke lamafutha,
lekhethelo lonke lewayini elitsha, lelamabele, lengqabutho
yalezo abazazinikela eNkosini, ngiziphe wena. **13**
Izithelo zokuqala zakho konke okuselizweni labo
abazakuletha eNkosini kuzakuba ngokwakho. Wonke
ohlambulukileyo endlini yakho uzakudla. **14** Konke
okwehlukanisiweyo koIsrayeli kuzakuba ngokwakho.
15 Konke okuvula isizalo, kwayo yonke inyama
abakuletha eNkosini, phakathi kwabantu laphakathi
kwezifuyo, kuzakuba ngokwakho; kodwa izibulo
lomuntu uzalihlenga lokulihlenga, lezibulo lenyamazana
engcolileyo uzalihlenga. **16** Lalezo ezizahlengwa
uzazihlenga kusukela sezilenyanga, njengesilinganiso
sakho, ngemali yamashekeli amahlanu, ngokweshekeli
lendlu engcwele, elingamagera angamatshumi amabili.
17 Kodwa izibulo lenkomo, kumbe izibulo lemvu, kumbe
izibulo lembuzi, awuyikuwahlenga, angcwele. Uzafafaza
igazi lawo phezu kwelathi, utshise amahwahwa awo,
abe ngumnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo, kube luqhatshi
olumnandi eNkosini. **18** Lenyama yawo izakuba
ngeyakho, njengesifuba esizunguziweyo lanjengomlenze
wokunene, kuzakuba ngokwakho. **19** Yonke iminikelo
yokuphakanyiswa yezinto ezingcwele abantwana
bakoIsrayeli abayinikela eNkosini ngiyinike wena
lamadodana akho lamadodakazi akho kanye lawe,
ngesimiso esilaphakade. Kuyisivumelwano setswayi
esilaphakade phambi kweNkosi kuwe lakunzalo yakho
kanye lawe. **20** INkosi yasisithi kuAroni: Kawuyikudla
ilifa elizweni labo, kawuyikuba lesabelo phakathi kwabo;
ngiyisabelo sakho lelifa lakho phakathi kwabantwana
bakoIsrayeli. **21** Khangela-ke, nginike abantwana
bakoLevi konke okwetshumi koIsrayeli kube yilifa,
ngomsebenzi wabo abawenzayo, inkonzo yethente
lenhlangano. **22** Njalo abantwana bakoIsrayeli bangabe
besasondela ethenteni lenhlangano hlezi bathwale isono
bafe. **23** Kodwa amaLevi azakwenza inkonzo yethente

lenhlangano, wona athwale ububi bawo. Kuzakuba
yisimiso esilaphakade ezizukulwaneni zenu; laphakathi
kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli kawayikuzuza ilifa. **24** Ngoba
okwetshumi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli abakunikela
eNkosini kube ngumnikelo wokuphakanyiswa, ngikunike
amaLevi kube yilifa. Ngakho ngitshilo kiwo ukuthi
phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli kawayikuzuza
ilifa. **25** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **26**
Futhi uzakhuluma kumaLevi uthi kuwo: Nxa lithatha
ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli okwetshumi engilinike
khona, kuvela kubo kube yilifa lenu, lizanikela
kokwakho umnikelo wokuphakanyiswa weNkosi, kube
ngokwetshumi kwalokho okwetshumi. **27** Lomnikelo wenu
wokuphakanyiswa uzabalelwa lina, njengamabele ebala
lokubhulela lanjengokugcwala kwesikhamelo sewayini.
28 Ngalokhu lani lizanikela umnikelo wokuphakanyiswa
weNkosi kukho konke okwetshumi kwenu elikwemukelayo
ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli; lizanika kokwayo umnikelo
wokuphakanyiswa weNkosi, kuAroni umpristi. **29**
Kuzo zonke izipho zenu lizanikela wonke umnikelo
wokuphakanyiswa weNkosi; ekhethelweni lonke lazo,
ingxenye yayo engcwelisiweyo evela kuyo. **30** Futhi
uzakuthi kuwo: Lapho linikela ikhethelo lazo elivela kuzo,
kuzabalelwa amaLevi njengesivuno sebala lokubhulela
lanjengesivuno sesikhamelo sewayini. **31** Lizakudla lokho
endaweni zonke, lina lendlu yenu, ngoba kungumvuzo
wenu ngomsebenzi wenu ethenteni lenhlangano. **32** Njalo
kaliyikuthwala isono ngenxa yakho, lapho seliphakamisile
ikhethelo lakho kukho; kaliyikungcolisa izinto ezingcwele
zabantwana bakoIsrayeli, ukuze lingafi.

19 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi lakuAroni isithi: **2** Lesi
yisimiso somlayo iNkosi esimisileyo isithi: Tshono
ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli ukuthi balethe kini ithokazi
elibomvu eliphelelelyo okungelasici kulo, okungazange
kufakwe ijogwe kulo; **3** njalo lilinike uEleyazare umpristi,
alikhuphele-ke ngaphandle kwenkamba, libe selihlatshwa
phambi kwakhe. **4** Njalo uEleyazare uzathatha okwegazi
lalo ngomunwe wakhe, afafaze kasikhombisa okwegazi
lalo maqondana laphambi kwethente lenhlangano. **5**
Lethokazi litshiswe phambi kwamehlo akhe; kutshiswe
isikhumba salo lenyama yalo legazi lalo kanye lomswane
walo. **6** Umpristi uzathatha-ke isigodo somsedari,
lehisope, lokubomvu, akuphose phakathi kokutsha
kwethokazi. **7** Umpristi usezahlamba izembatho zakhe,
ageze umzimba wakhe emanzini, emva kwalokho
angene enkambeni, njalo umpristi abe ngongcolileyo
kuze kuhlwe. **8** Lolitshisileyo uzahlamba izembatho
zakhe emanzini, ageze umzimba wakhe emanzini, abe
ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. **9** Lendoda ehlambulukileyo
izabutha umlotha wethokazi, iwubeke ngaphandle
kwenkamba endaweni ehlambulukileyo, ukuze ugcinelwe
inhlangano yabantwana bakoIsrayeli, kube ngamanzi
okwehlukanisa; kuyikuhlanjululwa kwesono. **10** Lobutha
umlotha wethokazi uzahlamba izembatho zakhe, abe
ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe; njalo kuzakuba yisimiso
esilaphakade ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli lowemzini ohlala
njengowezizwe phakathi kwabo. **11** Othinta isidumbu
saloba nguwuphi umuntu uzakuba ngongcolileyo insuku
eziyisikhombisa. **12** Uzazihlambulula ngawo ngosuku
lwesithathu langosuku lwesikhombisa uzahlambuluka;
kodwa uba engazihlambululi ngosuku lwesithathu, khona
ngosuku lwesikhombisa kayikuhlambuluka. **13** Loba
ngubani othinta ofileyo, isidumbu somuntu osefile,
angazihlambululi, ungcolisa ithabhanekele leNkosi;
lowomphefumulo uzaqunywa usuke koIsrayeli, ngoba
amanzi okwehlukanisa engafafazwanga phezu kwakhe;
uzakuba ngongcolileyo, lokungcola kwakhe kusekuye.
14 Lo ngumlayo womuntu nxa efela ethenteni. Konke
okungena ethenteni lakho konke okusethenteni kuzakuba
ngokungcolileyo insuku eziyisikhombisa. **15** Njalo
yonke imbiza evulekileyo engelasisibekelo esibotshelwe
phezulu kwayo ingcolile. **16** Laye wonke othinta umuntu
obuleweyo ngenkemba, endle, loba ofileyo, loba ithambo
lomuntu, loba ingcwaba, uzakuba ngongcolileyo insuku
eziyisikhombisa. **17** Ngongcolileyo bazathatha okomlotha
walokho okwatshiswayo kokuhlanjululwa kwesono, njalo
kuzafakwa phezu kwakho amanzi aphilayo esitsheni. **18**
Lendoda ehlambulukileyo izathatha ihisope, iyigxamuze
emanzini, ifafaze phezu kwethente, laphezu kwempahla
yonke, laphezu kwabantu ababelapho, laphezu
kowathinta ithambo, loba obuleweyo, loba ofileyo, loba
ingcwaba. **19** Lohlambulukileyo uzafafaza ongcolileyo
ngosuku lwesithathu langosuku lwesikhombisa, njalo
uzamhlambulula ngosuku lwesikhombisa; awatshe
izembatho zakhe, ageze emanzini, ahlambuluke
kusihlwa. **20** Kodwa indoda engcolileyo, ingazihlambululi,
lowomuntu uzaqunywa asuke phakathi kwebandla, ngoba
engcolise indlu engcwele yeNkosi; amanzi okwehlukanisa
kawafafazwanga phezu kwakhe, ungcolile. **21**
Njalo kuzakuba yisimiso esilaphakade kubo, ukuthi
lowo ofafaza amanzi okwehlukanisa uzahlamba
izembatho zakhe; lalowo othinta amanzi okwehlukanisa
uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe. **22** Njalo konke
akuthintayo ongcolileyo kuzakuba ngokungcolileyo;
lomuntu okuthintayo uzakuba ngongcolileyo kuze kuhlwe.

20 Khona abantwana bakoIsrayeli, inhlangano yonke,
bafika enkangala yeZini ngenyanga yokuqala;
labantu bahlala eKadeshi. UMiriyamu wasefela lapho,
wangcwatshwa khona. **2** Njalo kwakungelamanzi
enhlangano; ngakho bahlangana bamelana loMozisi
bamelana loAroni. **3** Abantu baphikisana loMozisi
bakhuluma besithi: Kungathi ngabe safa ekufeni
kwabafowethu phambi kweNkosi! **4** Lilethelelelyo ibandla
leNkosi enkangala le ukuze sifele lapha, thina
lezifuyo zethu? **5** Lasenyuselani sisuka eGibhithe
ukusiletha kulindawo embi? Kakusiyo indawo yenhlanyelo
lemikhiwa lamavini lamapomegranati, futhi kakulamanzi

okunatha. 6 UMozisi loAroni basebesuka phambi
kwebandla, baya emnyango wethente lenhlangano,
bathi mbo ngobuso babo phansi. Inkazimulo yeNkosi
yasibonakala kubo. 7 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi
isithi: 8 Thatha intonga, ubuthanise inhlangano, wena
loAroni umnewenu, likhulume kulo idwala phambi
kwamehlo abo, njalo lizanika amanzi alo; ngalokhu
uzabakhuphela amanzi edwaleni, ukuze ulinathise
ibandla lezifuyo zabo. 9 UMozisi wasethatha intonga
esuka phambi kweNkosi njengokumlaya kwayo. 10
UMozisi loAroni basebebuthanisa ibandla phambi
kwedwala; wasesithi kubo: Zwanini-ke, lina bahlamuki;
sizalikhuphela yini amanzi edwaleni leli? 11 UMozisi
wasephakamisa isandla sakhe, watshaya idwala
kabili ngentonga yakhe; kwasekumpompoza amanzi
amanengi, inhlangano yasinatha, lezifuyo zayo. 12 INkosi
yasisithi kuMozisi lakuAroni: Ngoba lingangikholwanga,
ukungingcwelisa emehlweni abantwana bakoIsrayeli,
ngakho kaliyikungenisa ibandla leli elizweni engibanike
lona. 13 La ngamanzi eMeriba, lapho abantwana
bakoIsrayeli abaphikisana khona leNkosi, yasingcweliswa
kubo. 14 UMozisi wasethuma izithunywa enkosini
yeEdoma zisuka eKadeshi wathi: Utsho njalo umfowenu
uIsrayeli: Wena uyazazi zonke inkathazo ezisehleleyo,
15 lokuthi obaba behlela eGibhithe, sasesihlala eGibhithe
insuku ezinengi; lamaGibhithe asiphatha kubi labobaba.
16 Sasesikhala eNkosini, yasisizwa ilizwi lethu, yathuma
ingilosi, yasikhupha eGibhithe; khangela-ke siseKadeshi,
umuzi osekucineni komngcele wakho. 17 Ake usiyekele
sidabule elizweni lakho. Kasiyikudabula ensimini
loba esivinini, futhi kasiyikunatha amanzi omthombo.
Sizahamba ngomgwaqo wenkosi, kasiyikuphambukela
ngakwesokunene langakwesokhohlo, size sedlule
umngcele wakho. 18 Kodwa uEdoma wathi kuye:
Kawuyikudabula kimi, hlezi ngiphume ngenkemba
ngimelane lawe. 19 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesithi
kuye: Sizahamba ngomgwaqo omkhulu. Uba-ke mina
lezifuyo zami sinatha okwamanzi akho, sizawabhadalela;
kuphela ngizadabula ngenyawo zami nje. 20 Kodwa
wathi: Kawuyikudabula. UEdoma wasephuma wamelana
laye elabantu abanengi, langesandla esilamandla. 21
Ngalokhu uEdoma wala ukuvumela uIsrayeli ukudabula
emngceleni wakhe. Ngakho uIsrayeli waphambuka
wasuka kuye. 22 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli, inhlangano
yonke, basebesuka eKadeshi, bafika entabeni yeHori.
23 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi lakuAroni entabeni
yeHori, emngceleni welizwe leEdoma, isithi: 24 UAroni
uzabuthelwa ebantwini bakibo, ngoba kayikungena
elizweni engilinike abantwana bakoIsrayeli, ngoba
lahlamukela ilizwi lami emanzini eMeriba. 25 Thatha
uAroni loEleyazare indodana yakhe, ubenyusele entabeni
yeHori, 26 umhlubule uAroni izembatho zakhe, uzifake
kuEleyazare indodana yakhe; ngoba uAroni uzabuthelwa
kwabakibo, afele lapho. 27 UMozisi wenza njengokulaya
kweNkosi. Basebesenyukela entabeni yeHori phambi
kwamehlo enhlangano yonke. 28 UMozisi wasemhlubula
uAroni izembatho zakhe, wazifaka kuEleyazare indodana
yakhe. UAroni wasefela lapho engqongeni yentaba.
UMozisi loEleyazare basebesehla entabeni. 29 Lapho
inhlangano yonke ibona ukuthi uAroni usephelile, balilela
uAroni insuku ezingamatshumi amathathu, indlu yonke
kaIsrayeli.

21 Kwathi inkosi yeAradi, umKhanani, eyayihlala
eningizimu, isizwa ukuthi uIsrayeli uyeza ngendlela
yabahloli, yalwa imelene loIsrayeli yathumba abanye
kubo. 2 UIsrayeli wathembisa isithembiso eNkosini
wathi: Uba unikela lokunikela lababantu esandleni sami,
ngizatshabalalisa imizi yabo. 3 INkosi yasisizwa ilizwi
likaIsrayeli, yanikela amaKhanani, wawatshabalalisa
lemizi yawo; ngakho wabiza ibizo laleyondawo ngokuthi
yiHorma. 4 Basebesuka entabeni yeHori, ngendlela
yoLwandle oluBomvu ukuze baceze ilizwe leEdoma;
lomphefumulo wabantu wadinwa endleleni. 5 Abantu
basebekhuluma bemelene loNkulunkulu njalo bemelene
loMozisi bathi: Lasenyuselani lisikhupha eGibhithe
ukuze sifele enkangala? Ngoba kakulasinkwa njalo
kakulamanzi, futhi umphefumulo wethu unengwa
yilesisinkwa esilula. 6 INkosi yasithuma inyoka
ezilokutshisa phakathi kwabantu, zasezibaluma abantu,
njalo kwafa abantu abanengi koIsrayeli. 7 Ngakho
abantu beza kuMozisi bathi: Sonile, ngoba sikhulume
simelene leNkosi njalo simelene lawe; khuleka eNkosini
ukuze isuse izinyoka kithi. UMozisi wasebakhulekela
abantu. 8 INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Zenzele inyoka
elomlilo, uyibeke esigodweni; njalo kuzakuthi wonke
olunyiweyo, nxa eyikhangela, uzaphila. 9 UMozisi
wasesenza inyoka yethusi, wayibeka esigodweni;
kwasekusithi lapho inyoka ilume loba nguwuphi umuntu,
uba ekhangele inyoka yethusi, waphila. 10 Njalo
abantwana bakoIsrayeli basuka bamisa inkamba
eObothi. 11 Basuka eObothi, bamisa inkamba eIye-
Abarimi enkangala emaqondana lakoMowabi lapho
okuphuma khona ilanga. 12 Basuka lapho, bamisa
inkamba esigodini seZeredi. 13 Basuka lapho, bamisa
inkamba ngale kweArinoni esenkangala ephuma
emingceleni yamaAmori; ngoba iArinoni lingumngcele
wakoMowabi, phakathi kweMowabi lamaAmori. 14
Ngakho kuthiwa egwalweni lwezimpi zeNkosi: IWahebi
eseSufa, lezifula zeArinoni, 15 leliwa lezifula elehlela
endaweni yeAri, lisekele umngcele wakoMowabi. 16
Basebesuka lapho baya eBeri; lo ngumthombo iNkosi
eyakhuluma ngawo kuMozisi yathi: Buthanisa abantu,
ngizabanika-ke amanzi. 17 Khona uIsrayeli wahlabela
lingoma ethi: Mpompoza, mthombo! Hlabelelani
kuwo, 18 umthombo ezawugebhayo iziphathamandla,
ezawugebhayo izikhulu zabantu, ngomnikumthetho,
ngendondolo zazo. Basebesuka enkangala baya
eMathana. 19 Besuka eMathana baya eNahaliyeli; besuka

eNahaliyeli baya eBamothi; **20** besuka eBamothi esigodini
esisemhlabeni wakoMowabi, engqongeni yePisiga
ekhangele inkangala. **21** UIsrayeli wasethuma izithunywa
kuSihoni inkosi yamaAmori, esithi: **22** Ake ngidabule
elizweni lakho; kasiyikuphambukela emasimini loba
ezivinini; kasiyikunatha amanzi omthombo; sizahamba
ngomgwaqo wenkosi, size sedlule imingcele yakho.
23 Kodwa uSihoni kamvumelanga uIsrayeli ukudabula
umngcele wakhe, kodwa uSihoni wabuthanisa bonke
abantu bakhe, waphuma ukumelana loIsrayeli enkangala,
wafika eJahazi, walwa emelene loIsrayeli. **24** UIsrayeli
wamtshaya ngobukhali benkemba, waba ngumnikazi
welizwe lakhe kusukela eArinoni kuze kube seJaboki,
kuze kube sebantwaneni bakoAmoni, ngoba umngcele
wabantwana bakoAmoni wawuqinile. **25** UIsrayeli
wasethatha yonke le imizi; uIsrayeli wasehlala emizini
yonke yamaAmori, eHeshiboni layo yonke imizana
yalo. **26** Ngoba iHeshiboni yayingumuzi kaSihoni inkosi
yamaAmori, owayelwe emelene lenkosi yamandulo
yakoMowabi, wayethethe ilizwe lonke layo esandleni
sayo, kwaze kwafika eArinoni. **27** Ngakho abasebenzisa
izaga bathi: Wozani eHeshiboni! Umuzi kaSihoni
kawakhiwe, umiswe. **28** Ngoba umlilo waphuma
eHeshiboni, ilangabi emzini kaSihoni, laqothula iAri
loMowabi, amakhosi endawo eziphakemeyo zeArinoni. **29**
Maye kuwe, Mowabi! Selibhujisiwe, bantu bakaKemoshi!
Unikele amadodana akhe aba ngababaleki, lamadodakazi
akhe ekuthunjweni kuSihoni, inkosi yamaAmori. **30**
Sesibatshokile; iHeshiboni ibhubhile kuze kube seDiboni;
sesibachithile kuze kube seNofa, efika eMedeba.
31 UIsrayeli wasehlala elizweni lamaAmori. **32**
UMozisi wathuma ukuyahlola iJazeri; basebethumba
imizana yalo, baxotsha amaAmori ayehlala khona. **33**
Basebephenduka, benyuka ngendlela yeBashani. UOgi
inkosi yeBashani wasephuma ukumelana labo, yena
labantu bakhe bonke, empini eEdreyi. **34** INkosi yasisithi
kuMozisi: Ungamesabi; ngoba ngimnikele esandleni
sakho, labantu bakhe bonke, lelizwe lakhe; njalo
uzakwenza kuye njengokwenza kwakho kuSihoni inkosi
yamaAmori owayehlala eHeshiboni. **35** Basebemtshaya,
lamadodana akhe, labantu bakhe bonke, akwaze kwasala
ophilayo kuye. Badla ilifa lelizwe lakhe.

22 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesuka, bamisa
inkamba emagcekeni akoMowabi, nganeno
kweJordani, eJeriko. **2** UBalaki indodana kaZipori
wasebona konke uIsrayeli ayekwenze kumaAmori.
3 UMowabi wasesesaba kakhulu ubuso babantu,
ngoba babebanengi. UMowabi wasetshaywa luvalo
ngenxa yabantwana bakoIsrayeli. **4** UMowabi wasesithi
ebadaleni beMidiyani: Khathesi lelibandla lizakhotha
konke okusihanqileyo, njengenkabi ikhotha utshani
bedlelo. Njalo uBalaki indodana kaZipori wayeyinkosi
yakoMowabi ngalesosikhathi. **5** Wasethuma izithunywa
kuBalami indodana kaBeyori ePethori eliseduze lomfula
welizwe labantwana babantu bakhe, ukumbiza, esithi:
Khangela, abantu baphumile eGibhithe. Khangela,
basibekele ubuso bomhlaba, futhi sebehlala maqondana
lami. **6** Khathesi-ke, ake uze, ngiqalekisela lababantu,
ngoba balamandla kulami; mhlawumbe ngingaba
lamandla okuthi sibatshaye, lokuthi ngibaxotshe elizweni,
ngoba ngiyazi ukuthi lowo ombusisayo ubusisiwe, lalowo
omqalekisayo uqalekisiwe. **7** Abadala beMowabi labadala
beMidiyani basebehamba belembadalo yokuvumisa
esandleni sabo; bafika kuBalami, bakhuluma kuye
amazwi kaBalaki. **8** Wasesithi kubo: Lalani lapha
lobubusuku, njalo ngizalilethela ilizwi, njengalokhu
iNkosi ezakutsho kimi. Iziphathamandla zakoMowabi
zasezihlala loBalami. **9** UNkulunkulu wasefika kuBalami,
wathi: Ngobani lamadoda alawe? **10** UBalami wasesithi
kuNkulunkulu: UBalaki, indodana kaZipori, inkosi
yakoMowabi, ungithumele esithi: **11** Khangela, abantu
baphumile eGibhithe basibekele ubuso bomhlaba; woza
khathesi, ungiqalekisele bona; mhlawumbe ngingaba
lamandla okulwa labo, ngibaxotshe. **12** UNkulunkulu
wasesithi kuBalami: Ungahambi labo; ungabaqalekisi
labobantu, ngoba babusisiwe. **13** UBalami wasevuka
ekuseni, wathi kuziphathamandla zikaBalaki: Yanini
elizweni lakini, ngoba iNkosi iyala ukungivumela
ukuhamba lani. **14** Ngakho iziphathamandla zakoMowabi
zasukuma, zaya kuBalaki, zathi: UBalami uyala
ukuhamba lathi. **15** UBalaki wasebuya wathuma njalo
iziphathamandla, ezinengi ezidumileyo kulalezo. **16**
Zasezifika kuBalami zathi kuye: Utsho njalo uBalaki
indodana kaZipori uthi: Ake ungavinjwa yilutho ukuza kimi.
17 Ngoba ngizakuhlonipha lokukuhlonipha kakhulu, lakho
konke ongitshela khona ngizakwenza. Ngakho ake uze,
ngiqalekisela lababantu. **18** Kodwa uBalami waphendula
wathi encekwini zikaBalaki: Uba uBalaki ebezangipha
indlu yakhe igcwele isiliva legolide, bengingayikweqa
umlayo weNkosi uNkulunkulu wami ukwenza okukhulu
kumbe okuncinyane. **19** Khathesi-ke, ake lihlale lapha
lani lobubusuku, ukuze ngazi ukuthi iNkosi izakuthini
kimi futhi. **20** UNkulunkulu wasesiza kuBalami ebusuku
wathi kuye: Uba amadoda efika ukukubiza, sukuma
uhambe lawo; kodwa kuphela lelolizwi engizalikhuluma
kuwe, lona uzalenza. **21** UBalami wasesukuma ekuseni,
wabophela isihlalo kubabhemikazi wakhe, wahamba
leziphathamandla zakoMowabi. **22** Ulaka lukaNkulunkulu
lwavutha ngoba wahamba; ingilosi yeNkosi yayakuma
endleleni ukuba yisitha esimelane laye. Njalo wayegade
ubabhemikazi wakhe, lenceku zakhe ezimbili zilaye. **23**
Ubabhemi waseyibona ingilosi yeNkosi imi endleleni,
lenkemba ehwatshiweyo isesandleni sayo; lobabhemikazi
waphambuka endleleni, wangena ensimini. UBalami
wasemtshaya ubabhemi ukumphendulela endleleni. **24**
Ingilosi yeNkosi yasisima endleleni eminyeneyo yezivini,
umduli ngapha lomduli ngapha. **25** Lapho ubabhemikazi
ebona ingilosi yeNkosi wazibandezela emdulini,

wabandezela unyawo lukaBalami emdulini; wasemtshaya
futhi. 26 Ingilosi yeNkosi yasiqhubeka, yema endaweni
eminyeneyo, lapho okwakungelandlela yokuphendukela
ngakwesokunene kumbe ngakwesokhohlo. 27
Lapho ubabhemikazi ebona ingilosi yeNkosi, walala
ngaphansi kukaBalami. Ulaka lukaBalami lwaseluvutha,
wasemtshaya ubabhemi ngenduku. 28 INkosi yasivula
umlomo kababhemikazi, wasesithi kuBalami: Ngenzeni
kuwe ukuthi ungitshaye okwalezizikhathi ezintathu?
29 UBalami wasesithi kubabhemikazi: Ngoba ungenze
inhlekisa. Kungathi ngabe kulenkemba esandleni sami,
ngoba bengizakubulala khathesi. 30 Ubabhemikazi
wasesithi kuBalami: Angisuye yini ubabhemi wakho
omgade kusukela ngisengowakho kuze kube lamuhla?
Ngake ngejwayela ukwenza kanje kuwe yini? Wasesithi:
Hatshi. 31 INkosi yasivula amehlo kaBalami, wasebona
ingilosi yeNkosi imi endleleni, lenkemba yayo ihwatshiwe
isesandleni sayo; wakhothama wathi mbo ngobuso
bakhe phansi. 32 Ingilosi yeNkosi yasisithi kuye:
Umtshayeleni ubabhemikazi wakho okwalezizikhathi
ezintathu? Khangela, mina ngiphumile ukumelana
lawe, ngoba indlela yakho iphambukile kimi; 33
njalo ubabhemikazi wangibona, waphambuka phambi
kwami lezizikhathi ezintathu. Ngaphandle kokuthi
ephambukile phambi kwami, ngeqiniso khathesi ngabe
ngikubulele lawe, ngamgcina yena ephila. 34 UBalami
wasesithi engilosini yeNkosi: Ngonile, ngoba bengingazi
ukuthi umi endleleni ukumelana lami. Ngakho-ke uba
kukubi emehlweni akho, ngizabuyela futhi. 35 Ingilosi
yeNkosi yasisithi kuBalami: Hamba lalawomadoda;
kodwa kuphela ilizwi engizalikhuluma kuwe, yilo
ozalikhuluma. UBalami wasehamba leziphathamandla
zikaBalaki. 36 UBalaki esezwile ukuthi uBalami uyeza,
waphuma ukuyamhlangabeza emzini wakoMowabi,
osemngceleni weArinoni, osekucineni komngcele. 37
UBalaki wasesithi kuBalami: Kangithumanga yini
lokuthuma kuwe ukukubiza? Kungani ungafikanga
kimi? Isibili kangilamandla okukunika udumo yini?
38 UBalami wasesithi kuBalaki: Khangela, ngifikile
kuwe. Khathesi ngilamandla isibili okukhuluma loba
yini na? Ilizwi uNkulunkulu alifaka emlonyeni wami,
yilo engizalikhuluma. 39 UBalami wasehamba
loBalaki, basebefika eKiriyathi-Huzothi. 40 UBalaki
wasehlaba izinkabi lezimvu, wathumela kuBalami
lakuziphathamandla ezazilaye. 41 Kwasekusithi ekuseni
uBalaki wamthatha uBalami, wamenyusela endaweni
eziphakemeyo zikaBhali, ukuthi abone elapho ukucina
kwabantu.

23 UBalami wasesithi kuBalaki: Ngakhela lapha
amalathi ayisikhombisa, ungilungisele lapha
amajongosi ayisikhombisa lenqama eziyisikhombisa.
2 UBalaki wenza njengokutsho kukaBalami; uBalaki
loBalami basebenikela kulelo lalelo ilathi ijongosi
lenqama. 3 UBalami wasesithi kuBalaki: Mana
emnikelweni wakho wokutshiswa, ngizahamba mina;
mhlawumbe iNkosi izafika ukungihlangabeza; lento
ezangitshengisa yona ngizakutshela. Wasesiya endaweni
ephakemeyo. 4 UNkulunkulu wasehlangana loBalami;
wasesithi kuye: Sengilungise amalathi ayisikhombisa,
nganikela kulelo lalelo ilathi ijongosi lenqama. 5
INkosi yasifaka ilizwi emlonyeni kaBalami, yathi: Buyela
kuBalaki, ukhulume kanje. 6 Wasebuyela kuye, khangela-
ke, wayemi emnikelweni wakhe wokutshiswa, yena lazo
zonke iziphathamandla zakoMowabi. 7 Wasephakamisa
umzekeliso wakhe, wathi: UBalaki, inkosi yakoMowabi,
ungilandile eSiriya, ezintabeni zempumalanga wathi:
Woza, ungiqalekisele uJakobe, woza, umthuke uIsrayeli.
8 Ngingamqalekisa njani uNkulunkulu angamqalekisiyo?
Kumbe ngingamthuka njani iNkosi engamthukanga?
9 Ngoba ngisengqongeni yamadwala ngiyambona,
ngisemaqaqeni ngiyamkhangela. Khangela, abantu
bazahlala bodwa, kabayikubalelwa phakathi kwezizwe.
10 Ngubani ongabala uthuli lukaJakobe, lenani lengxenye
yesine kaIsrayeli? Umphefumulo wami kawufe ukufa
kwabalungileyo, lokuphela kwami kube njengokwakhe! 11
UBalaki wasesithi kuBalami: Wenzeni kimi? Ngikuthethe
ukuze uqalekise izitha zami, kodwa khangela, uzibusisile
lokuzibusisa. 12 Wasephendula wathi: Lokho iNkosi
ekufaka emlonyeni wami, kakumelanga ngiqaphele
yini ukukukhuluma? 13 UBalaki wasesithi kuye: Ake
uze lami siye kwenye indawo lapho ozababona
khona; uzabona ukucina kwabo kuphela, ungaboni
bonke; njalo ungiqalekisele bona ulapho. 14 Njalo
wamthatha wamusa ensimini yeZofimu, engqongeni
yePisiga; wakha amalathi ayisikhombisa, wanikela
ijongosi lenqama phezu kwalelo lalelo ilathi. 15
Wasesithi kuBalaki: Mana lapha emnikelweni wakho
wokutshiswa, njalo mina ngizahlangana layo laphayana.
16 INkosi yasihlangana loBalami, yafaka ilizwi emlonyeni
wakhe, yathi: Buyela kuBalaki, ukhulume kanje. 17
Esefikile kuye, khangela-ke wema emnikelweni wakhe
wokutshiswa leziphathamandla zakoMowabi zilaye.
UBalaki wasesithi kuye: INkosi itheni? 18 Wasephakamisa
umfanekiso wakhe wathi: Sukuma, Balaki, uzwe, ubeke
indlebe, ndodana kaZipori. 19 UNkulunkulu kasumuntu
ukuthi aqambe amanga, loba indodana yomuntu ukuthi
azisole. Utshilo, kanti kayikukwenza? Kumbe ukhulumile,
kanti kayikukuqinisa? 20 Khangela, ngemukele
ukuthi ngibusise; yebo, ubusisile, njalo ngingeke
ngikuguqule. 21 Kakhangelanga ububi kuJakobe,
kabonanga isiphambeko kuIsrayeli. INkosi uNkulunkulu
wakhe ilaye, lesimemezelo senkosi siphakathi kwakhe. 22
UNkulunkulu wabakhupha eGibhithe, ulokunjengamandla
enyathi. 23 Isibili kakulamlingo ongamelana loJakobe,
loba ukuvumisa okungamelana loIsrayeli. Ngalesisikhathi
kuzatshiwo ngoJakobe langoIsrayeli ukuthi uNkulunkulu
akwenzileyo! 24 Khangela, abantu bazasukuma

njengesilwane esisikazi, bazisukumise njengesilwane;
kabalali baze badle impango, njalo banathe igazi
lababuleweyo. 25 UBalaki wasesithi kuBalami: Futhi
ungabaqalekisi lokubaqalekisa, njalo ungababusisi
lokubabusisa. 26 Kodwa uBalami waphendula wathi
kuBalaki: Kangikutshelanga yini ngisithi: Konke iNkosi
ekutshoyo, lokho ngizakwenza? 27 UBalaki wasesithi
kuBalami: Ake uze, ngizakusa kwenye indawo;
mhlawumbe kungaqonda emehlweni kaNkulunkulu ukuthi
ungiqalekisele bona ulapho. 28 UBalaki wamthatha
wamusa uBalami engqongeni yePeyori ekhangele
ngasenkangala. 29 UBalami wasesithi kuBalaki: Ngakhela
lapha amalathi ayisikhombisa, ungilungisele lapha
amajongosi ayisikhombisa lenqama eziyisikhombisa. 30
UBalaki wasesenza njengokutsho kukaBalami, wanikela
ijongosi lenqama kulelo lalelo ilathi.

24 UBalami esebonile ukuthi kuhle emehlweni eNkosi
ukubusisa uIsrayeli, kahambanga njengezinye
izikhathi ukuyadinga imilingo; kodwa wakhangelisa
ubuso bakhe enkangala. 2 Kwathi uBalami ephakamisa
amehlo akhe, wabona uIsrayeli ehlezi ngokwezizwe
zakhe, loMoya kaNkulunkulu waba phezu kwakhe. 3
Wasephakamisa umfanekiso wakhe wathi: UBalami
indodana kaBeyori uthi, lendoda olihlo layo livulekile
ithi, 4 uthi ozwayo amazwi kaNkulunkulu, obonayo
umbono kaSomandla, esiwa, njalo kwembulwe amehlo. 5
Mahle kangakanani amathente akho, Jakobe, amakhaya
akho, Israyeli! 6 Njengezigodi zisabalele, njengezivande
ngasemfuleni, njengezinhlaba iNkosi ezihlanyeleyo,
njengezihlahla zemisedari ngasemanzini! 7 Amanzi
azageleza evela embizeni zakhe, lenhlanyelo yakhe
izakuba semanzini amanengi, lenkosi yakhe izakuba
nkulu kuloAgagi, lombuso wakhe uzaphakama. 8
UNkulunkulu wamkhupha eGibhithe, ulokunjengamandla
enyathi, uzakudla izizwe, izitha zakhe, njalo uzakwephula
amathambo azo, njalo azitshoke ngemitshoko yakhe. 9
Waqutha, walala phansi njengesilwane, lanjengesilwane
esisikazi; ngubani ozamvusa? Okubusisayo abusiswe,
lokuqalekisayo aqalekiswe! 10 Njalo ulaka lukaBalaki
lwavuthela uBalami, watshaya izandla zakhe, uBalaki
wasesithi kuBalami: Ngikubize ukuze uqalekise
izitha zami, kodwa khangela, uzibusisile lokuzibusisa
okwalezizikhathi ezintathu. 11 Khathesi-ke zibalekele uye
endaweni yakho. Bengithe ngizakuhlonipha ngodumo,
kodwa khangela, iNkosi ikuvimbile kudumo. 12 UBalami
wasesithi kuBalaki: Kangikhulumanga yini lakuzithunywa
obuzithume kimi ngisithi: 13 Uba uBalaki ebezangipha
indlu yakhe igcwele isiliva legolide, bengingayikweqa
umlayo weNkosi, ukwenza okuhle kumbe okubi
okwenhliziyo yami; lokho iNkosi ekutshoyo yilokho
engizakukhuluma? 14 Khathesi-ke, khangela, ngiya
ebantwini bakithi; woza ngikucebise ukuthi lababantu
bazakwenzani ebantwini bakini ensukwini zokucina.
15 Wasephakamisa umfanekiso wakhe wathi: UBalami
indodana kaBeyori uthi, lendoda elamehlo avulekileyo
ithi, 16 uthi ozwayo amazwi kaNkulunkulu, lowazi
ulwazi loPhezukonke, obonayo umbono kaSomandla,
esiwa, njalo kuvuleke amehlo. 17 Ngizambona, kodwa
hatshi khathesi, ngizamkhangela, kodwa kungeseduze;
kuzavela inkanyezi kuJakobe, lentonga yobukhosi
izavuka koIsrayeli, itshaye amagumbi akoMowabi, njalo
ichithe bonke abantwana bakaShethi. 18 Njalo uEdoma
uzakuba yimfuyo, loSeyiri abe yimfuyo yezitha zakhe,
kodwa uIsrayeli uzakwenza ngobuqhawe, 19 kuzavela-
ke koJakobe umbusi, njalo uzabhubhisa oseleyo emzini.
20 Esebone uAmaleki, waphakamisa umfanekiso wakhe
wathi: UAmaleki wayengowokuqala wezizwe, kodwa
ukucina kwakhe kuyikubhubha okupheleleyo. 21 Esebone
amaKeni, waphakamisa umfanekiso wakhe wathi: Iqinile
indlu yakho, isidleke sakho usimise edwaleni. 22 Kanti-
ke uKhayini uzachithwa, aze akuthumbe uAshuri. 23
Wasephakamisa umfanekiso wakhe wathi: Maye, ngubani
ozaphila nxa uNkulunkulu esenza lokhu? 24 Imikhumbi
izavela ekhunjini lweKitimi, ihluphe uAshuri, ihluphe
uEberi; njalo laye uzabhubha okwesikhathi sonke. 25
UBalami wasesukuma wahamba wabuyela endaweni
yakhe; loBalaki laye wahamba ngendlela yakhe.

25 UIsrayeli wasehlala eShithimi. Abantu basebeqala
ukuphinga lamadodakazi akoMowabi. 2
Asebabizela abantu emihlatshelweni yabonkulunkulu
bawo, labantu badla, bakhothamela onkulunkulu
bawo. 3 UIsrayeli wasezihlanganisa loBhali-Peyori;
lolaka lweNkosi lwamvuthela uIsrayeli. 4 INkosi
yasisithi kuMozisi: Thatha zonke inhloko zabantu,
uziphanyeke phambi kweNkosi maqondana lelanga,
ukuze ulaka lweNkosi oluvuthayo lubuye lusuke
koIsrayeli. 5 UMozisi wasesithi kubahluleli bakoIsrayeli:
Bulalani, kube ngulowo lalowo amadoda akhe
ababezihlanganise loBhali-Peyori. 6 Khangela-ke,
umuntu wabantwana bakoIsrayeli weza waletha
kubafowabo umMidiyanikazi phambi kwamehlo kaMozisi
laphambi kwamehlo enhlangano yonke yabantwana
bakoIsrayeli, besakhala inyembezi emnyango wethente
lenhlangano. 7 Kwathi uPhinehasi, indodana
kaEleyazare, indodana kaAroni umpristi, ekubona,
wasukuma ephuma phakathi kwenhlangano, wathatha
umkhonto esandleni sakhe, 8 waseyilandela indoda
yakoIsrayeli ethenteni, wabagwaza bobabili, indoda
yakoIsrayeli lowesifazana esiswini sakhe. Yasimiswa
inhlupheko kubantwana bakoIsrayeli. 9 Lalabo abafayo
ngenhlupheko babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amabili lane. 10 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: 11
UPhinehasi, indodana kaEleyazare indodana kaAroni
umpristi, uphendule ulaka lwami lusuka ebantwaneni
bakoIsrayeli, ngoba wayelobukhwele ngobukhwele
bami phakathi kwabo; ngakho kangibaqothulanga
abantwana bakoIsrayeli ngobukhwele bami. 12 Ngakho
utsho: Khangela, ngiyamnika isivumelwano sami

sokuthula. 13 Njalo uzakuba laso, lenzalo yakhe
emva kwakhe, isivumelwano sobupristi obulaphakade,
ngenxa yokuthi elobukhwele ngoNkulunkulu wakhe,
wabenzela abantwana bakoIsrayeli inhlawulo yokuthula.
14 Lebizo lendoda yakoIsrayeli eyatshaywayo,
eyatshaywa kanye lomMidiyanikazi, lalinguZimri
indodana kaSalu, isiphathamandla sendlu kayise
phakathi kwabakoSimeyoni. 15 Ibizo lowesifazana
owatshaywayo, umMidiyanikazi, lalinguKozibi indodakazi
kaZuri, owayeyinhloko yesizwe sendlu kayise
eMidiyani. 16 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi:
17 Hluphani amaMidiyani, liwatshaye; 18 ngoba
aliphethe njengezitha ngobuqili bawo, alikhohlisa
ngodaba lukaPeyori langodaba lukaKozibi, indodakazi
yesiphathamandla seMidiyani, udadewabo, owatshaywa
ngosuku lwenhlupheko ngenxa yodaba lukaPeyori.

26 Kwathi emva kwenhlupheko iNkosi yakhuluma
kuMozisi lakuEleyazare indodana kaAroni umpristi,
isithi: 2 Thathani inani lonke lenhlangano yonke
yabantwana bakoIsrayeli, kusukela koleminyaka
engamatshumi amabili langaphezulu, ngezindlu
zaboyise, bonke abangaphuma ukuya empini koIsrayeli.
3 UMozisi loEleyazare umpristi basebekhuluma labo
emagcekeni akoMowabi, eJordani eJeriko, besithi: 4
Babale kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili
langaphezulu, njengokulaya kweNkosi kuMozisi
labantwana bakoIsrayeli abaphuma elizweni leGibhithe.
5 URubeni, izibulo likaIsrayeli. Amadodana kaRubeni:
UHanoki, okwavela kuye usendo lwabakoHanoki;
koPalu, usendo lwabakoPalu; 6 koHezironi, usendo
lwabakoHezironi; koKarimi, usendo lwabakoKarimi. 7
Lezi zinsendo zabakoRubeni; lalabo ababalwayo babo
babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lantathu
lamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amathathu. 8
Lamadodana kaPalu; uEliyabi. 9 Lamadodana kaEliyabi;
oNemuweli loDathani loAbiramu. Yibo oDathani
loAbiramu, ababizwa yinhlangano, abaphikisana
loMozisi loAroni, eqenjini likaKora, lapho bephikisana
leNkosi. 10 Lomhlaba wavula umlomo wawo,
wabaginya loKora ekufeni kwaleloqembu, lapho
umlilo waqothula amadoda angamakhulu amabili
lamatshumi amahlanu; asesiba yisibonelo. 11 Kodwa
abantwana bakaKora kabafanga. 12 Amadodana
kaSimeyoni ngensendo zawo: KoNemuweli, usendo
lwabakoNemuweli; koJamini, usendo lwabakoJamini;
koJakini, usendo lwabakoJakini; 13 koZera, usendo
lwabakoZera; koShawuli, usendo lwabakoShawuli.
14 Lezi zinsendo zabakoSimeyoni; izinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amabili lambili lamakhulu amabili.
15 Amadodana kaGadi ngensendo zawo: KoZefoni,
usendo lwabakoZefoni; koHagi, usendo lwabakoHagi;
koShuni, usendo lwabakoShuni; 16 koOzini, usendo
lwabakoOzini; koEri, usendo lwabakoEri; 17 koArodi,
usendo lwabakoArodi; koAreli, usendo lwabakoAreli. 18
Lezi zinsendo zamadodana kaGadi, njengababaliweyo
babo, inkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lamakhulu
amahlanu. 19 Amadodana kaJuda ayengoEri loOnani;
oEri loOnani basebefela elizweni leKhanani. 20 Njalo
amadodana kaJuda ngensendo zawo yila: KoShela,
usendo lwabakoShela; koPerezi, usendo lwabakoPerezi;
koZera, usendo lwabakoZera. 21 Lamadodana kaPerezi
yila: KoHezironi, usendo lwabakoHezironi; koHamuli,
usendo lwabakoHamuli. 22 Lezi zinsendo zikaJuda,
njengababaliweyo babo, inkulungwane ezingamatshumi
ayisikhombisa lesithupha lamakhulu amahlanu. 23
Amadodana kaIsakari ngensendo zawo: KoThola,
usendo lwabakoThola; koPhuwa, usendo lwabakoPhuwa;
24 koJashubi, usendo lwabakoJashubi; koShimroni,
usendo lwabakoShimroni. 25 Lezi zinsendo zikaIsakari,
njengababaliweyo babo, inkulungwane ezingamatshumi
ayisithupha lane lamakhulu amathathu. 26 Amadodana
kaZebuluni ngensendo zawo: KoSeredi, usendo
lwabakoSeredi; koEloni, usendo lwabakoEloni; koJaleli,
usendo lwabakoJaleli. 27 Lezi zinsendo zabakoZebuloni,
njengababaliweyo babo, inkulungwane ezingamatshumi
ayisithupha lamakhulu amahlanu. 28 Amadodana
kaJosefa ngensendo zawo ayengoManase loEfrayimi. 29
Amadodana kaManase: KoMakiri, usendo lwabakoMakiri;
uMakiri wasezala uGileyadi; koGileyadi, usendo
lwabakoGileyadi. 30 La ngamadodana kaGileyadi:
KoIyezeri, usendo lwabakoIyezeri; koHeleki, usendo
lwabakoHeleki; 31 lakoAsiriyeli, usendo lwabakoAsiriyeli;
lakoShekema, usendo lwabakoShekema; 32
lakoShemida, usendo lwabakoShemida; lakoHeferi,
usendo lwabakoHeferi. 33 Njalo uZelofehadi
indodana kaHeferi wayengelamadodana, kodwa
amadodakazi. Lamabizo amadodakazi kaZelofehadi
ayengoMahla, loNowa, uHogila, uMilka, loTiriza.
34 Lezi zinsendo zikaManase, lababaliweyo babo,
inkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu lambili
lamakhulu ayisikhombisa. 35 La ngamadodana
kaEfrayimi ngensendo zawo: KoShuthela, usendo
lwabakoShuthela; koBekeri, usendo lwabakoBekeri;
koTahani, usendo lwabakoTahani. 36 Lala ngamadodana
kaShuthela: KoErani, usendo lwabakoErani. 37 Lezi
zinsendo zamadodana kaEfrayimi, njengababaliweyo
babo, inkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu
lambili lamakhulu amahlanu. La ngamadodana
kaJosefa ngensendo zawo. 38 Amadodana
kaBhenjamini ngensendo zawo: KoBhela, usendo
lwabakoBhela; koAshibeli, usendo lwabakoAshibeli;
koAhiramu, usendo lwabakoAhiramu; 39 koShefufamu,
usendo lwabakoShefufamu; koHufamu, usendo
lwabakoHufamu. 40 Lamadodana kaBhela ayenguAridi
loNamani: KoAridi, usendo lwabakoAridi; koNamani,
usendo lwabakoNamani. 41 La ngamadodana
kaBhenjamini ngensendo zawo; lababaliweyo babo
babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lanhlanu

lamakhulu ayisithupha. **42** La ngamadodana
kaDani ngensendo zawo: KoShuhamu, usendo
lwabakoShuhamu. Lezi zinsendo zikaDani ngensendo
zazo. **43** Zonke insendo zabakoShuhamu,
njengababaliweyo babo, babeyizinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lane lamakhulu amane.
44 Amadodana kaAsheri ngensendo zawo: KoJimna,
usendo lwabakoJimna; koIshivi, usendo lwabakoIshivi;
koBeriya, usendo lwabakoBeriya. **45** Kumadodana
kaBeriya: KoHeberi, usendo lwabakoHeberi; koMalikiyeli,
usendo lwabakoMalikiyeli. **46** Lebizo lendodakazi
kaAsheri lalinguSera. **47** Lezi zinsendo zamadodana
kaAsheri, njengababaliweyo babo; inkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amahlanu lantathu lamakhulu
amane. **48** Amadodana kaNafithali ngensendo zawo:
KoJazeli, usendo lwabakoJazeli; koGuni, usendo
lwabakoGuni; **49** koJezeri, usendo lwabakoJezeri;
koShilema, usendo lwabakoShilema. **50** Lezi zinsendo
zikaNafithali ngensendo zazo; lababaliweyo babo
babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lanhlanu
lamakhulu amane. **51** Laba ngababaliweyo babantwana
bakoIsrayeli, inkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisithupha
lanye lamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amathathu.
52 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **53** Kulaba ilizwe
lizakwehlukaniswa libe yilifa njengenani lamabizo. **54**
Kwabanengi uzakwengeza ilifa labo, lakwabalutshwana
uzanciphisa ilifa labo; ngulowo lalowo uzanikwa ilifa
lakhe njengababaliweyo bakhe. **55** Loba kunjalo ilizwe
lizakwehlukaniswa ngenkatho; ngokwamabizo ezizwe
zaboyise bazalidla ilifa. **56** Ngokwenkatho ilifa lalo
lizakwehlukaniswa phakathi kwabanengi labalutshwana.
57 Lalaba ngababalwayo bamaLevi ngensendo
zawo; koGerishoni, usendo lwabakoGerishoni;
koKohathi, usendo lwabakoKohathi; koMerari, usendo
lwabakoMerari. **58** Laba zinsendo zabakoLevi;
usendo lwabakoLibini, usendo lwabakoHebroni,
usendo lwabakoMahli, usendo lwabakoMushi, usendo
lwabakoKora. UKohathi wasezala uAmramu. **59** Lebizo
lomkaAmramu lalinguJokebedi, indodakazi kaLevi, unina
owamzalela uLevi eGibhithe; njalo wamzalela uAmramu
oAroni loMozisi loMiriyamu udadewabo. **60** UAroni
wazalelwa uNadabi loAbihu, uEleyazare loIthamari. **61**
Kodwa uNadabi loAbihu bafa lapho banikela umlilo
ongejwayelekanga phambi kweNkosi. **62** Lababalwayo
babo babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili
lantathu, bonke abesilisa kusukela kolenyanga
kusiya phezulu; ngoba babengabalelwanga phakathi
kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli, ngoba babenganikwanga ilifa
phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli. **63** Laba ngababalwa
nguMozisi loEleyazare umpristi, ababala abantwana
bakoIsrayeli emagcekeni akoMowabi eJordani eJeriko.
64 Kodwa phakathi kwalabo kwakungekho muntu
wababalwayo nguMozisi loAroni umpristi, lapho bebala
abantwana bakoIsrayeli enkangala yeSinayi; **65** ngoba
iNkosi yayithe ngabo: Bazakufa lokufa enkangala.
Njalo kakusalanga muntu kubo ngaphandle kukaKalebi
indodana kaJefune, loJoshuwa indodana kaNuni.

27 Kwasekusondela amadodakazi kaZelofehadi
indodana kaHeferi indodana kaGileyadi indodana
kaMakiri indodana kaManase owensendo zikaManase
indodana kaJosefa; njalo la ngamabizo amadodakazi
akhe: UMahla, uNowa, loHogila, loMilka, loTiriza. **2**
Asesima phambi kukaMozisi, laphambi kukaEleyazare
umpristi, laphambi kweziphathamandla, lenhlangano
yonke, emnyango wethente lenhlangano, esithi: **3**
Ubaba wafela enkangala; kodwa yena wayengekho
phakathi kweqembu lalabo ababuthana ukumelana
leNkosi, eqenjini likaKora, kodwa wafa esonweni
sakhe, wayengelamadodana. **4** Kungani ibizo
likababa likhutshwe phakathi kosendo lwakhe ngoba
engelandodana? Siphe ilifa phakathi kwabafowabo
bakababa. **5** UMozisi waseluletha udaba lwawo phambi
kweNkosi. **6** INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **7**
Amadodakazi kaZelofehadi akhulume iqiniso; uzawanika
lokuwanika isabelo selifa phakathi kwabafowabo
bakayise; uzadlulisela kuwo ilifa likayise. **8** Njalo
uzakhuluma ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli usithi: Uba
indoda isifa, ingelandodana, lizadlulisela ilifa layo
kundodakazi yayo. **9** Njalo uba ingelandodakazi, lizanika
abafowabo ilifa layo. **10** Uba-ke ingelabafowabo,
lizanika ilifa layo kubafowabo bakayise. **11** Njalo uba
uyise engelabafowabo, lizanika ilifa layo esihlotsheni
sayo esiseduze layo sosendo lwayo, silidle. Njalo
kuzakuba yisimiso sesahlulelo ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli,
njengokulaya kweNkosi kuMozisi. **12** INkosi yasisithi
kuMozisi: Yenyukela kule intaba yeAbarimi, ubone
ilizwe engilinike abantwana bakoIsrayeli. **13** Lapho
usulibonile, lawe uzabuthelwa ebantwini bakini,
njengoAroni umnewenu wabuthwa; **14** njengokuba
lavukela umlayo wami enkangala yeZini, ekuphikisaneni
kwenhlangano, ukungingcwelisa phambi kwamehlo
abo. La ngamanzi eMeriba eKadeshi enkangala
yeZini. **15** UMozisi wasekhuluma eNkosini esithi:
16 INkosi, uNkulunkulu wemimoya yenyama yonke,
kayimise indoda enhlanganweni, **17** engaphuma phambi
kwabo, lengangena phambi kwabo, lengabakhokhela
baphume, lengabangenisa, ukuze inhlangano yeNkosi
ingabi njengezimvu ezingelamelusi. **18** INkosi yasisithi
kuMozisi: Zithathele uJoshuwa indodana kaNuni, indoda
okukuyo umoya, ubeke isandla sakho phezu kwayo,
19 uyimise phambi kukaEleyazare umpristi laphambi
kwenhlangano yonke, uyilaye phambi kwamehlo abo,
20 ubusubeka okodumo lwakho phezu kwayo, ukuze
inhlangano yonke yabantwana bakoIsrayeli ilalele.
21 Njalo izakuma phambi kukaEleyazare umpristi
ozayibuzela njengokwesahlulelo sikaUrimi phambi
kweNkosi; ngomlomo wayo bazaphuma, langomlomo

wayo bazangena, yona labantwana bonke bakoIsrayeli
kanye layo, ngitsho inhlangano yonke. 22 UMozisi
wasesenza njengokulaya kweNkosi kuye. Wathatha
uJoshuwa, wammisa phambi kukaEleyazare umpristi
laphambi kwenhlangano yonke, 23 wabeka izandla zakhe
phezu kwakhe, wamlaya, njengokukhuluma kweNkosi
ngesandla sikaMozisi.

28 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: 2 Laya
abantwana bakoIsrayeli uthi kubo: Umnikelo
wami, isinkwa sami seminikelo eyenziwe ngomlilo,
uqhatshi lwami olumnandi, lizakuqaphela ukukunikela
kimi ngesikhathi sakho esimisiweyo. 3 Uzakuthi
kibo: Lo ngumnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo elizawunikela
eNkosini; amawundlu amabili alomnyaka owodwa,
angelasici, insuku ngensuku, kube ngumnikelo
wokutshiswa njalonjalo. 4 Elinye iwundlu uzalilungisa
ekuseni, lelinye iwundlu ulinikele kusihlwa, 5
lokwetshumi kwe-efa lempuphu ecolekileyo kube
ngumnikelo wokudla, kuxubene lengxenye yesine yehini
yamafutha agigiweyo. 6 Kungumnikelo wokutshiswa
wezikhathi zonke owamiswa entabeni yeSinayi, ube
luqhatshi olumnandi, umnikelo owenzelwe iNkosi
ngomlilo. 7 Lomnikelo wawo wokunathwayo uzakuba
yingxenye yesine yehini ngewundlu linye; uzathululela
eNkosini umnikelo wokunathwayo ongowokunathwayo
okulamandla endaweni engcwele. 8 Lelinye
iwundlu uzalilungisa kusihlwa; njengomnikelo wokudla
wekuseni, lanjengomnikelo wawo wokunathwayo
uzalinikela, umnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo, oloqhatshi
olumnandi eNkosini. 9 Langosuku lwesabatha
amawundlu amabili, alomnyaka owodwa, angelasici,
lengxenye ezimbili zetshumi lempuphu ecolekileyo,
kube ngumnikelo wokudla, ixubene lamafutha,
lomnikelo wawo wokunathwayo; 10 kungumnikelo
wokutshiswa wamasabatha wonke, ngaphandle
komnikelo wokutshiswa wezikhathi zonke, lomnikelo
wawo wokunathwayo. 11 Ekuqaleni kwenyanga
zenu lizanikela umnikelo wokutshiswa eNkosini,
amajongosi amabili amathole enkomo, lenqama
eyodwa, lamawundlu ayisikhombisa alomnyaka owodwa,
angelasici, 12 lengxenye ezintathu zetshumi lempuphu
ecolekileyo kube ngumnikelo wokudla, ixubene
lamafutha, ngejongosi elilodwa; lokubili kwetshumi
kwempuphu ecolekileyo kube ngumnikelo wokudla,
ixubene lamafutha, ngenqama eyodwa, 13 njalo
yilokho lalokho okwetshumi kwempuphu ecolekileyo
kuxubene lamafutha kube ngumnikelo wokudla
ngewundlu elilodwa; ngumnikelo wokutshiswa oloqhatshi
olumnandi, umnikelo owenzelwe iNkosi ngomlilo. 14
Leminikelo yayo yokunathwayo izakuba yingxenye
yehini lewayini ngejongosi, lengxenye yesithathu
yehini ngenqama, lengxenye yesine yehini ngewundlu.
Lokhu kungumnikelo wokutshiswa wezinyanga zonke
ngezinyanga zomnyaka. 15 Futhi kuzalungiswa izinyane
lembuzi elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono eNkosini,
ngaphandle komnikelo wokutshiswa ngezikhathi zonke,
lomnikelo wawo wokunathwayo. 16 Futhi ngenyanga
yokuqala ngosuku lwetshumi lane lwenyanga kuliphasika
leNkosi. 17 Langosuku lwetshumi lanhlanu lwenyanga
le kuzakuba khona umkhosi; kuzadliwa isinkwa
esingelamvubelo insuku eziyisikhombisa. 18 Ngosuku
lokuqala kuzakuba khona inhlangano ebiziweyo
engcwele; lingenzi lamsebenzi wezisebenzi, 19 kodwa
lizanikela umnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo, umnikelo
wokutshiswa eNkosini, amajongosi amabili amathole
enkomo, lenqama eyodwa, lamawundlu ayisikhombisa
alomnyaka owodwa; kuzakuba ngokungelasici kini.
20 Lomnikelo wakho wokudla kuzakuba yimpuphu
ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha; okuthathu kwetshumi
lizakulungisa ngejongosi, lokubili kwetshumi ngenqama,
21 yilokho lalokho okwetshumi uzakulungiselela iwundlu
elilodwa, kumawundlu ayisikhombisa; 22 lempongo
eyodwa ibe ngumnikelo wesono, ukulenzela inhlawulo
yokuthula. 23 Lizalungisa lokho ngaphandle komnikelo
wokutshiswa wekuseni, ongowomnikelo wokutshiswa
wezikhathi zonke. 24 Ngalindlela lizalungisa insuku zonke,
okwensuku eziyisikhombisa, ukudla komnikelo owenziwe
ngomlilo, uqhatshi olumnandi eNkosini; kuzanikelwa
ngaphandle komnikelo wokutshiswa wezikhathi zonke,
lomnikelo wawo wokunathwayo. 25 Langosuku
lwesikhombisa lizakuba lenhlangano ebiziweyo engcwele;
lingenzi lamsebenzi wezisebenzi. 26 Langosuku
lwezithelo zokuqala, lapho liletha umnikelo wokudla
omutsha eNkosini, emavikini enu, lizakuba lenhlangano
ebiziweyo engcwele; lingenzi lamsebenzi wezisebenzi. 27
Kodwa lizanikela umnikelo wokutshiswa, kube luqhatshi
olumnandi eNkosini; amajongosi amabili amathole
enkomo, inqama eyodwa, amawundlu ayisikhombisa
alomnyaka owodwa. 28 Lomnikelo wakho wokudla
wempuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, okuthathu
kwetshumi ngejongosi elilodwa, lokubili kwetshumi
ngenqama eyodwa, 29 yilokho lalokho okwetshumi
ngewundlu elilodwa, kumawundlu ayisikhombisa;
30 izinyane lembuzi elilodwa, ukulenzela inhlawulo
yokuthula. 31 Lizalungisa lokho ngaphandle komnikelo
wokutshiswa ngezikhathi zonke, lomnikelo wakho
wokudla (kube ngokungelasici kini) leminikelo yakho
yokunathwayo.

29 Ngenyanga yesikhombisa, ngosuku lokuqala
lwenyanga, lizakuba-ke lenhlangano ebiziweyo
engcwele; lingenzi lamsebenzi wezisebenzi. Kuzakuba
lusuku lokutshaywa kwempondo kini. 2 Njalo lizalungisa
umnikelo wokutshiswa, kube luqhatshi olumnandi
eNkosini, ijongosi elilodwa ithole lenkomo, inqama
eyodwa, amawundlu ayisikhombisa alomnyaka
owodwa, angelasici. 3 Lomnikelo wakho wokudla
wempuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, okuthathu
kwetshumi ngejongosi, okubili kwetshumi ngenqama, 4

lokwetshumi okukodwa kumawundlu ayisikhombisa; **5** lezinyane lembuzi elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono, ukulenzela inhlawulo yokuthula; **6** ngaphandle komnikelo wokutshiswa wenyanga, lomnikelo wawo wokudla, lomnikelo wokutshiswa wezikhathi zonke, lomnikelo wawo wokudla, leminikelo yayo yokunathwayo, ngokwesimiso sayo, kube luqhatshi olumnandi, umnikelo owenzelwe iNkosi ngomlilo. **7** Ngosuku lwetshumi lwale inyanga yesikhombisa lizakuba lenhlangano ebiziweyo engcwele, njalo lizathobisa imiphefumulo yenu; lingenzi lamsebenzi, **8** kodwa linikele umnikelo wokutshiswa eNkosini, kube luqhatshi olumnandi, ijongosi elilodwa ithole lenkomo, inqama eyodwa, amawundlu ayisikhombisa alomnyaka owodwa; azakuba ngangelasici kini. **9** Lomnikelo wakho wokudla wempuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, okuthathu kwetshumi ngejongosi, okubili kwetshumi ngenqama eyodwa, **10** yilokho lalokho okwetshumi ngewundlu elilodwa, kumawundlu ayisikhombisa; **11** izinyane lembuzi elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono, ngaphandle komnikelo wesono wenhlawulo yokuthula, lomnikelo wokutshiswa wezikhathi zonke, lomnikelo wawo wokudla, leminikelo yayo yokunathwayo. **12** Langosuku lwetshumi lanhlanu lwenyanga yesikhombisa lizakuba lenhlangano ebiziweyo engcwele; lingenzi lamsebenzi wezisebenzi, liyigcinele iNkosi umkhosi insuku eziyisikhombisa, **13** linikele umnikelo wokutshiswa, umnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo, ube luqhatshi olumnandi eNkosini, amajongosi alitshumi lantathu amathole enkomo, inqama ezimbili, amawundlu alitshumi lane alomnyaka owodwa, azakuba ngangelasici. **14** Lomnikelo wakho wokudla wempuphu ecolekileyo ixubene lamafutha, okuthathu kwetshumi ngejongosi elilodwa, kumajongosi alitshumi lantathu, okubili kwetshumi ngenqama eyodwa, kunqama ezimbili, **15** njalo yilokho lalokho okwetshumi ngewundlu elilodwa, kumawundlu alitshumi lane; **16** lezinyane lembuzi elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono, ngaphandle komnikelo wokutshiswa wezikhathi zonke, umnikelo wawo wokudla, lomnikelo wawo wokunathwayo. **17** Langosuku lwesibili: Amajongosi alitshumi lambili amathole enkomo, inqama ezimbili, amawundlu alitshumi lane alomnyaka owodwa, angelasici, **18** lomnikelo wakho wokudla leminikelo yakho yokunathwayo ngamajongosi, ngezinqama, langamawundlu, ngokwenani lakho, ngokwesimiso, **19** lezinyane lembuzi elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono, ngaphandle komnikelo wokutshiswa wezikhathi zonke, lomnikelo wawo wokudla, leminikelo yayo yokunathwayo. **20** Langosuku lwesithathu: Amajongosi alitshumi lanye, inqama ezimbili, amawundlu alitshumi lane alomnyaka owodwa, angelasici, **21** lomnikelo wakho wokudla leminikelo yakho yokunathwayo ngamajongosi, ngezinqama, langamawundlu, ngokwenani lakho, ngokwesimiso, **22** lempongo eyodwa ibe ngumnikelo wesono, ngaphandle komnikelo wokutshiswa wezikhathi zonke, lomnikelo wawo wokudla, lomnikelo wawo wokunathwayo. **23** Langosuku lwesine: Amajongosi alitshumi, inqama ezimbili, amawundlu alitshumi lane alomnyaka owodwa, angelasici, **24** umnikelo wakho wokudla leminikelo yakho yokunathwayo ngamajongosi, ngezinqama, langamawundlu, ngokwenani lakho, ngokwesimiso, **25** lezinyane lembuzi elilodwa libe ngumnikelo wesono, ngaphandle komnikelo wokutshiswa wezikhathi zonke, umnikelo wawo wokudla, lomnikelo wawo wokunathwayo. **26** Langosuku lwesihlanu: Amajongosi ayisificamunwemunye, inqama ezimbili, amawundlu alitshumi lane alomnyaka owodwa, angelasici, **27** lomnikelo wakho wokudla leminikelo yakho yokunathwayo ngamajongosi, ngezinqama, langamawundlu, ngokwenani lakho, ngokwesimiso, **28** lempongo eyodwa ibe ngumnikelo wesono, ngaphandle komnikelo wokutshiswa wezikhathi zonke, lomnikelo wawo wokudla, lomnikelo wawo wokunathwayo. **29** Langosuku lwesithupha: Amajongosi ayisificaminwembili, inqama ezimbili, amawundlu alitshumi lane alomnyaka owodwa, angelasici, **30** lomnikelo wakho wokudla leminikelo yakho yokunathwayo, ngamajongosi, ngezinqama, langamawundlu, ngokwenani lakho, ngokwesimiso, **31** lempongo eyodwa ibe ngumnikelo wesono, ngaphandle komnikelo wokutshiswa wezikhathi zonke, umnikelo wawo wokudla, lomnikelo wawo wokunathwayo. **32** Langosuku lwesikhombisa: Amajongosi ayisikhombisa, inqama ezimbili, amawundlu alitshumi lane alomnyaka owodwa, angelasici, **33** lomnikelo wakho wokudla leminikelo yakho yokunathwayo, ngamajongosi, ngezinqama, langamawundlu, ngokwenani lakho, ngokwesimiso, **34** lempongo eyodwa ibe ngumnikelo wesono, ngaphandle komnikelo wokutshiswa wezikhathi zonke, umnikelo wawo wokudla, lomnikelo wawo wokunathwayo. **35** Ngosuku lwesificaminwembili lizakuba lomhlangano omkhulu; lingenzi lamsebenzi wezisebenzi, **36** kodwa linikele umnikelo wokutshiswa, umnikelo owenziwe ngomlilo, uqhatshi olumnandi eNkosini: Ijongosi elilodwa, inqama eyodwa, amawundlu ayisikhombisa alomnyaka owodwa, angelasici, **37** umnikelo wakho wokudla, leminikelo yakho yokunathwayo, ngejongosi, ngenqama, langamawundlu, ngokwenani lakho, ngokwesimiso, **38** lempongo eyodwa ibe ngumnikelo wesono, ngaphandle komnikelo wokutshiswa wezikhathi zonke, lomnikelo wawo wokudla, lomnikelo wawo wokunathwayo. **39** Lezizinto lizazenzela iNkosi emikhosini yenu emisiweyo, ngaphandle kwezithembiso zenu, leminikelo yenu yesihle, leminikelo yenu yokutshiswa, leminikelo yenu yokudla, leminikelo yenu yokunathwayo, leminikelo yenu yokuthula. **40** UMozisi wasekhuluma ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli njengakho konke iNkosi emlaye ngakho uMozisi.

30 UMozisi wasekhuluma kunhloko zezizwe
zabantwana bakoIsrayeli esithi: Yile into iNkosi
elaye ngayo: **2** Nxa indoda ithembisa isithembiso
eNkosini, loba ifunga isifungo, ukubopha umphefumulo
wayo ngesibopho, kayingephuli ilizwi layo; izakwenza
njengakho konke okuphuma emlonyeni wayo. **3** Futhi
nxa owesifazana ethembisa isithembiso eNkosini,
azibophe ngesibopho, esesemzini kayise ebutsheni
bakhe, **4** loyise esizwa isithembiso sakhe lesibopho
sakhe abophe ngaso umphefumulo wakhe, loyise athule
kuye, khona zonke izithembiso zakhe zizakuma, laso
sonke isibopho abopha ngaso umphefumulo wakhe
sizakuma. **5** Kodwa uba uyise emenqabela, ngosuku
ezwa ngalo, kakuyikuma lesisodwa sezithembiso zakhe
lezibopho zakhe abophe ngazo umphefumulo wakhe;
leNkosi izamthethelela, ngoba uyise emnqabele. **6**
Uba-ke elendoda sibili, lezithembiso zakhe ziphezu
kwakhe, kumbe ilizwi lokungananzeleli lomlomo wakhe,
abophe ngalo umphefumulo wakhe, **7** lendoda yakhe
ikuzwa, yathula kuye ngosuku ezwa ngalo, khona
izithembiso zakhe zizakuma, lezibopho abophe ngazo
umphefumulo wakhe zizakuma. **8** Kodwa uba indoda
yakhe imenqabela ngosuku ekuzwa ngalo, iyasenza ize
isithembiso esiphezu kwakhe, lelizwi lokungananzeleli
lomlomo wakhe, abophe ngalo umphefumulo wakhe;
leNkosi izamthethelela. **9** Kodwa isithembiso somfelokazi
loba esolahliweyo, konke abophe ngakho umphefumulo
wakhe, kuzakuma phezu kwakhe. **10** Uba-ke ethembisile
endlini yendoda yakhe, loba ebophe umphefumulo
wakhe ngesibopho ngesifungo, **11** lendoda yakhe
izwile, yathula kuye, ingamenqabelanga, khona zonke
izithembiso zakhe zizakuma, laso sonke isibopho
abophe ngaso umphefumulo wakhe sizakuma. **12**
Kodwa uba indoda yakhe izenza ize sibili ngosuku
izizwa, konke okuphuma endebeni zakhe mayelana
lezithembiso zakhe lamayelana lesibopho somphefumulo
wakhe kakuyikuma; indoda yakhe izenze ize; leNkosi
izamthethelela. **13** Sonke isithembiso laso sonke
isifungo sesibopho ukuthobisa umphefumulo, indoda
yakhe ingasiqinisa loba indoda yakhe isenze ize. **14**
Kodwa uba indoda yakhe ithula lokumthulela insuku
ngensuku, abeseqinisa zonke izithembiso zakhe kumbe
zonke izibopho zakhe eziphezu kwakhe; iyaziqinisa,
ngoba yathula kuye ngosuku lokuzwa kwayo. **15** Kodwa
uba izenza ize sibili emva kokuzwa kwayo, izathwala
ububi bakhe. **16** Lezi yizimiso iNkosi eyamlaya zona
uMozisi, phakathi kwendoda lomkayo, phakathi kukayise
lendodakazi yakhe ebutsheni bayo emzini kayise.

31 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **2**
Phindisela impindiselo yabantwana bakoIsrayeli
kumaMidiyani; emva kwalokho ubuthelwe ebantwini
bakini. **3** UMozisi wakhuluma ebantwini esithi: Abanye
benu kabahlomele impi ukuze bamelane lamaMidiyani,
benze impindiselo yeNkosi kumaMidiyani. **4** Thumelani
empini abayinkulungwane kuleso lalesosizwe, kuzo
zonke izizwe zakoIsrayeli. **5** Kwasekunikelwa kuvela
ezinkulungwaneni zakoIsrayeli inkulungwane ngesizwe,
inkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili zihlomele impi. **6**
UMozisi wasezithumela empini, inkulungwane ngesizwe,
zona loPhinehasi indodana kaEleyazare umpristi,
ukuya empini, belempahla ezingcwele lempondo
zokuhlaba umkhosi esandleni sakhe. **7** Basebesilwa
bemelene lamaMidiyani, njengokulaya kweNkosi
kuMozisi, babulala bonke abesilisa. **8** Babulala njalo
amakhosi eMidiyani, ngaphandle kwababuleweyo, oEvi
loRekemi loZuri loHuri loReba, amakhosi amahlanu
eMidiyani; loBalami indodana kaBeyori bambulala
ngenkemba. **9** Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebethumba
abesifazana bamaMidiyani labantwanyana babo,
baphanga inkomo zawo zonke, lezimvu zawo zonke,
layo yonke inotho yawo. **10** Batshisa ngomlilo yonke
imizi ayehlala kiyo, lazo zonke izinqaba zawo. **11**
Bathatha yonke impango lakho konke okuthunjiweyo,
kwabantu lokwezifuyo, **12** baletha abathunjiweyo
lempango lokuthunjiweyo kuMozisi lakuEleyazare
umpristi, lakunhlangano yabantwana bakoIsrayeli,
enkambeni emagcekeni akoMowabi, aseJordani eJeriko.
13 UMozisi loEleyazare umpristi leziphathamandla
zonke zenhlangano basebephuma ukubahlangabeza
ngaphandle kwenkamba. **14** UMozisi wasethukuthelela
induna zebutho, induna zezinkulungwane lenduna
zamakhulu ezazivela ebuthweni lempi. **15** UMozisi
wasesithi kuzo: Liyekele yini abesifazana bonke ukuthi
baphile? **16** Khangelani, yilaba abenza abantwana
bakoIsrayeli, ngeseluleko sikaBalami, ukuthi benze
isiphambeko eNkosini endabeni yePeyori, kwaze kwaba
lenhlupheko phakathi kwenhlangano yeNkosi. **17**
Ngakho-ke bulalani wonke owesilisa ebantwanyaneni,
libulale wonke owesifazana owazi indoda ngokulala
lendoda; **18** kodwa bonke abantwanyana abesifazana
abangazanga indoda ngokulala layo, libayekele baphile,
babe ngabenu. **19** Lina-ke, misani inkamba ngaphandle
kwenkamba insuku eziyisikhombisa, loba ngubani
obulele umuntu, laloba ngubani othinte obuleweyo,
lizihlambulule lina labathunjiweyo benu ngosuku
lwesithathu langosuku lwesikhombisa, **20** lihlambulule
sonke isembatho, layo yonke into eyenziweyo
ngesikhumba, lakho konke okwenziweyo ngoboya
bembuzi, layo yonke into eyenziweyo ngesihlahla.
21 UEleyazare umpristi wasesithi kumadoda empi
ayephume impi: Lesi yisimiso somlayo iNkosi emlaye
ngaso uMozisi: **22** Kuphela igolide, lesiliva, ithusi,
insimbi, ithini, lomnuso, **23** yonke into engahlala emlilweni
lizayidlulisa emlilweni, ihlambuluke; loba kunjalo
izahlanjululwa ngamanzi okwehlukanisa. Lakho konke
okungahlali emlilweni lizakudlulisa emanzini. **24** Njalo
lizahlamba izembatho zenu ngosuku lwesikhombisa,

lihlambuluke, lemva kwalokho lingene enkambeni.
25 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: 26 Thatha
inani lonke lempango lokuthunjiweyo, okwabantu
lokwezifuyo, wena, loEleyazare umpristi, lenhloko
zaboyise zenhlangano; 27 yehlukanisa impango
ibe zingxenye ezimbili, phakathi kwabahlanganyela
empini baphuma impi lenhlangano yonke. 28 Njalo
thelisela iNkosi umthelo emadodeni empi ayephumele
impi, umphefumulo owodwa phakathi kwamakhulu
amahlanu, owabantu, lowenkomo, lowabobabhemi,
lowezimvu, 29 likuthathe kungxenye yawo eyodwa
kwezimbili, njalo ukunike uEleyazare umpristi kube
ngumnikelo wokuphakanyiswa weNkosi. 30 Lengxenyeni
eyodwa kwezimbili yabantwana bakoIsrayeli thatha
isabelo esisodwa kwezingamatshumi amahlanu,
esabantu, esezinkomo, esabobabhemi, lesezimvu, kuso
sonke isifuyo, ukunike amaLevi alondoloza imfanelo
yethabhanekele leNkosi. 31 UMozisi loEleyazare
umpristi basebesenza njengokulaya kweNkosi kuMozisi.
32 Lempango eyayisele lokuthunjiweyo abantu
bempi abakuthumbayo yayiyizimvu ezizinkulungwane
ezingamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi ayisikhombisa
lanhlanu, 33 lenkomo ezizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
ayisikhombisa lambili, 34 labobabhemi abazinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lanye, 35 lemiphefumulo
yabantu besifazana abangazanga ukulala lendoda, bonke
abantu babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu
lambili. 36 Lengxenye, isabelo sababephumele
impi, ngenani, yayiyizimvu ezizinkulungwane
ezingamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amathathu
lesikhombisa lamakhulu amahlanu; 37 lomthelo eNkosini
wezimvu wawungamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi
ayisikhombisa lanhlanu. 38 Lenkomo zazizinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amathathu lesithupha; lomthelo wazo
eNkosini wawungamatshumi ayisikhombisa lambili. 39
Labobabhemi babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amathathu lamakhulu amahlanu; lomthelo wabo eNkosini
wawungamatshumi ayisithupha lanye. 40 Lemiphefumulo
yabantu yayizinkulungwane ezilitshumi lesithupha;
lomthelo wayo eNkosini wawungabantu abangamatshumi
amathathu lambili. 41 UMozisi wasenika umthelo,
umnikelo wokuphakanyiswa weNkosi, kuEleyazare
umpristi, njengalokho iNkosi yamlaya uMozisi. 42
Lokwengxenye yabantwana bakoIsrayeli, uMozisi
ayehlukanise ivela emadodeni ayelwe impi. 43 Lengxenye
engeyenhlangano, eyezimvu, yayizinkulungwane
ezingamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amathathu
lesikhombisa lamakhulu amahlanu, 44 lenkomo
ezizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu
lesithupha, 45 labobabhemi abazinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amathathu lamakhulu amahlanu, 46
lemiphefumulo yabantu abayizinkulungwane ezilitshumi
lesithupha. 47 Lakuyo ingxenye yabantwana bakoIsrayeli
uMozisi wathatha isabelo esisodwa kwezingatshumini
amahlanu, esabantu lesezifuyo, wakunika amaLevi
ayelondoloza imfanelo yethabhanekele leNkosi,
njengokulaya kweNkosi kuMozisi. 48 Iziphathamandla
ezaziphezu kwezinkulungwane zebutho, izinduna
zezinkulungwane lezinduna zamakhulu, zasezisondela
kuMozisi, 49 zathi kuMozisi: Izinceku zakho sezithethe
inani lonke lamadoda empi ayengaphansi kwesandla
sethu; njalo kakulamuntu ongekho kithi. 50 Ngakho
silethile umnikelo weNkosi, ngulowo lalowo awutholileyo,
izinto zegolide, izigqizo, lamasongo, izindandatho,
amacici, lezigqizo zentanyeni, ukwenzela imiphefumulo
yethu inhlawulo yokuthula phambi kweNkosi. 51
UMozisi loEleyazare umpristi basebesemukela igolide
kuzo, zonke izinto ezenziwe ngobungcitshi. 52
Lalo lonke igolide lomnikelo abalinikela eNkosini,
livela ezinduneni zezinkulungwane lezinduneni
zamakhulu lalingamashekeli azinkulungwane ezilitshumi
lesithupha lamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi
amahlanu. 53 Amadoda empi ayethethe impango,
yileyo laleyo engeyayo. 54 UMozisi loEleyazare umpristi
basebesemukela igolide enduneni zezinkulungwane
lezamakhulu, baliletha ethenteni lenhlangano, kube
yisikhumbuzo kubantwana bakoIsrayeli phambi
kweNkosi.

32 Mayelana labantwana bakoRubeni labantwana
bakoGadi, babelenkomo ezinengi, ezinengi
kakhulu. Sebebone ilizwe leJazeri lelizwe leGileyadi,
khangela-ke, indawo yayiyindawo yenkomo. 2
Ngakho abantwana bakoGadi labantwana bakoRubeni
beza bakhuluma kuMozisi lakuEleyazare umpristi
lakuziphathamandla zenhlangano, besithi: 3 IAtarothi
leDiboni leJazeri leNimra leHeshiboni leEleyale leSebamu
leNebo leBeyoni, 4 ilizwe iNkosi eyalitshayayo phambi
kwenhlangano yakoIsrayeli, liyilizwe lezinkomo; futhi
izinceku zenu zilezinkomo. 5 Basebesithi: Nxa sithole
umusa emehlweni akho, ilizwe leli kaliphiwe inceku zakho
libe yimfuyo; ungasichaphisi iJordani. 6 UMozisi wasesithi
ebantwaneni bakoGadi lebantwaneni bakoRubeni:
Abafowenu bazakuya empini, lina-ke lihlale lapha yini? 7
Njalo lizadaniselani inhliziyo yabantwana bakoIsrayeli
ukuze bangachaphi ukuya elizweni iNkosi ebanike
lona? 8 Benza njalo oyihlo mhla ngibathuma besuka
eKadeshi-Bhaneya ukubona ilizwe. 9 Ekuhambeni
kwabo ukuya esihotsheni seEshikoli, balibona ilizwe,
badanisa inhliziyo yabantwana bakoIsrayeli ukuze
bangangeni elizweni iNkosi eyayibanike lona. 10
Ulaka lweNkosi lwaseluvutha ngalolusuku, yasifunga
isithi: 11 Isibili kakho kumadoda enyuka esuka
eGibhithe, kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi
amabili langaphezulu ozalibona ilizwe engalifungela
uAbrahama, uIsaka loJakobe, ngoba kabangilandelanga
ngokupheleleyo; 12 ngaphandle kukaKalebi indodana
kaJefune umKenizi, loJoshuwa indodana kaNuni, ngoba
balandele iNkosi ngokupheleleyo. 13 Lolaka lweNkosi

lwamvuthela uIsrayeli, yasibazulisa enkangala iminyaka
engamatshumi amane, kwaze kwaphela isizukulwana
sonke esasenze okubi emehlweni eNkosi. **14** Khangelani-
ke, selivukile esikhundleni saboyihlo, inzalo yabantu
abonayo, ukwandisa futhi intukuthelo yeNkosi evuthela
uIsrayeli. **15** Uba liphenduka ekuyilandeleni, izaphinda
njalo ibatshiye enkangala; njalo lizabhubhisa bonke
lababantu. **16** Basebesondela kuye bathi: Sizakwakha
lapha izibaya zezifuyo zethu, lemizi yabantwanyana
bethu; **17** kodwa thina sizahloma silungile phambi
kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli, size sibafikise endaweni yabo,
labantwanyana bethu bazahlala emizini evikelekileyo,
ngenxa yabahlali belizwe. **18** Kasiyikubuyela emizini
yethu, abantwana bakoIsrayeli baze badle, ngulowo
lalowo ilifa lakhe. **19** Ngoba kasiyikudla ilifa kanye labo
ngaphetsheya kweJordani langaphambili, ngoba ilifa lethu
selehlele kithi nganeno kweJordani empumalanga. **20**
UMozisi wasesithi kubo: Nxa lisenza linto, nxa lizahamba
lihlomele impi phambi kweNkosi, **21** beselichapha
iJordani, wonke ohlomileyo kini, phambi kweNkosi,
ize ixotshe izitha zayo phambi kwayo, **22** lelizwe
lehliselwe phansi phambi kweNkosi, khona emva
kwalokho lizabuya, lingabi lacala eNkosini lakuIsrayeli;
lalelilizwe lizakuba yilifa lenu phambi kweNkosi. **23** Kodwa
nxa lingenzi njalo, khangelani lizabe lonile eNkosini;
ngakho yazini ukuthi isono senu sizalithola. **24** Zakheleni
imizi yabantwanyana benu lezibaya zezimvu zenu, njalo
yenzani lokho okuphume emlonyeni wenu. **25** Abantwana
bakoGadi labantwana bakoRubeni basebekhuluma
kuMozisi besithi: Izinceku zakho zizakwenza njengalokho
inkosi yami ilaya. **26** Abantwanyana bethu, omkethu,
izimvu zethu, lazo zonke izifuyo zethu kuzakuba
lapho emizini yeGileyadi; **27** kodwa inceku zakho
zizachapha, ngulowo lalowo ehlomele impi, phambi
kukaJehova empini, njengokutsho kwenkosi yami. **28**
UMozisi waselayezela ngabo kuEleyazare umpristi,
loJoshuwa indodana kaNuni, lenhloko zaboyise zezizwe
zabantwana bakoIsrayeli. **29** UMozisi wasesithi kubo: Nxa
abantwana bakoGadi labantwana bakoRubeni bechapha
lani iJordani, wonke ehlomele impi, phambi kweNkosi,
lelizwe lisehliselwa phansi phambi kwenu, khona
lizabanika ilizwe leGileyadi libe yimfuyo. **30** Kodwa uba
bengachaphi lani behlomile, bazakuba lemfuyo phakathi
kwenu elizweni leKhanani. **31** Abantwana bakoGadi
labantwana bakoRubeni basebephendula besithi: Lokhu
iNkosi esikutshilo kunceku zakho - sizakwenza njalo.
32 Thina sizachapha sihlomile phambi kweNkosi siye
elizweni leKhanani, ukuze imfuyo yelifa lethu ibe ngeyethu
nganeno kweJordani. **33** Njalo uMozisi wabanika,
kubantwana bakoGadi lakubantwana bakoRubeni
lakungxenye yesizwe sakoManase, indodana kaJosefa,
umbuso kaSihoni inkosi yamaAmori, lombuso kaOgi
inkosi yeBashani, ilizwe lemizi yalo emingceleni, imizi
yelizwe inhlangothi zonke. **34** Labantwana bakoGadi
bakha iDiboni leAtarothi leAroweri **35** leAtirothi-Shofani
leJazeri leJogibeha, **36** leBeti-Nimra leBeti-Harani,
imizi evikelweyo, lezibaya zezimvu. **37** Labantwana
bakoRubeni bakha iHeshiboni leEleyale leKiriyathayimi **38**
leNebo leBhali-Meyoni (sekuguqulwe amabizo) leSibima;
basebebiza amabizo emizi abayakhayo ngamanye
amabizo. **39** Labantwana bakoMakiri indodana kaManase
baya eGileyadi, bayithumba, bawakhupha amaAmori
emfuyweni yawo ayekuyo. **40** UMozisi wasenika uMakiri
indodana kaManase iGileyadi, wasehlala kiyo. **41** LoJayiri
indodana kaManase wayathumba imizana yayo, wayibiza
ngokuthi yiHavothi-Jayiri. **42** LoNoba wayathumba
iKenathi, lemizana yayo, wayibiza ngokuthi yiNoba
ngebizo lakhe.

33 Lezi zinhambo zabantwana bakoIsrayeli abaphuma
elizweni leGibhithe ngamabutho abo, ngesandla
sikaMozisi loAroni. **2** UMozisi wasebhala ukuphuma
kwabo ngezinhambo zabo ngokomlayo weNkosi.
Lalezi zinhambo zabo njengokuphuma kwabo.
3 Basebesuka eRamesesi ngenyanga yokuqala
ngosuku lwetshumi lanhlanu lwenyanga yokuqala;
ngakusisa kwephasika abantwana bakoIsrayeli baphuma
ngesandla esiphakemeyo phambi kwamehlo awo wonke
amaGibhithe, **4** lapho amaGibhithe engcwaba labo iNkosi
eyabatshayayo phakathi kwawo, wonke amazibulo;
laphezu kwabonkulunkulu bawo iNkosi yenza isigwebo. **5**
Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesuka eRamesesi, bamisa
inkamba eSukothi. **6** Basuka eSukothi, bamisa inkamba
eEthama elisekucineni kwenkangala. **7** Basuka eEthama,
babuyela ePi-Hahirothi ephambi kweBhali-Zefoni, bamisa
inkamba phambi kweMigidoli. **8** Basuka ePi-Hahirothi,
badabula phakathi kolwandle besiya enkangala; bahamba
uhambo lwensuku ezintathu enkangala yeEthama,
bamisa inkamba eMara. **9** Basuka eMara, bayafika eElimi;
njalo eElimi kwakukhona imithombo yamanzi elitshumi
lambili lezihlahla zelala ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa;
basebemisa inkamba lapho. **10** Basuka eElimi, bamisa
inkamba eLwandle oluBomvu. **11** Basuka eLwandle
oluBomvu, bamisa inkamba enkangala yeSini. **12**
Basuka enkangala yeSini, bamisa inkamba eDofika.
13 Basuka eDofika, bamisa inkamba eAlushi. **14**
Basuka eAlushi, bamisa inkamba eRefidimi lapho
okwakungelamanzi khona okuthi abantu banathe. **15**
Basebesuka eRefidimi, bamisa inkamba enkangala
yeSinayi. **16** Basuka enkangala yeSinayi, bamisa inkamba
eKibirothi-Hathava. **17** Basuka eKibirothi-Hathava,
bamisa inkamba eHazerothi. **18** Basuka eHazerothi,
bamisa inkamba eRithima. **19** Basuka eRithima, bamisa
inkamba eRimoni-Perezi. **20** Basuka eRimoni-Perezi,
bamisa inkamba eLibhina. **21** Basuka eLibhina, bamisa
inkamba eRisa. **22** Basuka eRisa, bamisa inkamba
eKehelatha. **23** Basuka eKehelatha, bamisa inkamba
entabeni yeSheferi. **24** Basuka entabeni yeSheferi,

bamisa inkamba eHarada. **25** Basuka eHarada, bamisa
inkamba eMakelothi. **26** Basuka eMakelothi, bamisa
inkamba eTahathi. **27** Basuka eTahathi, bamisa inkamba
eTera. **28** Basuka eTera, bamisa inkamba eMithika.
29 Basuka eMithika, bamisa inkamba eHashimona. **30**
Basuka eHashimona, bamisa inkamba eMoserothi. **31**
Basuka eMoserothi, bamisa inkamba eBene-Jakani. **32**
Basuka eBene-Jakani, bamisa inkamba eHori-Hagidigadi.
33 Basuka eHori-Hagidigadi, bamisa inkamba eJotibatha.
34 Basuka eJotibatha, bamisa inkamba eAbrona. **35**
Basuka eAbrona, bamisa inkamba eEziyoni-Geberi. **36**
Basuka eEziyoni-Geberi, bamisa inkamba enkangala
yeZini, eyiKadeshi. **37** Basuka eKadeshi, bamisa inkamba
entabeni yeHori ekucineni kwelizwe leEdoma. **38** UAroni
umpristi wasesenyukela entabeni yeHori ngokomlayo
weNkosi, wafela khona, ngomnyaka wamatshumi amane
emva kokuphuma kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli elizweni
leGibhithe, ngenyanga yesihlanu, ngosuku lokuqala
lwenyanga. **39** Njalo uAroni wayeleminyaka elikhulu
lamatshumi amabili lantathu ekufeni kwakhe entabeni
yeHori. **40** UmKhanani, inkosi yeAradi, owayehlala
eningizimu elizweni leKhanani, wasesizwa ngokuza
kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli. **41** Basebesuka entabeni
yeHori, bamisa inkamba eZalimona. **42** Basuka
eZalimona, bamisa inkamba ePunoni. **43** Basuka
ePunoni, bamisa inkamba eObothi. **44** Basuka eObothi,
bamisa inkamba eIye-Abarimi, emngceleni wakoMowabi.
45 Basuka eIyimi, bamisa inkamba eDiboni-Gadi.
46 Basuka eDiboni-Gadi, bamisa inkamba eAlimoni-
Dibilathayimi. **47** Basuka eAlimoni-Dibilathayimi, bamisa
inkamba entabeni zeAbarimi, phambi kweNebo. **48**
Basuka entabeni zeAbarimi, bamisa inkamba emagcekeni
akoMowabi eJordani eJeriko; **49** bamisa inkamba
eJordani kusukela eBeti-Jeshimothi kusiya eAbeli-
Shithimi, emagcekeni akoMowabi. **50** INkosi yasikhuluma
kuMozisi emagcekeni akoMowabi, eJordani eJeriko, isithi:
51 Tshono ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli uthi kubo: Lapho
selichaphe iJordani laya elizweni leKhanani, **52** lizaxotsha
bonke abakhileyo belizwe libakhuphe emfuyweni yabo
phambi kwenu, lichithe yonke imifanekiso yabo, lichithe
zonke izithombe zabo ezibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa, liqede
zonke indawo zabo eziphakemeyo, **53** lidle ilifa lelizwe,
lihlale kilo, ngoba ngilinike ilizwe ukuthi lidle ilifa lalo. **54**
Njalo lizakudla ilifa lelizwe ngenkatho ngensendo zenu;
kwabanengi lizakwengeza ilifa labo, lakwabalutshwana
lizanciphisa ilifa labo. Lapho inkatho ezamphumela
khona umuntu, kuzakuba ngokwakhe. Njengezizwe
zaboyihlo lizakudla ilifa. **55** Kodwa nxa lingabakhuphi
abakhileyo elizweni emfuyweni yabo phambi kwenu,
khona kuzakuthi elibatshiyayo babo bazakuba zimvava
emehlweni enu babe ngameva ezinhlangothini zenu,
balihluphe elizweni elihlala kilo. **56** Kuzakuthi-ke,
ngizakwenza kini njengalokhu ebengicabanga ukukwenza
kubo.

34 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **2** Laya
abantwana bakoIsrayeli uthi kubo: Lapho lingena
elizweni leKhanani, leli lizakuba yilizwe elizawela
kini libe yilifa, ilizwe leKhanani, ngokwemingcele
yalo. **3** Legumbi lenu leningizimu lizakuba kusukela
enkangala yeZini, enhlangothini zeEdoma. Njalo uzakuba
ngumngcele wenu weningizimu kusukela ekucineni
kolwandle lwetshwayi empumalanga. **4** Umngcele wenu
uzajika uvela eningizimu usiya emqansweni weAkirabimi,
wedlulele eZini; lokuphuma kwawo kuzavela eningizimu
kuye eKadeshi-Bhaneya; uzaphuma uye eHazari-Adari,
wedlulele eAzimoni. **5** Lomngcele uzajika uvela eAzimoni
uye esifuleni seGibhithe; lokuphuma kwawo kuzakuba
selwandle. **6** Mayelana lomngcele wentshonalanga,
ulwandle olukhulu luzakuba ngumngcele wenu; lona
luzakuba ngumngcele wenu ngentshonalanga. **7** Lalokhu
kuzakuba ngumngcele wenu wenyakatho: Kusukela
elwandle olukhulu lizazidwebela intaba yeHori; **8** kusukela
entabeni yeHori lizadweba umngcele oya ekungeneni
kweHamathi, lokuphuma komngcele kuye eZedadi. **9**
Lomngcele uzaphuma uye eZifroni, lokuphuma kwawo
kuzakuba eHazari-Enani. Lo uzakuba ngumngcele
wenu wenyakatho. **10** Njalo lizazidwebela umngcele
wenu wempumalanga kusukela eHazari-Enani kusiya
eShefamu; **11** lomngcele uzakwehla uvela eShefamu uye
eRibila empumalanga kweAyini, lomngcele wehle ufike
eceleni kolwandle lweKinerethi ngempumalanga. **12**
Umngcele uzakwehlela-ke eJordani, lokuphuma kwawo
kuzakuba solwandle lwetshwayi. Leli lizakuba yilizwe
lenu ngemingcele yalo inhlangothi zonke. **13** UMozisi
waselaya abantwana bakoIsrayeli esithi: Leli yilizwe
elizakudla ilifa lalo ngenkatho, iNkosi elaye ngalo ukulinika
izizwe eziyisificamunwemunye lengxenye yesizwe.
14 Ngoba isizwe sabantwana bakoRubeni ngezindlu
zaboyise, lesizwe sabantwana bakoGadi ngezindlu
zaboyise zemukele, lengxenye yesizwe sakoManase
yemukele ilifa layo. **15** Izizwe ezimbili lengxenye
yesizwe zemukele ilifa lazo nganeno kweJordani, eJeriko,
empumalanga, lapho okuphuma khona ilanga. **16**
INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: **17** La ngamabizo
amadoda azalabela ilizwe libe yilifa: UEleyazare umpristi
loJoshuwa indodana kaNuni. **18** Njalo lizathatha
isiphathamandla kuleso lalesosizwe ukwehlukanisa
ilizwe libe yilifa. **19** Lala ngamabizo amadoda:
Esizweni sakoJuda, uKalebi indodana kaJefune. **20**
Lesizweni sabantwana bakoSimeyoni, uShemuweli
indodana kaAmihudi. **21** Esizweni sakoBhenjamini,
uElidadi indodana kaKisiloni. **22** Lesizweni sabantwana
bakoDani, isiphathamandla uBuki indodana kaJogili.
23 Ebantwaneni bakoJosefa, esizweni sabantwana
bakoManase, isiphathamandla uHaniyeli indodana
kaEfodi. **24** Lesizweni sabantwana bakoEfrayimi,
isiphathamandla uKemuweli indodana kaShifitani. **25**
Lesizweni sabantwana bakoZebuluni, isiphathamandla

uElizafani indodana kaParinaki. 26 Lesizweni sabantwana
bakoIsakari, isiphathamandla uPalitiyeli indodana
kaAzani. 27 Lesizweni sabantwana bakoAsheri,
isiphathamandla uAhiyudi indodana kaShelomi. 28
Lesizweni sabantwana bakoNafithali, isiphathamandla
uPedaheli indodana kaAmihudi. 29 Yibo labo iNkosi
eyabalaya ukwehlukanisela abantwana bakoIsrayeli ilifa
elizweni leKhanani.

35 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi emagcekeni
akoMowabi, eJordani eJeriko, isithi: 2 Laya
abantwana bakoIsrayeli ukuthi banike amaLevi
okwelifa lemfuyo yabo imizi yokuhlala; futhi linike
amaLevi amadlelo emizi inhlangothi zonke zawo.
3 Njalo azakuba lemizi yokuhlala, lamadlelo awo
abe ngawenkomo zawo lawempahla zawo lawezifuyo
zawo zonke. 4 Lamadlelo emizi elizawanika
amaLevi azakuba kusukela emthangaleni womuzi
langaphandle izingalo eziyinkulungwane inhlangothi
zonke. 5 Njalo lizalinganisa ngaphandle komuzi ingalo
ezizinkulungwane ezimbili ehlangothini lwempumalanga,
lengalo ezizinkulungwane ezimbili ehlangothini
lweningizimu, lengalo ezizinkulungwane ezimbili
ehlangothini lwentshonalanga, lengalo ezizinkulungwane
ezimbili ehlangothini lwenyakatho, lomuzi ube phakathi.
Lokho kuzakuba ngamadlelo awo emizi. 6 Lemizi
elizayinika amaLevi izakuba yimizi eyisithupha
yokuphephela elizayinika, ukuze umbulali abalekele
khona; langaphezu kwayo linike imizi engamatshumi
amane lambili. 7 Yonke imizi elizayinika amaLevi
izakuba ngamatshumi amane lesificaminwembili, yile
lamadlelo ayo. 8 Lemizi elizayinika emfuyweni
yabantwana bakoIsrayeli; koleminengi lithathe eminengi,
lakolemilutshwana lithathe emilutshwana; ngulowo lalowo
njengokwelifa lakhe azalidla, uzanika okwemizi yakhe
kumaLevi. 9 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi isithi: 10
Tshono ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli uthi kibo: Lapho
lichapha iJordani lingene elizweni leKhanani, 11
zimiseleni imizi ezakuba yimizi yenu yokuphephela, ukuze
umbulali abalekele khona, otshaye umuntu kungeyisikho
ngabomo. 12 Njalo izakuba yimizi yenu yokuphephela
kumphindiseli, ukuthi umbulali angafi aze eme phambi
kwenhlangano ukuthi ahlulelwe. 13 Lemizi elizayinika
izakuba yimizi yenu eyisithupha yokuphephela. 14
Lizanika imizi emithathu nganeno kweJordani, linike imizi
emithathu elizweni leKhanani, ibe yimizi yokuphephela.
15 Limizi eyisithupha izakuba ngeyokuphephela
kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli, lakowemzini lakowezizweni
phakathi kwabo, ukuze loba ngubani otshaya umuntu
kungeyisikho ngabomo abalekele khona. 16 Njalo nxa
emtshaya ngesikhali sensimbi afe, ungumbulali; umbulali
kabulawe lokubulawa. 17 Njalo nxa emtshaya ngelitshe
elisesandleni angafa ngalo, abesesifa, ungumbulali;
umbulali kabulawe lokubulawa. 18 Kumbe uba
emtshaya ngesikhali sesigodo esisesandleni angafa
ngaso, abesesifa, ungumbulali; umbulali kabulawe
lokubulawa. 19 Umphindiseli wegazi, yena uzabulala
umbulali; lapho ehlangana laye, yena uzambulala.
20 Njalo nxa emsunduza ngokuzonda, loba emjikijela
ngokucathama, afe, 21 loba ngobutha emtshaya
ngesandla sakhe, afe, lowo otshayayo kabulawe
lokubulawa, ungumbulali; umphindiseli wegazi uzabulala
umbulali lapho ehlangana laye. 22 Kodwa uba
emsunduzile masinyane engelabutha, loba emjikijela
loba ngasiphi isikhali engacathamanga, 23 kumbe loba
ngaliphi ilitshe, angafa ngalo, engamboni, aliwisele
kuye, afe, lanxa engeyisiso isitha sakhe, futhi engadingi
ububi bakhe, 24 inhlangano izakwahlulela phakathi
komtshayi lomphindiseli wegazi ngokwezahlulelo
lezi. 25 Lenhlangano izamophula umbulali esandleni
somphindiseli wegazi; lenhlangano imbuyisele emzini
wokuphephela kwakhe, lapho abebalekele khona,
ahlale kuwo, aze afe umpristi omkhulu owagcotshwa
ngamafutha angcwele. 26 Kodwa uba umbulali
ephuma nje umngcele womuzi wokuphephela kwakhe,
abebalekele khona, 27 umphindiseli wegazi emfica
ngaphandle komngcele womuzi wokuphephela kwakhe,
umphindiseli wegazi uzabulala umbulali; kayikuba lecala
legazi. 28 Ngoba ngabe uhlale emzini wokuphephela
kwakhe, aze afe umpristi omkhulu; kodwa emva
kokufa kompristi omkhulu umbulali uzabuyela elizweni
lemfuyo yakhe. 29 Njalo lezizinto zizakuba ngumthetho
wesahlulelo kini, ezizukulwaneni zenu, kuyo yonke imizi
yenu. 30 Loba ngubani otshaya umuntu, ngomlomo
wabafakazi umbulali uzabulawa; kodwa umfakazi oyedwa
kayikufakaza ngomuntu ukuthi afe. 31 Futhi kaliyikuthatha
inhlawulo ngempilo yombulali ocaleke ngokufa; ngoba
uzabulawa lokubulawa. 32 Njalo kaliyikuthatha inhlawulo
ngobalekele emzini wokuphephela kwakhe, ukuze
abuyele ukuyahlala elizweni, aze afe umpristi. 33 Ngakho
kaliyikungcolisa ilizwe elikilo; ngoba ligazi elingcolisa
ilizwe; njalo kakuyikwenzelwa ilizwe ukubuyisana ngegazi
elichithwe kulo, ngaphandle kwangegazi lolichithileyo.
34 Ngakho lingangcolisi ilizwe elihlala kilo, engihlala
phakathi kwalo; ngoba mina iNkosi ngihlala phakathi
kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli.

36 Kwasekusondela inhloko zaboyise zensendo
zabantwana bakoGileyadi indodana kaMakiri
indodana kaManase, abosendo lwabantwana
bakoJosefa, zakhuluma phambi kukaMozisi laphambi
kweziphathamandla, inhloko zaboyise babantwana
bakoIsrayeli, 2 zathi: INkosi yalaya inkosi yami
ukuthi iphe abantwana bakoIsrayeli ilizwe njengelifa
ngenkatho; futhi inkosi yami yalaywa yiNkosi ukuthi
inike ilifa likaZelofehadi umfowethu kumadodakazi
akhe. 3 Uba esendela kwenye yamadodana ezizwe
zabantwana bakoIsrayeli, ilifa lawo lizasuswa elifeni
labobaba, lengezelelwe elifeni lalesosizwe azakuba
ngawaso; ngalokho lizasuswa kunkatho yelifa lethu. 4

Lalapho kuzakuba lijubili labantwana bakoIsrayeli, ilifa
lawo lizakwengezelelwa elifeni lalesosizwe azakuba
ngawaso; ngalokho ilifa lawo lizasuswa elifeni lesizwe
sabobaba. **5** UMozisi waselaya abantwana bakoIsrayeli
ngokomlomo weNkosi esithi: Isizwe sabantwana
bakoJosefa sikhulume kuhle. **6** Le yinto iNkosi
eyilayileyo mayelana lamadodakazi kaZelofehadi isithi:
Kawendele kulabo abahle emehlweni awo, kodwa
kawendele osendweni lwesizwe sikayise. **7** Ngalokho ilifa
labantwana bakoIsrayeli kalingabhodi lisuke esizweni liye
esizweni, ngoba abantwana bakoIsrayeli bazanamathela,
ngulowo lalowo elifeni lesizwe saboyise. **8** Layileyo
laleyo indodakazi edla ilifa esizweni sabantwana
bakoIsrayeli izakwendela komunye wosendo wesizwe
sikayise, ukuze abantwana bakoIsrayeli badle ilifa,
omunye lomunye ilifa laboyise. **9** Ngalokho ilifa
kaliyikubhoda lisuke esizweni liye kwesinye isizwe,
ngoba izizwe zabantwana bakoIsrayeli zizanamathela,
ngulowo lalowo elifeni lakhe. **10** Njengokulaya kweNkosi
kuMozisi enza njalo amadodakazi kaZelofehadi; **11**
ngoba uMahla, uTiriza, loHogila, loMilka, loNowa,
amadodakazi kaZelofehadi, endela emadodaneni
abafowabo bakayise. **12** Endela kunsendo zabantwana
bakoManase indodana kaJosefa, lelifa lawo lahlala
esizweni sosendo lukayise. **13** Le yimilayo lezahlulelo
iNkosi eyazilaya abantwana bakoIsrayeli ngesandla
sikaMozisi emagcekeni akoMowabi eJordani eJeriko.

UDutheronomi

1 La ngamazwi uMozisi awakhuluma kuIsrayeli wonke
nganeno kweJordani enkangala, egcekeni eliqondene
leSufi, phakathi kweParani leTofeli leLabani leHazerothi
leDizahabi. **2** Kulensuku ezilitshumi lanye kusukela
eHorebe ngendlela yentaba yeSeyiri kusiya eKadeshi-
Bhaneya. **3** Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wamatshumi
amane, ngenyanga yetshumi lanye, ngolokuqala
lwenyanga, uMozisi wakhuluma kubantwana bakoIsrayeli
njengakho konke iNkosi eyamlaya ngakho kubo, **4**
esemtshayile uSihoni inkosi yamaAmori owayehlala
eHeshiboni, loOgi inkosi yeBashani owayehlala
eAshitarothi eEdreyi. **5** Nganeno kweJordani, elizweni
lakoMowabi, uMozisi waqala ukuchasisa lumlayo esithi: **6**
INkosi uNkulunkulu wethu yakhuluma kithi eHorebe isithi:
Selihlale isikhathi eseneleyo kulintaba. **7** Phendukani
lisuke, liye entabeni yamaAmori, lendaweni ezakhelene
lawo, egcekeni, entabeni, lesihotsheni, leningizimu,
lekhunjini lolwandle, ilizwe lamaKhanani, leLebhanoni,
kuze kube semfuleni omkhulu, umfula iYufrathi. **8**
Bonani, ngibeke ilizwe phambi kwenu. Ngenani, lidle
ilifa lelizwe iNkosi eyalifungela oyihlo, oAbrahama,
uIsaka, loJakobe, ukubanika lona lenzalo yabo emva
kwabo. **9** Njalo ngakhuluma kini ngalesosikhathi ngisithi:
Kangilakulithwala ngingedwa. **10** INkosi uNkulunkulu
wenu ilandisile, khangelani-ke, lamuhla linjengenkanyezi
zamazulu ngobunengi. **11** INkosi, uNkulunkulu waboyihlo,
kayandise kini, njengoba linjalo, ngokuphindwe
kankulungwane, ilibusise, njengokukhuluma kwayo
kini. **12** Ngingedwa ngingathwala njani ubunzima benu
lomthwalo wenu lenkani yenu? **13** Zithatheleni amadoda
ahlakaniphileyo, azwisisayo, laziwayo ezizweni zenu,
ngiwabeke-ke abe zinhloko zenu. **14** Laselingiphendula
lisithi: Ilizwi olikhulumileyo lilungile ukulenza. **15**
Ngasengithatha inhloko zezizwe zenu, amadoda
ahlakaniphileyo, aziwayo, ngawabeka aba zinhloko
phezu kwenu, induna zezinkulungwane, lenduna
zamakhulu, lenduna zamatshumi amahlanu, lenduna
zamatshumi, leziphathamandla zezizwe zenu. **16**
Ngasengilaya abahluleli benu ngalesosikhathi ngisithi:
Zwanini okuphakathi kwabafowenu, lahlulele ngokulunga
phakathi komuntu lomfowabo lowezizweni okuye. **17**
Lingakhangeli ubuso ekwahluleleni, zwanini omncinyane
njengomkhulu; lingesabi ubuso bomuntu, ngoba
ukwahlulela kungokukaNkulunkulu. Lendaba elukhuni
kini lizayiletha kimi, besengiyizwa. **18** Langalesosikhathi
ngalilaya zonke izinto elifanele ukuzenza. **19**
Sasesisuka eHorebe, sahamba kuyo yonke leyonkangala
enkulu leyesabekayo elayibonayo ngendlela yentaba
yamaAmori, njengokusilaya kweNkosi uNkulunkulu
wethu, saze safika eKadeshi-Bhaneya. **20** Ngasengisithi
kini: Selifikile entabeni yamaAmori iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wethu ezasinika yona. **21** Bona, iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho ilinikile ilizwe phambi kwakho; yenyuka udle ilifa
lalo, njengokutsho kweNkosi uNkulunkulu waboyihlo
kuwe; ungesabi, ungadideki. **22** Laselisondela kimi lonke
lathi: Asithume amadoda phambi kwethu ukuze asihlolele
ilizwe, abuyise ilizwi kithi, indlela esizakwenyuka
ngayo, lemizi esizangena kuyo. **23** Lendaba yayinhle
emehlweni ami; ngakho ngathatha kini amadoda
alitshumi lambili, indodanye ngesizwe. **24** Wona
aphenduka, enyukela entabeni aze afika esihotsheni
seEshikoli, asihlola. **25** Asethatha okwezithelo zelizwe
esandleni sabo, azehlisela kithi; abuyisa ilizwi kithi
athi: Ilizwe lihle iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu esinika
lona. **26** Kanti kalifunanga ukwenyuka, kodwa lavukela
umlomo weNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu, **27** langunguna
emathenteni enu lathi: Ngoba iNkosi yayisizonda,
yasikhupha elizweni leGibhithe ukusinikela esandleni
samaAmori ukusibhubhisa. **28** Sizakwenyukela ngaphi?
Abafowethu benze inhliziyo yethu iphele amandla
besithi: Abantu bakhulu bade kulathi; imizi mikhulu,
ibiyelwe ngemithangala efika emazulwini; futhi-ke sibonile
khona amadodana amaAnaki. **29** Ngasengisithi kini:
Lingatshaywa luvalo, libesabe. **30** INkosi uNkulunkulu
wenu ehamba phambi kwenu, yona izalilwela njengakho
konke eyalenzela khona eGibhithe phambi kwamehlo
enu, **31** lenkangala, lapho obone khona ukuthi iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho yakuthwala njengendoda ithwala
indodana yayo, endleleni yonke elahamba ngayo laze
lafika kulindawo. **32** Kodwa ngalelilizwi kalikholwanga
iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu **33** eyahamba phambi kwenu
endleleni, ukulidingela indawo ukuze limise inkamba,
ngomlilo ebusuku, ukulitshengisa indlela elizahamba
ngayo, langeyezi emini. **34** Kwathi iNkosi isizwile ilizwi
lamazwi enu, yathukuthela yafunga yathi: **35** Isibili
kakho kulamadoda alesisizukulwana esibi ozabona
ilizwe elihle engafunga ukulinika oyihlo, **36** ngaphandle
kukaKalebi indodana kaJefune; yena uzalibona. Njalo
ngizanika kuye ilizwe anyathela kulo, lakubantwana
bakhe, ngoba ulandele iNkosi ngokupheleleyo. **37**
Lami iNkosi yangithukuthelela ngenxa yenu, isithi: Lawe
kawuyikungena khona. **38** UJoshuwa indodana kaNuni
oma phambi kwakho, yena uzangena khona; mqinise,
ngoba yena uzakwenza uIsrayeli adle ilifa lalo. **39**
Labantwanyana benu elalisithi bazakuba yimpango,
labantwana benu, abangaziyo lamuhla okuhle lokubi,
bona bazangena khona; lakubo ngizalinika, bona-ke
bazakudla ilifa lalo. **40** Kodwa lina ziphendukeleni,
lisuke liye enkangala, indlela yoLwandle oluBomvu.
41 Laseliphendula lisithi kimi: Sonile eNkosini; thina
sizakwenyuka siyekulwa, njengakho konke iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wethu eyasilaya khona. Selihlomile, ngulowo
lalowo isikhali sakhe sempi, lacabanga ukuthi kulula
ukwenyukela entabeni. **42** INkosi yasisithi kimi: Tshono
kubo: Lingenyuki, lingalwi, ngoba kangikho phakathi
kwenu, hlezi litshaywe phambi kwezitha zenu. **43**

Ngasengikhuluma kini, kodwa kalilalelanga, lavukela
umlomo weNkosi, laqholoza lenyukela entabeni. **44**
Kwathi amaAmori ayehlala entabeni leyo aphuma
ukumelana lani, alixotsha njengokwenziwa zinyosi,
alihlakaza eSeyiri, kwaze kwaba seHorma. **45** Laselibuya,
lakhala inyembezi phambi kweNkosi, kodwa iNkosi
kayilizwanga ilizwi lenu, kayibekanga indlebe kini. **46**
Laselihlala eKadeshi insuku ezinengi, njengensuku
elahlala ngazo.

2 Sasesiphenduka, sasuka saya enkangala, indlela
yoLwandle oluBomvu, njengokutsho kweNkosi kimi;
njalo sayibhoda intaba yeSeyiri insuku ezinengi. **2** INkosi
yasikhuluma kimi isithi: **3** Selibhode intaba le okweneleyo;
phendukelani lina enyakatho. **4** Balaye-ke abantu usithi:
Lidabula umngcele wabafowenu, abantwana bakaEsawu
abahlala eSeyiri. Njalo bazalesaba, ngakho lizinanzelele
kakhulu, **5** lingalwi labo; ngoba kangiyikulinika okwelizwe
labo, lelingangokunyathela kwangaphansi konyawo,
ngoba ngimnikile uEsawu intaba yeSeyiri ibe yilifa. **6**
Lizathenga ukudla kubo ngemali ukuze lidle, lithenge
kubo lamanzi ngemali ukuze linathe. **7** Ngoba iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho ikubusisile emsebenzini wonke
wesandla sakho; iyazi ukuhamba kwakho kulinkangala
enkulu. Le iminyaka engamatshumi amane iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho ibilawe, kawuswelanga lutho.
8 Uba sisedlula sisuka kubafowethu, abantwana
bakaEsawu abahlala eSeyiri, ngendlela yegceke sisuke
eElathi njalo sisuka eEziyoni-Geberi, saphenduka,
sadlula ngendlela yenkangala yakoMowabi. **9** INkosi
yasisithi kimi: Ungahlukuluzi uMowabi, ungalwi labo
empini; ngoba kangiyikukunika okwelizwe labo kube
yilifa, ngoba ngibanikile abantwana bakaLothi iAri
ibe yilifa. **10** Kwakuhlala khona endulo amaEmi,
abantu abakhulu, labanengi, labade, njengamaAnaki;
11 babebalwa njengeziqhwaga labo njengamaAnaki,
kodwa amaMowabi ababiza ngokuthi ngamaEmi. **12**
LamaHori ayehlala eSeyiri endulo, kodwa abantwana
bakaEsawu bawakhupha emfuyweni yabo, bawachitha
phambi kwabo, bahlala endaweni yawo, njengokwenza
kukaIsrayeli elizweni lelifa lakhe, iNkosi eyabanika lona.
13 Khathesi, sukumani lina lichaphe isifula iZeredi.
Ngakho sachapha isifula iZeredi. **14** Lensuku esahamba
ngazo sisuka eKadeshi-Bhaneya saze sachapha
isifula iZeredi zaziyiminyaka engamatshumi amathathu
lesificaminwembili, kwaze kwaphela isizukulwana
sonke samadoda empi sisuka phakathi kwenkamba,
njengokufunga kweNkosi kuwo. **15** Ngoba isibili isandla
seNkosi sasimelene lawo, ukuwachitha esuka phakathi
kwenkamba, aze aphela. **16** Kwasekusithi lapho
wonke amadoda empi esephelile esifa esuka phakathi
kwabantu, **17** INkosi yasikhuluma kimi isithi: **18**
Lamuhla uzakwedlula iAri, umngcele wakoMowabi, **19**
lapho ususondele maqondana labantwana bakoAmoni,
ungabahlukuluzi, ungalwi labo, ngoba kangiyikukunika
okwelizwe labantwana bakoAmoni kube yilifa, ngoba
ngilinike abantwana bakaLothi libe yilifa. **20** Lalelo labalwa
njengelizwe leziqhwaga. Iziqhwaga zahlala kulo endulo,
kodwa amaAmoni bazibiza ngokuthi ngamaZamuzumu;
21 abantu abakhulu, labanengi, labade, njengamaAnaki;
kodwa iNkosi yabachitha phambi kwabo, babakhupha
emfuyweni yabo, bahlala endaweni yabo, **22** njengalokho
eyakwenzela abantwana bakaEsawu, ababehlala eSeyiri,
lapho yawachitha amaHori esuka phambi kwabo,
bawakhupha emfuyweni yabo, bahlala endaweni yawo
kuze kube lamuhla. **23** LamaAvi, ayehlala eHazerimi
kuze kube seGaza; amaKafitori, aphuma eKafitori,
awachitha, ahlala endaweni yawo. **24** Sukumani, lisuke
lichaphe isifula iArinoni. Bona, nginikele esandleni
sakho uSihoni, inkosi yeHeshiboni, umAmori, lelizwe
lakhe; qala ukudla ilifa lalo, ulwe laye empini. **25**
Lamuhla ngizaqalisa ukufaka uvalo ngawe lokwesabeka
kwakho phezu kobuso bezizwe, ngaphansi kwamazulu
wonke, ezizakuzwa umbiko ngawe, zithuthumele,
ziqhaqhazele ngenxa yakho. **26** Ngasengithuma
izithunywa zisuka enkangala yeKedemothi kuSihoni
inkosi yeHeshiboni, zilamazwi okuthula, zisithi: **27** Ake
ngidabule elizweni lakho; ngizahamba ngomgwaqo
kuphela, ngingaphambukeli ngakwesokunene loba
ngakwesokhohlo. **28** Uzangithengisela ukudla ngemali
ukuze ngidle, ungiphe amanzi ngemali ukuze nginathe;
kuphela ngizadabula ngenyawo zami, **29** njengalokhu
abantwana bakaEsawu abahlala eSeyiri lamaMowabi
ahlala eAri benza kimi, ngize ngichaphe iJordani,
ngingene elizweni iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu esinika lona.
30 Kodwa uSihoni inkosi yeHeshiboni kasivumelanga
ukuthi sidlule kuye; ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho
yenza umoya wakhe waba lukhuni, yenza lenhliziyo
yakhe yaba lenkani, ukuze imnikele esandleni sakho,
njengalamuhla. **31** INkosi yathi kimi: Bona, sengiqalisile
ukunikela phambi kwakho uSihoni lelizwe lakhe;
qalisa ukudla ilifa, ukuze udle ilifa lelizwe lakhe.
32 Kwasekuphuma uSihoni ukumelana lathi, yena
labantu bakhe bonke, ukulwa eJahazi. **33** INkosi
uNkulunkulu wethu yasimnikela phambi kwethu;
sasesimtshaya lamadodana akhe labantu bakhe bonke.
34 Ngalesosikhathi sasesithumba yonke imizi yakhe,
satshabalalisa wonke umuzi, abesilisa labesifazana
labantwanyana; kasitshiyanga insali; **35** sazithumbela
izifuyo kuphela, lempango yemizi esayithumbayo. **36**
Kusukela eAroweri esekhunjini lwesifula iArinoni, lomuzi
osesifuleni, kuze kube seGileyadi kwakungekho muzi
owawuphakeme kakhulu kithi. INkosi uNkulunkulu
wethu yayinikela yonke phambi kwethu. **37** Kuphela
kawusondelanga elizweni labantwana bakoAmoni,
endaweni yonke yesifula iJaboki, lemizini esezintabeni,
lakukuphi iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu esenqabela khona.

3 Sasesiphenduka sisenyuka ngendlela yeBashani.
UOgi inkosi yeBashani wasephuma ukumelana
lathi, yena labantu bakhe bonke, ukulwa eEdreyi.
2 Kodwa iNkosi yathi kimi: Ungamesabi, ngoba
ngizamnikela labantu bakhe bonke lelizwe lakhe
esandleni sakho; njalo uzakwenza kuye njengokwenza
kwakho kuSihoni inkosi yamaAmori owayehlala
eHeshiboni. **3** Ngakho iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu
yanikela esandleni sethu loOgi inkosi yeBashani labo
bonke abantu bakhe; sasesimtshaya, kakwaze kwasala
lansali kuye. **4** Sasesithumba yonke imizi yakhe
ngalesosikhathi; kwakungelamuzi esingawuthathanga
kibo; imizi engamatshumi ayisithupha, isabelo sonke
seArigobi, umbuso kaOgi eBashani. **5** Yonke limizi
yayivikelwe ngemithangala ephakemeyo, amasango
lemigoqo, ngaphandle kwemizana eminengi kakhulu
engelamithangala. **6** Sasesiyitshabalalisa, njengokwenza
kwethu kuSihoni inkosi yeHeshiboni, satshabalalisa
yonke imizi, abesilisa labesifazana labantwanyana. **7**
Kodwa zonke izifuyo lempango yemizi, saziphangela.
8 Ngalesosikhathi sasesithatha esandleni samakhosi
amabili amaAmori ilizwe, elalinganeno kweJordani,
kusukela esifuleni iArinoni kuze kube sentabeni
yeHermoni. **9** (AmaSidoni ayibiza iHermoni ngokuthi
yiSiriyoni, lamaAmori ayibiza ngokuthi yiSeniri.) **10**
Yonke imizi yemagcekeni, leGileyadi yonke, leBashani
yonke, kuze kube seSaleka leEdreyi, imizi yombuso
kaOgi eBashani. **11** Ngoba nguOgi kuphela, inkosi
yeBashani, owasalayo kunsali yeziqhwaga; khangela,
umbheda wakhe wawungumbheda wensimbi; kawukho
yini eRaba yabantwana bakoAmoni? Ubude bawo
babuzingalo eziyisificamunwemunye, lobubanzi bawo
babuzingalo ezine, ngokwengalo yomuntu. **12** Lalelilizwe
sadla ilifa lalo ngalesosikhathi; kusukela eAroweri,
elisesifuleni seArinoni, lengxenye yentaba yeGileyadi
lemizi yayo ngayipha abakoRubeni labakoGadi. **13**
Lokuseleyo kweGileyadi leBashani yonke, umbuso
kaOgi, ngakunika kungxenye yesizwe sakoManase;
isabelo sonke seArigobi, layo yonke iBashani,
eyayithiwa yilizwe leziqhwaga. **14** UJayiri indodana
kaManase wathatha isabelo sonke seArigobi, kuze
kube semngceleni wamaGeshuri lowamaMahakathi;
wayibiza imizi ngebizo lakhe wathi yiBashani-Havothi-
Jayiri, kuze kube yilolusuku. **15** Ngasengimnika
uMakiri iGileyadi. **16** LakwabakoRubeni lakwabakoGadi
nganika kusukela eGileyadi ngitsho kuze kufike
esifuleni seArinoni, phakathi laphakathi kwesifula,
lomngcele, njalo kuze kube sesifuleni iJaboki,
umngcele wabantwana bakoAmoni. **17** Lamagceke,
leJordani, lomngcele, kusukela eKinerethi njalo kuze
kufike elwandle lwemagcekeni, ulwandle lwetshwayi,
ngaphansi kweAshidodi-Pisiga ngasempumalanga.
18 Ngasengililaya ngalesosikhathi ngisithi: INkosi
uNkulunkulu wenu ilinikile lelilizwe libe yilifa lenu.
Lizachapha lihlomile phambi kwabafowenu, abantwana
bakoIsrayeli, wonke amadodana angamaqhawe. **19**
Kuphela omkenu labantwanyana benu lezifuyo zenu
- ngiyazi ukuthi lilezifuyo ezinengi - kuzahlala
emizini yenu engilinike yona, **20** iNkosi ize ibanike
ukuphumula abafowenu njengani, baze bathi labo
badle ilifa lelizwe iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu ebaphe
lona, ngaphetsheya kweJordani; beselibuyela, ngulowo
lalowo elifeni lakhe, engilinike lona. **21** Njalo ngamlaya
uJoshuwa ngalesosikhathi ngisithi: Amehlo akho
abonile konke iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu ekwenze
kulawomakhosi amabili; izakwenza njalo iNkosi kuyo
yonke imibuso ozakwedlulela kuyo. **22** Lingabesabi,
ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu, yona izalilwela. **23**
Ngasengiyincenga iNkosi ngalesosikhathi ngisithi: **24**
Nkosi Jehova, wena usuqalile ukutshengisa inceku yakho
ubukhulu bakho lesandla sakho esilamandla; ngoba
nguwuphi unkulunkulu emazulwini lemhlabeni ongenza
njengemisebenzi yakho lanjengamandla akho? **25**
Ngicela ngichaphe, ngibone ilizwe elihle elingaphetsheya
kweJordani, leyontaba enhle, leLebhanoni. **26** Kodwa
iNkosi yangithukuthelela ngenxa yenu, kayingizwanga;
iNkosi yasisithi kimi: Kwenele kuwe; ungabe usaphinda
ukukhuluma kimi ngaloludaba. **27** Yenyukela engqongeni
yePisiga, uphakamisele amehlo akho ngentshonalanga
langenyakatho langeningizimu langempumalanga,
ukhangele ngamehlo akho; ngoba kawuyikuchapha
le iJordani. **28** Kodwa laya uJoshuwa, umkhuthaze,
umqinise; ngoba yena uzachapha phambi kwalababantu,
laye abenze badle ilifa lelizwe ozalibona. **29** Sasesihlala
esigodini maqondana leBeti-Peyori.

4 Khathesi-ke, Israyeli, zwana izimiso lezahlulelo
engilifundisa zona, ukuzenza, ukuze liphile, lingene
lidle ilifa lelizwe iNkosi uNkulunkulu waboyihlo elinika lona.
2 Kaliyikwengezelela elizwini engililaya lona, lingaphunguli
lutho kulo, ukuze ligcine imilayo yeNkosi uNkulunkulu
wenu engililaya yona. **3** Amehlo enu abonile iNkosi
eyakwenzayo ngenxa kaBhali-Peyori; ngoba wonke
umuntu owalandela uBhali-Peyori, iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wenu yambhubhisa phakathi kwenu; **4** kodwa lina
elanamathela eNkosini uNkulunkulu wenu liyaphila lonke
lamuhla. **5** Bonani, ngilifundisile izimiso lezahlulelo,
njengokungilaya kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wami, ukuthi
lenze njalo phakathi kwelizwe eliya kulo ukudla ilifa lalo.
6 Ngakho zigcineni, lizenze; ngoba lokhu kuyinhlakanipho
yenu lokuqedisisa kwenu emehlweni ezizwe ezizakuzwa
zonke lezizimiso zithi: Isibili lesisizwe esikhulu singabantu
abahlakaniphileyo labaqedisisayo. **7** Ngoba yisiphi
isizwe esikhulu esilabonkulunkulu abaseduze laso
njengeNkosi uNkulunkulu ekumbizeni kwethu konke?
8 Futhi yisiphi isizwe esikhulu esilezimiso lezahlulelo
ezilungileyo njengalumlayo wonke engiwubeka phambi
kwenu lamuhla? **9** Kuphela ziqaphele, ugcine kakhulu
umphefumulo wakho, hlezi ukhohlwe izinto amehlo

akho azibonileyo, njalo hlezi zisuke enhliziyweni yakho,
zonke izinsuku zempilo yakho. Njalo uzazise abantwana
bakho labantwana babantwana bakho, **10** ukuthi
ngosuku owema ngalo phambi kweNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho eHorebe, lapho iNkosi yathi kimi: Ngibuthanisela
abantu ngibe sengibazwisa amazwi ami, ukuze bafunde
ukungesaba zonke izinsuku abazaziphila emhlabeni,
bafundise njalo abantwana babo. **11** Laselisondela,
lema ngaphansi kwentaba, lentaba yayivutha umlilo
kwaze kwaba phakathi kwamazulu, lomnyama, amayezi,
lomnyama onzima. **12** INkosi yasikhuluma kini iphakathi
komlilo; lezwa ilizwi lamazwi, kodwa kalibonanga simo;
ilizwi kuphela. **13** Yamemezela kini isivumelwano
sayo, eyalilaya ukuthi lisenze, imilayo elitshumi; njalo
yayibhala ezibhebheni zamatshe ezimbili. **14** INkosi
yasingilaya ngalesosikhathi ukuthi ngilifundise izimiso
lezahlulelo, ukuze lizenze elizweni elidlulela kulo ukudla
ilifa lalo. **15** Ngakho-ke qaphelani kakhulu ngenxa
yemiphefumulo yenu. Ngoba kalibonanga lasimo ngosuku
iNkosi ikhuluma kini eHorebe iphakathi komlilo, **16**
hlezi lizone, lizenzele isithombe esibaziweyo, isimo
saloba yiwuphi umfanekiso, isifanekiso sowesilisa
loba sowesifazana, **17** isifanekiso saloba yiyiphi
inyamazana esemhlabeni, isifanekiso saloba yiyiphi
inyoni elempiko ephapha emazulwini, **18** isifanekiso
saloba yikuphi okuhuquzelayo emhlabeni, isifanekiso
saloba yiyiphi inhlanzi esemanzini ngaphansi komhlaba.
19 Futhi hlezi uphakamisele amehlo akho emazulwini,
lapho ubona ilanga lenyanga lezinkanyezi, ibutho
lonke lamazulu, uyengwe, ukukhothamele, ukukhonze,
iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekwabele izizwe zonke
ngaphansi kwamazulu wonke. **20** Kodwa lina iNkosi
yalithatha, yalikhupha esithandweni sensimbi, eGibhithe,
ukuze libe kuyo ngabantu belifa, njengalamuhla. **21**
Futhi iNkosi yangithukuthelela ngenxa yenu, yafunga
ukuthi kangiyikuchapha iJordani, lokuthi kangiyikungena
kulelolizwe elihle iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona
libe yilifa. **22** Ngoba ngizafela kulelilizwe, ngingachaphi
iJordani; kodwa lina lizachapha, lidle ilifa lalelolizwe
elihle. **23** Ziqapheleni hlezi likhohlwe isivumelwano
seNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu eyasenza lani, lizenzele
isithombe esibaziweyo, umfanekiso waloba yikuphi
iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekwenqabele khona. **24**
Ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ingumlilo oqothulayo,
uNkulunkulu olobukhwele. **25** Lapho uzala abantwana
labantwana babantwana, njalo selihlale elizweni isikhathi
eside, uba lisonakala, lenze isithombe esibaziweyo,
umfanekiso waloba yikuphi, lenze okubi emehlweni
eNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ukuze liyithukuthelise, **26**
ngibiza amazulu lomhlaba lamuhla ukuze kufakaze
kumelene lani ukuthi lizabhubha lokubhubha masinyane
lisuka elizweni elichapha iJordani ukuya kilo ukuze
libe yilifa lenu; kaliyikwelula insuku zenu phezu kwalo,
ngoba lizabhujiswa lokubhujiswa. **27** Njalo iNkosi
izalichithachitha phakathi kwezizwe, lisale libalutshwana
ngenani phakathi kwezizwe, lapho iNkosi ezalixotshela
khona. **28** Lapho lizakhonza onkulunkulu, umsebenzi
wezandla zabantu, izigodo lamatshe, abangaboniyo,
abangezwayo, abangadliyo, labanganukiyo. **29** Kodwa
lilapho liyidinge iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, uzayithola
uba uyidinga ngenhliziyo yakho yonke langomphefumulo
wakho wonke. **30** Lapho usekuhluphekeni, lezizinto zonke
zikwehlela, ekupheleni kwezinsuku, uzaphendukela
eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho, ulalele ilizwi layo; **31** ngoba
iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho inguNkulunkulu olomusa,
kayiyikukutshiya, kayiyikukubhubhisa, kayiyikukhohlwa
isivumelwano saboyihlo, eyasifunga kubo. **32** Ngoba
buza-ke ngensuku zamandulo ezazingaphambi kwakho,
kusukela osukwini uNkulunkulu adala ngalo umuntu
emhlabeni, kusukela komunye umkhawulo wamazulu
kuze kube komunye umkhawulo wamazulu, ukuthi
kwake kwaba khona yini into enje njengale into
enkulu, kumbe kwezwakala enjengayo yini? **33**
Abantu bake bezwa yini ilizwi likaNkulunkulu likhuluma
livela phakathi komlilo, njengalokhu ulizwile wena,
waphila? **34** Futhi uNkulunkulu wake wazama
yini ukuyazithathela isizwe phakathi kwesizwe,
ngezilingo, ngezibonakaliso, langezimangaliso, langempi,
langesandla esilamandla, langengalo eyeluliweyo,
langezesabiso ezinkulu, njengakho konke iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wenu eyalenzela khona eGibhithe phambi
kwamehlo akho? **35** Wena wakutshengiswa, ukuze
wazi ukuthi uJehova unguNkulunkulu; kakho omunye
ngaphandle kwakhe. **36** Esemazulwini wakuzwisa
ilizwi lakhe ukukufundisa; lemhlabeni wakutshengisa
umlilo wakhe omkhulu, lamazwi akhe wawezwa evela
phakathi komlilo. **37** Njalo ngoba wabathanda oyihlo,
wakhetha inzalo yabo emva kwabo, wakukhupha
eGibhithe ebusweni bakhe ngamandla akhe amakhulu,
38 ukuxotsha elifeni izizwe ezinkulu lezilamandla
kulawe phambi kwakho, ukukungenisa, ukukupha
ilizwe lazo, libe yilifa, njengalamuhla. **39** Ngakho
yazi lamuhla, ukukhumbule enhliziyweni yakho ukuthi
iNkosi inguNkulunkulu emazulwini phezulu, lemhlabeni
phansi; kakho omunye. **40** Ngakho uzagcina izimiso
zakhe lemilayo yakhe engikulaya yona lamuhla, ukuze
kukulungele labantwana bakho emva kwakho, lokuze
welule izinsuku phezu kwelizwe iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho ekunika lona, zonke izinsuku. **41** Khona uMozisi
wehlukanisa imizi emithathu nganeno kweJordani
ngasempumalanga, **42** ukuthi abalekele kuyo umbulali
obulele umakhelwane wakhe kungeyisikho ngabomo,
obengamzondi mandulo, ukuze abalekele komunye
waleyomizi aphile; **43** iBezeri enkangala elizweni
lamagceke, elabakoRubeni; leRamothi eGileyadi,
elabakoGadi; leGolani eBashani, elabakoManase.
44 Njalo yilo umlayo uMozisi awubeka phambi
kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli. **45** Lobu yibufakazi lezimiso

lezahlulelo uMozisi akukhuluma ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli
ekuphumeni kwabo eGibhithe, **46** nganeno kweJordani,
esigodini maqondana leBeti-Peyori, elizweni likaSihoni
inkosi yamaAmori, owayehlala eHeshiboni, uMozisi
labantwana bakoIsrayeli abamtshayayo ekuphumeni
kwabo eGibhithe. **47** Basebesidla ilifa lelizwe lakhe
lelizwe likaOgi inkosi yeBashani, amakhosi amabili
amaAmori, ayenganeno kweJordani ngasempumalanga,
48 kusukela eAroweri esekhunjini lwesifula seArinoni,
kuze kufike entabeni yeSiyoni, eyiHermoni, **49** lamagceke
wonke nganeno kweJordani ngasempumalanga, kuze
kube selwandle lwamagceke, ngaphansi kweAshidodi-
Pisiga.

5 UMozisi wasebiza uIsrayeli wonke, wathi kubo:
Zwana, Israyeli, izimiso lezahlulelo engizikhuluma
endlebeni zenu lamuhla, ukuze lizifunde, linanzelele
ukuzenza. **2** INkosi uNkulunkulu wethu yenza
isivumelwano lathi eHorebe. **3** INkosi kayisenzanga
lesisivumelwano labobaba, kodwa lathi, thina sonke
esilapha siphila lamuhla. **4** INkosi yakhuluma
lani ubuso lobuso entabeni, iphakathi komlilo, **5**
(ngema phakathi kweNkosi lani ngalesosikhathi,
ukulazisa ilizwi leNkosi; ngoba lesaba ngenxa yomlilo,
kalenyukelanga entabeni) isithi: **6** NgiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho, eyakukhupha elizweni leGibhithe, endlini
yobugqili. **7** Ungabi labanye onkulunkulu phambi
kwami. **8** Ungazenzeli isithombe esibaziweyo, loba
yiwuphi umfanekiso wokusemazulwini phezulu loba
wokusemhlabeni phansi, loba wokusemanzini ngaphansi
komhlaba. **9** Ungakukhothameli, ungakukhonzi; ngoba
mina iNkosi, uNkulunkulu wakho, nginguNkulunkulu
olobukhwele, ngiphindisela ububi baboyise phezu
kwabantwana, kuze kube sesizukulwaneni sesithathu
lesesine sabangizondayo, **10** njalo ngibenzela umusa
abayizinkulungwane zabangithandayo lezabagcina
imilayo yami. **11** Ungaliphathi ngeze ibizo leNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho; ngoba iNkosi kayiyikumyekela
engelacala ophatha ibizo layo ngeze. **12** Gcina usuku
lwesabatha, ukulungcwelisa, njengokukulaya kweNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho. **13** Insuku eziyisithupha uzasebenza,
uwenze wonke umsebenzi wakho; **14** kodwa usuku
lwesikhombisa lulisabatha leNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho;
ungenzi loba yiwuphi umsebenzi ngalo, wena lendodana
yakho lendodakazi yakho lenceku yakho lencekukazi
yakho lenkabi yakho lobabhemi wakho loba yisiphi
sezifuyo zakho, lowemzini wakho ophakathi kwamasango
akho, ukuze iphumule inceku yakho lencekukazi yakho,
njengawe. **15** Njalo ukhumbule ukuthi wawuyinceku
elizweni leGibhithe, lokuthi iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho
yakukhupha khona ngesandla esilamandla langengalo
eyeluliweyo. Ngakho iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho yakulaya
ukuthi ugcine usuku lwesabatha. **16** Hlonipha uyihlo
lonyoko, njengokukulaya kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho,
ukuze insuku zakho zelulwe, lokuthi kukulungele
elizweni iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona. **17**
Ungabulali. **18** Njalo ungafebi. **19** Njalo ungebi. **20** Njalo
unganiki ubufakazi bamanga ngomakhelwane wakho. **21**
Njalo ungafisi umkamakhelwane wakho; ungahawukeli
indlu kamakhelwane wakho, insimu yakhe, lenceku
yakhe, lencekukazi yakhe, inkabi yakhe, lobabhemi
wakhe, njalo loba yini ekamakhelwane wakho. **22**
Amazwi la iNkosi yawakhuluma ebandleni lenu lonke
entabeni, iphakathi komlilo, eyezini, lemnyameni onzima,
ngelizwi elikhulu; njalo kayengezelelanga. Yawabhala
ezibhebheni ezimbili zamatshe, yanginika zona. **23**
Kwasekusithi lilizwa ilizwi livela phakathi komnyama,
lentaba ivutha umlilo, lasondela kimi, zonke inhloko
zezizwe zenu, labadala benu, **24** lathi: Khangela,
iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu isitshengisile inkazimulo yayo
lobukhulu bayo, lelizwi layo silizwile livela phakathi
komlilo; lamuhla sibonile ukuthi uNkulunkulu uyakhuluma
lomuntu aphile. **25** Ngakho-ke sizafelani? Ngoba lumlilo
omkhulu uzasiqothula. Uba siphinda silizwa ilizwi leNkosi
uNkulunkulu wethu futhi, sizakufa-ke. **26** Ngoba ngubani
enyameni yonke owezwa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu ophilayo
likhuluma livela phakathi komlilo, njengathi, waphila? **27**
Sondela wena, uzwe konke iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu
ezakutsho, usitshele wena konke iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wethu ezakutsho kuwe, sizakuzwa, sikwenze. **28**
INkosi yasisizwa ilizwi lamazwi enu ekukhulumeni
kwenu kimi; iNkosi yasisithi kimi: Ngizwile ilizwi lamazwi
alababantu abawakhulume kuwe; kulungile konke
abakukhulumileyo. **29** O kungathi bangaba lenhliziyo
enjalo yokungesaba, bagcine yonke imilayo yami, insuku
zonke, ukuze kubalungele labantwana babo kuze kube
nininini! **30** Hamba uthi kibo: Zibuyeleleni emathenteni
enu. **31** Kodwa wena, mana lapha phansi kwami, ke
ngikhulume kuwe yonke imilayo lezimiso lezahlulelo
ozabafundisa zona, ukuze bazenze elizweni engibanika
lona ukuthi badle ilifa lalo. **32** Ngakho qaphelani
ukuthi lenze njengokulilaya kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu;
lingaphambukeli ngakwesokunene langakwesokhohlo.
33 Lizahamba endleleni yonke iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu
elilaye yona, ukuze liphile, njalo kulilungele, libe seliselula
izinsuku elizweni elizakudla ilifa lalo.

6 Lale yimilayo, izimiso, lezahlulelo iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wenu elaya ukulifundisa, ukuthi lizenze elizweni
elichaphela kulo ukuthi lidle ilifa lalo, **2** ukuze uyesabe
iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, ukugcina zonke izimiso zayo
lemithetho yayo engikulaya yona, wena lendodana yakho
lendodana yendodana yakho, zonke izinsuku zempilo
yakho, ukuze insuku zakho zelulwe. **3** Ngakho zwana,
Israyeli, unanzelele ukuzenza, ukuze kukulungele,
ukuze wande kakhulu, njengokuthembisa kweNkosi
uNkulunkulu waboyihlo kuwe, elizweni eligeleza uchago
loluju. **4** Zwana, Israyeli, iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu,
yiNkosi yinye. **5** Njalo wothanda iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho ngenhliziyo yakho yonke langomphefumulo wakho

wonke langamandla akho wonke. 6 Njalo amazwi la
engikulaya ngawo lamuhla azakuba senhliziyweni yakho;
7 njalo uzawafundisa abantwana bakho ngokukhuthala,
uzakhuluma ngawo lapho uhlezi endlini yakho, lalapho
uhamba endleleni, lalapho ulala, lalapho uvuka. 8
Uzawabophela esandleni sakho abe luphawu, njalo
abe ngamafilakteriyu phakathi laphakathi kwamehlo
akho. 9 Njalo uzawabhala emigubazini yendlu yakho,
lemasangweni akho. 10 Kuzakuthi lapho iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho ikungenisa elizweni eyafunga
kuboyihlo, kuAbrahama, kuIsaka lakuJakobe, ukukunika
imizi emikhulu lemihle, ongayakhanga, 11 lezindlu
ezigcwele zonke izinto ezinhle, ongazigcwalisanga,
lemithombo eyagejwayo ongayigebhanga, izivini
lezihlahla zemihlwathi ongazihlanyelanga, lapho udlile
wasutha, 12 ziqaphele, hlezi uyikhohlwe iNkosi
eyakukhupha elizweni leGibhithe, endlini yobugqili.
13 Uzayesaba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, uyikhonze,
ufunge ngebizo layo. 14 Lingalandeli abanye onkulunkulu,
babonkulunkulu bezizwe ezilizungelezeleyo. 15 Ngoba
iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho inguNkulunkulu olobukhwele
phakathi kwakho, hlezi ulaka lweNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho lukuvuthele, ikuchithe usuke ebusweni bomhlaba.
16 Lingayilingi iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu njengalokhu
layilinga eMasa. 17 Ligcine lokugcina imilayo yeNkosi
uNkulunkulu wenu, lobufakazi bayo, lezimiso zayo,
ekulaye zona. 18 Njalo wenze okuqondileyo lokulungileyo
emehlweni eNkosi, ukuze kukulungele, lokuthi ungene
udle ilifa lelizwe elihle, iNkosi eyalifungela oyihlo,
19 ukuxotsha zonke izitha zakho phambi kwakho,
njengalokhu iNkosi ikhulumile. 20 Lapho indodana
yakho ikubuza esikhathini esizayo isithi: Buyini ubufakazi
lezimiso lezahlulelo iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu elilaye
zona? 21 Khona uzakuthi endodaneni yakho: Sasiyizigqili
zikaFaro eGibhithe, leNkosi yasikhupha eGibhithe
ngesandla esilamandla. 22 Njalo iNkosi yenza
izibonakaliso lezimangaliso ezinkulu lezimbi eGibhithe,
phezu kukaFaro laphezu kwendlu yakhe yonke, phambi
kwamehlo ethu. 23 Yasikhupha khona ukuze isingenise,
ukusinika ilizwe eyalifungela obaba. 24 INkosi yasisilaya
ukwenza zonke lezizimiso, ukwesaba iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wethu, ukuze kusilungele insuku zonke, ukusilondoloza
siphila njengalamuhla. 25 Kuzakuba yikulunga kithi, uba
sinanzelela ukwenza limilayo yonke phambi kweNkosi
uNkulunkulu wethu, njengokusilaya kwayo.

7 Lapho iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho isikungenisa
elizweni oya kulo ukudla ilifa lalo, ixotshe izizwe
ezinengi phambi kwakho, amaHethi lamaGirigashi
lamaAmori lamaKhanani lamaPerizi lamaHivi lamaJebusi,
izizwe eziyisikhombisa ezinkulu lezilamandla kulawe, 2
lapho iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho izinikela phambi kwakho,
uzazitshaya, uzitshabalalise lokuzitshabalilisa. Ungenzi
isivumelwano lazo, ungabi lasihawu kuzo. 3 Ungathathani
lazo, unganiki indodakazi yakho kundodana yakhe, njalo
indodakazi yakhe ungayithatheli indodana yakho. 4
Ngoba izaphambula indodana yakho ekungilandeleni,
ukuze bakhonze abanye onkulunkulu; ngakho ulaka
lweNkosi luzalivuthela, lukubhubhise masinyane. 5
Kodwa-ke lizakwenza njalo kuzo; lizadiliza amalathi azo,
liphahlaze insika zazo eziyizithombe, ligamule izixuku
zabo, litshise ngomlilo izithombe zazo ezibaziweyo. 6
Ngoba uyisizwe esingcwele eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho;
iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ikukhethile ukuthi ube yisizwe
sayo kanye, kuzo zonke izizwe ezisebusweni bomhlaba.
7 INkosi kayehliselanga uthando lwayo phezu kwenu,
kumbe ilikhethe, ngenxa yokuthi lalibanengi kulaziphi
izizwe; ngoba lalibalutshwana kulazo zonke izizwe; 8
kodwa kungenxa yokuthi iNkosi yalithanda, langenxa
yokuthi yayizagcina isifungo eyasifunga kuboyihlo, iNkosi
yalikhupha ngesandla esilamandla, yakuhlenga endlini
yobugqili, esandleni sikaFaro inkosi yeGibhithe. 9 Ngakho
yazi ukuthi iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho inguNkulunkulu,
uNkulunkulu othembekileyo, ogcina isivumelwano lomusa
kubo abamthandayo labagcina imilayo yakhe, kuze
kube sezizukulwaneni eziyinkulungwane, 10 lophindisela
abamzondayo ebusweni babo, ukubabhubhisa.
Kayikuphuza komzondayo, uzamphindisela ebusweni
bakhe. 11 Ngakho uzagcina imilayo lezimiso lezahlulelo
engikulaya zona lamuhla ukuzenza. 12 Kuzakuthi ngoba
lisizwa lezizahlulelo, lizigcine, lizenze, iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho izakugcinela isivumelwano lomusa eyakufungela
oyihlo. 13 Njalo izakuthanda, ikubusise, ikwandise.
Futhi izabusisa isithelo sesizalo sakho, lesithelo selizwe
lakho, amabele akho, lewayini lakho elitsha, lamafutha
akho, umqegu wenkomo zakho, lemihlambi yezimvu
zakho, elizweni alifungela oyihlo ukukunika lona. 14
Uzabusiswa kulazo zonke izizwe; kakuyikuba khona
phakathi kwakho owesilisa ongazaliyo lowesifazana
oyinyumba, loba phakathi kwezifuyo zakho. 15 LeNkosi
izasusa kuwe wonke umkhuhlane; kayiyikukwehlisela
lasinye sezifo ezimbi zeGibhithe ozaziyo, kodwa
izazehlisela phezu kwabo bonke abakuzondayo. 16 Njalo
uzabaqothula bonke abantu ezabanikela kuwe iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho; ilihlo lakho lingabazweli, ungakhonzi
onkulunkulu babo, ngoba lokhu kuzakuba ngumjibila
kuwe. 17 Nxa uzakuthi enhliziyweni yakho: Izizwe lezi
zinengi kulami; ngingazixotsha njani elifeni lazo? 18
Ungazesabi, khumbula kuhle lokho iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho eyakwenza kuFaro lakuGibhithe lonke, 19
izilingo ezinkulu ilihlo lakho elazibonayo, lezibonakaliso,
lezimangaliso, lesandla esilamandla, lengalo eyeluliweyo,
iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho eyakukhupha ngakho. INkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho izakwenza njalo kuzo zonke izizwe
ozesabayo. 20 Futhi-ke iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho
izathumela olonyovu phakathi kwazo, zize zibhujiswe
eziseleyo lezicatshele ubuso bakho. 21 Kaliyikutshaywa
luvalo ngazo, ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho iphakathi
kwakho, uNkulunkulu omkhulu lowesabekayo. 22

INkosi uNkulunkulu wakho izazingcothula lezizizwe
phambi kwakho kancinyane kancinyane; ungeziqede
masinyane, hlezi izilo zeganga zikwandele. 23
Kodwa iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho izazinikela phambi
kwakho, iziphazamise ngokuphazamiseka okukhulu,
zize zichithwe. 24 Izanikela ezandleni zakho amakhosi
azo, njalo uzacitsha ibizo lawo lisuke ngaphansi
kwamazulu; kakulamuntu ozakuma phambi kwakho uze
uzibhubhise. 25 Izithombe ezibaziweyo zabonkulunkulu
bazo lizazitshisa ngomlilo. Ungafisi isiliva legolide elikuzo,
ungazithatheli lona, hlezi ubanjwe emjibileni ngalo,
ngoba liyisinengiso eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho. 26
Njalo ungasingenisi isinengiso endlini yakho, hlezi ube
yinto eqalekisiweyo njengaso; usenyanye lokusenyanya,
unengwe lokunengwa yiso, ngoba siyinto eqalekisiweyo.

8 Yonke imithetho engikulaya yona lamuhla
lizananzelela ukuyenza, ukuze liphile, lande, lingene
lidle ilifa lelizwe, iNkosi eyalifungela oyihlo. 2
Njalo uzakhumbula indlela yonke iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho ekukhokhele ngayo liminyaka engamatshumi
amane enkangala, ukuze ikuthobise, ikuhlole, ukwazi
okusenhliziyweni yakho, uba uzagcina imithetho yayo,
loba hatshi. 3 Yasikuthobisa, yakulambisa, yakudlisa
imana owawungayazi, laboyihlo babengayazi, ukuze
ikwazise ukuthi umuntu kaphili ngesinkwa sodwa, kodwa
ngakho konke okuphuma emlonyeni weNkosi umuntu
uyaphila. 4 Izembatho zakho kaziguganga phezu
kwakho, lonyawo lwakho kaluvuvukanga, le iminyaka
engamatshumi amane. 5 Ngakho yazi enhliziyweni
yakho ukuthi njengendoda ilaya indodana yayo, iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho iyakulaya. 6 Ngakho uzagcina
imithetho yeNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, ukuhamba
endleleni zayo, lokuyesaba. 7 Ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho ikungenisa elizweni elihle, ilizwe lezifula zamanzi,
lemithombo lokujula okugobhoza ezihotsheni lezintabeni;
8 ilizwe lengqoloyi, lebhali, lezivini, lemikhiwa, lezithelo
zepomegranati, ilizwe lezihlahla zemihlwathi zamafutha,
loluju, 9 ilizwe ozakudla kulo isinkwa kungekho
ukusilela, ongayikuswela lutho kulo; ilizwe elilamatshe
ayinsimbi, lelilezintaba elingagebha kuzo ithusi. 10
Usudlile wasutha, uzabusisa iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho
ngelizwe elihle ekunike lona. 11 Ziqaphele hlezi
ukhohlwe iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ngokungagcini
imilayo yayo lezahlulelo zayo lezimiso zayo, engikulaya
zona lamuhla. 12 Hlezi lapho usudlile wasutha,
usuwakhe izindlu ezinhle wahlala kuzo, 13 sekwandile
inkomo zakho lezimvu zakho, lesiliva legolide kwakho
sekwandile, lakho konke olakho sekwandile, 14
inhliziyo yakho ibisiziphakamisa, ubusukhohlwa iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho eyakukhupha elizweni leGibhithe,
endlini yobugqili, 15 eyakukhokhela enkangala enkulu
leyesabekayo, okwakulenyoka ezilokutshisa lezinkume
lomhlabathi owomileyo, lapho okwakungelamanzi khona,
eyakuvezela amanzi edwaleni lelitshe elilukhuni, 16
eyakudlisa imana enkangala, oyihlo ababengayazi, ukuze
ikuthobise, lokuze ikuhlole, ikwenzele okuhle ekucineni
kwakho, 17 ubususithi enhliziyweni yakho: Amandla
ami lokuqina kwesandla sami kungizuzele linotho. 18
Kodwa uzakhumbula iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, ngoba
yiyo ekunika amandla okuzuza inotho, ukuze iqinise
isivumelwano sayo eyasifungela oyihlo njengalamuhla.
19 Kuzakuthi-ke, nxa ukhohlwa lokukhohlwa iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho, ulandele abanye onkulunkulu,
ubakhonze, ubakhothamele, ngiyalifakazela lamuhla
ukuthi lizabhubha lokubhubha. 20 Njengezizwe iNkosi
ezichithileyo phambi kwenu, ngokunjalo lizabhubha,
ngoba lingalilalelanga ilizwi leNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu.

9 Zwana, Israyeli; uzachapha iJordani lamuhla,
ukungenela ukudla ilifa lezizwe ezinkulu lezilamandla
kulawe, imizi emikhulu ebiyelwe ngemithangala efika
emazulwini. 2 Abantu abakhulu labade, abantwana
bamaAnaki wena obaziyo, wena osuzwile ngabo kuthiwa:
Ngubani ongema phambi kwabantwana bakaAnaki?
3 Ngakho yazi lamuhla ukuthi yiNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho echapha phambi kwakho, engumlilo oqothulayo;
yona izabachitha, njalo yona izabehlisela phansi
phambi kwakho; njalo lizabaxotsha basuke elifeni
labo, libabhubhise masinyane, njengokutsho kweNkosi
kuwe. 4 Ungakhulumi enhliziyweni yakho, lapho iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho isibaxotshile phambi kwakho, usithi:
Ngenxa yokulunga kwami iNkosi ingingenise ukudla
ilifa lelizwe leli. Kodwa ngenxa yobubi balezizizwe
iNkosi izixotsha zisuke elifeni lazo phambi kwakho.
5 Kakungenxa yokulunga kwakho kumbe ngenxa
yobuqotho benhliziyo yakho ukuthi ungene ukudla
ilifa lelizwe lazo; kodwa ngenxa yobubi balezizizwe
iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho izixotsha zisuke elifeni lazo
phambi kwakho, lokuthi iqinise ilizwi iNkosi eyalifungela
oyihlo, uAbrahama, uIsaka loJakobe. 6 Yazi-ke ukuthi
kakungenxa yokulunga kwakho ukuthi iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho ikunika lelilizwe elihle ukuthi udle ilifa lalo;
ngoba uyisizwe esilentamo elukhuni. 7 Khumbula,
ungakhohlwa, ukuthi wayithukuthelisa iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho enkangala; kusukela osukwini owaphuma
ngalo elizweni leGibhithe laze lafika kulindawo,
beliyivukela iNkosi. 8 LeHorebe layithukuthelisa
iNkosi, yaze yalithukuthelela iNkosi ukulichitha.
9 Sengenyukele entabeni ukwemukela izibhebhe
zamatshe, izibhebhe zesivumelwano iNkosi eyasenza
lani, ngasengihlala entabeni insuku ezingamatshumi
amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane, angidlanga
sinkwa, anginathanga manzi. 10 INkosi yasinginika
lezozibhebhe ezimbili zamatshe zilotshwe ngomunwe
kaNkulunkulu, laphezu kwazo kulotshiwe ngokwamazwi
wonke iNkosi eyayiwakhulume lani entabeni, iphakathi
komlilo ngosuku lokuhlangana. 11 Kwasekusithi
ekupheleni kwensuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku
obungamatshumi amane, iNkosi yangipha izibhebhe

ezimbili zamatshe, izibhebhe zesivumelwano. **12** INkosi yasisithi kimi: Sukuma wehle ngokuphangisa usuke lapha, ngoba abantu bakho owabakhupha eGibhithe bonakalisile, baphambukile ngokuphangisa endleleni engabalaya yona, bazenzela isithombe esibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa. **13** INkosi yasikhuluma kimi isithi: Ngibabonile lababantu, khangela-ke, bangabantu abantamo zilukhuni. **14** Ngiyekela ukuze ngibabhubhise, ngesule ibizo labo lisuke ngaphansi kwamazulu; njalo ngizakwenza ube yisizwe esilamandla lesikhulu kulabo. **15** Ngasengiphenduka ngisehla entabeni, lentaba yayivutha umlilo; lezibhebhe zombili zesivumelwano zazisezandleni zami zombili. **16** Ngasengibona, khangelani-ke, lalonile eNkosini uNkulunkulu wenu, lalizenzele ithole elibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa, laliphambukile ngokuphangisa endleleni iNkosi eyayililayile. **17** Ngasengibamba izibhebhe zombili, ngazilahla ezandleni zami zombili, ngazibulala phambi kwamehlo enu. **18** Ngasengiziwisela phansi phambi kweNkosi njengakuqala, insuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane, ngingadli sinkwa, nginganathi manzi, ngenxa yaso sonke isono senu elisonileyo, lisenza okubi emehlweni eNkosi, liyithukuthelisa. **19** Ngoba ngangisesaba ukuthukuthela lolaka iNkosi eyayilithukuthelela ngakho ukulibhubhisa; kodwa iNkosi yangizwa langalesosikhathi. **20** INkosi yasimthukuthelela kakhulu uAroni ukuze imbhubhise; kodwa ngamkhulekela loAroni ngalesosikhathi. **21** Ngasengithatha isono senu, ithole elalilenzile, ngalitshisa ngomlilo, ngalichoboza, ngalicholisisa laze laba lincinyane njengothuli; ngaphosa uthuli lwalo esifuleni esasisehla entabeni. **22** LeTabera, leMasa, leKiribothi-Hathava laliyithukuthelisa iNkosi. **23** Lalapho iNkosi yalithuma lisuka eKadeshi-Bhaneya isithi: Yenyukani, lidle ilifa lelizwe engilinike lona, laselihlamukela umlayo weNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu, kaliyikholwanga, kalilalelanga ilizwi layo. **24** Lalivele liyivukele iNkosi kusukela osukwini engalazi ngalo. **25** Ngasengiziwisela phansi phambi kweNkosi insuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane, engaziwisela phansi ngazo, ngoba iNkosi yayithe izalichitha. **26** Ngasengikhuleka eNkosini ngathi: Nkosi Jehova, ungabachithi abantu bakho lelifa lakho, obahlenge ngobukhulu bakho, owabakhupha eGibhithe ngesandla esilamandla. **27** Khumbula inceku zakho, uAbrahama, uIsaka, loJakobe; ungakhangeli inkani yalababantu lobubi babo lesono sabo, **28** hlezi ilizwe owasikhupha kilo lithi: Ngenxa yokuthi iNkosi yayingelamandla okubangenisa elizweni eyabathembisa lona, langenxa yokuthi ibazonda, yabakhupha ukuze ibabulalele enkangala. **29** Kube kanti bangabantu bakho lelifa lakho, owabakhupha ngamandla akho amakhulu langengalo yakho eyeluliweyo.

10 Ngalesosikhathi iNkosi yathi kimi: Zibazele izibhebhe ezimbili zamatshe njengezakuqala, wenyukele kimi entabeni, uzenzele umtshokotsho wezigodo. **2** Ngizabhala-ke phezu kwezibhebhe amazwi ayesezibhebheni zakuqala owazibulalayo, uzibeke emtshokotshweni. **3** Ngasengisenza umtshokotsho ngesihlahla sesinga, ngabaza izibhebhe ezimbili zamatshe njengezakuqala, ngenyukela entabeni, lezibhebhe ezimbili zisesandleni sami. **4** Yasibhala ezibhebheni njengokubhala kwakuqala, imilayo elitshumi iNkosi eyayikhuluma kini entabeni iphakathi komlilo ngosuku lokuhlangana; njalo iNkosi yanginika zona. **5** Ngasengiphenduka ngisehla entabeni, ngazifaka izibhebhe emtshokotshweni engangiwenzile. Njalo zikhona lapho, njengokungilaya kweNkosi. **6** Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesuka eBeyerothi-Bene-Jakani, baya eMosera; uAroni wafela lapho, wangcwatshwa khona; indodana yakhe uEleyazare wasebenza njengompristi esikhundleni sakhe. **7** Besuka lapho, baya eGudigoda; basuka eGudigoda, baya eJotibatha, ilizwe lezifula zamanzi. **8** Ngalesosikhathi iNkosi yehlukanisa isizwe sakoLevi ukuthi sithwale umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi, ukuthi sime phambi kweNkosi, siyikhonze, sibusise ebizweni layo, kuze kube lamuhla. **9** Ngalokhu uLevi kalasabelo lelifa kanye labafowabo; iNkosi iyilifa lakhe, njengokuthembisa kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho kuye. **10** Mina ngasengihlala entabeni njengensuku zendulo, insuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi amane; leNkosi yangizwa langalesosikhathi; iNkosi kayithandanga ukukubhubhisa. **11** INkosi yasisithi kimi: Sukuma, uhambe phambi kwabantu, ukuze bangene badle ilifa lelizwe engafunga kuboyise ukubanika lona. **12** Khathesi-ke, Israyeli, kuyini iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekufuna kuwe, ngaphandle kokuyesaba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, ukuhamba ngendlela zayo zonke, lokuyithanda, lokuyikhonza iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ngenhliziyo yakho yonke langomphefumulo wakho wonke, **13** ukugcina imilayo yeNkosi lezimiso zayo engikulaya zona lamuhla, ukuthi kukulungele? **14** Khangela, amazulu, lezulu lamazulu ngaweNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, umhlaba lakho konke okukuwo. **15** Kuphela iNkosi yehlisela uthando lwayo phezu kwaboyihlo, ukubathanda, yakhetha inzalo yabo emva kwabo, ngitsho lina phakathi kwazo zonke izizwe, njengalamuhla. **16** Ngakho sokani ijwabu laphambili lenhliziyo yenu, lingabe lisazenza lukhuni intamo zenu. **17** Ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu inguNkulunkulu wabonkulunkulu, leNkosi yamakhosi, uNkulunkulu omkhulu, olamandla, lowesabekayo, ongemukeli ubuso bomuntu, ongemukeli umvuzo. **18** Eyenza isahlulelo sentandane lomfelokazi, njalo ethanda owezizweni ngokumnika ukudla lezembatho. **19** Ngakho lizamthanda owezizweni, ngoba lalingabezizweni elizweni leGibhithe. **20** Uzayesaba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, uyikhonze, unamathele kuyo, ufunge ngebizo layo. **21** Iludumo lwakho, njalo inguNkulunkulu wakho, okwenzele lezizinto

ezinkulu lezesabekayo, amehlo akho azibonileyo. 22
Oyihlo behlela eGibhithe belabantu abangamatshumi
ayisikhombisa; khathesi-ke iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho
ikwenzile waba njengenkanyezi zamazulu ngobunengi.

11 Ngakho wothanda iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho,
ugcine umlayo wayo lezimiso zayo lezahlulelo
zayo lemithetho yayo insuku zonke. 2 Yazini lamuhla,
ngoba kangikhulumi ebantwaneni benu abangakwaziyo
labangakubonanga ukulaya kweNkosi uNkulunkulu
wenu, ubukhulu bayo, isandla sayo esilamandla,
lengalo yayo eyeluliweyo, 3 lezibonakaliso zayo
lezenzo zayo eyazenza phakathi kweGibhithe kuFaro
inkosi yeGibhithe, lelizweni lakhe lonke, 4 lalokho
eyakwenza ebuthweni leGibhithe, emabhizeni ayo
lenqoleni zayo, lokuthi yenza amanzi oLwandle oluBomvu
abakhukhule lapho bexotshana lani, lokuthi iNkosi
yababhubhisa, kuze kube lamuhla, 5 lalokho eyakwenza
kini enkangala laze lafika kulindawo, 6 lalokho eyakwenza
kuDathani lakuAbiramu amadodana kaEliyabi indodana
kaRubeni, ukuthi umhlaba wakhamisa umlomo wawo
wabaginya bona labezindlu zabo, lamathente abo,
lakho konke okwakungokwabo, phakathi kukaIsrayeli
wonke. 7 Kodwa amehlo enu abonile zonke izenzo
ezinkulu zeNkosi eyazenzayo. 8 Ngakho lizagcina
yonke imithetho engikulaya yona lamuhla, ukuze libe
lamandla lingene lidle ilifa lelizwe, elichaphela kulo
ukuyakudla ilifa lalo, 9 lokuthi lelule izinsuku elizweni
iNkosi eyalifungela oyihlo ukubanika lona lenzalo
yabo, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju. 10 Ngoba ilizwe
ongena kilo ukudla ilifa lalo kalinjengelizwe leGibhithe
eliphuma kilo, lapho owahlanyela khona inhlanyelo
yakho, wayithelela ngonyawo lwakho, njengesivande
semibhida; 11 kodwa ilizwe elichaphela kilo ukudla
ilifa lalo liyilizwe lamaqaqa lezigodi, linatha amanzi
ngezulu lamazulu; 12 ilizwe iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho
elikhathalelayo; amehlo eNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho
aphezu kwalo njalo, kusukela ekuqaleni komnyaka
kuze kube sekupheleni komnyaka. 13 Kuzakuthi-
ke, uba lilalela lokulalela imithetho yami engililaya
yona lamuhla, ukuthanda iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu,
lokuyikhonza ngenhliziyo yenu yonke langomphefumulo
wenu wonke, 14 ngizanika izulu lelizwe lenu ngesikhathi
salo, izulu elokuqala lezulu lokucina, ukuze ubuthe
amabele akho lewayini lakho elitsha lamafutha akho. 15
Ngizanika izifuyo zakho utshani edlelweni lakho, njalo
uzakudla, usuthe. 16 Ziqapheleni, hlezi inhliziyo yenu
ikhohliseke, liphambuke, likhonze abanye onkulunkulu,
libakhothamele, 17 ukuze ulaka lweNkosi lulivuthele,
njalo ivale amazulu, ukuze kungabi khona izulu, lelizwe
lingatheli isivuno salo, libhubhe masinyane lisuke
elizweni elihle iNkosi elinika lona. 18 Ngakho lizabeka
lamazwi ami enhliziyweni yenu lemphefumulweni wenu,
liwabophele esandleni senu abe luphawu, ukuze abe
ngamafilakteriyu phakathi laphakathi kwamehlo enu. 19
Lizawafundisa abantwana benu, ukhulume ngawo lapho
uhlezi endlini yakho, lalapho uhamba endleleni, lalapho
ulala, lalapho uvuka. 20 Liwabhale emigubazini yendlu
yakho lemasangweni akho, 21 ukuze zande insuku zenu
lensuku zabantwana benu, elizweni iNkosi eyalifungela
oyihlo ukubanika lona, njengensuku zamazulu phezu
komhlaba. 22 Ngoba uba ligcina lokugcina yonke
imithetho le engililaya ukuthi liyenze, ukuthanda iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wenu, ukuhamba ngendlela zayo zonke,
lokunamathela kuyo, 23 khona iNkosi izaxotsha elifeni
zonke lezizizwe zisuke phambi kwenu, lidle ilifa lezizwe
ezinkulu lezilamandla kulani. 24 Yonke indawo lapho
ingaphansi yonyawo lwenu ezanyathela khona izakuba
ngeyenu; kusukela enkangala, leLebhanoni, kusukela
emfuleni, umfula iYufrathi, kuze kufike elwandle lokucina,
kuzakuba ngumngcele wenu. 25 Kakulamuntu ozakuma
phambi kwenu; iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu izabeka
ukwesabeka kwenu lokutshaywa luvalo ngani phezu
kwalo lonke ilizwe elizanyathela kulo, njengalokhu
etshilo kini. 26 Khangelani, lamuhla ngiyabeka phambi
kwenu isibusiso lesiqalekiso; 27 isibusiso, uba lilalela
imithetho yeNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu engililaya yona
lamuhla; 28 lesiqalekiso, uba lingalaleli imithetho
yeNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu, kodwa liphambuka endleleni
engililaya yona lamuhla, ukulandela abanye onkulunkulu
elingabazanga. 29 Kuzakuthi lapho iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho esekungenisile elizweni oya kulo ukudla ilifa
lalo, uzabeka isibusiso phezu kwentaba yeGerizimi,
lesiqalekiso phezu kwentaba yeEbhali. 30 Angithi zona
ziphetsheya kweJordani emva kwendlela yekutshoneni
kwelanga, elizweni lamaKhanani ahlala emagcekeni
maqondana leGiligali, eduze lezihlahla zama-okhi
zeMore? 31 Ngoba lizachapha iJordani ukuze lingene
lidle ilifa lelizwe iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu elinika lona.
Lizakudla ilifa lalo, lihlale kilo, 32 linanzelele ukwenza
zonke izimiso lezahlulelo engizibeka phambi kwenu
lamuhla.

12 Lezi yizimiso lezahlulelo elizananzelela ukuzenza
elizweni iNkosi, uNkulunkulu waboyihlo, ekunika
lona ukuthi udle ilifa lalo, zonke izinsuku eliphila ngazo
emhlabeni. 2 Lizadiliza lokudiliza zonke indawo lapho
izizwe elizazixotsha elifeni lazo ezazikhonzela khona
onkulunkulu bazo, entabeni eziphakemeyo lemaqaqeni
langaphansi kwaso sonke isihlahla esiluhlaza; 3
lizadiliza amalathi azo, libulale insika zazo eziyizithombe,
litshise izixuku zazo ngomlilo, liqumele phansi izithombe
ezibaziweyo zabonkulunkulu bazo, lichithe ibizo lazo
kuleyondawo. 4 Lingenzi njalo eNkosini uNkulunkulu
wenu. 5 Kodwa endaweni iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu
ezayikhetha phakathi kwazo zonke izizwe zenu ukubeka
ibizo layo khona, lizadinga kundawo yayo yokuhlala;
njalo uzakuya khona, 6 lilethe khona iminikelo
yenu yokutshiswa, lemihlatshelo yenu, lokwetshumi
kwenu, lomnikelo wokuphakanyiswa wesandla senu,

lezithembiso zenu, leminikelo yenu yesihle, lamazibulo
enkomo zenu lawezimvu zenu; 7 lidle khona phambi
kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu, lithokoze ngakho konke
elibeke isandla senu kukho, lina labendlu yenu, iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho ekubusise ngakho. 8 Kaliyikwenza
njengakho konke esikwenzayo lapha lamuhla, ngulowo
lalowo loba yikuphi okulungileyo emehlweni akhe. 9
Ngoba kalikafiki ekuphumuleni lelifeni, iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho ekunika lona. 10 Lapho selichaphile iJordani,
selihlezi elizweni iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu elinika
lona libe yilifa lenu, isiliphumuzile ezitheni zenu zonke
inhlangothi zonke, selihlezi livikelekile, 11 khona
kuzakuba lendawo iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu ezayikhetha
ukwenza ibizo layo lihlale lapho; lizaletha lapho
konke engililaya khona, iminikelo yenu yokutshiswa,
lemihlatshelo yenu, lokwetshumi kwenu, lomnikelo
wokuphakanyiswa wesandla senu, lezithembiso zenu
zonke ezikhethekileyo elizazithembisa eNkosini. 12
Njalo lizathaba phambi kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu,
lina lamadodana enu lamadodakazi enu, lenceku zenu
lencekukazi zenu, lomLevi ophakathi kwamasango
enu, ngoba engelasabelo lelifa lani. 13 Ziqaphele
ukuthi unganikeli iminikelo yakho yokutshiswa kuyo
yonke indawo oyibonayo; 14 kodwa endaweni iNkosi
ezayikhetha kwesinye sezizwe zakho, lapho uzanikela
iminikelo yakho yokutshiswa, lalapho uzakwenza
konke engikulaya khona. 15 Kanti ungahlaba
udle inyama, phakathi kwawo wonke amasango
akho, njengaso sonke isifiso somphefumulo wakho,
njengokwesibusiso seNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, ekunike
sona; ongahlambulukanga lohlambulukileyo angakudla,
njengomziki lanjengendluzele. 16 Kuphela lingadli igazi;
lizalichithela emhlabathini njengamanzi. 17 Awulakudlela
emasangweni akho okwetshumi kwamabele akho
leyewayini lakho elitsha, leyamafutha akho, loba
amazibulo enkomo zakho lawezimvu zakho, loba
yikuphi kwesithembiso sakho osithembisileyo, loba
iminikelo yakho yesihle, loba umnikelo wokuphakanyiswa
wesandla sakho. 18 Kodwa phambi kweNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho uzadlela lokho endaweni iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho ezayikhetha, wena lendodana yakho
lendodakazi yakho, lenceku yakho lencekukazi yakho,
lomLevi ophakathi kwamasango akho; njalo uzathaba
phambi kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho kukho konke
obeka isandla sakho kukho. 19 Ziqaphele ukuthi
ungamkhohlwa umLevi zonke izinsuku zakho elizweni
lakho. 20 Lapho iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho iqhelisa
umngcele wakho, njengokukhuluma kwayo kuwe, njalo
uzakuthi: Ngizakudla inyama, ngoba umphefumulo
wakho ukhanuka ukudla inyama; njengokwesifiso sonke
somphefumulo wakho uzakudla inyama. 21 Uba indawo
iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ezayikhetha ukubeka ibizo
layo khona ikhatshana lawe, uzahlaba enkomeni zakho
loba ezimvini zakho iNkosi ekunike zona, njengokukulaya
kwami, uzakudlela phakathi kwamasango akho,
njengokwesifiso sonke somphefumulo wakho. 22 Ngitsho,
njengalokhu kudliwa umziki lendluzele, ngokunjalo
uzazidla; ongahlambulukanga lohlambulukileyo angazidla
ngokufananayo. 23 Kuphela qaphela ukuthi ungadli
igazi, ngoba igazi liyimpilo; ngakho kawuyikudla impilo
kanye lenyama. 24 Ungalidli, uzalichithela emhlabathini
njengamanzi. 25 Ungalidli, ukuze kukulungele labantwana
bakho emva kwakho, lapho usenza okulungileyo
emehlweni eNkosi. 26 Kuphela izinto ezingcwele olazo,
lezithembiso zakho, uzazithatha, uye endaweni iNkosi
ezayikhetha. 27 Ulungise iminikelo yakho yokutshiswa,
inyama legazi, phezu kwelathi leNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho. Legazi lemihlatshelo yakho lizathululelwa phezu
kwelathi leNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, lenyama ungayidla.
28 Qaphela uzwe wonke amazwi la engikulaya wona,
ukuze kukulungele labantwana bakho emva kwakho kuze
kube nininini, lapho usenza okulungileyo lokuqondileyo
emehlweni eNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho. 29 Lapho iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho izaquma izizwe zisuke phambi
kwakho lapho oya khona ukudla ilifa lazo, lapho usudle
ilifa lazo wahlala elizweni lazo, 30 ziqaphele ukuthi
ungathiywa uzilandele, emva kokuchithwa kwazo phambi
kwakho, lokuthi ungabuzi ngonkulunkulu bazo usithi:
Izizwe lezi zazikhonza njani onkulunkulu bazo? Lami
ngizakwenza njalo. 31 Kawuyikwenza njalo eNkosini
uNkulunkulu wakho; ngoba konke okunengekayo
eNkosini, ekuzondayo, zikwenzile kubonkulunkulu bazo;
ngoba ngitsho amadodana azo lamadodakazi azo
zibatshisile ngomlilo kubonkulunkulu bazo. 32 Yonke into
engililaya ngayo, qaphelani ukuyenza; ungengezeleli
kuyo, futhi ungaphunguli kuyo.

13 Uba kuvela phakathi kwakho umprofethi kumbe
umphuphi wamaphupho, akunike isibonakaliso
loba isimangaliso, 2 lesibonakaliso loba isimangaliso
akhulume ngaso kuwe senzakale, esithi: Asilandele
abanye onkulunkulu ongabazanga, sibakhonze; 3
ungalaleli amazwi alowomprofethi loba lowomphuphi
wamaphupho; ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu iyalilinga
ukuze yazi ukuthi liyayithanda yini iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wenu ngenhliziyo yenu yonke langomphefumulo wenu
wonke. 4 INkosi uNkulunkulu wenu lizayilandela, yona
liyesabe, imithetho yayo liyigcine, ilizwi layo lililalele, yona
liyikhonze, kuyo linamathele. 5 Lalowomprofethi loba
lowomphuphi wamaphupho kabulawe, ngoba ukhulume
ukuhlamukela iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu, eyalikhupha
elizweni leGibhithe, yakuhlenga endlini yobugqili,
ukukufuqa uphambuke endleleni iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho eyakulaya ukuhamba ngayo. Ngalokhu uzakhupha
ububi phakathi kwakho. 6 Uba umfowenu, indodana
kanyoko, loba indodana yakho, loba indodakazi
yakho, loba umfazi wesifuba sakho, kumbe umngane
wakho onjengomphefumulo wakho, ekuyenga ensitha
esithi: Asihambe, siyekhonza abanye onkulunkulu,

ongabazanga, wena laboyihlo, 7 babonkulunkulu babantu
abalizingelezeleyo, abaseduze lawe loba abakhatshana
lawe, kusukela komunye umkhawulo womhlaba kuze
kufike komunye umkhawulo womhlaba, 8 ungamvumeli,
ungamlaleli, futhi ilihlo lakho lingamhawukeli, njalo
ungamyekeli, ungamfihli, 9 kodwa umbulale lokumbulala;
isandla sakho sizakuba ngesokuqala phezu kwakhe
ukumbulala, lemva kwalokho isandla sabantu bonke. 10
Njalo mkhande ngamatshe aze afe, ngoba ubedinga
ukukufuqa uphambuke eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho,
eyakukhupha elizweni leGibhithe, endlini yobugqili. 11
LoIsrayeli wonke uzakuzwa, esabe, angabe esenza ububi
obunjengalobo phakathi kwakho. 12 Uba usizwa komunye
wemizi yakho, iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika yona,
ukuthi uhlale khona, kuthiwa: 13 Kuphumile amadoda,
abantwana bakaBheliyali, phakathi kwakho, afuqa
aphambula abakhileyo bomuzi wawo esithi: Asihambe
siyekhonza abanye onkulunkulu elingabazanga; 14
khona uzabuza, uhlolisise, udingisise; khangela, uba
kuliqiniso, leyonto iqinisekile, lesisinengiso senziwe
phakathi kwakho, 15 uzatshaya lokubatshaya abakhileyo
balowomuzi ngobukhali benkemba, uwutshabalalise,
lakho konke okukuwo lezifuyo zawo, ngobukhali
benkemba. 16 Uzabuthela yonke impango yawo phakathi
komdanga wawo, utshise ngomlilo umuzi lempango
yawo yonke uphele du, eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho;
njalo uzakuba yinqumbi phakade, awuyikwakhiwa futhi.
17 Kunganamatheli lutho kwalokho okuqalekisiweyo
esandleni sakho, ukuze iNkosi iphenduke ekuvutheni
kwentukuthelo yayo, ikuphe umusa, ibe lobubele kuwe,
ikwandise, njengalokhu yafunga kuboyihlo, 18 uba
ulalela ilizwi leNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, ukugcina
yonke imithetho yayo engikulaya yona lamuhla, ukwenza
okulungileyo emehlweni eNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho.

14 Lingabantwana beNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu.
Kaliyikuzisika, lingenzi impabanga phakathi
laphakathi kwamehlo enu ngenxa yabafileyo. 2 Ngoba
uyisizwe esingcwele eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho;
leNkosi ikukhethile ukuthi ube yisizwe esikhethekileyo
kuyo, ngaphezu kwezizwe zonke ezisebusweni
bomhlaba. 3 Ungadli loba yikuphi okunengekayo. 4
Yilezi inyamazana elingazidla: Inkabi, imvu, lembuzi, 5
indluzele, lomziki, lomziki olempondo ezilembaxambaxa,
lembuzi yeganga, lomtshwayeli, lenkabi yeganga, legogo,
6 layo yonke inyamazana edabula isondo, edabula
okudabukileyo kube zinklagu ezimbili, eyetshisayo
phakathi kwezinyamazana; leyo lingayidla. 7 Kodwa
lezi kaliyikuzidla kuzo ezetshisayo, lakuzo ezidabula
isondo elidabukileyo: Ikamela lomvundla lembila, ngoba
ziyetshisa kodwa kazidabulanga isondo; zingcolile kini.
8 Lengulube, ngoba idabula isondo kodwa kayetshisi;
ingcolile kini. Lingadli okwenyama yazo, lingathinti
izidumbu zazo. 9 Lezi lingazidla kuzo zonke ezisemanzini:
Zonke ezilempiko lamaxolo lingazidla. 10 Kodwa loba
yikuphi okungelampiko lamaxolo lingakudli; kungcolile
kini. 11 Zonke inyoni ezihlambulukileyo lingazidla.
12 Kodwa yilezi elingayikudla kuzo: Ukhozi lelinqe
lengqungqulu edla inhlanzi, 13 lomzwazwa, lohelwane,
lelinqe ngohlobo lwalo, 14 lalo lonke iwabayi ngohlobo
lwalo, 15 lesikhova, lomandukulo, lenkanku, lokhozi
ngohlobo lwalo, 16 isikhova esincinyane, lesikhova
esikhulu, lesikhova esimhlophe, 17 lewunkwe, lelinqe
elikhulu, letshayamanzi, 18 lengabuzane, lehemu
ngohlobo lwalo, lemvenduna, lolulwane. 19 Lazo
zonke izibungu ezilempiko zingcolile kini; kazingadliwa.
20 Zonke izinyoni ezihlambulukileyo lingazidla. 21
Lingabokudla langcuba; ungayinika owemzini ophakathi
kwamasango akho ukuthi ayidle, loba uyithengise
kowezizwe; ngoba uyisizwe esingcwele eNkosini
uNkulunkulu wakho. Ungapheki izinyane lembuzi
ngochago lukanina. 22 Uzanikela ngoqotho okwetshumi
kwesithelo sonke senhlanyelo yakho, insimu ekuthelayo
iminyaka ngeminyaka. 23 Njalo uzakudla phambi
kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, endaweni ezayikhetha
ukuthi ibeke ibizo layo khona, okwetshumi kwamabele
akho, okwewayini lakho elitsha, lokwamafutha akho,
lamazibulo enkomo zakho lawezimvu zakho, ukuze
ufunde ukuyesaba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho insuku
zonke. 24 Uba-ke indlela inde kakhulu kuwe, uze
wehluleke ukukuthwala, ngoba ikhatshana kakhulu lawe
indawo iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ezayikhetha ukuthi
ibeke ibizo layo khona, lapho iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho
ikubusisile, 25 uzakuguqula-ke kube yimali, ubophele
imali esandleni sakho, uye endaweni iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho ezayikhetha, 26 uthenge ngaleyomali loba kuyini
umphefumulo wakho okufisayo, izinkabi loba izimvu
loba iwayini loba okunathwayo okulamandla, loba kuyini
umphefumulo wakho okufisayo; udle khona phambi
kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, uthabe wena lendlu yakho.
27 LomLevi ophakathi kwamasango akho, ungamdeli,
ngoba kalasabelo lelifa kanye lawe. 28 Ekupheleni
kweminyaka emithathu uzakhupha konke okwetshumi
kwezithelo zakho ngalowomnyaka, ukugcine phakathi
kwamasango akho. 29 LomLevi, lokhu engelasabelo
lelifa kanye lawe, lowemzini, lentandane, lomfelokazi,
abaphakathi kwamasango akho, bazakuza, badle,
basuthe, ukuze iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ikubusise
emsebenzini wonke wesandla sakho owenzayo.

15 Ekupheleni kweminyaka yonke eyisikhombisa
uzakwenza inkululeko. 2 Njalo le yindlela
yenkululeko: Wonke umkweledisi oweboleka
umakhelwane wakhe uzakhulula isikwelede;
kayikusibamba ngamandla kumakhelwane wakhe
kumbe kumfowabo, ngoba kumenyezelwe inkululeko
eNkosini. 3 Kowezizweni uzasibamba ngamandla;
kodwa lokho okwakho okukumfowenu isandla sakho
sizakukhulula; 4 ukuze kungabi lomyanga phakathi
kwakho; ngoba iNkosi izakubusisa lokukubusisa elizweni

iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona ukuthi libe yilifa
ukudla ilifa lalo, 5 kuphela uba ulalela lokulalela ilizwi
leNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, ugcine ukuyenza limithetho
yonke engikulaya yona lamuhla. 6 Ngoba iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho izakubusisa njengokuthembisa
kwayo kuwe. Njalo uzakweboleka izizwe ezinengi,
kodwa wena kawuyikweboleka kuzo; uzabusa izizwe
ezinengi, kodwa wena kaziyikukubusa. 7 Uba kukhona
phakathi kwakho umyanga ongomunye wabafowenu,
kwelinye lamasango akho, elizweni lakho, iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona, ungenzi lukhuni
inhliziyo yakho, ungamvaleli umfowenu ongumyanga
isandla sakho, 8 kodwa uzamvulela lokumvulela isandla
sakho, umeboleke lokumeboleka okwanela ukuswela
kwakhe, lokho akuswelayo. 9 Ziqaphele hlezi kube
khona ilizwi enhliziyweni yakho embi lisithi: Umnyaka
wesikhombisa, umnyaka wenkululeko useduze; lelihlo
lakho libe libi limelane lomfowenu ongumyanga, ukuze
ungamniki, abesekhala ngawe eNkosini, njalo kube
yisono kuwe. 10 Umnike lokumnika, lenhliziyo yakho
ingadani nxa umnika; ngoba ngenxa yalinto iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho izakubusisa emsebenzini wonke
wakho lakukho konke obeka kukho isandla sakho.
11 Ngoba umyanga kayikuphela phakathi kwelizwe.
Ngakho ngiyakulaya ngithi: Uzamvulela kakhulu isandla
sakho umfowenu, umyanga wakho, loswelayo wakho,
elizweni lakho. 12 Uba umfowenu, umHebheru loba
umHebherukazi, ethengiswa kuwe, akusebenzele
iminyaka eyisithupha, ngakho ngomnyaka wesikhombisa
uzamyekela ukuthi ahambe ekhululekile asuke kuwe. 13
Lalapho umyekela ukuthi ahambe ekhululekile esuka
kuwe, ungamyekeli ukuthi ahambe engaphathanga
lutho; 14 uzamnakekela lokumnakekela ezimvini
zakho, lokwebala lokubhulela lakho, lokwesikhamelo
sakho sewayini; kulokho iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho
ekubusise ngakho uzamupha. 15 Njalo uzakhumbula
ukuthi wawuyisigqili elizweni leGibhithe, lokuthi iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho yakuhlenga. Ngalokho ngiyakulaya
linto lamuhla. 16 Kodwa kuzakuthi, uba esithi kuwe:
Kangiyikusuka kuwe, ngoba ethanda wena lendlu
yakho, ngoba kulungile kuye elawe, 17 uzathatha
usungulo, ubhobozele indlebe yakhe ngalo esivalweni,
ukuze abe yisigqili sakho laphakade. Lakuso isigqilikazi
sakho wenze njalo. 18 Kakungabi lukhuni emehlweni
akho nxa umyekela ehamba ekhululekile kuwe; ngoba
ngokuphindwe kabili kweholo lesiqatshwa ukusebenzele
iminyaka eyisithupha. Ngakho iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho izakubusisa kukho konke okwenzayo. 19 Wonke
amazibulo azazalwa enkomeni zakho lezimvini zakho,
amaduna, uzawangcwelisela iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho;
kawuyikusebenza ngezibulo lejongosi lakho, futhi
kawuyikugunda izibulo lezimvu zakho. 20 Phambi
kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho uzalidla, umnyaka
ngomnyaka, endaweni iNkosi ezayikhetha, wena lendlu
yakho. 21 Kodwa uba kulesici kulo, liqhula, loba
liyisiphofu, loba lilasiphi isici esibi, ungalihlabeli iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho. 22 Uzalidla phakathi kwamasango
akho, ongahlambulukanga lohlambulukileyo bazalidla
bendawonye, njengomziki lanjengendluzele. 23 Kuphela
igazi lalo ungalidli; ulichithele emhlabathini njengamanzi.

16 Gcina inyanga kaAbhibhi, wenzele iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho iphasika, ngoba ngenyanga
kaAbhibhi iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho yakukhupha
eGibhithe ebusuku. 2 Ngakho uzahlabela iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho iphasika, lezimvu lenkomo, endaweni
iNkosi ezayikhetha ukuthi ibeke ibizo layo khona. 3
Ungadli lalo isinkwa esilemvubelo. Insuku eziyisikhombisa
uzakudla lalo isinkwa esingelamvubelo, isinkwa
senhlupheko, ngoba waphuma elizweni leGibhithe
ngokuphangisa, ukuze ukhumbule usuku lokuphuma
kwakho elizweni leGibhithe zonke izinsuku zempilo
yakho. 4 Njalo kakungabonwa kuwe imvubelo
emingceleni yonke yakho insuku eziyisikhombisa;
futhi okwenyama oyihlaba kusihlwa ngosuku lokuqala
kakungalali ubusuku bonke kuze kuse. 5 Awulakuhlaba
iphasika phakathi kwaloba yiliphi lamasango akho,
iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika wona, 6 kodwa
endaweni iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ezayikhetha
ukuhlalisa ibizo layo khona, lapho uzahlabela iphasika
kusihlwa, ekutshoneni kwelanga, ngesikhathi esimisiweyo
sokuphuma kwakho eGibhithe. 7 Njalo uzalipheka,
ulidlele endaweni iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ezayikhetha.
Lekuseni uzaphenduka uye emathenteni akho. 8
Insuku eziyisithupha uzakudla isinkwa esingelamvubelo;
langosuku lwesikhombisa kube lomhlangano onzulu
eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho; ungenzi umsebenzi. 9
Uzazibalela amaviki ayisikhombisa. Kusukela beqalisa
ngesikela emabeleni amileyo uzaqala ukubala amaviki
ayisikhombisa. 10 Khona uzagcinela iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho umkhosi wamaviki, umnikelo wesihle wesandla
sakho, ozawunikela, njengalokhu iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho ikubusisile. 11 Njalo uzathokoza phambi
kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, wena lendodana yakho
lendodakazi yakho, lenceku yakho lencekukazi yakho,
lomLevi ophakathi kwamasango akho, lowezizweni,
lentandane, lomfelokazi, abaphakathi kwakho, endaweni
iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ezayikhetha ukuhlalisa
ibizo layo khona. 12 Uzakhumbula-ke ukuthi
wawuyisigqili eGibhithe. Njalo uzagcina njalo wenze
lezizimiso. 13 Umkhosi wamadumba uzazigcinela
wona insuku eziyisikhombisa, ekubutheleni kwakho
ebaleni lakho lokubhulela lesikhamelweni sakho
sewayini. 14 Njalo uzathaba emkhosini wakho, wena
lendodana yakho lendodakazi yakho, lenceku yakho
lencekukazi yakho, lomLevi, lowezizweni, lentandane,
lomfelokazi, abaphakathi kwamasango akho. 15
Insuku eziyisikhombisa uzayigcinela iNkosi uNkulunkulu

wakho umkhosi, endaweni iNkosi ezayikhetha; ngoba
iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho izakubusisa kuzo zonke
izithelo zakho lemsebenzini wonke wezandla zakho.
Ngakho uzathokoza ngoqotho. **16** Kathathu ngomnyaka
wonke owesilisa wakho uzabonakala phambi kweNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho endaweni ezayikhetha, ngomkhosi
wesinkwa esingelamvubelo, langomkhosi wamaviki,
langomkhosi wamadumba. Njalo kayikubonakala
phambi kweNkosi engaphathanga lutho; **17** ngulowo
lalowo ngokwesipho sesandla sakhe, njengesibusiso
seNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, ekunike sona. **18**
Abahluleli lezinduna uzazibekela bona emasangweni
akho wonke, iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika
wona, phakathi kwezizwe zakho, ukuthi bahlulele
abantu ngesahlulelo esilungileyo. **19** Ungaphambuli
isahlulelo, ungakhangeli ubuso, ungemukeli isipho,
ngoba isipho siphumputhekisa amehlo abahlakaniphileyo,
siphambula amazwi abalungileyo. **20** Ukulunga, ukulunga
uzakunxwanela, ukuze uphile, udle ilifa lelizwe iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona. **21** Ungazihlanyeleli
isixuku saloba yisiphi isihlahla eduze kwelathi leNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho, ozazenzela lona. **22** Njalo
ungazimiseli insika eyisithombe, iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho eyizondayo.

17 Ungahlabeli iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho inkabi
kumbe imvu okukuyo isici, loba yiyiphi into
embi, ngoba kuyisinengiso eNkosini uNkulunkulu
wakho. **2** Uba kutholakala phakathi kwakho, loba
phakathi kwaliphi lamasango akho, iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho ekunika wona, owesilisa loba owesifazana
owenza okubi emehlweni eNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho,
ngokweqa isivumelwano sayo, **3** abesesiyakhonza
abanye onkulunkulu, abakhothamele, loba ilanga
kumbe inyanga, kumbe enye yebutho lamazulu,
engingakulayanga, **4** ube usukubikelwa, ukuzwe,
uzakubuzisisa, khangela-ke, kuliqiniso, indaba iqinisekile,
lesosinengiso senziwe koIsrayeli, **5** uzayikhupha
leyondoda kumbe lowo owesifazana, abenze leyonto
embi, emasangweni akho, leyondoda kumbe lowo
owesifazana, ubakhande ngamatshe baze bafe. **6**
Ngomlomo wabafakazi ababili loba wabafakazi abathathu
ofanele ukufa uzabulawa; kayikubulawa ngomlomo
womfakazi oyedwa. **7** Isandla sabafakazi sizakuba
ngesokuqala phezu kwakhe ukumbulala, lemva kwalokho
isandla sabo bonke abantu. Ngalokhu uzakhupha
ububi phakathi kwakho. **8** Uba kulodaba olulukhuni
kakhulu kuwe ekwahluleleni, phakathi kwegazi legazi,
phakathi kwesahlulelo lesahlulelo, laphakathi kokutshaya
lokutshaya, indaba zokuphikisana emasangweni akho,
khona uzasukuma uye endaweni iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho ezayikhetha, **9** uze kubapristi abangamaLevi
lakumahluleli ozakuba ekhona ngalezonsuku, uzabuza;
babesebekutshela isinqumo sesahlulelo. **10** Njalo
uzakwenza njengokwesinqumo abazakutshela
sona kuleyondawo iNkosi ezayikhetha; njalo
unanzelele ukwenza njengakho konke abazakufundisa
khona. **11** Njengokomthetho abazakufundisa wona,
lanjengokwesahlulelo abazakutshela sona, uzakwenza.
Kawuyikuphambuka kusinqumo abazakutshela sona,
uye ngakwesokunene kumbe ngakwesokhohlo. **12**
Lendoda eyenza ngokuziqhenya ukuze ingalaleli umpristi
omi ukukhonza khona iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, kumbe
umahluleli, leyondoda izakufa. Ngalokhu uzakhupha
ububi koIsrayeli. **13** Njalo bonke abantu bazakuzwa,
besabe, bangaphindi ukuziqhenya. **14** Lapho usufikile
elizweni iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona ukuthi
udle ilifa lalo, uhlale kilo, ubususithi: Ngizazimisela
inkosi njengazo zonke izizwe ezingizingelezeleyo;
15 umbeke lokumbeka abe yinkosi phezu kwakho,
yena iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ezamkhetha. Evela
phakathi kwabafowenu umbeke abe yinkosi phezu
kwakho; kawulakumbeka owezizweni phezu kwakho
ongesumfowenu. **16** Kodwa angazandiseli amabhiza,
njalo angababuyiseli abantu eGibhithe ukuze andise
amabhiza, ngoba iNkosi ithe kini: Kalisayikubuyela
futhi ngaleyondlela. **17** Futhi angazandiseli abafazi,
ukuze inhliziyo yakhe ingaphambuki; njalo angazandiseli
kakhulu isiliva legolide. **18** Kuzakuthi esehlala esihlalweni
sobukhosi sombuso wakhe, uzazibhalela impinda
yalumlayo egwalweni, okuvela kulokho okuphambi
kwabapristi abangamaLevi. **19** Njalo luzakuba laye,
njalo abale kulo insuku zonke zempilo yakhe, ukuze
afunde ukuyesaba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakhe, agcine
wonke amazwi alumlayo lezimiso lezi, akwenze,
20 ukuze inhliziyo yakhe ingaziphakamisi phezu
kwabafowabo, lokuze angaphambuki emthethweni aye
ngakwesokunene loba ngakwesokhohlo, ukuze elule
izinsuku embusweni wakhe, yena labantwana bakhe,
phakathi kukaIsrayeli.

18 Abapristi, amaLevi, isizwe sonke sakoLevi,
kasiyikuba lesabelo lelifa kanye loIsrayeli;
bazakudla iminikelo yeNkosi eyenziwe ngomlilo, lelifa
layo. **2** Ngakho kabayikuba lelifa phakathi kwabafowabo;
iNkosi iyilifa labo, njengokukhuluma kwayo kibo. **3**
Lalokhu kuzakuba lilungelo labapristi elivela ebantwini,
kulabo abahlaba umhlatshelo, loba inkabi loba imvu;
njalo bazanika umpristi umkhono lemihlathi yomibili
lolusu. **4** Okokuqala kwamabele akho, yewayini lakho
elitsha, leyamafutha akho, lengqabutho yoboya bezimvu
zakho, uzamupha yona. **5** Ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho imkhethile kuzo zonke izizwe zakho, ukuthi
eme akhonze ebizweni leNkosi, yena lamadodana
akhe, zonke izinsuku. **6** Uba-ke umLevi esiza evela
loba kukuliphi lamasango akho kuIsrayeli wonke lapho
ahlala khona njengowezizwe, eze ngesifiso sonke
somphefumulo wakhe endaweni iNkosi ezayikhetha, **7**
khona ezakhonza ebizweni leNkosi uNkulunkulu wakhe

njengabo bonke abafowabo amaLevi, emiyo khona
phambi kweNkosi. 8 Azakudla izabelo ezilinganayo,
ngaphandle kwezinto zakhe ezathengiswayo zaboyise.
9 Lapho usufikile elizweni iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho
ekunika lona, ungafundi ukwenza ngokwezinengiso
zalezozizwe. 10 Kakuyikutholakala phakathi kwakho
owenza indodana yakhe lendodakazi yakhe idabule
emlilweni, owenza ukuvumisa, ochasisa ngemibono,
lowenza imilingo, lomthakathi, 11 lophosayo, lolamadlozi,
lolumbayo, lobuza kwabafileyo. 12 Ngoba wonke owenza
lezizinto uyisinengiso eNkosini. Langenxa yalezizinengiso
iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho iyabaxotsha elifeni phambi
kwakho. 13 Uzakuba ngopheleleyo eNkosini uNkulunkulu
wakho. 14 Ngoba izizwe lezi, ozakudla ilifa lazo,
zalalela abachasisa ngemibono labavumisi; kodwa
wena, iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho kayikuvumelanga
okunjalo. 15 INkosi uNkulunkulu wakho izakuvusela
uMprofethi ophuma phakathi kwakho kubafowenu
onjengami; yena limlalele. 16 Njengakho konke
owakucelayo eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho eHorebe
ngosuku lokuhlangana, usithi: Kangingaphindi ngilizwe
ilizwi leNkosi uNkulunkulu wami, ngingabe ngisawubona
lumlilo omkhulu, ukuze ngingafi. 17 INkosi yasisithi kimi:
Benze kuhle kwabakukhulumileyo. 18 Ngizabavusela
uMprofethi ophuma phakathi kwabafowabo onjengawe;
ngizabeka amazwi ami emlonyeni wakhe, njalo
akhulume kibo konke engizamlaya khona. 19
Kuzakuthi-ke loba ngubani ongayikulalela amazwi ami
azawakhuluma ebizweni lami, ngizakubuza kuye. 20
Kodwa umprofethi oziqhenya ekhuluma ilizwi ebizweni
lami engingamlayanga ukulikhuluma, loba ekhuluma
ebizweni labanye onkulunkulu, lowomprofethi uzakufa.
21 Njalo uba usithi enhliziyweni yakho: Sizakwazi njani
ilizwi iNkosi engalikhulumanga? 22 Lapho umprofethi
ekhuluma ebizweni leNkosi, uba leyonto ingenzeki kumbe
ingafiki, lelo yilizwi iNkosi engalikhulumanga; umprofethi
ulikhulume ngokuziqhenya; ungamesabi.

19 Lapho iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho isiqumile izizwe,
olizwe lazo iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunike
lona, osusidla ilifa lazo, osuhlala emizini yazo lezindlini
zazo, 2 imizi emithathu uzazehlukanisela yona phakathi
kwelizwe iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona
ukudla ilifa lalo. 3 Uzazilungisela indlela, wehlukanise
umngcele welizwe lakho iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho
ekunika lona ukudla ilifa lalo, ube lezigaba ezintathu,
ukuze wonke umbulali abalekele khona. 4 Lalolu
ludaba lombulali ongabalekela khona ukuze aphile: Lowo
otshaya umakhelwane wakhe kungeyisikho ngabomo,
obengamzondi mandulo, 5 njengongena egangeni
lomakhelwane wakhe ukuyagamula izihlahla, lesandla
sakhe sitshaya ngehloka ukugamula isihlahla, lensimbi
ikhumuke emphinini, imtshaye umakhelwane wakhe
aze afe, yena uzabalekela komunye waleyomizi ukuze
aphile. 6 Hlezi umphindiseli wegazi axotshane lombulali,
inhliziyo yakhe isatshisa, amfice ngoba indlela inde,
amtshaye ambulale, lanxa bekungelasigwebo sokufa
kuye, ngoba ebengamzondi mandulo. 7 Ngalokhu
ngiyalilaya ngisithi: Uzazehlukanisela imizi emithathu. 8
Uba-ke iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho iqhelisa umngcele
wakho, njengokufunga kwayo kuboyihlo, ikunika ilizwe
lonke eyakhuluma ngalo ukubanika oyihlo, 9 uba ugcina
yonke limithetho ukuyenza engikulaya yona lamuhla,
ukuthanda iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, lokuhamba
endleleni zayo izinsuku zonke, khona uzazengezelelela
eminye imizi emithathu ngaphandle kwaleyo emithathu.
10 Ukuze kungachithwa igazi elingelacala phakathi
kwelizwe lakho iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika
lona ukuba yilifa, ube lecala legazi phezu kwakho.
11 Kodwa uba umuntu elenzondo kumakhelwane
wakhe, amcathamele, amvukele, amtshaye okokufa
aze afe, abalekele komunye walimizi, 12 khona
abadala bomuzi wakhe bazathumela bamthathe lapho,
bamnikele esandleni somphindiseli wegazi ukuthi afe.
13 Ilihlo lakho lingamhawukeli, kodwa uzakhupha
igazi elingelacala koIsrayeli, ukuze kukulungele. 14
Ungatshedisi isikhonkwane somngcele womakhelwane
wakho abendulo abasibethelayo elifeni lakho, ozakudla
ilifa lalo elizweni iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona
ukudla ilifa lalo. 15 Umfakazi oyedwa kayikusukumela
umuntu loba ngabuphi ububi loba ngasiphi isono,
loba kusiphi isono one ngaso. Ngomlomo wabafakazi
ababili kumbe ngomlomo wabafakazi abathathu udaba
lungaqiniswa. 16 Uba kusukuma umfakazi wamanga
amelane lomuntu emfakazela ngokubi, 17 khona abantu
bobabili, abalokuxabana, bazakuma phambi kweNkosi,
phambi kwabapristi labahluleli abazakuba bekhona
ngalezonsuku. 18 Labahluleli bazachwayisisa; khangela-
ke umfakazi ngumfakazi wamanga, ufakaze amanga
ngomfowabo, 19 khona lizakwenza kuye lokho abehlose
ukukwenza kumfowabo; ngalokhu uzakhupha ububi
phakathi kwakho. 20 Lalabo abaseleyo bazakuzwa,
besabe, kusukela lapho bangabe besenza ububi
obunjengalobu phakathi kwakho. 21 Lelihlo lakho lingabi
lesihawu; impilo ngempilo, ilihlo ngelihlo, izinyo ngezinyo,
isandla ngesandla, unyawo ngonyawo.

20 Lapho uphuma impi ukumelana lezitha zakho,
ube usubona amabhiza lezinqola, labantu
abanengi kulawe, ungabesabi; ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho ilawe, eyakukhupha elizweni leGibhithe. 2
Njalo kuzakuthi, nxa selisondela empini, umpristi
asondele akhulume labantu, 3 athi kubo: Zwana,
Israyeli! Selisondela empini lamuhla limelana lezitha
zenu; inhliziyo yenu kayingapheli amandla; lingesabi,
lingathuthumeli, lingatshaywa luvalo ngenxa yobukhona
babo; 4 ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu nguye ohamba
lani, ukulilwela ezitheni zenu, ukulisindisa. 5 Lenduna
zizakhuluma labantu zithi: Ngubani umuntu owakhe indlu
entsha ongazanga ayivule? Kahambe abuyele endlini

yakhe, hlezi afele empini, lomunye umuntu ayivule.
6 Ngubani-ke umuntu ohlanyele isivini, ongadlanga
okwaso? Kahambe abuyele endlini yakhe, hlezi afele
empini, lomunye umuntu adle okwaso. **7** Ngubani-
ke umuntu ogane umfazi, engakamthathi? Kahambe
abuyele endlini yakhe, hlezi afele empini, lomunye
umuntu amthathe. **8** Lezinduna zizakhuluma futhi
labantu, zithi: Ngubani umuntu owesabayo ophelelwa
ngamandla enhliziyweni? Kahambe abuyele endlini
yakhe, ukuze inhliziyo zabafowabo zingaphelelwa
ngamandla njengenhliziyo yakhe. **9** Kuzakuthi-ke lapho
izinduna seziqedile ukukhuluma labantu, bazabeka
izinduna zebutho ephondo lwabantu. **10** Ekusondeleni
kwakho emzini ukulwa umelene lawo, uzamemezela
ukuthula kuwo. **11** Kuzakuthi-ke, uba ukuphendula
ngokuthula, ukuvulela, khona bonke abantu abaficwa
kuwo bazakuba yizibhalwa kuwe, bakusebenzele. **12**
Kodwa uba ungenzi ukuthula lawe, kodwa usilwa lawe,
uzawuvimbezela. **13** Nxa iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho
iwunikela esandleni sakho, uzatshaya wonke owesilisa
wawo ngobukhali benkemba. **14** Kodwa abesifazana
labantwanyana, lezifuyo, lakho konke okusemzini,
impango yonke yawo, uzaziphangela yona; uzakudla
impango yezitha zakho iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho
ekunike yona. **15** Uzakwenza njalo kuyo yonke imizi
ekhatshana kakhulu lawe, engeyisiyo yemizi yalezizizwe.
16 Kodwa emizini yalababantu iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho ekunika yona ukuba yilifa, kawuyikutshiya lutho
luphila oluphefumulayo; **17** kodwa uzabatshabalalisa
lokubatshabalalisa: AmaHethi lamaAmori, amaKhanani
lamaPerizi, amaHivi lamaJebusi, njengokukulaya kwayo
iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho. **18** Ukuze bangalifundisi
ukwenza njengazo zonke izinengiso zabo, abazenze
kubonkulunkulu babo, ukuthi lone eNkosini uNkulunkulu
wenu. **19** Lapho uvimbezela umuzi isikhathi eside, usilwa
lawo ukuwuthumba, ungoni izihlahla zawo ngokuzigamula
ngehloka, ngoba ungadla okwazo, kodwa ungazigamuli
(ngoba isihlahla seganga singesabantu) ukuza phambi
kwakho ekuvimbezeleni. **20** Kuphela izihlahla elizaziyo
ukuthi kayisizo izihlahla zokudla, yilezo ongazichitha
lokuzigamula ukuze wakhe inqaba yokuvimbezela
maqondana lomuzi olwa impi lawe, uze wehlele phansi.

21 Uba kutholakala obuleweyo elizweni iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona ukudla ilifa
lalo, elele egangeni, kungaziwa ukuthi ngubani
omtshayileyo, **2** abadala bakho labahluleli bakho
bazaphuma, balinganise ukuya emizini ezingelezele
obuleweyo. **3** Kuzakuthi-ke umuzi oseduze lobuleweyo,
abadala balowomuzi bazathatha ithokazi enkomeni,
okungasetshenzwanga ngalo, elingadonsanga
ejogweni. **4** Labadala balowomuzi balehlisele ithokazi
esigodini esilamanzi angacitshiyo, esingalinywanga
lesingahlanyelwanga, bephule intamo yethokazi lapho
esigodini. **5** Abapristi, amadodana kaLevi, bazasondela-
ke; ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ibakhethile
ukuyikhonza lokubusisa ebizweni leNkosi, langomlomo
wabo kuzaqunywa konke ukuxabana lakho konke
ukutshaya. **6** Labo bonke abadala balowomuzi oseduze
lobuleweyo bazagezela izandla zabo phezu kwethokazi
elephulwe intamo esigodini, **7** baphendule bathi:
Izandla zethu kazichithanga leligazi, lamehlo ethu
kawakubonanga. **8** Benzele inhlawulo yokuthula abantu
bakho uIsrayeli owamhlengayo, Nkosi, ungabeki igazi
elingelacala phakathi kwesizwe sakho uIsrayeli. Legazi
bazalithethelelwa. **9** Ngalokhu wena uzakhupha igazi
elingelacala phakathi kwakho nxa usenza okulungileyo
emehlweni eNkosi. **10** Lapho uphuma impi ukumelana
lezitha zakho, iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho isizinikele
esandleni sakho, usuthumbe abathunjwa bazo, **11**
ubusubona phakathi kwabathunjiweyo owesifazana
omuhle, umfise, ukuthi ungamthatha abe ngumkakho,
12 uzamngenisa phakathi komuzi wakho, njalo aphuce
ikhanda lakhe, aqume inzipho zakhe, **13** akhulule
izembatho zokuthunjwa kwakhe, ahlale emzini wakho
abeselilela uyise lonina inyanga yonke. Emva kwalokho
ubusungena kuye, ube yindoda yakhe, laye abe
ngumkakho. **14** Kuzakuthi-ke, uba ungathokozi ngaye,
uzamyekela ahambe njengokuthanda kwakhe; kodwa
ungamthengisi lokumthengisa ngemali, ungamphathi
njengesigqili, ngoba usumthobisile. **15** Uba indoda
ilabafazi ababili, omunye eyintandokazi lomunye
eyisaliwakazi, njalo bamzalele abantwana, intandokazi
lesaliwakazi, uba izibulo libe yindodana yesaliwakazi, **16**
kuzakuthi, mhla esenza amadodana akhe ukuthi adle
ilifa lalokho alakho, kangayenzi indodana yentandokazi
ibe lizibulo phambi kwendodana yesaliwakazi, elizibulo.
17 Kodwa izibulo indodana yesaliwakazi uzalivuma
ngokulinika isabelo esiphindwe kabili sakho konke
okuficwayo kuye, ngoba liyikuqala kwamandla akhe;
ilungelo lobuzibulo ngelalo. **18** Uba indoda ilendodana
elenkani lengezwayo, engalaleli ilizwi likayise kumbe
ilizwi likanina, sebeyijezisile, njalo ingabalaleli, **19** khona
uyise lonina bazayibamba, bayikhuphele ebadaleni
bomuzi wayo, lesangweni lendawo yayo, **20** bathi
ebadaleni bomuzi wayo: Lindodana yethu ilenkani,
kayizwa, kayilaleli ilizwi lethu; iyisiminzi lesidakwa.
21 Khona wonke amadoda omuzi wayo azayikhanda
ngamatshe ize ife; ngalokho uzakhupha ububi phakathi
kwakho; njalo uIsrayeli wonke uzakuzwa, esabe. **22**
Njalo uba kuzakuba lesono emuntwini esifanele ukufa,
abulawe, uzamphanyeka esihlahleni. **23** Isidumbu
sakhe singahlali esihlahleni ubusuku bonke, kodwa
lizamngcwaba lokumngcwaba ngalolosuku (ngoba
ophanyekiweyo uqalekisiwe nguNkulunkulu), ukuze
lingangcoliswa ilizwe lakho, iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho
ekunika lona ukuba yilifa.

22 Awuyikubona inkabi yomfowenu loba imvu yakhe
iduha, uzicatshele. Uzazibuyisela lokuzibuyisela

kumfowenu. 2 Njalo uba umfowenu engekho eduze
lawe, loba ungamazi, uzayiletha-ke phakathi komuzi
wakho; njalo izakuba kuwe, umfowenu aze ayidinge,
ubusuyibuyisela kuye. 3 Wenze njalo langobabhemi
wakhe, wenze njalo langesembatho sakhe, wenze njalo
langayo yonke into elahlekileyo yomfowenu, ayilahlileyo,
oyitholileyo; awulakuyicatshela. 4 Awuyikubona ubabhemi
womfowenu loba inkabi yakhe kusiwa endleleni,
ukucatshele; uzakuphakamisa lokukuphakamisa kanye
laye. 5 Owesifazana angagqoki okwendoda, lendoda
ingagqoki isigqoko sowesifazana; ngoba wonke owenza
lezizinto uyisinengiso eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho.
6 Uba kungaba lesidleke senyoni phambi kwakho
endleleni loba kusiphi isihlahla loba phansi, amaphuphu
kumbe amaqanda, unina efukamele amaphuphu loba
amaqanda, ungathathi unina lamaphuphu; 7 uzayekela
lokuyekela unina ukuze ahambe, uzithathele amaphuphu,
ukuze kukulungele, njalo welule insuku. 8 Nxa usakha
indlu entsha, uzakwenzela uphahla lwakho uthango,
ukuze ungayehliseli indlu yakho icala legazi, uba
umuntu esiwa awe kulo. 9 Ungahlanyeli inhlobo
ezimbili esivinini sakho, hlezi isivuno esigcweleyo
senhlanyelo yakho oyihlanyeleyo lesithelo sesivini
singcoliswe. 10 Ungalimi ngenkabi lobabhemi ndawonye.
11 Ungagqoki isigqoko esixubene, uboya bezimvu
lelembu elicolekileyo ndawonye. 12 Uzazenzela
intshaka emiphethweni yomine yesembatho sakho
ozembesa ngaso. 13 Uba indoda ithatha umfazi,
ingene kuye, ibisimzonda, 14 imbeke icala elilehlazo,
imgcone ngebizo elibi, ithi: Ngathatha lowesifazana;
lapho ngisondela kuye kangitholanga ubuntombi
kuye. 15 Uyise wentombi lonina bazathatha baveze
ubufakazi bobuntombi bentombi ebadaleni bomuzi
esangweni. 16 Loyise wentombi uzakuthi ebadaleni:
Ngendisela indodakazi yami kulindoda; yasiyizonda; 17
khangelani-ke, ibeke icala elilehlazo, isithi: Kangitholanga
ubuntombi endodakazini yakho. Kanti lobu yibufakazi
bobuntombi bendodakazi yami. Besebesendlala ilembu
phambi kwabadala bomuzi. 18 Abadala balowomuzi
babesebethatha leyondoda bayijezise; 19 bamhlawulise
inhlamvu zesiliva ezilikhulu, bazinike uyise wentombi,
ngoba iveze ibizo elibi phezu kwentombi emsulwa
yakoIsrayeli. Njalo izakuba ngumkayo; kayilakuyilahla
zonke izinsuku zayo. 20 Kodwa uba linto iliqiniso;
ubufakazi bobuntombi kabutholakalanga entombini,
21 intombi bazayikhuphela emnyango wendlu kayise,
lamadoda omuzi wayo ayikhande ngamatshe ize ife;
ngoba yenzile ubuphukuphuku koIsrayeli ngokwenza
ubuwule endlini kayise. Ngalokhu uzakhupha ububi
phakathi kwakho. 22 Uba indoda ificwa ilele lomfazi
owendele endodeni, labo bobabili bazakufa-ke, indoda
ebilele lomfazi, lalowomfazi. Ngalokhu uzakhupha ububi
koIsrayeli. 23 Uba kulentombazana eyintombi emsulwa
egane indoda, njalo indoda iyithole phakathi komuzi,
ilale layo, 24 lizabakhuphela esangweni lalowomuzi
bobabili, libakhande ngamatshe baze bafe; intombi ngoba
ingahlabanga umkhosi phakathi komuzi, lendoda ngoba
ithobise umkamakhelwane wakhe. Ngalokhu uzakhupha
ububi phakathi kwakho. 25 Kodwa uba indoda ifica intombi
eganileyo egangeni, indoda iyibambe, ilale layo, ngakho
indoda kuphela elele layo izakufa. 26 Kodwa lingenzi
lutho entombini; kakulasono sokufa entombini; ngoba
njengendoda evukela umakhelwane wakhe imbulale,
injalo lindaba. 27 Ngoba iyifice egangeni; intombi
eganileyo ibihlabe umkhosi, njalo bekungelamuntu
wokuyisindisa. 28 Uba indoda ifice intombazana
eyintombi emsulwa engagananga, iyibambe, ilale layo,
babesebeficwa, 29 khona indoda ebilele layo izanika uyise
wentombi inhlamvu zesiliva ezingamatshumi amahlanu,
njalo ibe ngumkayo, ngoba eyithobisile; kayilakuyilahla
zonke izinsuku zayo. 30 Indoda kayingathathi umkayise,
kayingembuli umphetho wesembatho sikayise.

23 Olimele emasendeni, loba oqunywe amaphambili,
angangeni ebandleni leNkosi. 2 Ozelwe ngobufebe
angangeni ebandleni leNkosi; ngitsho isizukulwana sakhe
setshumi kasiyikungena ebandleni leNkosi. 3 UmAmoni
lomMowabi kangangeni ebandleni leNkosi; ngitsho
isizukulwana sabo setshumi kasiyikungena ebandleni
leNkosi, kuze kube laphakade; 4 ngenxa yokuthi
kabalihlangabezanga endleleni ngesinkwa langamanzi
ekuphumeni kwenu eGibhithe; futhi ngoba baqhatsha
ukumelana lawe uBalami indodana kaBeyori owePethori
oweMesopotamiya ukuze akuqalekise. 5 Kodwa iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho kayifunanga ukuzwa uBalami; kodwa
iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho yaphendula isiqalekiso saba
yisibusiso kuwe, ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho
yakuthanda. 6 Kawuyikudinga ukuthula kwabo lokuhle
kwabo zonke izinsuku zakho, kuze kube laphakade.
7 Unganengwa ngumEdoma, ngoba ungumfowenu;
unganengwa ngumGibhithe, ngoba wawungowemzini
elizweni lakhe. 8 Abantwana abazalwa yibo,
besizukulwana sesithathu sabo, bangangena ebandleni
leNkosi. 9 Lapho inkamba iphuma ukuyamelana lezitha
zakho, uzazigcina kuyo yonke into embi. 10 Uba ekhona
phakathi kwenu umuntu ongahlambulukanga ngenxa
yokungcola okwehla ebusuku, uzaphumela ngaphandle
kwenkamba, angangeni phakathi kwenkamba. 11 Kodwa
kuzakuthi sekuzakuhlwa uzageza ngamanzi, lalapho
ilanga selitshonile angene aye phakathi kwenkamba.
12 Njalo uzakuba lendawo ngaphandle kwenkamba
lapho ozaphumela khona ukuya ngaphandle, 13
ube lesikhonkwane ezikhalini zakho; njalo kuzakuthi
usuye ngaphandle, ugebhe ngaso, uphenduke ugqibele
okuphume kuwe. 14 Ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho
iyahamba phakathi kwenkamba yakho, ukukukhulula,
lokunikela izitha zakho phambi kwakho. Ngakho
inkamba yakho izakuba ngcwele, ukuze ingaboni
lutho oluyangisayo phakathi kwakho, ikufulathele. 15

Unganikeli enkosini yaso isigqili esibalekele kuwe sisuka
enkosini yaso; **16** sizahlala lawe phakathi kwakho,
endaweni esizayikhetha, kwelinye lamasango akho,
lapho okusilungele khona; ungasicindezeli. **17** Kakungabi
khona iwule elethempeli phakathi kwamadodakazi
akoIsrayeli, njalo kakungabi khona inkotshana phakathi
kwamadodana akoIsrayeli. **18** Ungalethi iholo lewule
lemali yenja endlini yeNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho
ngokwaloba yisiphi isithembiso; ngoba lokho kokubili
kuyisinengiso eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho. **19**
Ungeboleki umfowenu ngenzalo, inzalo yemali, inzalo
yokudla, inzalo yaloba yiyiphi into ebolekwa ngenzalo.
20 Ungeboleka owezizweni ngenzalo, kodwa ungeboleki
umfowenu ngenzalo, ukuze iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho
ikubusise kukho konke ofaka isandla sakho kukho
elizweni oya kulo ukudla ilifa lalo. **21** Nxa uthembisa
isithembiso eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho, ungaphuzi
ukusikhokha; ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho izasibiza
lokusibiza kuwe; njalo kuzakuba yisono kuwe. **22** Kodwa
uba uyekela ukuthembisa, kakuyikuba yisono kuwe. **23**
Lokho okuphuma endebeni zakho uzakugcina ukwenze;
njengokuthembisa kwakho eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho,
umnikelo wesihle owukhulume ngomlomo wakho. **24** Nxa
ungena esivinini somakhelwane wakho, ungadla izithelo
zevini njengokuthanda kwakho usuthe; kodwa ungafaki
lutho esitsheni sakho. **25** Nxa ungena emabeleni amileyo
kamakhelwane wakho, ungakha izikhwebu ngesandla
sakho; kodwa ungangenisi isikela emabeleni amileyo
kamakhelwane wakho.

24 Uba indoda ithatha umfazi, imgane, kuzakuthi
nxa engatholi umusa emehlweni ayo, ngoba ifice
kuye into elihlazo, kayimbhalele incwadi yesehlukaniso,
ifake esandleni sakhe, imkhuphe endlini yayo. **2**
Nxa esephumile endlini yayo, angahamba, ayekuba
ngowenye indoda. **3** Uba lindoda elandelayo imzonda,
imbhalele incwadi yesehlukaniso, iyifake esandleni sakhe,
imkhiphe endlini yayo; loba lindoda elandelayo isifa
ebimthethe waba ngumkayo, **4** indoda yakhe yokuqala
eyamkhiphayo ingemthathe futhi abe ngumkayo, emva
kokuba esengcolisiwe; ngoba kuyisinengiso phambi
kweNkosi. Ngakho kawuyikwenza ilizwe lone iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona ukuba yilifa. **5** Nxa
indoda ithethe umfazi omutsha kayiyikuphuma impi,
futhi kayiyikuphathiswa laloba yiwuphi umsebenzi;
izakuba sekhaya ikhululekile umnyaka owodwa ukuze
ithokozise umkayo emthetheyo. **6** Kakungabi khona
ozathatha ilitshe lokucholela loba imbokodo ukuze kube
yisibambiso; ngoba uthatha impilo ibe yisibambiso. **7** Uba
umuntu eficwa eseba umuntu kubafowabo ebantwaneni
bakoIsrayeli, amphathe njengesigqili kumbe amthengise,
lelosela lizakufa. Ngalokhu uzakhupha ububi phakathi
kwakho. **8** Qaphela esifeni sobulephero, ukunanzelelisisa
wenze njengakho konke abapristi abangamaLevi
abakufundisa khona; njengalokhu ngabalaya, nanzelelani
ukukwenza. **9** Khumbula lokho iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho
eyakwenza kuMiriyamu endleleni ekuphumeni kwenu
eGibhithe. **10** Nxa useboleka umakhelwane wakho
ulutho, ungangeni endlini yakhe ukuthi uthathe isibambiso
sakhe. **11** Uzakuma phandle, lomuntu omebolekayo
akukhuphele isibambiso phandle. **12** Njalo uba umuntu
engumyanga, ungalali lesibambiso sakhe; **13** uzabuyisela
lokubuyisela isibambiso kuye lapho ilanga litshona, ukuze
alale ngesembatho sakhe, akubusise; lalokho kuzakuba
yikulunga kuwe phambi kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho.
14 Ungacindezeli inceku eqhatshiweyo engumyanga
leswelayo, ingowabafowenu loba ingowezizweni
oselizweni lakini phakathi kwamasango akho. **15**
Uzanika iholo layo ngosuku lwayo, lelanga kalingatshoni
phezu kwalo, ngoba ingumyanga, ibeke inhliziyo
yayo kulo; ukuze ingakhali eNkosini ngawe, njalo
kube yisono kuwe. **16** Oyise kabayikubulawa ngenxa
yabantwana, labantwana kabayikubulawa ngenxa
yaboyise; ngulowo lalowo uzabulawa ngenxa yesakhe
isono. **17** Ungaphambuli isahlulelo sowemzini lentandane;
ungathathi isembatho somfelokazi sibe yisibambiso;
18 kodwa ukhumbule ukuthi wawuyisigqili eGibhithe,
leNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho yakuhlenga khona; ngakho
ngiyakulaya ukuthi wenze lolulutho. **19** Nxa uvuna isivuno
sakho ensimini yakho, ukhohlwe isithungo ensimini,
ungabuyeli ukusithatha; sizakuba ngesowemzini,
esentandane lesomfelokazi; ukuze iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho ikubusise emsebenzini wonke wezandla zakho.
20 Nxa uvuthuza isihlahla sakho somhlwathi, ungayihlola
izingatsha emva kwakho; kuzakuba ngokowemzini
lokwentandane lokomfelokazi. **21** Nxa usuvunile
izithelo zesivini sakho, ungakhothozi emva kwakho;
kuzakuba ngokowemzini lokwentandane lokomfelokazi.
22 Uzakhumbula ukuthi wawuyisigqili elizweni leGibhithe;
ngakho ngiyakulaya ukwenza lolulutho.

25 Uba kukhona ukuxabana phakathi kwabantu, baye
esahlulelweni, ukuthi babahlulele, bazalungisisa
olungileyo, balahle olecala. **2** Kuzakuthi-ke uba
olecala efanele ukutshaywa, umahluleli uzamlalisa
phansi, atshaywe phambi kwakhe, njengokulingene
icala lakhe, ngokwenani. **3** Angatshaywa imivimvinya
engamatshumi amane, angengezeleli, hlezi nxa esedlule
ukumtshaya okwedlula le ngemivimvinya eminengi,
kuze kuthi umfowenu ayangeke emehlweni akho.
4 Ungayifaki isayeke inkabi nxa ibhula. **5** Uba
izelamani zihlala ndawonye, lomunye wazo esifa,
engelandodana, umfazi wofileyo kangendeli kowemzini
ongaphandle; umfowabo wendoda yakhe uzangena
kuye, amthathe abe ngumkakhe, enze kuye imfanelo
yomfowabo wendoda. **6** Kuzakuthi-ke izibulo alizalayo
lizakuma ebizweni lomfowabo ofileyo, ukuze ibizo lakhe
lingacitshwa koIsrayeli. **7** Uba umuntu engathandi
ukuthatha umkamfowabo, umkamfowabo uzakwenyukela

esangweni kubadala athi: Umfowabo wendoda yami uyala
ukuvusela umfowabo ibizo koIsrayeli; kafuni ukwenza
kimi imfanelo yomfowabo wendoda. 8 Abadala bomuzi
wakhe bazambiza-ke, bakhulume laye. Uba eqinisa esithi:
Kangithandi ukumthatha; 9 umkamfowabo uzasondela-ke
kuye phambi kwamehlo abadala, akhuphe inyathela lakhe
enyaweni lwakhe, amkhafulele ebusweni, aphendule,
athi: Kuzakwenziwa njalo kulowomuntu ongayakhiyo
indlu yomfowabo. 10 Lebizo lakhe lizakuthiwa koIsrayeli:
Indlu yolenyathela elakhutshwayo. 11 Nxa amadoda
esilwa, omunye lomunye, kusondele umfazi wenye ukuthi
ayikhulule indoda yakhe esandleni soyitshayayo, elule
isandla sakhe ayibambe ngamaphambili, 12 usiqume
isandla sakhe, ilihlo lakho lingabi lasihawu. 13 Ungabi
lamatshe okulinganisa ehlukeneyo esikhwameni sakho,
elikhulu lelincinyane. 14 Ungabi lama-efa ehlukeneyo
endlini yakho, esikhulu lesincinyane. 15 Woba lelitshe
lokulinganisa elipheleleyo lelilungileyo, woba le-efa
epheleleyo lelungileyo, ukuze insuku zakho zelulwe
elizweni iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona. 16
Ngoba wonke owenza izinto ezinje, wonke owenza
ukungalungi, uyisinengiso eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho.
17 Khumbula lokho uAmaleki akwenza kuwe endleleni
ekuphumeni kwenu eGibhithe, 18 ukuthi wakuhlangabeza
endleleni, watshaya phakathi kwakho ababebuthakathaka
emva kwakho, usudiniwe usuphele amandla; kanti
kamesabanga uNkulunkulu. 19 Ngakho kuzakuthi,
nxa iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho isikuphumuzile kuzo
zonke izitha zakho inhlangothi zonke, elizweni iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona libe yilifa ukudla ilifa
lalo, uzakwesula ukukhunjulwa kukaAmaleki ngaphansi
kwamazulu; ungakhohlwa.

26 Kuzakuthi-ke lapho usufikile elizweni iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona libe yilifa, udle
ilifa lalo, uhlale kulo, 2 uthathe okokuqala kwezithelo
zonke zomhlabathi ozakuletha kuvela elizweni lakho
iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona, ukufake
esitsheni, uye endaweni iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho
ezayikhetha ukuhlalisa ibizo layo khona. 3 Uzakuya
kumpristi ozakuba ekhona ngalezonsuku uthi kuye:
Ngiyabika lamuhla eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho ukuthi
sengifikile elizweni iNkosi eyalifungela obaba ukusinika
lona. 4 Njalo umpristi uzathatha isitsha esandleni
sakho, asibeke phambi kwelathi leNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho. 5 Khona uzaphendula uthi phambi kweNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho: Ubaba wayengumSiriya obhubhayo,
wehlela eGibhithe, wahlala khona njengowezizwe labantu
abalutshwana; kodwa lapho waba yisizwe esikhulu
esilamandla lesilabanengi. 6 Kodwa amaGibhithe
asiphatha kubi, asihlupha, asethwesa ubugqili obunzima.
7 Sasesikhala eNkosini uNkulunkulu wabobaba;
iNkosi yalizwa ilizwi lethu, yabona inhlupheko yethu,
lokutshikatshika kwethu, locindezelo lwethu; 8
iNkosi yasikhupha eGibhithe ngesandla esilamandla
langengalo eyeluliweyo, langokwesabeka okukhulu,
langezibonakaliso, langezimangaliso; 9 yasiletha
kulindawo, yasinika lelilizwe, ilizwe eligeleza uchago
loluju. 10 Khathesi-ke, khangela, ngilethile ukuqala
kwezithelo zomhlabathi, Nkosi, onginike khona. Njalo
uzakubeka phambi kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho,
ukhonze phambi kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho; 11
uthokoze ngakho konke okuhle iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho ekunike khona labendlu yakho, wena lomLevi
lowemzini ophakathi kwakho. 12 Lapho usuqedile
ukunika okwetshumi, konke okwetshumi kwezithelo
zakho ngomnyaka wesithathu, umnyaka wokunika
okwetshumi, usukunike umLevi, owemzini, intandane
lomfelokazi ukuze badle phakathi kwamasango akho
basuthe, 13 uzakuthi phambi kweNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho: Sengikhuphile endlini yami into engcwele,
lami njalo ngakunika umLevi, lowemzini, intandane,
lomfelokazi, njengayo yonke imilayo yakho ongilaye yona;
kangeqanga okwemilayo yakho, futhi kangiyikhohlwanga.
14 Kangidlanga kukho ekulileni kwami, kangisuselanga
kukho ukungcola, kangikunikelanga okwakho kofileyo;
ngililalele ilizwi leNkosi uNkulunkulu wami, ngenzile
njengakho konke ongilaye khona. 15 Khangela phansi
usendaweni yakho yokuhlala engcwele usemazulwini,
ubusise abantu bakho uIsrayeli lomhlaba osinike wona,
njengokufunga kwakho kubobaba, ilizwe eligeleza uchago
loluju. 16 Lamuhla iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho iyakulaya
ukuthi wenze lezizimiso lezahlulelo; ngakho uzazigcina
uzenze ngenhliziyo yakho yonke langomphefumulo
wakho wonke. 17 Lamuhla uvumile obala ukuthi iNkosi
inguNkulunkulu wakho, lokuthi uzahamba endleleni
zayo, ugcine izimiso zayo lemilayo yayo lezahlulelo
zayo, ulalele ilizwi layo. 18 Futhi iNkosi ivumile obala
lamuhla ukuthi uzakuba yisizwe sayo esikhethekileyo
njengokukuthembisa kwayo, lokuthi ugcine yonke imilayo
yayo, 19 ukuze ikuphakamise phezu kwezizwe zonke
ezenzileyo, ekubongweni, lebizweni, lenhlonipheni,
lokuthi ube yisizwe esingcwele eNkosini uNkulunkulu
wakho njengokutsho kwayo.

27 UMozisi labadala bakoIsrayeli basebelaya abantu
besithi: Gcina yonke imithetho engililaya yona
lamuhla. 2 Kuzakuthi-ke mhla lichapha iJordani lisiya
elizweni iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona,
uzazimisela amatshe amakhulu, uwahuqe ngekalaga, 3
ubhale kuwo wonke amazwi alumlayo nxa usuchaphile,
ukuze ungene elizweni iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho
ekunika lona, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju, njengalokho
iNkosi uNkulunkulu waboyihlo ikhulumile kuwe. 4
Kuzakuthi-ke selichaphile iJordani, limise lamatshe
engililaya ngawo lamuhla, entabeni yeEbhali, liwahuqe
ngekalaga. 5 Wakhele khona iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho ilathi, ilathi lamatshe. Ungasebenzisi insimbi
phezu kwawo. 6 Wakhele iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho
ilathi ngamatshe apheleleyo. Unikele phezu kwalo

iminikelo yokutshiswa eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho, 7
uhlabe iminikelo yokuthula, udle lapho, uthokoze phambi
kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho. 8 Futhi ubhale phezu
kwamatshe wonke amazwi alumlayo, kukhanye kuhle.
9 UMozisi labapristi abangamaLevi basebekhuluma
kuIsrayeli wonke besithi: Thula ulalele, Israyeli; lamuhla
usuyisizwe seNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho. 10 Ngakho
uzalalela ilizwi leNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, wenze
imilayo yayo lezimiso zayo engikulaya zona lamuhla.
11 UMozisi wasebalaya abantu ngalolosuku esithi: 12
Laba bazakuma entabeni yeGerizimi ukubusisa abantu
nxa selichaphe iJordani: OSimeyoni, loLevi, loJuda,
loIsakari, loJosefa, loBhenjamini. 13 Lalaba bazakuma
entabeni yeEbhali phezu kwesiqalekiso: ORubeni, uGadi,
loAsheri, loZebuluni, uDani, loNafithali. 14 LamaLevi
azaphendula athi kuwo wonke amadoda akoIsrayeli
ngelizwi eliphakemeyo: 15 Kaqalekiswe umuntu owenza
isithombe esibaziweyo lesibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa,
isinengiso eNkosini, umsebenzi wezandla zomuntu
oyingcitshi, asibeke ensitha. Labo bonke abantu
bazaphendula bathi: Ameni. 16 Kaqalekiswe odelela
uyise lonina. Labo bonke abantu bazakuthi: Ameni.
17 Kaqalekiswe otshedisa isikhonkwane somngcele
kamakhelwane wakhe. Labo bonke abantu bazakuthi:
Ameni. 18 Kaqalekiswe oduhisa isiphofu endleleni.
Labo bonke abantu bazakuthi: Ameni. 19 Kaqalekiswe
ophambula isahlulelo sowemzini, intandane, lomfelokazi.
Labo bonke abantu bazakuthi: Ameni. 20 Kaqalekiswe
olala lomkayise, ngoba embule umphetho wesembatho
sikayise. Labo bonke abantu bazakuthi: Ameni. 21
Kaqalekiswe olala laloba yiyiphi inyamazana. Labo
bonke abantu bazakuthi: Ameni. 22 Kaqalekiswe olala
lodadewabo, indodakazi kayise loba indodakazi kanina.
Labo bonke abantu bazakuthi: Ameni. 23 Kaqalekiswe
olala loninazala. Labo bonke abantu bazakuthi: Ameni.
24 Kaqalekiswe otshaya umakhelwane wakhe ensitha.
Labo bonke abantu bazakuthi: Ameni. 25 Kaqalekiswe
owemukela isivalamlomo sokutshaya umuntu, igazi
elingelacala. Labo bonke abantu bazakuthi: Ameni. 26
Kaqalekiswe ongaqinisi amazwi alumlayo ukuwenza.
Labo bonke abantu bazakuthi: Ameni.

28 Kuzakuthi-ke, uba ulalela lokulalela ilizwi leNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho, ukugcina ukwenza yonke
imilayo yayo engikulaya yona lamuhla, iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho izakumisa phezulu phezu kwazo
zonke izizwe zomhlaba. 2 Lalezizibusiso zonke
zizakuza phezu kwakho, zikufice, nxa ulalela ilizwi
leNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho. 3 Uzabusiswa emzini,
ubusiswe futhi ensimini. 4 Sizabusiswa isithelo sesizalo
sakho, lesithelo somhlaba wakho, lenzalo yezifuyo
zakho, umqegu wenkomo zakho, lamazinyane ezimvu
zakho. 5 Kuzabusiswa isitsha sakho, lomganu wakho
wokuxovela izinkwa. 6 Uzabusiswa ekungeneni kwakho,
ubusiswe ekuphumeni kwakho. 7 INkosi izakwenza
izitha zakho ezikuvukelayo zitshaywe phambi kwakho;
zizaphuma ukumelana lawe ngandlelanye, zibaleke
phambi kwakho ngezindlela eziyisikhombisa. 8 INkosi
izalaya isibusiso phezu kwakho, eziphaleni zakho
lakukho konke obeka kukho isandla sakho, ikubusise
elizweni iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunika lona.
9 INkosi izazimisela wena ube yisizwe esingcwele,
njengokufunga kwayo kuwe, uba ugcina imilayo yeNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho, uhambe endleleni zayo. 10
Labo bonke abantu basemhlabeni bazabona ukuthi
ibizo leNkosi libizwa phezu kwakho, bakwesabe. 11
LeNkosi izakwandisela okuhle, esithelweni sesizalo
sakho, lenzalweni yezifuyo zakho, lesithelweni somhlaba
wakho, elizweni iNkosi eyafungela oyihlo ukukunika lona.
12 INkosi izakuvulela okuligugu kwayo okulungileyo,
amazulu, ukunika izulu elizweni lakho ngesikhathi
salo, lokubusisa umsebenzi wonke wesandla sakho;
njalo uzakweboleka izizwe ezinengi, kodwa wena
ungeboleki kuzo. 13 INkosi izakwenza ube yinhloko,
ungabi ngumsila; uzakuba ngaphezulu kuphela, ungabi
ngaphansi, uba ulalela imilayo yeNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho engikulaya yona lamuhla ukuyigcina lokuyenza.
14 Ungaphambuki lakwelilodwa lamazwi engililaya wona
lamuhla, ukuya ngakwesokunene langakwesokhohlo,
ukulandela abanye onkulunkulu ukubakhonza. 15 Kodwa
kuzakuthi, uba ungalaleli ilizwi leNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho, ukugcina ukwenza yonke imilayo yayo lezimiso
zayo engikulaya zona lamuhla, leziziqalekiso zonke
zize phezu kwakho zikufice. 16 Uzaqalekiswa emzini,
uqalekiswe futhi ensimini. 17 Kuzaqalekiswa isitsha sakho
lomganu wakho wokuxovela izinkwa. 18 Kuzaqalekiswa
isithelo sesizalo sakho, lesithelo somhlaba wakho,
umqegu wenkomo zakho, lamazinyane ezimvu zakho.
19 Uzaqalekiswa ekungeneni kwakho, uqalekiswe
ekuphumeni kwakho. 20 INkosi izathumela phakathi
kwakho isiqalekiso, inhlupheko, lokukhuza, kukho
konke obeka isandla sakho kukho ukukwenza, uze
uchithwe, njalo uze ubhubhe masinyane, ngenxa
yobubi bezenzo zakho, ongidele ngazo. 21 INkosi
izanamathelisa kuwe umatshayabhuqe wesifo, aze
akuqede usuke elizweni oya kulo ukudla ilifa lalo. 22
INkosi izakutshaya ngesifo esicakisayo, langoqhuqho,
langokuvuvuka komzimba, langokutshisa okukhulukazi,
langenkemba, langokuhanguka, langengumane; njalo
kuzakuxotsha uze ubhubhe. 23 Lesibhakabhaka sakho
esiphezu kwekhanda lakho sizakuba lithusi, lomhlaba
ongaphansi kwakho ube yinsimbi. 24 INkosi izakwenza
izulu lelizwe lakho libe lubhuqu lothuli, kwehlele
phezu kwakho kuvela emazulwini, uze ubhujiswe. 25
INkosi izakwenza utshaywe phambi kwezitha zakho;
uzaphuma umelane lazo ngandlelanye, njalo uzabaleka
phambi kwazo ngezindlela eziyisikhombisa; uzakuba
yinto eyesabekayo kuyo yonke imibuso yomhlaba.
26 Lesidumbu sakho sizakuba yikudla kwenyoni

zonke zamazulu lokwezinyamazana zomhlaba, njalo
kungabi khona ozethusayo. **27** INkosi izakutshaya
ngamathumba eGibhithe, lamaqhubu, loqweqwe,
lenkomo, ongelakwelatshwa kukho. **28** INkosi izakutshaya
ngobuhlanya langobuphofu langokudideka kwenhliziyo.
29 Njalo uzaphumputha emini njengesiphofu siphumputha
emnyameni, ungenzi indlela zakho ziphumelele;
ucindezelwe kuphela, uphangwe insuku zonke, kungabi
khona osindisayo. **30** Uzagana umfazi, kodwa enye
indoda ilale laye; uzakwakha indlu, kodwa ungahlali kuyo;
uhlanyele isivini, kodwa ungakhi izithelo zaso. **31** Inkabi
yakho izahlatshwa phambi kwamehlo akho, ungadli
okwayo; ubabhemi wakho athathwe ngodlakela phambi
kobuso bakho, angabuyiselwa kuwe; izimvu zakho
zizanikwa izitha zakho, kungabi khona okusindiselayo.
32 Amadodana akho lamadodakazi akho azanikelwa
kwesinye isizwe, lamehlo akho azakhangela abalangathe
usuku lonke; kodwa kungabi lamandla esandleni sakho.
33 Isithelo somhlaba wakho, lomsebenzi wakho wonke,
isizwe ongasaziyo sizakudla. Uzacindezelwa kuphela,
uchotshozwe insuku zonke, **34** uze uhlanye ngenxa
yokubona kwamehlo akho ozakubona. **35** INkosi
izakutshaya emadolweni lemilenzeni ngamathumba
amabi angelakwelatshwa, kusukela kungaphansi
yonyawo lwakho kuze kube senkanda yakho. **36** INkosi
izakusa wena lenkosi yakho owayibeka phezu kwakho
esizweni ongasaziyo wena laboyihlo, ukhonze lapho
abanye onkulunkulu, isigodo lelitshe. **37** Uzakuba
yinto eyesabekayo, isaga, lenhlekisa phakathi kwazo
zonke izizwe, lapho iNkosi ezakusa khona. **38**
Uzaphuma lenhlanyelo enengi uye ensimini, kodwa
ubuthelele okulutshwana, ngoba isikhonyane sizakudla.
39 Uzahlanyela izivini, uzisebenze, kodwa kawuyikunatha
iwayini, kawuyikubutha lutho, ngoba imihogoyi izazidla.
40 Uzakuba lezihlahla zemihlwathi phakathi kwemingcele
yakho yonke, kodwa kawuyikugcoba ngamafutha,
ngoba imihlwathi izawohloka. **41** Uzazala amadodana
lamadodakazi, kodwa kawayikuba ngawakho, ngoba
azakuya ekuthunjweni. **42** Zonke izihlahla zakho
lezithelo zomhlaba wakho zizakuba ngezesikhonyane.
43 Owemzini ophakathi kwakho uzaphakama phezu
kwakho aqonge phezulu, wena-ke uzakwehlela phansi
phansi. **44** Yena uzakweboleka, kodwa wena
ungameboleki; yena uzakuba yinhloko, kodwa wena ube
ngumsila. **45** Lazo zonke leziziqalekiso zizakwehlela,
zixotshane lawe, zikufice, uze ubhujiswe, ngoba
ungalilalelanga ilizwi leNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho,
ukugcina imilayo yayo lezimiso zayo eyakulaya zona.
46 Njalo zizakuba phezu kwakho ukuba yisibonakaliso
lokuba yisimangaliso, laphezu kwenzalo yakho kuze
kube nininini. **47** Njengoba ungayikhonzanga iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho ngentokozo langokuhle kwenhliziyo,
ngenxa yobunengi bakho konke, **48** ngakho uzakhonza
izitha zakho iNkosi ezazithuma ukumelana lawe,
endlaleni, lekomeni, lekuhambenize, lekusweleni konke.
Njalo izabeka ijogwe lensimbi entanyeni yakho, ize
ikubhubhise. **49** INkosi izakuvusela isizwe esivela
khatshana, emkhawulweni womhlaba, njengokuphapha
kokhozi, isizwe olimi lwaso ongayikuluzwa, **50**
isizwe esilobuso obesabekayo, esingemukeli ubuso
bomdala, esingelamusa komutsha. **51** Sizakudla
isithelo sezifuyo zakho lesithelo somhlaba wakho,
uze ubhujiswe; okungayikukutshiyela amabele, iwayini
elitsha, lamafutha, umqegu wenkomo zakho, lamazinyane
ezimvu zakho, size sikuchithe. **52** Sizakuvimbezela
emasangweni akho wonke, ize idilike imiduli yakho
ephakemeyo lebiyelwe ngemithangala obuthembela
kuyo, elizweni lonke lakho; njalo sizakuvimbezela
emasangweni akho wonke elizweni lonke lakho
iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunike lona. **53** Njalo
uzakudla isithelo sesizalo sakho, inyama yamadodana
leyamadodakazi akho, iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekunike
wona, ekuvinjezelweni lekucindezelweni, izitha zakho
ezizakucindezela ngakho. **54** Indoda ebuthakathaka
phakathi kwakho letotoziweyo kakhulu, ilihlo layo lizakuba
libi kumfowabo, lakumkayo wesifuba sayo, lakunsali
yabantwana bayo ezabatshiya; **55** ukuze inganiki lamunye
wabo okwenyama yabantwana bayo ebadlayo, ngoba
ingasalelwanga lutho ekuvinjezelweni lekucindezelweni,
izitha zakho ezizakucindezela ngakho emasangweni
akho wonke. **56** Owesifazana obuthakathaka lototoziweyo
phakathi kwakho ongazamanga ukubeka ingaphansi
yonyawo lwakhe emhlabathini ngenxa yokutotozwa
lobuthakathaka, ilihlo lakhe lizakuba libi endodeni
yesifuba sakhe, lasendodaneni yakhe, lasendodakazini
yakhe, **57** lakumnakwabo ophuma phakathi kwenyawo
zakhe, lebantwaneni azabazala; ngoba uzabadla
ensitha ngenxa yokuswela konke, ekuvinjezelweni
lekucindezelweni, isitha sakho esizakucindezela ngakho
emasangweni akho. **58** Uba ungayikugcina ukwenza
wonke amazwi alumlayo abhaliweyo egwalweni lolu,
ukwesaba lelibizo elilodumo lelesabekayo, iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho, **59** iNkosi izakwenza-ke inhlupheko
zakho zimangalise, lenhlupheko zenzalo yakho,
inhlupheko ezinkulu leziqhubekayo, lemikhuhlane
emibi leqhubekayo. **60** Njalo izabuyisela kuwe
zonke izifo zeGibhithe owawuzesaba, zizanamathela
kuwe, **61** lawo wonke umkhuhlane layo yonke
inhlupheko engabhalwanga egwalweni lwalumlayo,
iNkosi izakwehlisela zona uze ubhujiswe. **62** Njalo
lizasala lilabantu abalutshwana, endaweni yokuthi
lalinjengenkanyezi zamazulu ngobunengi, ngoba
kawulalelanga ilizwi leNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho. **63**
Kuzakuthi-ke, njengalokhu iNkosi yathokoza ngani
ukulenzela okuhle lokulandisa, ngokunjalo iNkosi
izajabula ngani ukulichitha lokuliqeda, lihluthunwe
elizweni ongena kulo ukudla ilifa lalo. **64** INkosi
izakuhlakazela-ke phakathi kwezizwe zonke, kusukela

komunye umkhawulo womhlaba kuze kube komunye umkhawulo womhlaba, ukhonze lapho abanye onkulunkulu, wena laboyihlo elingabazanga, isigodo lelitshe. **65** Laphakathi kwalezozizwe kawuyikuphumula, lengaphansi yonyawo lwakho kayiyikuba lendawo yokuphumula; kodwa lapho iNkosi izakupha inhliziyo ethuthumelayo, lokufiphala kwamehlo, lokudangala komphefumulo. **66** Lempilo yakho izahlala isevalweni phambi kwakho; uzatshaywa luvalo ebusuku lemini, ungabi lethemba lempilo yakho. **67** Ekuseni uzakuthi: Kungathi kungahlwa! Lakusihlwa uzakuthi: Kungathi kungasa! ngenxa yokwesaba kwenhliziyo ozakwesaba ngakho, langenxa yokubona kwamehlo akho ozakubona. **68** LeNkosi izakubuyisela eGibhithe ngemikhumbi, ngendlela engatsho ngayo kuwe ukuthi: Kawusayikuyibona futhi. Lapho lizazithengisa ezitheni zakho libe yizigqili lezigqilikazi, kodwa kakuyikuba lomthengi.

29 La ngamazwi esivumelwano iNkosi eyamlaya uMozisi ukusenza labantwana bakoIsrayeli elizweni lakoMowabi, ngaphandle kwesivumelwano eyayisenze labo eHorebe. **2** UMozisi wasebiza uIsrayeli wonke, wathi kubo: Lina libonile konke iNkosi eyakwenza phambi kwamehlo enu elizweni leGibhithe, kuFaro lakuzo zonke inceku zakhe lakulo lonke ilizwe lakhe, **3** izilingo ezinkulu amehlo akho azibonileyo, izibonakaliso lalezozimangaliso ezinkulu. **4** Kodwa iNkosi kayilinikanga inhliziyo yokuqedisisa lamehlo okubona lendlebe zokuzwa kuze kube lamuhla. **5** Ngilihambise iminyaka engamatshumi amane enkangala. Izembatho zenu kaziguganga phezu kwenu, lenyathela lakho kaliguganga enyaweni lwakho; **6** kalidlanga sinkwa, kalinathanga iwayini lokunathwayo okulamandla, ukuze lazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu. **7** Ekufikeni kwenu kulindawo, uSihoni inkosi yeHeshiboni loOgi inkosi yeBashani baphuma ukumelana lathi empini, kodwa sabatshaya, **8** sathatha ilizwe labo, salinika laba yilifa kwabakoRubeni lakwabakoGadi lakungxenye yesizwe sakoManase. **9** Ngakho gcinani amazwi alesisivumelwano liwenze, ukuze liphumelele kukho konke elikwenzayo. **10** Lina lonke limi phambi kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu lamuhla, inhloko zenu, izizwe zenu, abadala benu, lezinduna zenu, wonke amadoda akoIsrayeli, **11** abantwanyana benu, omkenu, lowemzini ophakathi kwenkamba yakho, kusukela kumgamuli wenkuni zakho kuze kube kumukhi wamanzi akho, **12** ukwedlulela esivumelwaneni seNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho lesifungweni sayo, iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho esenza lawe lamuhla, **13** ukuze ikumise lamuhla ube yisizwe sayo, lokuthi yona ibe nguNkulunkulu wakho, njengokutsho kwayo kuwe lanjengokufunga kwayo kuboyihlo, kuAbrahama, kuIsaka lakuJakobe. **14** Njalo kangisenzi lani lodwa lesisivumelwano lalesisifungo, **15** kodwa lalowo olapha lathi, omiyo lamuhla phambi kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu, njalo lalowo ongekho lapha lathi lamuhla. **16** Ngoba lina liyazi ukuthi sahlala njani elizweni leGibhithe, lokuthi sadabula njani phakathi kwezizwe eladabula kuzo; **17** njalo libonile izinengiso zazo, lezithombe zazo, isigodo lelitshe, isiliva legolide, ezazilazo. **18** Hlezi kube khona phakathi kwenu indoda kumbe owesifazana kumbe usapho kumbe isizwe, onhliziyo yakhe iphambuka lamuhla isuka eNkosini uNkulunkulu wethu ukuyakhonza onkulunkulu balezizizwe. Hlezi kube khona phakathi kwenu impande ethela izithelo ezilobuhlungu lezibabayo. **19** Njalo kuzakuthi nxa esizwa amazwi alesisiqalekiso, azibusise enhliziyweni yakhe esithi: Ngizakuba lokuthula lanxa ngihamba ebuqholweni benhliziyo yami; ukuze kuqedwe okumanzi kanye lokomileyo. **20** INkosi kayiyikuvuma ukumthethelela, kodwa khona intukuthelo yeNkosi lobukhwele bayo kuzathunqela leyondoda, njalo sonke isiqalekiso esibhaliweyo egwalweni lolu sizalala phezu kwayo, leNkosi icitshe ibizo layo lisuke ngaphansi kwamazulu. **21** LeNkosi izayehlukanisela ububi iyikhuphe kuzo zonke izizwe zakoIsrayeli, njengazo zonke iziqalekiso zesivumelwano ezibhaliweyo egwalweni lwalumlayo. **22** Khona sizakuthi isizukulwana esizayo, abantwana benu, abazavela emva kwenu, lowezizwe ovela elizweni elikhatshana, lapho bebona inhlupheko zalelilizwe lezifo iNkosi eligulise ngazo, **23** ilizwe lonke lalo lizakuba yisibabule letshwayi lokutshiswa, alihlanyelwanga, kalimilisi, kakulalatshani obumila kulo, njengokubhujiswa kweSodoma leGomora, iAdima leZeboyimi, iNkosi eyayibhubhisa entukuthelweni yayo lelakeni lwayo, **24** lazo zonke izizwe zizakuthi: Kungani iNkosi yenze kanje kulelilizwe? Kuyini ukuvutha kwalolulaka olukhulu? **25** Khona bazakuthi: Ngoba batshiyile isivumelwano seNkosi uNkulunkulu waboyise, eyasenza labo ekubakhupheni kwayo elizweni leGibhithe. **26** Bahamba bakhonza abanye onkulunkulu babakhothamela, onkulunkulu abangabaziyo, eyayingababelanga. **27** Lentukuthelo yeNkosi yalivuthela lelilizwe, ukwehlisela kulo zonke iziqalekiso ezibhaliweyo egwalweni lolu. **28** Njalo iNkosi yabasiphuna elizweni labo ngentukuthelo langolaka langenzondo enkulu, yabaphosela kwelinye ilizwe njengalamuhla. **29** Imfihlo ngezeNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu, kodwa izinto ezembuliweyo zingezethu lezabantwana bethu kuze kube nininini, ukwenza wonke amazwi alumlayo.

30 Kuzakuthi-ke, zonke izinto lezi sezikwehlele, isibusiso lesiqalekiso, engizibekileyo phambi kwakho, uzivuselele enhliziyweni yakho phakathi kwezizwe zonke lapho iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekuxotshele khona, **2** uzabuyela eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho, ulalele ilizwi layo, njengakho konke engikulaya khona lamuhla, wena labantwana bakho, ngenhliziyo

yakho yonke langomphefumulo wakho wonke, **3** khona
iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho izabuyisa ukuthunjwa kwakho,
ikuhawukele, ibuye, ikubuthe ezizweni zonke lapho
iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ekuhlakazele khona. **4** Lanxa
abaxotshiweyo bakho besemkhawulweni wamazulu,
ulapho iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho izakubutha, ulapho-ke
ikuthathe. **5** LeNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho izakungenisa
elizweni oyihlo abalifuyayo, njalo uzalifuya, ikwenzele
okuhle, ikwandise kulaboyihlo. **6** LeNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho izasoka inhliziyo yakho lenhliziyo yenzalo yakho,
ukuthanda iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ngenhliziyo
yakho yonke langomphefumulo wakho wonke, ukuze
uphile. **7** LeNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho izakwehlisela
zonke leziziqalekiso ezitheni zakho lakwabakuzondayo
ababekuzingela. **8** Wena-ke uzabuya ulalele ilizwi
leNkosi, wenze yonke imilayo yayo engikulaya
yona lamuhla. **9** Njalo iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho
izakwandisa kuwo wonke umsebenzi wesandla sakho,
esithelweni sesizalo sakho, lesithelweni sezifuyo zakho,
lesithelweni somhlaba wakho, ukuthi kulunge; ngoba
iNkosi izabuya ukukuthabela kube kuhle, njengalokhu
yathabela oyihlo, **10** uba uzalalela ilizwi leNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho, ukugcina imilayo yayo lezimiso
zayo ezibhalwe kulolugwalo lomlayo, uba uphendukela
eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho ngenhliziyo yakho yonke
langomphefumulo wakho wonke. **11** Ngoba lumlayo
engikulaya wona lamuhla kawufihlwanga kuwe, futhi
kawukhatshana lawe. **12** Kawukho emazulwini ukuthi uthi:
Ngubani ozasenyukelela emazulwini, asithathele wona
ukuze siwuzwe siwenze? **13** Futhi kawungaphetsheya
kolwandle ukuthi uthi: Ngubani ozasichaphela aye
ngaphetsheya kolwandle, asithathele wona ukuze
siwuzwe siwenze? **14** Kodwa ilizwi liseduze kakhulu lawe,
emlonyeni wakho lenhliziyweni yakho ukulenza. **15** Bona,
ngibekile phambi kwakho lamuhla impilo lokulunga, lokufa
lobubi. **16** Ngoba ngiyakulaya lamuhla ukuthanda iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho, lokuhamba endleleni zayo, lokugcina
imilayo yayo lezimiso zayo lezahlulelo zayo, ukuze uphile
wande; leNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho izakubusisa elizweni
oya kulo ukudla ilifa lalo. **17** Kodwa uba inhliziyo yakho
iphenduka ukuze ungalaleli, uduhiswe, ukhothamele
abanye onkulunkulu, ubakhonze, **18** ngiyalitshela lamuhla
ukuthi lizabhubha lokubhubha; kaliyikwelula izinsuku
elizweni lapho ochaphela iJordani khona ukungena kulo
ukudla ilifa lalo. **19** Lamuhla ngiyabiza amazulu lomhlaba
ukufakaza ngani. Impilo lokufa ngikubekile phambi
kwakho, isibusiso lesiqalekiso. Ngakho khetha impilo
ukuze uphile wena lenzalo yakho, **20** ukuthanda iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho, ukulalela ilizwi layo, lokunamathela
kuyo. Ngoba iyimpilo yakho lobude bensuku zakho, ukuze
uhlale elizweni iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho eyafungela
oyihlo, uAbrahama, uIsaka, loJakobe, ukubanika lona.

31 UMozisi wasehamba wakhuluma lamazwi
kuIsrayeli wonke, **2** wathi kubo: Ngileminyaka
elikhulu lamatshumi amabili lamuhla; kangiselamandla
okuphuma lokungena. LeNkosi yathi kimi:
Kawuyikuyichapha le iJordani. **3** INkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho, yona izachapha phambi kwakho, yona izachitha
lezizizwe zisuke phambi kwakho, ukuze udle ilifa
lazo. UJoshuwa, yena uzachapha phambi kwakho,
njengokutsho kweNkosi. **4** LeNkosi izakwenza kuzo
njengokwenza kwayo kuSihoni lakuOgi, amakhosi
amaAmori, lelizweni lawo, ewachithileyo. **5** INkosi
izazinikela-ke phambi kwenu, ukuze lenze kuzo
njengokwemilayo yonke engililaye yona. **6** Qinani, lime
isibindi, lingesabi, lingatshaywa luvalo ngenxa yazo;
ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, yiyo ehamba lawe;
kayiyikukulahla, kayiyikukudela. **7** UMozisi wasembiza
uJoshuwa, wathi kuye phambi kwamehlo kaIsrayeli
wonke: Qina, ume isibindi; ngoba wena uzangena
lalababantu elizweni iNkosi eyalifungela oyise ukubanika
lona; uzabenza badle ilifa lalo. **8** Njalo iNkosi, yiyo
ehamba phambi kwakho; yona izakuba lawe, ingakulahli,
ingakudeli; ungesabi, ungakhathazeki. **9** UMozisi
wasewubhala lumlayo, wawunika abapristi, amadodana
kaLevi, ababethwala umtshokotsho wesivumelwano
seNkosi, lakubo bonke abadala bakoIsrayeli. **10**
UMozisi wasebalaya esithi: Ekupheleni kweminyaka
eyisikhombisa, ngesikhathi esimisiweyo somnyaka
wenkululeko, emkhosini wamadumba, **11** lapho
uIsrayeli wonke esefike ukubonakala phambi kweNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho endaweni ezayikhetha, uwubale
lumlayo phambi kukaIsrayeli wonke endlebeni zabo. **12**
Buthanisa abantu, abesilisa labesifazana labantwana,
lowemzini wakho ophakathi kwamasango akho, ukuze
bezwe, lokuze bafunde, bayesabe iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wenu, bagcine ukwenza wonke amazwi alumlayo.
13 Labantwana babo abangaziyo bezwe, bafunde
ukuyesaba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu, zonke izinsuku
zokuphila kwenu, elizweni elichapha iJordani lisiya
kulo ukudla ilifa lalo. **14** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi:
Khangela, insuku zakho zokufa sezisondele; biza
uJoshuwa, zimiseni ethenteni lenhlangano ukuze
ngimlaye. UMozisi loJoshuwa bahamba-ke, bazimisa
ethenteni lenhlangano. **15** INkosi yasibonakala ethenteni
ensikeni yeyezi; lensika yeyezi yema phezu komnyango
wethente. **16** INkosi yasisithi kuMozisi: Khangela,
uzalala laboyihlo; lalababantu bazasukuma baphinge
ngokulandela onkulunkulu bezizweni belizwe, lapho
abaya khona phakathi kwabo, bangitshiye, bephule
isivumelwano sami engisenze labo. **17** Lentukuthelo
yami izabavuthela ngalolosuku, ngibatshiye, ngibafihlele
ubuso bami, ukuze babe yikudla, behlelwe ngokubi
okunengi lezinhlupheko, baze bathi ngalolosuku: Angithi
lobububi busehlele ngoba uNkulunkulu wethu kakho
phakathi kwethu? **18** Lami ngizafihla lokufihla ubuso
bami ngalolosuku ngenxa yobubi bonke ababenzileyo,
ngoba bephendukele kwabanye onkulunkulu. **19**

Ngakho-ke zibhaleleni lingoma, uyifundise abantwana
bakoIsrayeli; uyifake emlonyeni wabo ukuze lingoma ibe
yibufakazi kimi obumelene labantwana bakoIsrayeli. **20**
Lapho sengibangenisile elizweni engalifungela oyise,
eligeleza uchago loluju, sebedlile basutha, bazimuka,
bazaphendukela kwabanye onkulunkulu, babakhonze,
bangidelele, bephule isivumelwano sami. **21** Kuzakuthi-
ke, nxa sebehlelwe ngokubi okunengi lezinhlupheko,
lingoma izaphendula phambi kobuso babo ibe yibufakazi;
ngoba kayiyikukhohlakala emlonyeni wenzalo yabo.
Ngoba ngiyawazi amacebo abo abawenzayo lamuhla,
ngingakabangenisi elizweni engifunge ngalo. **22** UMozisi
wasebhala lingoma ngalolosuku, wayifundisa abantwana
bakoIsrayeli. **23** Yasilaya uJoshuwa indodana kaNuni
yathi: Qina, ume isibindi, ngoba wena uzabangenisa
abantwana bakoIsrayeli elizweni engabafungela lona;
lami ngizakuba lawe. **24** Kwasekusithi uMozisi eseqedile
ukubhala amazwi alumlayo egwalweni, aze aphela,
25 uMozisi walaya amaLevi ayethwala umtshokotsho
wesivumelwano seNkosi esithi: **26** Thathani lolugwalo
lomlayo, lilubeke eceleni komtshokotsho wesivumelwano
seNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu, ukuze lube khona, kube
yibufakazi obumelene lawe. **27** Ngoba mina ngiyazi
umvukela wakho, lentamo yakho elukhuni; khangelani,
ngisaphila lani lamuhla, belingabavukeli beNkosi; pho,
kangakanani emva kokufa kwami? **28** Buthanisani kimi
bonke abadala bezizwe zenu lenduna zenu ukuze
ngikhulume lamazwi endlebeni zabo, ngibize amazulu
lomhlaba ukuba ngabafakazi bamelane labo. **29** Ngoba
ngiyazi ukuthi emva kokufa kwami lizakona lokona,
liphambuke endleleni engililaye yona; lizakwehlelwa
ngokubi ngensuku ezizayo, ngoba lizakwenza okubi
emehlweni eNkosi, liyithukuthelise ngomsebenzi
wezandla zenu. **30** UMozisi wasekhuluma amazwi
alingoma endlebeni zebandla lonke lakoIsrayeli, aze
aphela.

32 Bekani indlebe, mazulu, ngizakhuluma, njalo
zwana, mhlaba, amazwi omlomo wami. **2**
Imfundiso yami izathonta njengezulu, inkulumo
yami izathonta njengamazolo, njengomkhizo phezu
kohlaza, lanjengemifefezo emibhideni. **3** Ngoba
ngizamemezela ibizo leNkosi. Mnikeni ubukhulu
uNkulunkulu wethu. **4** UliDwala, umsebenzi
wakhe uphelele, ngoba zonke indlela zakhe
ziyizahlulelo. UNkulunkulu weqiniso, ongelabubi, ulungile,
uqondile. **5** Bonile kuye, kabasibo abantwana
bakhe, isici ngesabo, bayisizukulwana esigobileyo
lesiphambeneyo. **6** Lingahlawula lokho eNkosini
yini, bantu abayizithutha labangahlakaniphanga?
Kayisuye yini uyihlo owakuthengayo, wakwenza,
wakumisa? **7** Khumbula insuku zendulo, unakane
iminyaka yesizukulwana ngesizukulwana. Buza uyihlo,
uzakulandisela, abadala bakho, bazakutshela. **8** Lapho
oPhezukonke enika izizwe ilifa, lapho esehlukanisa
amadodana kaAdamu, wamisa imingcele yezizwe
njengenani labantwana bakoIsrayeli. **9** Ngoba isabelo
seNkosi ngabantu bayo, uJakobe uyinkatho yelifa
layo. **10** Wamfica elizweni eliyinkangala, lenkangala
engelalutho ebhongayo. Wamkhokhela wambhodisa,
wamfundisa, wamgcina njengenhlamvu yelihlo lakhe. **11**
Njengokhozi olunyakazisa isidleke salo, lundiza phezu
kwamaphuphu alo, luselula impiko zalo, luwathatha,
luwathwale ngezimpaphe zalo, **12** iNkosi yodwa
yamkhokhela, njalo kwakungekho layo unkulunkulu
wabezizwe. **13** Yamgadisa endaweni eziphakemeyo
zomhlaba, ukuze adle izithelo zensimu. Yamondla ngoluju
oluvela edwaleni, lamafutha aphuma elitsheni elilukhuni
ledwala, **14** izankefu zenkomo, lochago lwembuzi, kanye
lamafutha amawundlu, lezinqama zohlobo lweBashani,
lezimpongo, kanye lamahwahwa ezinso zengqoloyi;
wena wasunatha igazi lezithelo zesivini, iwayini. **15**
Kodwa uJeshuruni wazimuka wakhaba. Usuzimukile,
wakhuluphala, wembeswa ngamahwahwa. Yena wadela
uNkulunkulu owamenzayo, wadelela iDwala losindiso
lwakhe. **16** Bambangela ubukhwele ngokwezizwe,
bamthukuthelisa ngezinengiso. **17** Bahlabela amadimoni,
hatshi uNkulunkulu, onkulunkulu ababengabazi,
abatsha abavela eduze, oyihlo abangabesabanga.
18 IDwala elakuzalayo ulikhohliwe, wamkhohlwa
uNkulunkulu owakuzalayo. **19** Kwathi iNkosi ikubona,
yanengwa yibo, ngenxa yentukuthelo yamadodana
ayo lamadodakazi ayo. **20** Yasisithi: Ngizabafihlela
ubuso bami, ngibone ukuthi ukuphela kwabo
kuzakuba yini; ngoba bayisizukulwana esiphambeneyo,
abantwana okungelakuthembeka kibo. **21** Bona
bangenze ngaba lobukhwele ngokungesuye uNkulunkulu;
bangithukuthelisile ngezinto zabo eziyize. Ngakho
ngizabenza babe lobukhwele ngabangeyisibo abantu;
ngibathukuthelise ngesizwe esiyisithutha. **22** Ngoba
umlilo usubasiwe entukuthelweni yami, uyavutha kuze
kube sesihogweni esingaphansi kakhulu; uzaqeda
umhlaba lezithelo zawo, ulumathise izisekelo zezintaba.
(Sheol h7585) **23** Ngizabuthelela ububi phezu kwabo,
ngiqedele imitshoko yami kubo. **24** Bazamunywa
yindlala, baqedwe yikutshisa lencithakalo ebabayo;
njalo ngizathumela phakathi kwabo amazinyo ezilo,
lobuhlungu bezihuquzelayo zothuli. **25** Ngaphandle
inkemba izabenza bafelwe, ngokunjalo uvalo ezindlini
ezingaphakathi, ijaha lalo lentombi emsulwa, omunyayo
kanye lendoda eyimpunga. **26** Ngathi: Ngizabahlakaza,
ngenze ukukhunjulwa kwabo kuphele phakathi kwabantu;
27 uba bengingesabi intukuthelo yesitha, hlezi
abazondi babo bahlanekele, hlezi bathi: Isandla sethu
siphakeme; leNkosi kakusiyo eyenze konke lokhu. **28**
Ngoba bayisizwe esingelakwelulekwa, njalo kakukho
ukuqedisisa kubo. **29** Kwangathi ngabe bebehlakaniphile,
bebengaqedisisa lokhu, bazwisise isiphetho sabo! **30**
Oyedwa angaxotsha njani abayinkulungwane, lababili

babalekise abayizinkulungwane ezilitshumi, ngaphandle
kokuthi iDwala labo libathengisile, leNkosi ibanikele? **31**
Ngoba idwala labo kalinjengeDwala lethu; njengoba izitha
zethu zingabahluleli. **32** Ngoba ivini labo livela evinini
leSodoma, lemasimini eGomora; izithelo zabo zesivini
ziyizithelo zesivini zenyongo; zilamahlukuzo ababayo.
33 Iwayini labo liyibuhlungu bemigobho, lobuhlungu
obulesihluku bamabululu. **34** Lokho kakubekiwe kimi yini,
kunanyekiwe emagugwini ami? **35** Ngeyami impindiselo
lokubuyisela, ngesikhathi sokutshelela konyawo lwabo;
ngoba usuku lwengozi yabo selusondele, lezinto
abazilungiselweyo ziyaphangisa. **36** Ngoba iNkosi
izabahlulela abantu bayo, izisole ngenceku zayo,
lapho ibona ukuthi amandla asehambile, lokuthi kakho
ovalelweyo lokhululekileyo. **37** Khona izakuthi: Bangaphi
onkulunkulu babo, idwala ababephephela kulo, **38**
abadla amafutha emihlatshelo yabo, banatha iwayini
lomnikelo wabo wokuthululwa? Kabavuke, balisize, babe
yisivikelo senu. **39** Bonani khathesi ukuthi mina, nginguye,
njalo kakho unkulunkulu olami; mina ngiyabulala, njalo
ngiphilise; ngiyatshaya, njalo mina ngelaphe; njalo kakho
ongahluthuna esandleni sami. **40** Ngoba ngiphakamisela
isandla sami emazulwini, ngithi: Ngiyaphila kuze kube
phakade, **41** nxa ngilola inkemba yami ephazimayo,
lesandla sami sibambelela ekwahluleleni, ngizabuyisela
impindiselo ezitheni zami, ngibavuze abangizondayo. **42**
Ngizadakisa imitshoko yami ngegazi, lenkemba yami
izakudla inyama, ngegazi labagwaziweyo labathunjiweyo,
ekuqaliseni kwezimpindiselo ngimelene lesitha. **43**
Thokozani zizwe, bantu bayo; ngoba izaphindisela
igazi lenceku zayo, ibuyisele impindiselo kuzitha zayo,
yenzele ilizwe layo, abantu bayo, inhlawulo yokuthula. **44**
UMozisi wasesiza, wakhuluma wonke amazwi alingoma
endlebeni zabantu, yena loHoseya indodana kaNuni. **45**
UMozisi eseqedile ukukhuluma wonke lamazwi kuIsrayeli
wonke, **46** wathi kubo: Bekani inhliziyo yenu kuwo wonke
amazwi engiwafakaza phakathi kwenu lamuhla, ukuthi
libalaye abantwana benu bagcine ukuwenza wonke
amazwi alumlayo. **47** Ngoba kakusiyo into eyize kini,
ngoba kuyimpilo yenu; ngalinto lizakwelula izinsuku
elizweni elichapha iJordani ukuya kulo ukudla ilifa lalo.
48 INkosi yasikhuluma kuMozisi ngalona lolosuku isithi:
49 Yenyukela kule intaba yeAbarimi, intaba yeNebo,
eselizweni lakoMowabi emaqondana leJeriko, ubone
ilizwe leKhanani engilinika abantwana bakoIsrayeli
ukuba yilifa, **50** ufele entabeni owenyukela kuyo,
ubuthelwe ebantwini bakini, njengoAroni umnewenu
efela entabeni yeHori, wabuthelwa ebantwini bakibo. **51**
Ngenxa yokuthi laphambana lami phakathi kwabantwana
bakoIsrayeli emanzini eMeriba-Kadeshi enkangala yeZini;
ngoba kalingingcwelisanga phakathi kwabantwana
bakoIsrayeli. **52** Ngoba unganeno uzalibona ilizwe, kodwa
kawuyikungena khona, elizweni engilinika abantwana
bakoIsrayeli.

33 Lalesi yisibusiso uMozisi umuntu kaNkulunkulu
abusisa ngaso abantwana bakoIsrayeli engakafi.
2 Wasesithi: INkosi yavela eSinayi, yenyukela
kubo ivela eSeyiri, yakhanya isentabeni yeParani,
yabuya lenkulungwane ezilitshumi zabangcwele;
ngakwesokunene sayo kwakulomlayo ovuthayo kibo.
3 Yebo, yathanda abantu. Bonke abangcwele bayo
babesesandleni sakho; labo bahlala enyaweni zakho,
ngamunye emukele okwamazwi akho. **4** UMozisi
wasilaya umlayo, ilifa lebandla likaJakobe. **5** Yaba yinkosi
eJeshuruni, lapho inhloko zabantu zibuthene, ndawonye
lezizwe zakoIsrayeli. **6** URubeni kaphile, angafi, lamadoda
akhe abe linani. **7** Lalokhu ngokukaJuda, wasesithi:
Zwana, Nkosi, ilizwi likaJuda, umlethe kubantu bakhe,
izandla zakhe kazimlwele, njalo kawube ngumsizi ezitheni
zakhe. **8** LakuLevi wathi: IThumimi yakho leUrimi yakho
ngokwendoda, eyingcwele yakho, owayilinga eMasa,
waphikisana layo emanzini eMeriba; **9** eyathi kuyise
lakunina: Kangimbonanga; kabananzanga abafowabo,
kabazanga abantwana bakhe. Ngoba balalela ilizwi
lakho, bagcina isivumelwano sakho. **10** Bazamfundisa
uJakobe izahlulelo zakho, loIsrayeli umlayo wakho;
bazabeka impepha phambi kwamakhala akho, lomnikelo
wonke phezu kwelathi lakho. **11** Busisa, Nkosi, amandla
akhe, wemukele umsebenzi wezandla zakhe; tshaya
inkalo zalabo abamvukelayo lezabamzondayo, ukuze
bangasukumi. **12** KuBhenjamini wathi: Othandwayo
weNkosi uzahlala evikelekile ngakiyo; izamsibekela
usuku lonke, uzahlala phakathi kwamahlombe ayo. **13**
LakuJosefa wathi: Ilizwe lakhe kalibusiswe yiNkosi,
ngokuhlekazi kwamazulu, ngamazolo, langokujula
okulele ngaphansi, **14** langokuhlekazi kwezithelo
zelanga, langokuhlekazi kwezinto ezivezwa zinyanga,
15 langekhethelo lentaba ezindala, langokuhlekazi
kwamaqaqa aphakade, **16** langokuhlekazi komhlaba
lokugcwala kwawo, lomusa walowo owahlala esihlahleni.
Izinto lezi kazize ekhanda likaJosefa, lenkanda
yalowo owehlukaniswa labafowabo. **17** Ulobukhosi
bezibulo benkunzi yakhe, lempondo zakhe zimpondo
zenyathi; uzahlaba ngazo izizwe ndawonye zize zifike
emikhawulweni yomhlaba. Lezi zinkulungwane ezilitshumi
zakoEfrayimi, lalezi zinkulungwane zakoManase. **18**
LakuZebuluni wathi: Thokoza, Zebuluni, ekuphumeni
kwakho, lawe Isakari, emathenteni akho. **19** Bazabizela
izizwe entabeni, lapho bahlabe iminikelo yokulunga.
Ngoba bazamunya inala yezinlwandle, lamagugu afihlwe
etshebetshebeni. **20** LakuGadi wathi: Kabusiswe
owandisa uGadi. Uhlala njengesilwane, uklebhula ingalo,
yebo inkanda. **21** Wazinakekela ngekhethelo, ngoba
lapho isabelo somnikumthetho salondolozwa; weza
lenhloko zabantu, wenza ukulunga kweNkosi, lezahlulelo
zayo loIsrayeli. **22** LakuDani wathi: UDani ngumdlwane
wesilwane; uzakweqa evela eBashani. **23** LakuNafithali
wathi: Nafithali, eneliswa ngomusa, ugcwele isibusiso

seNkosi, dlana ilifa lentshonalanga leningizimu. **24** LakuAsheri wathi: UAsheri kabusiswe ngabantwana,
abe ngowemukelekayo kubafowabo, agxamuze unyawo
lwakhe emafutheni. **25** Insimbi lethusi kuzakuba
yizicathulo zakho, lanjengensuku zakho azakuba njalo
amandla akho. **26** Kakho onjengoNkulunkulu, Jeshuruni,
ogade amazulu kusizo lwakho, lomkhathi ngobukhosi
bakhe. **27** UNkulunkulu waphakade uyisiphephelo,
langaphansi kulengalo ezingelakuphela. Uxotsha isitha
phambi kwakho, athi: Bhubhisa. **28** Ngakho uIsrayeli
uzahlala evikelekile eyedwa; ilihlo likaJakobe lizakuba
elizweni lamabele lewayini elitsha; yebo, amazulu akhe
azathontisa amazolo. **29** Ubusisiwe wena, Israyeli!
Ngubani onjengawe, isizwe esisindiswe yiNkosi, isihlangu
sosizo lwakho, loyinkemba yobukhosi bakho? Lezitha
zakho zizakuthobela ngokuzenzisa, lawe unyathele
endaweni zazo eziphakemeyo.

34 UMozisi wasesenyuka esuka emagcekeni
akoMowabi, esiya entabeni yeNebo, engqongeni
yePisiga, emaqondana leJeriko. INkosi yasimtshengisa
ilizwe lonke, iGileyadi kuze kube koDani, **2** layo
yonke iNafithali, lelizwe lakoEfrayimi, leManase, lelizwe
lonke lakoJuda, kwaze kwaba selwandle lokucina, **3**
leningizimu, legceke lesigodi seJeriko, umuzi wamalala,
kwaze kwaba seZowari. **4** INkosi yasisithi kuye: Leli
yilizwe engalifungela uAbrahama, uIsaka, loJakobe
ngisithi: Ngizalinika inzalo yakho. Sengikwenze walibona
ngamehlo akho, kodwa kawuyikuchaphela kilo. **5**
UMozisi inceku yeNkosi wasefela khona elizweni
lakoMowabi njengokomlayo weNkosi. **6** Yasimngcwaba
esigodini elizweni lakoMowabi maqondana leBeti-Peyori;
kodwa kakulamuntu olaziyo ingcwaba lakhe kuze kube
lamuhla. **7** Njalo uMozisi wayeleminyaka elikhulu
lamatshumi amabili ekufeni kwakhe. Amehlo akhe
ayengafiphalanga, lamandla akhe ayenganyamalalanga.
8 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebemlilela uMozisi
emagcekeni akoMowabi insuku ezingamatshumi
amathathu; zaphela-ke insuku zokukhala zokumlilela
uMozisi. **9** Njalo uJoshuwa indodana kaNuni wayegcwele
umoya wokuhlakanipha, ngoba uMozisi wayebekile
izandla zakhe phezu kwakhe. Ngakho abantwana
bakoIsrayeli bamlalela, benza njengalokhu iNkosi
imlayile uMozisi. **10** Kakusavelanga-ke umprofethi
koIsrayeli onjengoMozisi, iNkosi eyamazi ubuso ngobuso,
11 ngazo zonke izibonakaliso lezimangaliso iNkosi
eyamthuma ukuthi azenze elizweni leGibhithe, kuFaro
lakuzo zonke inceku zakhe lelizweni lakhe lonke, **12**
langaso sonke lesosandla esilamandla langakho konke
okwesabekayo okukhulu uMozisi akwenzayo phambi
kwamehlo kaIsrayeli wonke.

UJoshuwa

1 Kwasekusithi emva kokufa kukaMozisi inceku
yeNkosi, iNkosi yakhuluma kuJoshuwa indodana
kaNuni, inceku kaMozisi, isithi: **2** UMozisi inceku
yami usefile; ngakho-ke sukuma uchaphe le iJordani,
wena labo bonke lababantu, liye elizweni engibanika
lona, ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli. **3** Yonke indawo
lapho ingaphansi yonyawo lwenu ezanyathela khona
ngilinike yona, njengokutsho kwami kuMozisi. **4**
Kusukela enkangala lale iLebhanoni kuze kufike emfuleni
omkhulu, umfula iYufrathi, ilizwe lonke lamaHethi,
njalo kufike elwandle olukhulu lapho okutshona khona
ilanga, kuzakuba ngumngcele wenu. **5** Kakulamuntu
ozakuma phambi kwakho zonke izinsuku zempilo
yakho. Njengalokhu ngangiloMozisi, ngizakuba lawe;
kangiyikukutshiya, kangiyikukulahla. **6** Qina, ume isibindi,
ngoba wena uzakwenza lababantu badle ilifa lelizwe
engalifungela oyise ukubanika lona. **7** Kuphela qina, ube
lesibindi esikhulu, ukugcina ukwenza ngokomlayo wonke
uMozisi inceku yami akulaya wona; ungaphambuki
kuwo uye ngakwesokunene loba ngakwesokhohlo,
ukuze uphumelele loba ngaphi lapho oya khona. **8**
Ugwalo lwalumlayo lungasuki emlonyeni wakho, kodwa
uzindle kuwo emini lebusuku, ukuze uqaphele ukwenza
njengakho konke okubhaliweyo kulo, ngoba khona
uzakwenza indlela yakho iphumelele, ubusuphumelela.
9 Kangikulayanga yini? Qina, ume isibindi; ungesabi,
ungatshaywa luvalo, ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho
ilawe loba ngaphi lapho oya khona. **10** UJoshuwa
waselaya izinduna zabantu, esithi: **11** Dabulani phakathi
kwenkamba lilaye abantu lithi: Zilungiseleni umphako,
ngoba kusesezinsuku ezintathu lizachapha le iJordani,
ukuze lingene lidle ilifa lelizwe iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wenu elinika lona ukuthi lidle ilifa lalo. **12** UJoshuwa
wasekhuluma kwabakoRubeni labakoGadi lengxenye
yesizwe sakoManase esithi: **13** Khumbulani ilizwi
uMozisi inceku yeNkosi alilaya ngalo esithi: INkosi
uNkulunkulu wenu iyaliphumuza, ilinika lelilizwe. **14**
Omkenu, abantwanyana benu, lezifuyo zenu kuzahlala
elizweni uMozisi alinika lona nganeno kweJordani; kodwa
lina lizachapha lihlomile phambi kwabafowenu, wonke
amaqhawe alamandla, libasize, **15** iNkosi ize iphumuze
abafowenu njengani, labo njalo badle ilifa lelizwe
iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu ebanika lona. Lizabuyela-ke
elizweni lelifa lenu, lidle ilifa lalo, uMozisi inceku yeNkosi
alinika lona, nganeno kweJordani, empumalanga. **16**
Basebemphendula uJoshuwa besithi: Konke osilaya
khona sizakwenza, laloba ngaphi lapho ozasithuma
khona sizahamba. **17** Njengakho konke esamlalela
uMozisi ngakho, ngokunjalo sizakulalela. Kuphela iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho ibe lawe njengoba yayiloMozisi. **18**
Wonke umuntu ozavukela umlomo wakho, angalaleli
amazwi akho, kukho konke omlaya khona, uzabulawa.
Kuphela qina, ume isibindi.

2 UJoshuwa indodana kaNuni wasethuma eseShithimi
amadoda amabili aba zinhloli ensitha, esithi:
Hambani libone ilizwe, leJeriko. Asehamba, ayafikela
endlini yomfazi, iwule, obizo lakhe lalinguRahabi,
alala khona. **2** Kwatshelwa inkosi yeJeriko kwathiwa:
Khangela, kufike lapha ebusuku amadoda abantwana
bakoIsrayeli ukuhlola ilizwe. **3** Inkosi yeJeriko yasithumela
kuRahabi isithi: Khupha lawo amadoda afikele kuwe,
angena endlini yakho, ngoba azehlola ilizwe lonke. **4**
Kodwa owesifazana wayethethe lawomadoda amabili,
wawafihla, wakhuluma kanje: Afikile kimi amadoda,
kodwa bengingazi lapha avela khona. **5** Kwasekusithi
sekuzavalwa isango lapho sekumnyama amadoda
aphuma. Kangikwazi lapho amadoda aye khona;
axhumeni ngokuphangisa liwalandele, ngoba lizawafica.
6 Kodwa yena wayewenyusele ephahleni, wawafihla
phakathi kwamahlanga efilakisi ayechayelwe yena
ephahleni. **7** Amadoda asewaxhuma ngendlela yeJordani
aze afika emazibukweni; bavala amasango emva
kokuphuma kwabawaxhumayo bewalandela. **8** Kwathi
wona engakalali, yena wenyukela kuwo ephahleni;
9 wasesithi emadodeni: Ngiyazi ukuthi iNkosi ilinikile
ilizwe, lokuthi ukwesabeka kwenu kuwele phezu kwethu,
lokuthi bonke abakhileyo elizweni bayancibilika ngenxa
yobukhona benu. **10** Ngoba sizwile ukuthi iNkosi yomisa
amanzi oLwandle oluBomvu phambi kwenu ekuphumeni
kwenu eGibhithe, lalokho elakwenza emakhosini
amabili amaAmori ayengaphetsheya kweJordani, uSihoni
loOgi elabatshabalalisayo. **11** Sathi sikuzwa lokho
inhliziyo yethu yancibilika, kakusekho isibindi emuntwini
ngenxa yenu. Ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu, nguye
uNkulunkulu emazulwini phezulu lemhlabeni phansi. **12**
Ngakho-ke ake lifunge kimi ngeNkosi, ngoba ngilenzele
umusa, lani-ke lizayenzela umusa indlu kababa, linginike
isiboniso esiqinileyo, **13** ukuthi ligcine bephila ubaba
lomama, labanewethu labodadewethu, lakho konke
abalakho, likhulule impilo yethu ekufeni. **14** Lamadoda athi
kuye: Umphefumulo wethu ufe esikhundleni senu, uba
ungavezi obala loludaba lwethu. Njalo kuzakuthi lapho
iNkosi isisinikile ilizwe, sizakwenzela umusa leqiniso.
15 Wasewehlisa ngentambo ewindini, ngoba indlu
yakhe yayisemdulini womuzi, wayehlala phezu komduli.
16 Wasesithi kuwo: Yanini entabeni, hlezi abaxhumi
bahlangane lani, licatshe khona insuku ezintathu, baze
babuye abaxhumi, lemva kwalokho lihambe ngendlela
yenu. **17** Amadoda asesithi kuye: Thina sizakhululeka
esifungweni sakho lesi osifungise sona. **18** Khangela,
ekufikeni kwethu elizweni uzabophela lintambo yomnxeba
obomvu ewindini osehlise ngalo, njalo uzibuthanisele
endlini yakho oyihlo lonyoko labanewenu lendlu yonke
kayihlo. **19** Kuzakuthi-ke, loba ngubani ophumela phandle
kweminyango yendlu yakho, igazi lakhe lizakuba phezu

kwekhanda lakhe, thina-ke sizakuba singelacala. Njalo
loba ngubani ozakuba lawe endlini, igazi lakhe lizakuba
sekhanda lethu, uba isandla sisiba phezu kwakhe. **20**
Kodwa uba uluveza obala loludaba lwethu, sizakhululeka
esifungweni sakho osifungise sona. **21** Wasesithi:
Njengamazwi enu, kakube njalo. Wasewayekela ehamba,
ahamba, wabophela intambo ebomvu ewindini. **22**
Asehamba afika entabeni, ahlala khona insuku ezintathu,
baze babuya abaxhumi, ngoba abaxhumi bawadinga
endleleni yonke, kodwa kabawatholanga. **23** Ngakho
amadoda womabili aphenduka asesehla entabeni,
achapha, afika kuJoshuwa indodana kaNuni, amtshela
konke okuwehleleyo. **24** Athi kuJoshuwa: Isibili iNkosi
ilinikele esandleni sethu ilizwe lonke, futhi-ke bonke
abakhileyo belizwe bancibilikile ngenxa yobukhona
bethu.

3 UJoshuwa wasevuka ekuseni kakhulu, basuka
eShithimi, bafika eJordani, yena labo bonke
abantwana bakoIsrayeli; basebelala khona
bengakachaphi. **2** Kwasekusithi ekupheleni kwensuku
ezintathu induna zadabula phakathi kwenkamba; **3** zalaya
abantu zisithi: Nxa libona umtshokotsho wesivumelwano
seNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu, labapristi, amaLevi,
bewuthwele, lina-ke lisuke endaweni yenu liwulandele. **4**
Kodwa kuzakuba khona ibanga phakathi kwenu lawo,
phose ingalo eziyizinkulungwane ezimbili ngesilinganiso;
lingasondeli kuwo; ukuze lazi indlela elizahamba ngayo,
ngoba kalidlulanga ngalindlela mandulo. **5** UJoshuwa
wasesithi ebantwini: Zingcweliseni, ngoba kusasa
iNkosi izakwenza izimangaliso phakathi kwenu. **6**
UJoshuwa wasekhuluma kubapristi esithi: Phakamisani
umtshokotsho wesivumelwano, ledlule phambi kwabantu.
Basebewuphakamisa umtshokotsho wesivumelwano,
bahamba phambi kwabantu. **7** INkosi yasisithi
kuJoshuwa: Lamuhla ngizaqala ukukukhulisa emehlweni
kaIsrayeli wonke ukuze bazi ukuthi njengalokho
ngangiloMozisi, ngizakuba lawe. **8** Wena-ke uzalaya
abapristi abathwele umtshokotsho wesivumelwano
uthi: Nxa selifikile ekhunjini lwamanzi eJordani,
lizakuma eJordani. **9** UJoshuwa wasesithi ebantwaneni
bakoIsrayeli: Sondelani lapha, lizwe amazwi eNkosi
uNkulunkulu wenu. **10** UJoshuwa wasesithi: Ngalokhu
lizakwazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu ophilayo uphakathi kwenu,
lokuthi uzawaxotsha lokuwaxotsha elifeni amaKhanani
lamaHethi lamaHivi lamaPerizi lamaGirigashi lamaAmori
lamaJebusi asuke ngaphambi kwenu. **11** Khangelani,
umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi yomhlaba
wonke uzachapha phambi kwenu eJordani. **12** Ngakho-
ke zithatheleni amadoda alitshumi lambili ezizweni
zakoIsrayeli, indoda ibenye kuleso lalesosizwe. **13**
Kuzakuthi-ke lapho ingaphansi yenyawo zabapristi
abathwele umtshokotsho weNkosi, iNkosi yomhlaba
wonke, zizakuma emanzini eJordani, amanzi eJordani
azaqunywa, amanzi ehlayo evela phezulu; azakuma
abe yinqwaba eyodwa. **14** Kwasekusithi abantu
besuka emathenteni abo ukuchapha iJordani, abapristi
bathwala umtshokotsho wesivumelwano phambi
kwabantu. **15** Lalapho abathwele umtshokotsho befika
eJordani, lenyawo zabapristi abathwele umtshokotsho
zigxanyuzwa ephethelweni lamanzi (ngoba iJordani
liyagcwala enkunjini zonke zalo zonke izinsuku
zokuvuna), **16** amanzi ehlayo evela phezulu ema,
aphakama aba yinqwaba eyodwa, khatshana kakhulu
lomuzi iAdamu, oseceleni kweZarethani; lalawo ehlela
elwandle lwamagceke, ulwandle lweTshwayi, aphela
aqunywa. Labantu bachapha maqondana leJeriko. **17**
Labapristi abathwele umtshokotsho wesivumelwano
seNkosi bema emhlabathini owomileyo phakathi
kweJordani beqinile, loIsrayeli wonke wachapha
emhlabathini owomileyo, isizwe sonke saze saqeda
ukuchapha iJordani.

4 Kwasekusithi lapho isizwe sonke sesiqede ukuchapha
iJordani, iNkosi yakhuluma kuJoshuwa isithi: **2**
Zithathele amadoda alitshumi lambili ebantwini, indoda
ibenye kuleso lalesosizwe, **3** uwalaye uthi: Zithatheleni
okuvela lapha phakathi kweJordani kuleyondawo,
lapho obekumi khona inyawo zabapristi ziqinile,
amatshe alitshumi lambili, liwathwale lichaphe lawo,
liwabeke endaweni yokulala lapho elizalala khona
ebusuku. **4** UJoshuwa wasebiza amadoda alitshumi
lambili ayewalungisile ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli, indoda
yabanye kuleso lalesosizwe. **5** UJoshuwa wasesithi kuwo:
Dlulani phambi komtshokotsho weNkosi uNkulunkulu
wenu, lingene phakathi kweJordani, lizithathele,
lowo lalowo, ilitshe elilodwa, aletshate ehlombe,
njengokwenani lezizwe zabantwana bakoIsrayeli, **6**
ukuze lokhu kube yisiboniso phakathi kwenu. Nxa
abantwana benu bebuza kusasa besithi: Ayini lamatshe
kini? **7** Lizabatshela-ke: Ngoba amanzi eJordani
aqunywa phambi komtshotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi.
Lapho uchapha iJordani, amanzi eJordani aqunywa.
Ngakho lamatshe azakuba yisikhumbuzo ebantwaneni
bakoIsrayeli kuze kube nininini. **8** Labantwana
bakoIsrayeli benza njalo njengokulaya kukaJoshuwa,
bathatha amatshe alitshumi lambili phakathi kweJordani,
njengokutsho kweNkosi kuJoshuwa, ngokwenani lezizwe
zabantwana bakoIsrayeli; bawathwala bachapha lawo,
baya endaweni lapho abalala khona, bawabeka
khona. **9** UJoshuwa wasemisa amatshe alitshumi
lambili phakathi kweJordani endaweni lapho inyawo
zabapristi ababethwele umtshokotsho wesivumelwano
ezazimi khona. Njalo asekhona lapho kuze kube
lamuhla. **10** Ngoba abapristi ababethwele umtshokotsho
bema phakathi kweJordani kwaze kwaphela yonke
into iNkosi eyayimlaye yona uJoshuwa ukuyitshela
abantu, njengakho konke uMozisi ayekulaye uJoshuwa.
Labantu baphangisa bachapha. **11** Kwasekusithi
bonke abantu sebeqedile ukuchapha, umtshokotsho

weNkosi wachapha, labapristi phambi kwabantu. **12** Njalo abantwana bakoRubeni labantwana bakoGadi lengxenye yesizwe sakoManase bachapha behlomile phambi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli, njengokubatshela kukaMozisi. **13** Phose izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane behlomele impi, bachapha phambi kweNkosi ukuya empini, emagcekeni eJeriko. **14** Ngalolosuku iNkosi yamkhulisa uJoshuwa emehlweni kaIsrayeli wonke, njalo bamesaba njengalokhu babemesaba uMozisi insuku zonke zempilo yakhe. **15** INkosi yasikhuluma kuJoshuwa isithi: **16** Laya abapristi abathwala umtshokotsho wobufakazi ukuthi bakhuphuke eJordani. **17** UJoshuwa wasebalaya abapristi esithi: Khuphukani eJordani. **18** Kwasekusithi lapho abapristi ababethwele umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi sebekhuphukile phakathi kweJordani, lengaphansi yenyawo zabapristi isiphakanyiselwe emhlabathini owomileyo, amanzi eJordani abuyela endaweni yawo, ahamba njengamandulo aphuphuma enkunjini zonke zayo. **19** Labantu bakhuphuka besuka eJordani ngolwetshumi lwenyanga yokuqala, bamisa inkamba eGiligali ephethelweni lempumalanga yeJeriko. **20** Lalawomatshe alitshumi lambili abawathatha eJordani uJoshuwa wawamisa eGiligali. **21** Wakhuluma kubantwana bakoIsrayeli esithi: Nxa abantwana benu bebuza kusasa kuboyise besithi: Ayini lamatshe? **22** Lizabazisa-ke abantwana benu lisithi: UIsrayeli wayichapha le iJordani emhlabathini owomileyo. **23** Ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu yenza amanzi eJordani atsha phambi kwenu laze lachapha, njengokwenza kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu kuLwandle oluBomvu eyalomisa phambi kwethu saze sachapha, **24** ukuze zonke izizwe zomhlaba zazi isandla seNkosi, ukuthi silamandla, ukuze liyesabe iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu zonke izinsuku.

5 Kwasekusithi lapho wonke amakhosi amaAmori ayenganeno kweJordani ngentshonalanga lawo wonke amakhosi amaKhanani ayengaselwandle esizwa ukuthi iNkosi yenza amanzi eJordani atsha ngaphambi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli saze sachapha, inhliziyo yawo yancibilika, kakusabanga khona moya kiwo, ngenxa yabantwana bakoIsrayeli. **2** Ngalesosikhathi iNkosi yathi kuJoshuwa: Zenzele ingqamu zensengetshe, ubasoke futhi abantwana bakoIsrayeli okwesibili. **3** UJoshuwa wasezenzela ingqamu zensengetshe, wabasoka abantwana bakoIsrayeli oqaqeni lwamajwabu aphambili. **4** Njalo yilesisizatho uJoshuwa abasokela sona; bonke abantu abaphuma eGibhithe, abesilisa, amadoda wonke empi, afela enkangala endleleni esephumile eGibhithe. **5** Ngoba bonke abantu abaphumayo babesokiwe, kodwa bonke abantu ababezalelwe enkangala endleleni sebephumile eGibhithe babengabasokanga. **6** Ngoba abantwana bakoIsrayeli bahamba enkangala iminyaka engamatshumi amane saze sabhubha isizwe sonke samadoda empi ayephume eGibhithe, ngoba engalilalelanga ilizwi leNkosi; iNkosi eyayifungile kuwo ukuthi kayiyikuwatshengisa ilizwe iNkosi eyayifungele oyise ukusinika lona, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju. **7** Labantwana bawo yabavusa esikhundleni sawo; bona uJoshuwa wabasoka, ngoba babengasokwanga, ngoba babengabasokanga endleleni. **8** Kwasekusithi sebeqedile ukusoka isizwe sonke, bahlala endaweni yabo enkambeni baze baphola. **9** INkosi yasisithi kuJoshuwa: Lamuhla ngigiqile ngasusa kini ihlazo leGibhithe. Ngakho ibizo laleyondawo lathiwa yiGiligali kuze kube lamuhla. **10** Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebemisa inkamba eGiligali, bagcina iphasika ngosuku lwetshumi lane lwenyanga kusihlwa emagcekeni eJeriko. **11** Basebesidla izithelo zelizwe, ngekuseni eyalandela iphasika, izinkwa ezingelamvubelo lamabele akhanzingiweyo, ngalona lolosuku. **12** Imana yacina ngelanga elalandela abadla ngalo izithelo zelizwe; labantwana bakoIsrayeli kabasabanga lemana, kodwa badla izithelo zelizwe leKhanani ngalowomnyaka. **13** Kwasekusithi uJoshuwa eseJeriko, waphakamisa amehlo akhe wabona, khangela-ke, indoda imi maqondana laye ilenkemba yayo ehwatshiweyo isesandleni sayo. UJoshuwa wasesiya kuyo wathi kuyo: Ungowakithi yini, kumbe ungowezitha zethu? **14** Wasesithi: Hatshi; kodwa ngiyinduna yebutho leNkosi; sengibuyile. UJoshuwa wasesithi mbo ngobuso bakhe emhlabathini, wakhonza esithi kuye: INkosi yami ithini encekwini yayo? **15** Induna yebutho leNkosi yasisithi kuJoshuwa: Khulula inyathela lakho enyaweni lwakho, ngoba indawo omi kiyo ingcwele. UJoshuwa wasesenza njalo.

6 IJeriko yayivaliwe-ke ngci ngenxa yabantwana bakoIsrayeli. Kakho owaphumayo, njalo kakho owangenayo. **2** INkosi yasisithi kuJoshuwa: Bona, nginikele esandleni sakho iJeriko lenkosi yayo lamaqhawe alamandla. **3** Lizawubhoda-ke umuzi, wonke amadoda empi, awubhode umuzi kanye. Uzakwenza njalo insuku eziyisithupha. **4** Labapristi abayisikhombisa bazathwala impondo zenqama eziyisikhombisa phambi komtshokotsho; kuthi ngosuku lwesikhombisa lizawubhoda umuzi kasikhombisa, labapristi bevuthela impondo. **5** Kuzakuthi-ke lapho bekhalisa uphondo lwenqama isikhathi eside, nxa lisizwa ukukhala kophondo, abantu bonke bazamemeza ngokuklabalala okukhulu, lomduli womuzi uzadilikela phansi; labantu bazakwenyuka, ngulowo lalowo maqondana laye. **6** Ngakho uJoshuwa indodana kaNuni wabiza abapristi wathi kibo: Thwalani umtshokotsho wesivumelwano, labapristi abayisikhombisa bathwale impondo zezinqama eziyisikhombisa phambi komtshokotsho weNkosi. **7** Wasesithi ebantwini: Dlulani liwuzingelezele umuzi, lohlomileyo kadlule phambi komtshokotsho weNkosi. **8** Kwasekusithi uJoshuwa esekhulume ebantwini, abapristi

abayisikhombisa bethwele impondo eziyisikhombisa
zenqama bakhokhela phambi kweNkosi, bavuthela
impondo, lomtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi
wabalandela. 9 Abahlomileyo basebehamba phambi
kwabapristi ababevuthela izimpondo, lesigaba sasemuva
salandela umtshokotsho, bahamba bevuthela izimpondo.
10 UJoshuwa wayelaye-ke abantu esithi: Lingamemezi,
loba lizwakalise ilizwi lenu; kungaphumi lizwi emlonyeni
wenu kuze kube lusuku engizalitshela ngalo ukuthi
limemeze; beselimemeza. 11 Ngakho umtshokotsho
weNkosi wawubhoda umuzi, uzingelezela kanye;
basebesiza enkambeni, balala enkambeni ebusuku. 12
UJoshuwa wasevuka ekuseni kakhulu, labapristi bathwala
umtshokotsho weNkosi. 13 Labapristi abayisikhombisa
bephethe impondo zezinqama eziyisikhombisa phambi
komtshokotsho weNkosi baqhubeka behamba, bevuthela
izimpondo, labahlomileyo bahamba phambi kwabo,
lesigaba sasemuva salandela umtshokotsho weNkosi,
bahamba bevuthela izimpondo. 14 Langosuku lwesibili
bawuzingelezela umuzi kanye, babuyela enkambeni.
Benza njalo insuku eziyisithupha. 15 Kwasekusithi
ngosuku lwesikhombisa bavuka ngovivi emadabukakusa,
bawubhoda umuzi kasikhombisa ngendlela efananayo.
Kuphela ngalolosuku bawubhoda umuzi kasikhombisa.
16 Kwasekusithi ngesikhathi sesikhombisa, abapristi
bavuthela impondo, uJoshuwa wasesithi ebantwini:
Memezani, ngoba iNkosi ilinikile umuzi. 17 Kodwa
umuzi wona lakho konke okukuwo kuzakwehlukaniselwa
eNkosini; nguRahabi iwule kuphela ozaphila, yena
labo bonke alabo endlini yakhe, ngoba wafihla
izithunywa esazithumayo. 18 Kodwa lina sibili zigcineni
kokuqalekisiweyo, hlezi lizenze abaqalekisiweyo nxa
lithatha kokuqalekisiweyo, lenze inkamba yakoIsrayeli
ibe yinto eqalekisiweyo, liyihluphe. 19 Kodwa sonke
isiliva legolide, lezitsha zethusi lezensimbi, kungcwele
eNkosini. Kuzakuza endlini yokuligugu kweNkosi.
20 Abantu basebememeza, kwavuthelwa izimpondo.
Kwasekusithi abantu besizwa ukukhala kwempondo,
abantu bamemeza ngokuklabalala okukhulu, umduli
wadilikela phansi, labantu benyukela emzini, ngulowo
lalowo maqondana laye, bawuthumba umuzi. 21
Batshabalalisa konke okusemzini, kusukela kowesilisa
kusiya kowesifazana, kusukela komutsha kusiya komdala,
kuze kube senkabini lemvini lobabhemi, ngobukhali
benkemba. 22 Lakulawomadoda amabili ayeyehlola
ilizwe uJoshuwa wathi: Ngenani endlini yowesifazana
oliwule, likhuphe kuyo owesifazana lakho konke alakho,
njengokufunga kwenu kuye. 23 Lamajaha izinhloli
angena akhupha uRahabi loyise lonina labanewabo lakho
konke ayelakho; akhupha zonke izihlobo zakhe, azibeka
ngaphandle kwenkamba yakoIsrayeli. 24 Basebewutshisa
umuzi ngomlilo lakho konke okwakukiwo; kuphela isiliva
legolide lezitsha zethusi lezensimbi bakufaka kokuligugu
kwendlu yeNkosi. 25 Ngakho uRahabi iwule, lendlu
kayise, labo bonke ayelabo, uJoshuwa wabayekela
bephila; wahlala phakathi koIsrayeli kuze kube lamuhla,
ngoba wafihla izithunywa uJoshuwa ayezithume ukuhlola
iJeriko. 26 UJoshuwa wabafungisa esithi: Uqalekisiwe
umuntu phambi kweNkosi osukuma akhe lumuzi iJeriko.
Uzawusekela ngezibulo lakhe, amise amasango awo
ngecinathunjana lakhe. 27 Ngokunjalo iNkosi yaba
loJoshuwa, lodumo lwakhe lwaba selizweni lonke.

7 Kodwa abantwana bakoIsrayeli baphambuka
ngesiphambeko ngokuqalekisiweyo. Ngoba uAkani
indodana kaKarmi indodana kaZabidi indodana kaZera
owesizwe sakoJuda wathatha kokuqalekisiweyo; ulaka
lweNkosi lwaselubavuthela abantwana bakoIsrayeli. 2
UJoshuwa wasethuma abantu besuka eJeriko besiya
eAyi eliseduze leBeti-Aveni empumalanga kweBhetheli,
wakhuluma kibo esithi: Yenyukani liyehlola ilizwe.
Abantu basebesenyuka bayihlola iAyi. 3 Basebebuyela
kuJoshuwa bathi kuye: Kakungenyuki bonke abantu;
kakwenyuke phose amadoda azinkulungwane ezimbili
loba phose amadoda azinkulungwane ezintathu
ukutshaya iAyi. Ungadinisi bonke abantu ngokuya
khona, ngoba balutshwana. 4 Kwasekusenyukela
khona abavela ebantwini amadoda aphosa abe
zinkulungwane ezintathu; abaleka phambi kwamadoda
eAyi. 5 Lamadoda eAyi atshaya phose amadoda
angamatshumi amathathu lesithupha, axotshana lawo
phambi kwesango aze afika eShebarimi, awatshayela
ekwehleni. Ngakho inhliziyo yabantu yancibilika yaba
ngamanzi. 6 UJoshuwa wasedabula izigqoko zakhe,
wathi mbo ngobuso emhlabathini phambi komtshokotsho
weNkosi kwaze kwahlwa, yena labadala bakoIsrayeli,
bathela uthuli emakhanda abo. 7 UJoshuwa wasesithi:
Maye Nkosi Jehova! Ubachaphiseleni lokubachaphisa
lababantu iJordani ukusinikela esandleni samaAmori
ukusibhubhisa? Kungathi ngabe seneliswa sahlala
ngaphetsheya kweJordani! 8 O Nkosi, ngizakuthini,
emva kokuthi uIsrayeli esephendule intamo ezitheni
zakhe? 9 Ngoba amaKhanani labo bonke abakhileyo
elizweni bazakuzwa, basihanqe, baliqume ibizo lethu
lisuke emhlabeni. Pho, uzalenzelani ibizo lakho elikhulu?
10 INkosi yasisithi kuJoshuwa: Sukuma wena, uweleni
kanje ngobuso bakho? 11 UIsrayeli wonile; njalo
baseqile isivumelwano sami engabalaya sona, bathethe
futhi kokuqalekisiweyo, njalo bebile, baqamba amanga
futhi, yebo bakubekile empahleni zabo. 12 Ngalokho
abantwana bakoIsrayeli babengelakuma phambi kwezitha
zabo, baphendula umhlana phambi kwezitha zabo, ngoba
beqalekisiwe. Kangisayikuba lani uba lingabhubhisi
okuqalekisiweyo phakathi kwenu. 13 Sukuma, ngcwelisa
abantu, uthi: Zingcweliseleleni ikusasa; ngoba itsho njalo
iNkosi uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Kukhona okuqalekisiweyo
phakathi kwakho, Israyeli; ungeke ume phambi kwezitha
zakho lize likhuphe okuqalekisiweyo phakathi kwenu. 14
Ngakho ekuseni lizasondezwa ngezizwe zenu; kuzakuthi-

ke isizwe iNkosi ezasibamba sizasondela ngensendo,
losendo iNkosi ezalubamba luzasondela ngezindlu, lendlu
iNkosi ezayibamba izasondela ngabantu. **15** Kuzakuthi-
ke lowo ozabanjwa lokuqalekisiweyo uzatshiswa
ngomlilo, yena lakho konke alakho, ngoba eqe
isivumelwano seNkosi, langoba enze ubuphukuphuku
koIsrayeli. **16** UJoshuwa wasevuka ekuseni kakhulu,
wenza uIsrayeli wasondela ngezizwe zakhe; lesizwe
sakoJuda sabanjwa; **17** wasesenza usendo lwakoJuda
lusondele, wabamba usendo lwakoZera; wenza usendo
lwakoZera lusondele ngabantu; uZabidi wasebanjwa;
18 wasesenza indlu yakhe isondele ngabantu; uAkani,
indodana kaKarmi, indodana kaZabidi, indodana kaZera,
owesizwe sakoJuda, wasebanjwa. **19** UJoshuwa
wasesithi kuAkani: Ndodana yami, ake unike iNkosi
udumo, uNkulunkulu wakoIsrayeli, uvume kuye; ake
ungitshele lokho okwenzileyo, ungangifihleli. **20**
UAkani wasephendula uJoshuwa wathi: Isibili mina
ngonile eNkosini, uNkulunkulu wakoIsrayeli. Ngokunje
langokunje ngikwenzile. **21** Kwathi ngibona phakathi
kwempango isembatho seBhabhiloni esihle esisodwa,
lamashekeli esiliva angamakhulu amabili, lolimi lwegolide
olulodwa osisindo salo singamashekeli angamatshumi
amahlanu, ngakuhawukela, ngakuthatha, khangela-
ke, kuthukuziwe emhlabathini phakathi kwethente
lami, lesiliva singaphansi kwakho. **22** UJoshuwa
wasethuma izithunywa, zagijima zaya ethenteni,
khangela-ke, kwakufihliwe ethenteni lakhe, lesiliva
singaphansi kwakho. **23** Bakukhupha phakathi kwethente,
bakuletha kuJoshuwa lebantwaneni bonke bakoIsrayeli,
bakuthululela phambi kweNkosi. **24** UJoshuwa loIsrayeli
wonke ekanye laye basebemthatha uAkani indodana
kaZera, lesiliva, lesembatho, lolimi lwegolide, lamadodana
akhe, lamadodakazi akhe, lenkabi zakhe, labobabhemi
bakhe, lezimvu zakhe, lethente lakhe, lakho konke
ayelakho, bakwenyusela esihotsheni seAkori. **25**
UJoshuwa wasesithi: Usihlupheleni? INkosi izakuhlupha
lamuhla. LoIsrayeli wonke wamkhanda ngamatshe;
babatshisa ngomlilo, babakhanda ngamatshe. **26** Bamisa
phezu kwakhe inqwaba enkulu yamatshe kuze kube
lamuhla. Ngalokho iNkosi yaphenduka ekuvutheni kolaka
lwayo. Ngakho ibizo laleyondawo labizwa ngokuthi
yisihotsha seAkori, kuze kube lamuhla.

8 INkosi yasisithi kuJoshuwa: Ungesabi, ungatshaywa
luvalo; thatha kanye lawe bonke abantu bempi,
usukume wenyukele eAyi; bona, nginikele esandleni
sakho inkosi yeAyi, labantu bayo, lomuzi wayo, lelizwe
layo. **2** Uzakwenza-ke eAyi lenkosini yayo njengokwenza
kwakho eJeriko lenkosini yayo. Kuphela impango yayo
lezifuyo zayo lizaziphangela. Uzibekele abacathameli
ngasemzini emva kwawo. **3** UJoshuwa wasesukuma
labo bonke abantu bempi ukwenyukela eAyi; uJoshuwa
wasekhetha amaqhawe alamandla ayizinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amathathu, wawathuma ebusuku. **4**
Wawalaya esithi: Bonani, lizawucathamela umuzi ngemva
komuzi. Lingabi khatshana kakhulu lomuzi, kodwa
lungani lonke. **5** Mina-ke labo bonke abantu abalami
sizasondela emzini. Kuzakuthi-ke lapho bephuma
ukumelana lathi njengakuqala sibaleke phambi kwabo. **6**
Njalo bazaphuma emva kwethu size sibadonse basuke
emzini. Ngoba bazakuthi: Bayabaleka phambi kwethu
njengakuqala. Ngakho sizabaleka phambi kwabo. **7**
Lina-ke lizasukuma ekucathameni, liwuthumbe umuzi;
ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu izawunikela esandleni
senu. **8** Kuzakuthi-ke seliwuthumbile umuzi, liwutshise
umuzi ngomlilo, lizakwenza njengokwelizwi leNkosi.
Bonani, ngililayile. **9** UJoshuwa wasebathuma, baya
ekucathameni, bahlala phakathi kweBhetheli leAyi,
entshonalanga kweAyi, kodwa uJoshuwa walala phakathi
kwabantu ngalobobusuku. **10** UJoshuwa wasevuka
ekuseni kakhulu, wabala abantu, wenyuka, yena
labadala bakoIsrayeli, phambi kwabantu, waya eAyi.
11 Labo bonke abantu bempi ababelaye benyuka,
basondela, beza maqondana lomuzi, bamisa inkamba
enyakatho kweAyi. Njalo kwakulesihotsha phakathi kwabo
leAyi. **12** Wasethatha phose amadoda azinkulungwane
ezinhlanu, wawacathamisa phakathi kweBhetheli leAyi
entshonalanga komuzi. **13** Lapho sebemisa abantu,
lonke ibutho elalisenyakatho komuzi, labacathami
ngasentshonalanga komuzi, uJoshuwa waya phakathi
kwesihotsha ngalobobusuku. **14** Kwasekusithi inkosi
yeAyi ikubona, aphangisa avuka ngovivi; lamadoda omuzi
aphuma impi emelane loIsrayeli, yona labantu bayo
bonke, ngesikhathi esimisiweyo, phambi kwamagceke;
kodwa yona yayingazi ukuthi kukhona abayicathameleyo
emva komuzi. **15** UJoshuwa loIsrayeli basebetshaywa
phambi kwawo, babaleka ngendlela yenkangala.
16 Kwasekubizwa bonke abantu ababesemzini
ukuxotshana labo. Nxa bexotshana loJoshuwa
badonswa basuka emzini. **17** Njalo kakusalanga
muntu eAyi kumbe eBhetheli, abangaphumanga
ukulandela uIsrayeli; bawutshiya umuzi ukhamisile,
baxotshana loIsrayeli. **18** INkosi yasisithi kuJoshuwa:
Yelulela umkhonto osesandleni sakho eAyi, ngoba
ngizayinikela esandleni sakho. UJoshuwa waseselulela
umkhonto osesandleni sakhe emzini. **19** Abacathemeyo
basebesukuma masinyane endaweni yabo; bagijima
esanda ukwelula isandla sakhe, bangena emzini,
bawuthumba, baphangisa, bawutshisa umuzi ngomlilo.
20 Kwathi lapho amadoda eAyi enyemukula abona,
khangela-ke, intuthu yomuzi yenyukela emazulwini,
njalo ayengelandawo yokubalekela ngapha langapha,
ngoba abantu ababebalekele enkangala baphendukela
ababaxotshayo. **21** Kwathi uJoshuwa loIsrayeli
wonke bebona ukuthi abacathemeyo sebewuthumbile
umuzi lokuthi intuthu yomuzi yenyuka, baphenduka
batshaya amadoda eAyi. **22** Lalaba baphuma emzini

ukumelana lawo, aze aba phakathi kukaIsrayeli,
abanye ngapha labanye ngale; basebewatshaya,
kakwaze kwasala muntu kuwo, owasilayo kumbe
owaphunyukayo. **23** Kodwa inkosi yeAyi bayibamba
iphila, bayisondeza kuJoshuwa. **24** Kwasekusithi
lapho uIsrayeli eseqedile ukubulala bonke abahlali
beAyi egangeni, enkangala lapho ababebaxotshele
khona, babewile bonke ngobukhali benkemba, baze
baqedwa, uIsrayeli wonke wabuyela eAyi, bayitshaya
ngobukhali benkemba. **25** Kwasekusithi, bonke abawayo
mhlalokho, kusukela kwabesilisa kusiya kwabesifazana,
babeyizinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili, bonke abantu
beAyi. **26** Njalo uJoshuwa kasifinyezanga isandla
sakhe ayelule umkhonto ngaso baze batshabalalisa
bonke abahlali beAyi. **27** Kuphela izifuyo lempango
yalowomuzi uIsrayeli waziphangela, njengelizwi leNkosi
eyalilaya uJoshuwa. **28** UJoshuwa waseyitshisa iAyi,
wayimisa yaba yinqwaba phakade, unxiwa, kuze
kube lamuhla. **29** Lenkosi yeAyi wayiphanyeka
esihlahleni kwaze kwaba yisikhathi santambama.
Lekutshoneni kwelanga uJoshuwa walaya ukuthi bethule
isidumbu sayo esihlahleni, basiphosele emnyango
wesango lomuzi, bamisa phezu kwaso inqwaba enkulu
yamatshe, ekhona kuze kube lamuhla. **30** Khona
uJoshuwa wayakhela iNkosi uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli
ilathi entabeni yeEbhali. **31** Njengokulaya kukaMozisi
inceku yeNkosi kubantwana bakoIsrayeli, njengalokhu
kubhalwe egwalweni lomlayo kaMozisi, ilathi lamatshe
apheleleyo, okungazange kusetshenziswe nsimbi phezu
kwalo. Basebenikela phezu kwalo eNkosini iminikelo
yokutshiswa, bahlaba iminikelo yokuthula. **32** Wasebhala
lapho ematsheni impinda yomlayo kaMozisi, ayibhala
phambi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli. **33** UIsrayeli wonke-
ke, labadala babo, lezinduna, labahluleli babo, bema
ngapha langapha komtshokotsho, beqondene labapristi,
amaLevi, abathwala umtshokotsho wesivumelwano
seNkosi, owezizwe njengowokuzalwa. Ingxenye yabo
imaqondana lentaba yeGerizimi, lengxenye yabo
maqondana lentaba yeEbhali, njengokulaya kukaMozisi
inceku yeNkosi, ukubusisa abantu bakoIsrayeli kuqala.
34 Langemva kwalokho wamemezela wonke amazwi
omlayo, isibusiso lesiqalekiso, njengakho konke
okubhaliweyo egwalweni lomlayo. **35** Akwabakho
ilizwi kukho konke uMozisi akulayayo uJoshuwa
angalimemezelanga phambi kwebandla lonke lakoIsrayeli
labesifazana labantwanyana labezizweni ababehamba
phakathi kwabo.

9 Kwasekusithi lapho wonke amakhosi ayenganeno
kweJordani, entabeni, lesihotsheni, lekhunjini
lolwandle olukhulu, maqondana leLebhanoni, amaHethi
lamaAmori, amaKhanani, amaPerizi, amaHivi lamaJebusi
ezwa, **2** abuthana ndawonye ukulwa loJoshuwa loIsrayeli
nganhliziyonye. **3** Kwathi abahlali beGibeyoni sebezwile
lokho uJoshuwa ayekwenzile eJeriko laseAyi, **4** labo
basebesenza ngobuqili; bahamba bazenza izithunywa,
bathwalisa obabhemi babo amasaka agugileyo lemigodla
yewayini egugileyo ledabukileyo lebekelweyo, **5**
lamanyathela agugileyo labekelweyo enyaweni zabo,
lezigqoko ezigugileyo bezigqokile, lezinkwa zonke
zomphako wabo sezomile zikhuntile. **6** Basebesiya
kuJoshuwa enkambeni eGiligali, bathi kuye lemadodeni
akoIsrayeli: Sivela elizweni elikhatshana, ngakho-ke
yenzani isivumelwano lathi. **7** Kodwa amadoda akoIsrayeli
athi kumaHivi: Mhlawumbe lihlala phakathi kwethu;
pho, singenza njani isivumelwano lenu? **8** Asesithi
kuJoshuwa: Sizinceku zakho. UJoshuwa wasesithi
kiwo: Lingobani? Njalo livela ngaphi? **9** Asesithi
kuye: Izinceku zakho zivela elizweni elikhatshana
kakhulu, ngenxa yebizo leNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho,
ngoba sizwile indumela yayo lakho konke eyakwenza
eGibhithe, **10** lakho konke eyakwenza emakhosini amabili
amaAmori ayengaphetsheya kweJordani, uSihoni inkosi
yeHeshiboni, loOgi inkosi yeBashani, eyayiseAshitarothi.
11 Ngakho abadala bethu labo bonke abakhileyo elizweni
lakithi bakhuluma kithi besithi: Thathani umphako
wendlela esandleni senu, lihambe liyehlangana labo, lithi
kibo: Sizinceku zenu; ngakho-ke yenzani isivumelwano
lathi. **12** Lesisinkwa sethu sasithatha sitshisa
singumphako wethu ezindlini zethu mhla siphumayo
sisiza kini; kodwa khathesi, khangela, sesomile
sakhunta. **13** Lalimigodla yewayini esayigcwalisayo
yayimitsha; kodwa khangela, isidabukile. Lalezizigqoko
zethu lamanyathela ethu sekugugiswe luhambo olude
kakhulu. **14** Ngakho amadoda athatha kokomphako
wabo, engabuzanga umlomo weNkosi. **15** UJoshuwa
wasesenza ukuthula labo, wenza isivumelwano labo
sokubayekela baphile, lezinduna zenhlangano zafunga
kibo. **16** Kwasekusithi ekupheleni kwensuku ezintathu
emva kokuthi sebenzile isivumelwano labo, bezwa ukuthi
bangomakhelwane babo, lokuthi babehlala phakathi
kwabo. **17** Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesuka bafika
emizini yabo ngosuku lwesithathu. Njalo imizi yabo
yayiyiGibeyoni leKefira leBherothi leKiriyathi-Jeyarimi. **18**
Njalo abantwana bakoIsrayeli kababatshayanga ngoba
izinduna zebandla zazibafungele ngeNkosi, uNkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli; inhlangano yonke yasingungunela izinduna. **19**
Kodwa zonke izinduna zathi enhlanganweni yonke: Thina
sifungile kibo ngeNkosi, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, ngakho-
ke kasilakubathinta. **20** Sizakwenza lokhu kibo, sibayekele
baphile, ukuze kungabi khona ulaka phezu kwethu ngenxa
yesifungo esasifunga kibo. **21** Lezinduna zathi kubo:
Bayekeleni baphile, kodwa kababe ngabagamuli benkuni
labakhi bamanzi enhlanganweni yonke, njengokutsho
kwezinduna kubo. **22** UJoshuwa wasebabiza, wakhuluma
labo esithi: Lisikhohliseleni, lisithi: Sikhatshana kakhulu
lani; kanti lina lihlala phakathi kwethu? **23** Ngakho-
ke liqalekisiwe, njalo kakuyikuqunywa phakathi kwenu
izigqili labagamuli benkuni labakhi bamanzi bendlu

kaNkulunkulu wami. 24 Basebephendula uJoshuwa
bathi: Ngoba kwatshelwa lokutshelwa ezincekwini zakho
ukuthi iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho yalaya uMozisi inceku
yayo ukulinika ilizwe lonke lokuchitha bonke abakhileyo
belizwe phambi kwenu. Ngakho sesaba kakhulu ngempilo
yethu ngenxa yenu. Yikho senze le into. 25 Khathesi-ke,
khangela, sesisesandleni sakho; yenza njengokulungileyo
lanjengokuqondileyo emehlweni akho ukukwenza kithi.
26 Ngakho wenza njalo kubo, wabophula esandleni
sabantwana bakoIsrayeli, ukuze bangababulali. 27
UJoshuwa wasebenza ngalolosuku baba ngabagamuli
benkuni labakhi bamanzi benhlangano, labelathi leNkosi,
kuze kube lamuhla, endaweni ezayikhetha.

10 Kwasekusithi lapho uAdonizedeki inkosi
yeJerusalema esezwile ukuthi uJoshuwa
uyithumbile iAyi, wayitshabalalisa, njengalokho
akwenza eJeriko lenkosini yayo, wenze njalo eAyi
lenkosini yayo, lokuthi abahlali beGibeyoni benza
ukuthula loIsrayeli, babephakathi kwabo, 2 besaba
kakhulu, ngoba iGibeyoni yayingumuzi omkhulu
njengomunye wemizi yenkosi, langoba yayinkulu
kuleAyi, lamadoda ayo wonke engamaqhawe. 3
Ngakho uAdonizedeki inkosi yeJerusalema yathumela
kuHohamu inkosi yeHebroni, lakuPiramu inkosi
yeJarimuthi, lakuJafiya inkosi yeLakishi, lakuDebiri
inkosi yeEgiloni, esithi: 4 Yenyukelani kimi lingisize,
ukuze siyitshaye iGibeyoni; ngoba yenzile ukuthula
loJoshuwa labantwana bakoIsrayeli. 5 Ngakho amakhosi
amahlanu amaAmori, inkosi yeJerusalema, inkosi
yeHebroni, inkosi yeJarimuthi, inkosi yeLakishi, inkosi
yeEgiloni, ahlangana enyuka, wona lamabutho awo
wonke, amisa inkamba maqondana leGibeyoni, alwa
layo. 6 Amadoda eGibeyoni asethumela kuJoshuwa
enkambeni yeGiligali esithi: Isandla sakho singatshiyi
izinceku zakho; yenyukela kithi masinyane usisindise
usisize, ngoba amakhosi wonke amaAmori ahlala
ezintabeni asesihlanganyele. 7 Ngakho uJoshuwa
wenyuka esuka eGiligali, yena labo bonke abantu bempi
kanye laye, lawo wonke amaqhawe alamandla. 8 INkosi
yasisithi kuJoshuwa: Ungabesabi, ngoba ngibanikele
esandleni sakho; kakulamuntu wabo ozakuma phambi
kwakho. 9 UJoshuwa wasebajuma, enyuke ubusuku
bonke esuka eGiligali. 10 INkosi yabasanganisa
phambi kukaIsrayeli, yabatshaya ngokutshaya okukhulu
eGibeyoni, yaxotshana labo endleleni enyukela eBhethi-
Horoni, yabatshaya kwaze kwaba seAseka kwaze
kwaba seMakeda. 11 Kwasekusithi besabaleka
phambi kukaIsrayeli ekwehleni kweBhethi-Horoni,
iNkosi yaphosela phezu kwabo amatshe amakhulu
evela emazulwini, kwaze kwaba seAzeka, njalo bafa.
Babebanengi abafa ngesiqhotho okwedlula labo
abantwana bakoIsrayeli abababulala ngenkemba.
12 Ngalesosikhathi uJoshuwa wakhuluma eNkosini
mhla iNkosi inikela amaAmori phambi kwabantwana
bakoIsrayeli, wathi phambi kwamehlo kaIsrayeli: Langa,
mana eGibeyoni, lawe nyanga, esihotsheni seAjaloni.
13 Lelanga lathi mpo lenyanga yema, abantu baze
baziphindisela ezitheni zabo. Lokhu kakubhaliwe yini
egwalweni lukaJashari? Ngakho ilanga lema phakathi
komkhathi, kalaze laphangisa ukutshona phose okosuku
olupheleleyo. 14 Kaluzanga lube khona usuku olunjalo
ngaphambi kwalo loba emva kwalo lapho iNkosi
eyalizwa khona ilizwi lomuntu, ngoba iNkosi yamlwela
uIsrayeli. 15 UJoshuwa wasebuyela enkambeni eGiligali
loIsrayeli wonke kanye laye. 16 Kodwa lawomakhosi
amahlanu abaleka, acatsha ebhalwini eMakeda. 17
Kwasekubikwa kuJoshuwa ukuthi: Amakhosi amahlanu
atholwe ecatshile ebhalwini eMakeda. 18 UJoshuwa
wasesithi: Giqelani amatshe amakhulu emlonyeni
wobhalu, limise amadoda kulo ukuwalinda. 19 Kodwa
lina lingami; xotshanani lezitha zenu, lizitshaye ngemuva
kwazo, lingaziyekeli zingene emizini yazo, ngoba
iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu izinikele esandleni senu. 20
Kwasekusithi lapho uJoshuwa labantwana bakoIsrayeli
sebeqedile ukuzitshaya ngokutshaya okukhulukazi
zaze zaqedwa, insali eyasalayo yazo yangena emizini
evikelweyo. 21 Labantu bonke babuyela enkambeni
kuJoshuwa eMakeda ngokuthula; kakho owanyikinya
ulimi lwakhe emelana labantwana bakoIsrayeli. 22
UJoshuwa wasesithi: Vulani umlomo wobhalu, likhuphele
kimi lawomakhosi amahlanu evela ebhalwini. 23
Basebesenza njalo, bawakhuphela kuye lawomakhosi
amahlanu evela ebhalwini: Inkosi yeJerusalema,
inkosi yeHebroni, inkosi yeJarimuthi, inkosi yeLakishi,
inkosi yeEgiloni. 24 Kwasekusithi sebewakhuphele
kuJoshuwa lawomakhosi, uJoshuwa wabiza wonke
amadoda akoIsrayeli, wathi ezinduneni zamadoda
empi ezazihambe laye: Sondelani, libeke inyawo
zenu entanyeni zalamakhosi. Zasezisondela, zabeka
inyawo zazo entanyeni zawo. 25 UJoshuwa wasesithi
kuzo: Lingesabi lingatshaywa luvalo; qinani lime
isibindi, ngoba iNkosi izakwenza njalo kuzo zonke
izitha zenu elilwa limelene lazo. 26 Emva kwalokho
uJoshuwa wasewatshaya wawabulala, wawalengisa
ezihlahleni ezinhlanu; njalo ayelenga ezihlahleni kwaze
kwahlwa. 27 Kwasekusithi ngesikhathi sokutshona
kwelanga uJoshuwa walaya ukuthi bawethule ezihlahleni,
bawaphosele ebhalwini ayecatshe khona; basebefaka
amatshe amakhulu emlonyeni wobhalu, akhona
kuze kube yilona lolusuku. 28 UJoshuwa wathumba
layo iMakeda ngalolosuku, wayitshaya ngobukhali
benkemba, watshabalalisa lenkosi yayo, bona, layo
yonke imiphefumulo eyayikiyo, katshiyanga insali.
Wasesenza enkosini yeMakeda njengalokho akwenza
enkosini yeJeriko. 29 UJoshuwa, loIsrayeli wonke
laye, wasedlula esuka eMakeda waya eLibhina, walwa
emelene leLibhina. 30 INkosi yasiyinikela layo lenkosi
yayo esandleni sikaIsrayeli; waseyitshaya ngobukhali

benkemba lemiphefumulo yonke eyayikiyo; katshiyanga
insali kiyo; wenza enkosini yayo njengalokho akwenza
enkosini yeJeriko. **31** UJoshuwa wasesedlula esuka
eLibhina, loIsrayeli wonke kanye laye, waya eLakishi,
wamisa inkamba maqondana layo, walwa emelene layo.
32 INkosi yasiyinikela iLakishi esandleni sikaIsrayeli;
waseyithumba ngosuku lwesibili, wayitshaya ngobukhali
benkemba layo yonke imiphefumulo eyayikiyo, njengakho
konke akwenza eLibhina. **33** Ngalesosikhathi uHoramu
inkosi yeGezeri wenyuka ukusiza iLakishi; kodwa
uJoshuwa wamtshaya labantu bakhe, kwaze kwathi
kamtshiyelanga insali. **34** UJoshuwa wasesedlula
esuka eLakishi, loIsrayeli wonke kanye laye, baya
eEgiloni, bamisa inkamba maqondana layo, balwa
bemelene layo. **35** Bayithumba ngalolosuku, bayitshaya
ngobukhali benkemba, lemiphefumulo yonke eyayikiyo
bayitshabalalisa ngalolosuku, njengakho konke akwenza
eLakishi. **36** UJoshuwa wasesenyuka esuka eEgiloni
loIsrayeli wonke kanye laye, baya eHebroni, balwa
bemelene layo, **37** bayithumba, bayitshaya ngobukhali
benkemba, lenkosi yayo lemizi yayo yonke lawo wonke
umphefumulo owawukiyo; katshiyanga insali, njengakho
konke akwenza eEgiloni, wawutshabalalisa lawo wonke
umphefumulo owawukiyo. **38** UJoshuwa wasebuyela
eDebiri loIsrayeli wonke kanye laye, balwa bemelene
layo, **39** bayithumba lenkosi yayo layo yonke imizi
yayo, bayitshaya ngobukhali benkemba, batshabalalisa
wonke umphefumulo owawukiyo; katshiyanga insali.
Njengokwenza kwakhe eHebroni wenza njalo eDebiri
lenkosini yayo, lanjengokwenza kwakhe eLibhina
lenkosini yayo. **40** Ngakho uJoshuwa walitshaya ilizwe
lonke lezintaba leleningizimu lelesihotsha lelamawatha
lawo wonke amakhosi abo; katshiyanga insali, kodwa
watshabalalisa konke okuphefumulayo, njengokulaya
kweNkosi uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli. **41** UJoshuwa
wasebatshaya kusukela eKadeshi-Bhaneya kwaze
kwaba seGaza, lelizwe lonke leGosheni, kwaze kwaba
seGibeyoni. **42** UJoshuwa wasethumba wonke lamakhosi
lelizwe lawo ngasikhathi sinye, ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli yamlwela uIsrayeli. **43** UJoshuwa wasebuyela,
loIsrayeli wonke kanye laye, enkambeni eGiligali.

11 Kwasekusithi lapho uJabini inkosi yeHazori
ekuzwa, wathumela kuJobabi inkosi yeMadoni,
lenkosini yeShimironi, lenkosini yeAkishafi, **2**
lemakhosini ayengenyakatho ezintabeni, lemagcekeni,
eningizimu kweKinerothi, lesihotsheni, lemaqaqeni
eDori entshonalanga, **3** amaKhanani empumalanga
lentshonalanga, lamaAmori lamaHethi lamaPerizi
lamaJebusi entabeni, lamaHivi ngaphansi kweHermoni
elizweni leMizipa. **4** Asephuma, wona lawo wonke
amabutho awo kanye lawo, abantu abanengi,
njengetshebetshebe elisekhunjini lolwandle ngobunengi,
lamabhiza lenqola okunengi kakhulu. **5** Wonke lamakhosi
asehlangana, eza amisa inkamba ndawonye emanzini
eMeroma, ukulwa emelene loIsrayeli. **6** INkosi yasisithi
kuJoshuwa: Ungesabi ngenxa yabo, ngoba kusasa
phose ngalesisikhathi ngizawanikela wonke esebulewe
phambi kukaIsrayeli; uzaquma imisipha yamabhiza awo,
utshise inqola zawo ngomlilo. **7** UJoshuwa wasesiza,
labo bonke abantu bempi kanye laye, bemelene
lawo emanzini eMeroma bawajuma, bawadumela. **8**
INkosi yasiwanikela esandleni sikaIsrayeli, owawatshaya
waxotshana lawo kwaze kwaba seSidoni enkulu,
kwaze kwaba seMisirefothi-Mayimi, kwaze kwaba
sesihotsheni seMizipa empumalanga. Bawatshaya,
kabaze batshiya insali kubo. **9** UJoshuwa wasesenza
kiwo njengokutsho kweNkosi kuye; waquma imisipha
yamabhiza awo, watshisa inqola zawo ngomlilo. **10**
UJoshuwa wasebuya ngalesosikhathi, wathumba iHazori,
watshaya inkosi yayo ngenkemba. Ngoba kuqala
iHazori yayiyinhloko yayo yonke leyomibuso. **11**
Batshaya yonke imiphefumulo eyayikiyo ngobukhali
benkemba, bayitshabalalisa; kakusalanga lokukodwa
okuphefumulayo; wasetshisa iHazori ngomlilo. **12** Yonke-
ke imizi yalawomakhosi lamakhosi ayo wonke uJoshuwa
wakuthumba, wakutshaya ngobukhali benkemba,
wakutshabalalisa, njengokulaya kukaMozisi inceku
yeNkosi. **13** Kuphela imizi yonke eyayimi emadundulwini
ayo uIsrayeli kayitshisanga, ngaphandle kweHazori
kuphela uJoshuwa ayitshisayo. **14** Layo yonke impango
yalimizi lezifuyo abantwana bakoIsrayeli baziphangela.
Kuphela bonke abantu babatshaya ngobukhali benkemba
baze babachitha; kabatshiyanga loyedwa ophefumulayo.
15 Njengalokhu iNkosi yayimlayile uMozisi inceku yayo,
ngokunjalo uMozisi wamlaya uJoshuwa, langokunjalo
uJoshuwa wakwenza; kasusanga lutho kukho konke
iNkosi eyakulaya uMozisi. **16** Ngakho uJoshuwa
walithatha lelolizwe lonke, izintaba, leningizimu yonke,
lelizwe lonke leGosheni, lesihotsha, lamagceke, lentaba
zakoIsrayeli, lesigodi sakhe, **17** kusukela entabeni
yeHalaki eyenyukela eSeyiri, kuze kube seBhali-
Gadi esihotsheni seLebhanoni ngaphansi kwentaba
yeHermoni. Wawathumba wonke amakhosi abo,
wawatshaya wawabulala. **18** UJoshuwa wayilwa-ke impi
insuku ezinengi lawo wonke lawomakhosi. **19** Kakubanga
lamuzi owenza ukuthula labantwana bakoIsrayeli
ngaphandle kwamaHivi abahlali beGibeyoni; bayithatha
yonke ngempi. **20** Ngoba kwakuvela eNkosini ukwenza
lukhuni inhliziyo zabo ukuze bahlangabezane loIsrayeli
empini, ukuze abatshabalalise, ukuze bangazuzi umusa,
kodwa ukuze ababhubhise, njengokulaya kweNkosi
kuMozisi. **21** UJoshuwa wasesiza ngalesosikhathi,
waquma amaAnaki asuke ezintabeni, eHebroni, eDebiri,
eAnabi, lentabeni zonke zakoJuda, lakuzo zonke
intaba zakoIsrayeli; uJoshuwa wawatshabalalisa lemizi
yawo. **22** Kakusalanga amaAnaki elizweni labantwana
bakoIsrayeli; kuphela eGaza, eGathi, leAshidodi, asala.
23 UJoshuwa wasethatha ilizwe lonke njengakho konke

iNkosi eyakukhuluma kuMozisi. UJoshuwa waselinika
laba yilifa kuIsrayeli, njengokwehlukaniswa kwabo
ngezizwe zabo. Ilizwe laseliphumula empini.

12 Lala ngamakhosi elizwe abantwana bakoIsrayeli
abawatshayayo, badla ilifa lelizwe lawo
ngaphetsheya kweJordani ngempumalanga, kusukela
esifuleni seArinoni kusiya entabeni yeHermoni,
lamagceke wonke ngempumalanga: **2** USihoni inkosi
yamaAmori owayehlala eHeshiboni, ebusa kusukela
eAroweri esekhunjini lwesifula seArinoni laphakathi
kwesifula, lengxenye yeGileyadi kuze kufike esifuleni
iJaboki, umngcele wabantwana bakoAmoni, **3** lamagceke
kuze kufike elwandle lweKinerothi, kuze kube selwandle
lwamagceke, uLwandle lweTshwayi, empumalanga,
indlela yeBeti-Jeshimothi, njalo kusukela eningizimu
ngaphansi kweAshidodi-Pisiga; **4** lomngcele kaOgi
inkosi yeBashani owensali zeziqhwaga owayehlala
eAshitarothi leEdreyi, **5** wabusa entabeni yeHermoni
leSaleka leBashani lonke, kuze kube semngceleni
wamaGeshuri lamaMahakathi, lengxenye yeGileyadi,
umngcele kaSihoni inkosi yeHeshiboni. **6** UMozisi
inceku yeNkosi labantwana bakoIsrayeli babatshaya.
UMozisi inceku yeNkosi waselinika abakoRubeni
labakoGadi lengxenye yesizwe sakoManase ukuba
yilifa. **7** Lala ngamakhosi elizwe uJoshuwa labantwana
bakoIsrayeli abawatshayayo nganeno kweJordani
entshonalanga, kusukela eBhali-Gadi esihotsheni
seLebhanoni kusiya entabeni yeHalaki eyenyukela
eSeyiri. UJoshuwa walinika-ke izizwe zakoIsrayeli
laba yilifa njengokwehlukaniswa kwazo: **8** Ezintabeni,
lezihotsheni, lemagcekeni, lemawatheni, lenkangala,
leningizimu: AmaHethi, amaAmori, lamaKhanani,
amaPerizi, amaHivi, lamaJebusi. **9** Inkosi yeJeriko,
eyodwa; inkosi yeAyi, eseceleni kweBhetheli, eyodwa;
10 inkosi yeJerusalema, eyodwa; inkosi yeHebroni,
eyodwa; **11** inkosi yeJarimuthi, eyodwa; inkosi yeLakishi,
eyodwa; **12** inkosi yeEgiloni, eyodwa; inkosi yeGezeri,
eyodwa; **13** inkosi yeDebiri, eyodwa; inkosi yeGederi,
eyodwa; **14** inkosi yeHorma, eyodwa; inkosi yeAradi,
eyodwa; **15** inkosi yeLibhina, eyodwa; inkosi yeAdulamu,
eyodwa; **16** inkosi yeMakeda, eyodwa; inkosi yeBhetheli,
eyodwa; **17** inkosi yeTapuwa, eyodwa; inkosi yeHeferi,
eyodwa; **18** inkosi yeAfeki, eyodwa; inkosi yeLasharoni,
eyodwa; **19** inkosi yeMadoni, eyodwa; inkosi yeHazori,
eyodwa; **20** inkosi yeShimironi-Meroni, eyodwa; inkosi
yeAkishafi, eyodwa; **21** inkosi yeThahanakhi, eyodwa;
inkosi yeMegido, eyodwa; **22** inkosi yeKedeshi, eyodwa;
inkosi yeJokineyamu eKharmeli, eyodwa; **23** inkosi
yeDori emngceleni weDori, eyodwa; inkosi yezizwe
zeGiligali, eyodwa; **24** inkosi yeTiriza, eyodwa; wonke
amakhosi angamatshumi amathathu lanye.

13 UJoshuwa wayesemdala eleminyaka eminengi.
INkosi yasisithi kuye: Usumdala, uleminyaka
eminengi, kusasele ilizwe elikhulu kakhulu ukudla ilifa
lalo. **2** Yileli ilizwe eliseleyo: Yonke imingcele yamaFilisti,
leGeshuri yonke, **3** kusukela eShihori eliphambi
kweGibhithe, kusiya emngceleni weEkhironi enyakatho,
elibalelwa kumaKhanani; ababusi abahlanu bamaFilisti,
abeGaza, labeAshidodi, abeAshikeloni, abeGathi,
labeEkhironi, labeAvi, **4** kusukela eningizimu, ilizwe lonke
lamaKhanani, leMeyara elingelamaSidoni, kuze kufike
eAfeki, kuze kube semngceleni wamaAmori, **5** lelizwe
lamaGebali, leLebhanoni lonke, kusiya empumalanga,
kusukela eBhali-Gadi ngaphansi kwentaba yeHermoni,
kusiya ekungeneni kweHamathi. **6** Bonke abakhileyo
ezintabeni, kusukela eLebhanoni kusiya eMisirefothi-
Mayimi, wonke amaSidoni, mina ngizabaxotsha elifeni
phambi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli. Kuphela ulabele
uIsrayeli ngenkatho libe yilifa, njengoba ngikulayile. **7**
Ngakho-ke yehlukanisa ilizwe leli libe yilifa ezizweni
eziyisificamunwemunye lengxenye yesizwe sakoManase.
8 Kanye labo abakoRubeni labakoGadi bemukela ilifa
labo, uMozisi owabanika lona, ngaphetsheya kweJordani
ngempumalanga, njengalokho uMozisi inceku yeNkosi
wabanika: **9** Kusukela eAroweri esekhunjini lwesifula
seArinoni, lomuzi ophakathi kwesifula, lamagceke
wonke eMedeba kuze kube seDiboni, **10** lemizi
yonke kaSihoni inkosi yamaAmori owabusa eHeshiboni,
kuze kube semngceleni wabantwana bakoAmoni, **11**
leGileyadi lomngcele wamaGeshuri lamaMahakathi
lentaba yonke yeHermoni leBashani lonke kuze
kube seSaleka, **12** umbuso wonke kaOgi eBashani
owabusa eAshitarothi leEdreyi. Nguye owasala kunsali
yeziqhwaga. UMozisi wayebatshaye-ke wabaxotsha
elifeni labo. **13** Kodwa abantwana bakoIsrayeli
kabawaxotshanga elifeni amaGeshuri lamaMahakathi;
kodwa amaGeshuri lamaMahakathi ahlala phakathi
kukaIsrayeli kuze kube lamuhla. **14** Kuphela esizweni
sakoLevi kanikanga ilifa; iminikelo yeNkosi uNkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli eyenziwe ngomlilo iyilifa laso, njengokutsho
kwayo kuso. **15** UMozisi wasenika isizwe sabantwana
bakoRubeni ngokwensendo zabo. **16** Lomngcele waso
wasukela eAroweri esekhunjini lwesifula seArinoni,
lomuzi ophakathi kwesifula, lamagceke wonke eMedeba,
17 iHeshiboni, lemizi yayo yonke esemagcekeni,
iDiboni leBamothi-Bhali leBeti-Bhali-Meyoni, **18** leJahaza
leKedemothi leMefahathi, **19** leKiriyathayimi leSibima
leZerethi-Shahari entabeni yesigodi, **20** leBeti-
Peyori leAshidodi-Pisiga leBeti-Jeshimothi, **21** lemizi
yonke yamagceke, lombuso wonke kaSihoni inkosi
yamaAmori, owayebusa eHeshiboni, uMozisi amtshaya
leziphathamandla zeMidiyani, oEvi loRekemi loZuri
loHuri loReba, amakhosana kaSihoni, abakhileyo
belizwe. **22** LoBalami indodana kaPeyori, ovumisayo,
abantwana bakoIsrayeli bambulala ngenkemba phakathi
kwababuleweyo babo. **23** Lomngcele wabantwana
bakoRubeni wawuyiJordani lomngcele wayo. Lokhu

kwakuyilifa labantwana bakoRubeni ngokwensendo
zabo, imizi lemizana yayo. 24 UMozisi wasenika
isizwe sakoGadi, kubantwana bakoGadi ngokwensendo
zabo. 25 Lomngcele wabo wawuyiJazeri layo
yonke imizi yeGileyadi lengxenye yelizwe labantwana
bakoAmoni, kusiya eAroweri, ephambi kweRaba, 26
njalo kusukela eHeshiboni kusiya eRamathi-Mizipa
leBetonimi, njalo kusukela eMahanayimi kuze kube
semngceleni weDebhiri; 27 lesigodini, iBeti-Harama
leBeti-Nimira leSukothi leZafoni, insali yombuso kaSihoni
inkosi yeHeshiboni, iJordani lomngcele, kuze kube
sekupheleni kolwandle lweKinerethi ngaphetsheya
kweJordani empumalanga. 28 Leli yilifa labantwana
bakoGadi ngokwensendo zabo, imizi lemizana yabo.
29 UMozisi wasenika ingxenye yesizwe sakoManase
ilifa; njalo yayingeyengxenye yesizwe sabantwana
bakoManase ngokwensendo zabo. 30 Lomngcele
wabo wasukela eMahanayimi, iBashani lonke, umbuso
wonke kaOgi inkosi yeBashani, layo yonke imizana
yeJayiri eseBashani, imizi engamatshumi ayisithupha.
31 Lengxenye yeGileyadi, leAshitarothi, leEdreyi,
imizi yombuso kaOgi eBashani, yayingeyabantwana
bakoMakiri indodana kaManase, ngitsho eyengxenye
yabantwana bakoMakiri ngokwensendo zabo. 32 La
yiwo uMozisi awanika aba yilifa emagcekeni akoMowabi
ngaphetsheya kweJordani eJeriko empumalanga. 33
Kodwa esizweni sakoLevi uMozisi kanikanga ilifa; iNkosi,
uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, iyilifa labo, njengokutsho kwayo
kubo.

14 Lala ngamazwe abantwana bakoIsrayeli abawadla
abe yilifa elizweni leKhanani, uEleyazare umpristi
loJoshuwa indodana kaNuni lenhloko zaboyise bezizwe
zabantwana bakoIsrayeli ababanika wona aba yilifa, 2
ngenkatho yelifa labo, njengokulaya kweNkosi ngesandla
sikaMozisi, ngezizwe eziyisificamunwemunye lengxenye
yesizwe. 3 Ngoba uMozisi wayesenike ilifa izizwe ezimbili
lengxenye yesizwe ngaphetsheya kweJordani; kodwa
kumaLevi kanikanga ilifa phakathi kwazo. 4 Ngoba
abantwana bakoJosefa babeyizizwe ezimbili, uManase
loEfrayimi. Njalo kabawanikanga amaLevi isabelo
elizweni, ngaphandle kwemizi yokuhlala, lamadlelo
ayo ezifuyo zabo lempahla zabo. 5 Njengokulaya
kweNkosi kuMozisi, abantwana bakoIsrayeli benza
njalo, balaba ilizwe. 6 Khona abantwana bakoJuda
basondela kuJoshuwa eGiligali; uKalebi indodana
kaJefune umKenizi wasesithi kuye: Wena uyalazi ilizwi
iNkosi eyalikhuluma kuMozisi umuntu kaNkulunkulu
mayelana lawe lamayelana lami eKadeshi-Bhaneya.
7 Ngangileminyaka engamatshumi amane lapho
uMozisi inceku yeNkosi ingithuma ngisuka eKadeshi-
Bhaneya ukuhlola ilizwe. Ngasengibuyisela kuye umbiko
njengokusenhliziyweni yami. 8 Kodwa abazalwane bami
ababenyuke lami benza inhliziyo zabantu zancibilika;
kodwa mina ngayilandela ngokupheleleyo iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wami. 9 UMozisi wasefunga mhlalokho
esithi: Isibili umhlaba olunyathele kuwo unyawo lwakho
uzakuba ngowakho ube yilifa, lebantwaneni bakho
kuze kube nininini, ngoba uyilandele ngokupheleleyo
iNkosi uNkulunkulu wami. 10 Khathesi-ke khangela,
iNkosi ingilondoloze ngiphila njengokutsho kwayo okwale
iminyaka engamatshumi amane lanhlanu, kusukela
esikhathini iNkosi eyakhuluma ngaso lelilizwi kuMozisi,
uIsrayeli esahamba enkangala. Khathesi-ke khangela,
lamuhla ngileminyaka engamatshumi ayisificaminwembili
lanhlanu. 11 Ngisaqinile lalamuhla njengasosukwini
uMozisi angithuma ngalo. Njengamandla ami
ngalesosikhathi, asenjalo amandla ami khathesi, awempi
lawokuphuma lawokungena. 12 Ngakho-ke nginika
lintaba iNkosi eyakhuluma ngayo ngalolosuku, ngoba
wena wezwa mhlalokho ukuthi amaAnaki ayekhona lapho
lemizi emikhulu ebiyelwe ngemithangala. Aluba iNkosi
ilami, ngizawaxotsha elifeni, njengokutsho kweNkosi.
13 UJoshuwa wasembusisa wanika uKalebi indodana
kaJefune iHebroni ibe yilifa. 14 Ngalokho-ke iHebroni
yaba ngekaKalebi indodana kaJefune umKenizi yaba yilifa
kuze kube lamuhla, ngoba wayilandela ngokupheleleyo
iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli. 15 Lebizo leHebroni
kuqala laliyiKiriyathi-Arba, owayengumuntu omkhulu
phakathi kwamaAnaki. Ilizwe laseliphumula empini.

15 Lenkatho yesizwe sabantwana bakoJuda
ngokwensendo zabo yayisemngceleni weEdoma,
inkangala yeZini ngeningizimu ephethelweni eningizimu.
2 Lomngcele wabo weningizimu wawusuka ephethelweni
loLwandle lweTshwayi, kusukela ethekwini elikhangela
eningizimu. 3 Waphuma waya eningizimu emqansweni
weAkirabimi, wedlulela eZini, wenyuka usuka eningizimu
kusiya eKadeshi-Bhaneya, wedlulele eHezironi,
wenyukele eAdari, uphendukele eKarika, 4 wedlulele
eAzimoni, uphumele esifuleni seGibhithe; lokuphuma
komngcele kwakuselwandle. Lo uzakuba ngumngcele
wenu eningizimu. 5 Njalo umngcele wempumalanga
wawuluLwandle lweTshwayi, kusiya ephethelweni
leJordani. Lomngcele ehlangothini lwenyakatho wasukela
ethekwini lolwandle, kusukela ephethelweni leJordani.
6 Lomngcele wenyukela eBeti-Hogila, wedlula kusuka
enyakatho kusiya eBeti-Araba; lomngcele wenyukela
elitsheni likaBohani indodana kaRubeni. 7 Lomngcele
wenyukela eDebiri kusuka esihotsheni seAkori, usiya
enyakatho ukhangele eGiligali, omaqondana lomqanso
weAdumimi, ongeningizimu kwesifula. Lomngcele
wedlula usiya emanzini eEni-Shemeshi, lokuphuma
kwawo kwakuseEni-Rogeli. 8 Lomngcele wenyuka
ngesihotsha sendodana kaHinomu usiya ehlangothini
lwamaJebusi eningizimu, okuyiJerusalema. Lomngcele
wenyukela engqongeni yentaba ephambi kwesihotsha
seHinomu entshonalanga, elisephethelweni lesihotsha
seziqhwaga enyakatho. 9 Lomngcele wagoba usuka
engqongeni yentaba kuze kube semthonjeni wamanzi

eNefitowa, waphumela emizini yentaba yeEfroni.
Lomngcele wagoba usiya eBhahala, okuyiKiriyathi-
Jeyarimi. 10 Lomngcele wabhoda usuka eBhahala
ngentshonalanga waya entabeni yeSeyiri, wedlulele
eceleni kwentaba yeJeyarimi, eyiKesaloni, wehlele
eBeti-Shemeshi, wedlule eThiminathi. 11 Lomngcele
waphuma uye eceleni kweEkhironi enyakatho;
lomngcele wagoba uye eShikeroni, wedlula intaba
yeBhahala, waphumela eJabineli; lokuphuma komngcele
kwakuselwandle. 12 Lomngcele wentshonalanga
wawululwandle olukhulu lokhumbi. Lo ngumngcele
wabantwana bakoJuda inhlangothi zonke ngokwensendo
zabo. 13 Wasemupha uKalebi indodana kaJefune
isabelo phakathi kwabantwana bakoJuda, ngokomlayo
weNkosi kuJoshuwa, iKiriyathi-Arba, uyise kaAnaki,
eyiHebroni. 14 UKalebi wasexotsha elifeni amadodana
amathathu kaAnaki asuke lapho, uSheshayi loAhimani
loTalimayi, abantwana bakaAnaki. 15 Wasesenyuka
esuka lapho waya kwabahlali beDebiri. Lebizo leDebiri
kuqala laliyiKiriyathi-Seferi. 16 UKalebi wasesithi: Lowo
otshaya iKiriyathi-Seferi, ayithumbe, ngizamupha uAkisa
indodakazi yami abe ngumkakhe. 17 UOthiniyeli indodana
kaKenazi, umnawakhe kaKalebi, waseyithumba;
wasemnika uAkisa indodakazi yakhe ukuba ngumkakhe.
18 Kwasekusithi ekufikeni kwakhe wamkhuthaza ukuthi
acele kuyise insimu; wasesehla kubabhemi, uKalebi
wasesithi kuye: Ukhala ngani? 19 Wasesithi: Ngipha
isibusiso. Njengoba ungiphe ilizwe elomileyo, ngipha njalo
imithombo yamanzi. Wasemnika imithombo engaphezulu
lemithombo engaphansi. 20 Leli yilifa lesizwe sabantwana
bakoJuda ngokwensendo zabo. 21 Lemizi esukela
ekucineni kwesizwe sabantwana bakoJuda kusiya
emngceleni weEdoma yile: IKabhiseyeli leEderi leJaguri
22 leKina leDimona leAdada 23 leKedeshi leHazori
leIthinani, 24 iZifi leTelema leBeyalothi 25 leHazori-
Hadatha leKeriyothi, iHezironi okuyiHazori, 26 iAmama
leShema leMolada 27 leHazari-Gada leHeshimoni leBeti-
Peleti 28 leHazari-Shuwali leBherishebha leBiziyothiya,
29 iBhahala leIyimi leEzema 30 leElitoladi leKesili
leHorma 31 leZikilagi leMadimana leSansana 32
leLebayothi leShilihimi leEni leRimoni. Yonke imizi
ingamatshumi amabili lesificamunwemunye lemizana
yayo. 33 Esihotsheni: IEshitawoli leZora leAshina 34
leZanowa leEni-Ganimi, iTapuwa leEnama, 35 iJarimuthi
leAdulamu, iSoko leAzeka 36 leShaharayimi leAdithayimi
leGedera leGederothayimi; imizi elitshumi lane lemizana
yayo. 37 IZenani leHadasha leMigidali-Gadi 38 leDileyani
leMizipa leJokhitheyeli, 39 iLakishi leBhozikhathi leEgiloni
40 leKhabhoni leLahimasa leKitilishi 41 leGederothi, iBeti-
Dagoni, leNahama, leMakeda; imizi elitshumi lesithupha
lemizana yayo. 42 ILibhina leEtheri leAshani 43 leJifitha
leAshina leNezibhi 44 leKeyila leAkizibi leMaresha;
imizi eyisificamunwemunye lemizana yayo. 45 IEkhironi
lemizi yayo lemizana yayo. 46 Kusukela eEkhironi
kusiya elwandle, yonke eseceleni kweAshidodi lemizana
yayo: 47 IAshidodi, imizi yayo lemizana yayo; iGaza,
imizi yayo lemizana yayo; kusiya esifuleni seGibhithe,
lolwandle olukhulu, lomngcele. 48 Lezintabeni: IShamiri
leJatiri leSoko 49 leDana leKiriyathi-Sana okuyiDebiri,
50 leAnabi leEshithemo leAnimi 51 leGosheni leHoloni
leGilo; imizi elitshumi lanye lemizana yayo. 52 IArabi
leDuma leEshani 53 leJanimi leBeti-Tapuwa leAfeka 54
leHumta leKiriyathi-Arba, okuyiHebroni, leZiyori; imizi
eyisificamunwemunye lemizana yayo. 55 IMayoni,
iKharmeli leZifi leJuta 56 leJizereyeli leJokideyama
leZanoya, 57 iKayini, iGibeya leTimina; imizi elitshumi
lemizana yayo. 58 IHalihuli, iBeti-Zuri leGedori 59
leMarathi leBeti-Anothi leElitekoni; imizi eyisithupha
lemizana yayo. 60 IKiriyathi-Bhali, okuyiKiriyathi-Jeyarimi,
leRaba; imizi emibili lemizana yayo. 61 Enkangala:
IBeti-Araba, iMidini leSekaka 62 leNibishani, lomuzi
wetshwayi, leEngedi; imizi eyisithupha lemizana yayo. 63
Kodwa amaJebusi, abahlali beJerusalema, abantwana
bakoJuda babengelakho ukuwaxotsha elifeni; ngakho
amaJebusi ahlala labantwana bakoJuda eJerusalema
kuze kube lamuhla.

16 Kwasekuphuma inkatho yabantwana bakoJosefa
kusukela eJordani eJeriko, kusiya emanzini
eJeriko ngempumalanga, inkangala isenyuka isuka
eJeriko entabeni yeBhetheli; 2 yasiphuma eBhetheli
isiya eLuzi, yadlulela emngceleni wamaAriki eAtarothi,
3 yehlela entshonalanga emngceleni wamaJafilethi,
isiya emngceleni weBhethi-Horoni ngaphansi, kwaze
kwaba seGezeri; lokuphuma kwayo kwakuselwandle. 4
Ngakho abantwana bakoJosefa, uManase loEfrayimi,
balidla ilifa. 5 Lomngcele wabantwana bakoEfrayimi
ngokwensendo zabo wawunje: Ngitsho umngcele
welifa labo empumalanga wawuyiAtarothi-Adari kuze
kufike eBhethi-Horoni ngaphezulu. 6 Umngcele
wasuphumela elwandle, eMikimethathi enyakatho;
lomngcele waphendukela empumalanga eTanathi-
Shilo, wedlula empumalanga usiya eJanowa; 7
wasusehla usuka eJanowa usiya eAtarothi leNahara,
wagudla iJeriko, waphumela eJordani. 8 Kusukela
eTapuwa umngcele waya entshonalanga esifuleni iKana,
lokuphuma kwawo kwaba selwandle. Leli yilifa lesizwe
sabantwana bakoEfrayimi ngokwensendo zabo. 9
Lemizi eyayehlukaniselwe abantwana bakoEfrayimi
yayiphakathi kwelifa labantwana bakoManase, yonke
imizi lemizana yayo. 10 Kodwa kabawaxotshanga elifeni
amaKhanani ayehlala eGezeri. Ngakho amaKhanani
ahlala phakathi kwabakoEfrayimi kuze kube lamuhla,
ayesebenza njengezibhalwa.

17 Kwasekusiba lenkatho yesizwe sakoManase,
ngoba wayelizibulo likaJosefa, engekaMakiri izibulo
likaManase uyise kaGileyadi; ngoba yena wayengumuntu
wempi; ngakho waba leGileyadi leBashani. 2

Yayikhona njalo eyabaseleyo babantwana bakoManase
ngokwensendo zabo, eyabantwana bakoAbiyezeri,
leyabantwana bakoHeleki, leyabantwana bakoAsiriyeli,
leyabantwana bakoShekema, leyabantwana bakoHeferi,
leyabantwana bakoShemida. Laba ngabantwana besilisa
bakaManase indodana kaJosefa ngokwensendo zabo.
3 Kodwa uZelofehadi indodana kaHeferi indodana
kaGileyadi indodana kaMakiri indodana kaManase
wayengelamadodana, kodwa amadodakazi. Lala
ngamabizo amadodakazi akhe: OMahla loNowa,
uHogila, uMilka loTiriza. 4 Asesondela phambi
kukaEleyazare umpristi laphambi kukaJoshuwa
indodana kaNuni laphambi kweziphathamandla, esithi:
INkosi yalaya uMozisi ukusinika ilifa phakathi
kwabafowethu. Ngakho wawanika ngokomlayo weNkosi
ilifa phakathi kwabafowabo bakayise. 5 Ngakho
kwawela inkatho ezilitshumi kuManase, ngaphandle
kwelizwe leGileyadi leBashani, elingaphetsheya
kweJordani. 6 Ngoba amadodakazi kaManase adla
ilifa phakathi kwamadodana akhe. Lelizwe leGileyadi
laba ngelabaseleyo bamadodana akoManase. 7
Umngcele wakoManase wasusukela eAsheri usiya
eMikimethathi ephambi kweShekema; lomngcele
waya ngakwesokunene kubahlali beEni-Tapuwa. 8
UManase waba lelizwe leTapuwa, kodwa iTapuwa
emngceleni kaManase yayingeyabantwana bakoEfrayimi.
9 Lomngcele wehlela esifuleni iKana eningizimu
kwesifula. Imizi le ngeyakoEfrayimi phakathi kwemizi
yakoManase. Lomngcele wakoManase usenyakatho
kwesifula, lokuphuma kwawo kuselwandle. 10 Eningizimu
lalingelakoEfrayimi, lenyakatho lalingelakoManase,
lolwandle lungumngcele wakhe. LeAsheri bahlangana
enyakatho, leIsakari empumalanga. 11 Ngoba koIsakari
loAsheri uManase wayeleBeti-Sheyani lemizana yayo,
leIbileyamu lemizana yayo, labahlali beDori lemizana
yayo, labahlali beEni-Dori lemizana yayo, labahlali
beThahanakhi lemizana yayo, labahlali beMegido
lemizana yayo: Amadundulu amathathu. 12 Kodwa
abantwana bakoManase babengelakho ukuxotsha
elifeni leyomizi, kodwa amaKhanani ayefuna ukuhlala
kulelolizwe. 13 Kodwa kwathi lapho abantwana
bakoIsrayeli sebelamandla bawasebenzisa amaKhanani
njengezibhalwa, kodwa kabawaxotshanga lokuwaxotsha
elifeni. 14 Abantwana bakoJosefa basebekhuluma
kuJoshuwa besithi: Unginikeleni inkatho eyodwa lesabelo
esisodwa ukuba yilifa, kube kanti ngiyisizwe esikhulu,
njengoba iNkosi ingibusisile kuze kube lapha? 15
UJoshuwa wasesithi kubo: Uba uyisizwe esikhulu, wena
yenyukela eguswini, uzicentele khona elizweni lamaPerizi
leleziqhwaga, nxa intaba yakoEfrayimi iminyene
kuwe. 16 Abantwana bakoJosefa basebesithi: Intaba
kayisanelanga, njalo kulenqola zensimbi lamaKhanani
wonke ahlala elizweni lesihotsha, lawaseBeti-Sheyani
lemizana yayo, lawasesigodini seJizereyeli. 17 UJoshuwa
wasekhuluma kundlu kaJosefa, kuEfrayimi lakuManase
esithi: Uyisizwe esikhulu, futhi ulamandla amakhulu;
kawuyikuba lenkatho eyodwa, 18 kodwa intaba
izakuba ngeyakho; ngoba iligusu, uzalicenta, lokuphuma
kwalo kube ngokwakho, ngoba uzawaxotsha elifeni
amaKhanani, lanxa elenqola zensimbi, lanxa elamandla.

18 Inhlangano yonke-ke yabantwana bakoIsrayeli
yabuthana eShilo, yamisa khona ithente
lenhlangano. Lelizwe lalehliselwe phansi phambi kwabo.
2 Kwasekusele phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli
izizwe eziyisikhombisa ezazingabelwanga ilifa lazo. 3
UJoshuwa wasesithi kubantwana bakoIsrayeli: Koze
kube nini lidonda ukuyakudla ilifa lelizwe iNkosi
uNkulunkulu waboyihlo elinike lona? 4 Zinikeni amadoda
amathathu ngesizwe, ngiwathume, asukume ahambe
adabule ilizwe, alibhale ngokwelifa lazo, abuye kimi.
5 Azalehlukanisa libe yizabelo eziyisikhombisa; uJuda
uzahlala emngceleni wakhe eningizimu, labendlu
kaJosefa bahlale emngceleni wabo enyakatho. 6
Lani lizabhala ilizwe ngezigaba eziyisikhombisa,
beseliletha kimi lapha, ukuthi ngiliphosele inkatho
lapha phambi kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu. 7
Ngoba amaLevi kawalasabelo phakathi kwenu, ngoba
ubupristi beNkosi buyilifa labo. LoGadi loRubeni
lengxenye yesizwe sakoManase sebethethe ilifa labo
ngaphetsheya kweJordani empumalanga, uMozisi
inceku yeNkosi eyabanika lona. 8 Asesuka amadoda
ahamba. UJoshuwa wawalaya ahambayo ukubhala
ilizwe esithi: Hambani lidabule ilizwe lilibhale, libuyele
kimi, ukuze ngiliphosele inkatho lapha phambi kweNkosi
eShilo. 9 Ngakho amadoda ahamba adabula phakathi
kwelizwe, alibhala ngemizi ngezigaba eziyisikhombisa
egwalweni; asebuya kuJoshuwa enkambeni eShilo.
10 UJoshuwa wasebaphosela inkatho eShilo phambi
kweNkosi; uJoshuwa wasebabela lapho ilizwe abantwana
bakoIsrayeli ngokwezigaba zabo. 11 Inkatho yesizwe
sabantwana bakoBhenjamini yavela ngokwensendo
zabo. Lomngcele wenkatho yabo waphuma phakathi
kwabantwana bakoJuda labantwana bakoJosefa. 12
Lomngcele wabo ngenyakatho wasukela eJordani,
lomngcele wenyuka ewatheni leJeriko enyakatho,
wasusenyuka udabula entabeni usiya entshonalanga,
lokuphuma kwawo kwaba senkangala yeBeti-Aveni.
13 Lomngcele wedlula usuka lapho waya eLuzi,
ewatheni leLuzi, eyiBhetheli, ngeningizimu; lomngcele
wehlela eAtarothi-Adari, eduze lentaba engeningizimu
kweBhethi-Horoni engaphansi. 14 Umngcele wagoba-ke,
waphenduka waya eceleni lentshonalanga ngeningizimu,
kusukela entabeni emaqondana leBhethi-Horoni
eningizimu; lokuphuma kwawo kwaba eKiriyathi-Bhali,
eyiKiriyathi-Jeyarimi, umuzi wabantwana bakoJuda.
Lolu luhlangothi lwentshonalanga. 15 Lohlangothi
lweningizimu lusephethelweni leKiriyathi-Jeyarimi;

lomngcele waphuma waya entshonalanga, waphuma
waya emthonjeni wamanzi weNefitowa. **16** Umngcele
wasusehla usiya ephethelweni lentaba emaqondana
lesihotsha sendodana kaHinomu esisesihotsheni
seziqhwaga enyakatho, wasusehlela esihotsheni
seHinomu ewatheni lamaJebusi eningizimu, wehlela eEni-
Rogeli; **17** wagoba usukela enyakatho waphuma eEni-
Shemeshi, waphumela eGelilothi emaqondana lomqanso
weAdumimi, wehlela elitsheni likaBohani indodana
kaRubeni; **18** wadlulela ewatheni maqondana leAraba
enyakatho, wehlela eAraba. **19** Umngcele wasusedlulela
ewatheni leBeti-Hogila enyakatho, lokuphuma komngcele
kwakusethekwini loLwandle lweTshwayi enyakatho,
ephethelweni leJordani ngeningizimu. Lo ngumngcele
weningizimu. **20** LeJordani ingumngcele walo ehlangothini
lwempumalanga. Leli yilifa labantwana bakoBhenjamini
ngemingcele yalo inhlangothi zonke, ngokwensendo
zabo. **21** Lemizi yesizwe sabantwana bakoBhenjamini
ngokwensendo zabo yile: IJeriko leBeti-Hogila leEmeki-
Kezizi **22** leBeti-Araba leZemarayimi leBhetheli **23**
leAvimi lePara leOfira **24** leKefari-Amoni leOfini leGeba;
imizi elitshumi lambili lemizana yayo. **25** IGibeyoni
leRama leBeyerothi **26** leMizipa leKefira leMoza **27**
leRekemi leIripheyeli leTarala **28** leZela, iElefi, leJebusi,
okuyiJerusalema, iGibeyathi, iKiriyathi; imizi elitshumi
lane lemizana yayo. Leli yilifa labantwana bakoBhenjamini
ngokwensendo zabo.

19 Inkatho yesibili yasivela yaya kuSimeyoni, eyesizwe
sabantwana bakoSimeyoni, ngokwensendo zabo.
Lelifa labo laliphakathi kwelifa labantwana bakoJuda. **2**
Elifeni labo-ke babeleBherishebha leShebha leMolada **3**
leHazari-Shuwali leBala leEzema **4** leElitoladi leBethuli
leHorma **5** leZikilagi leBeti-Marikabothi leHazari-Susa **6**
leBeti-Lebawothi leSharuheni; imizi elitshumi lantathu
lemizana yayo. **7** IEni, iRimoni leEtheri leAshani;
imizi emine lemizana yayo. **8** Layo yonke imizana
ezingelezele imizi le, kuze kufike eBahalathi-Beri, iRama
yeningizimu. Leli yilifa lesizwe sabantwana bakoSimeyoni
ngokwensendo zabo. **9** Ilifa labantwana bakoSimeyoni
lavela enkathweni yabantwana bakoJuda; ngoba isigaba
sabantwana bakoJuda sasisikhulu kakhulu kibo; ngakho
abantwana bakoSimeyoni badla ilifa phakathi kwelifa
labo. **10** Inkatho yesithathu yasivela yaya kubantwana
bakoZebuluni ngokwensendo zabo. Lomngcele welifa
labo wafika eSaridi. **11** Umngcele wabo-ke wenyukela
entshonalanga leMarala, wafinyelela eDabeshethi
wafinyelela esifuleni esiphambi kweJokineyamu; **12**
waphenduka uvela eSaridi usiya empumalanga lapho
okuphuma khona ilanga emngceleni weKisilothi-Thabhori,
waphuma waya eDaberathi, wenyukela eJafiya; **13**
ususuka lapho wedlulela empumalanga, endaweni
yokuphuma kwelanga, usiya eGitha-Heferi leItha-Kazini,
waphumela eRimoni, uphendukela eNeya. **14** Lomngcele
wayizingelezela enyakatho eHanathoni; lokuphuma
kwawo kwaba sesihotsheni seJifitaheli. **15** LeKatathi
leNahalali leShimironi leJidala leBhethelehema, imizi
elitshumi lambili lemizana yayo. **16** Leli yilifa labantwana
bakoZebuluni ngokwensendo zabo: Imizi le lemizana
yayo. **17** Inkatho yesine yavela yaya kubantwana
bakoIsakari ngokwensendo zabo. **18** Umngcele wabo-ke
wawuyiJizereyeli leKesulothi leShunemi **19** leHafarayimi
leShiyoni leAnaharathi **20** leRabithi leKishiyoni leAbezi
21 leRemethi leEni-Ganimi leEni-Hada leBeti-Pazezi. **22**
Lomngcele wafinyelela eThabhori leShahazima leBeti-
Shemeshi; lokuphuma komngcele wabo kwakuseJordani;
imizi elitshumi lesithupha lemizana yayo. **23** Leli yilifa
lesizwe sabantwana bakoIsakari ngokwensendo zabo,
imizi lemizana yayo. **24** Inkatho yesihlanu yasivela yaya
esizweni sabantwana bakoAsheri ngokwensendo zabo.
25 Umngcele wabo-ke wawuyiHelkathi leHali leBeteni
leAkishafi **26** leAlameleki leAmadi leMishali; wasufinyelela
eKharmeli entshonalanga leShihori-Libhinathi, **27**
waphendukela lapho okuphuma khona ilanga usiya eBeti-
Dagoni, wafinyelela eZebuluni lesihotsha seJifitaheli
enyakatho waya eBeti-Emeki leNeyiyeli, waphumela
eKabuli kwesokhohlo, **28** leEbroni leRehobi leHamoni
leKana, kwaze kwaba seSidoni enkulu. **29** Umngcele
wasuphendukela eRama, waya emzini obiyelweyo
weTire; lomngcele waphendukela eHosa; lokuphuma
kwawo kwakuselwandle, uvela esigabeni usiya eAkizibi
30 leUma leAfeki leRehobi; imizi engamatshumi amabili
lambili lemizana yayo. **31** Leli yilifa lesizwe sabantwana
bakoAsheri ngokwensendo zabo, imizi le lemizana
yayo. **32** Inkatho yesithupha yavela yaya kubantwana
bakoNafithali, eyabantwana bakoNafithali ngokwensendo
zabo. **33** Umngcele wabo wasusuka eHelefi, esihlahleni
se-okhi eZahananimi leAdami-Nekebi leJabineli, kwaze
kwaba seLakumi; lokuphuma kwawo kwakuseJordani.
34 Umngcele wasuphendukela entshonalanga usiya
eAzinothi-Thabhori, waphuma lapho waya eHukoki,
wafinyelela eZebuluni ngeningizimu, leAsheri wafinyelela
entshonalanga, leJuda eJordani lapho okuphuma khona
ilanga. **35** Njalo imizi ebiyelweyo yile: IZidimi, iZeri,
leHamathi, iRakathi, leKinerethi, **36** leAdama, leRama,
leHazori, **37** leKedeshi, leEdreyi, leEni-Hazori, **38**
leYironi, leMigidali-Eli, iHorema, leBeti-Anathi, leBeti-
Shemeshi; imizi elitshumi lesificamunwemunye lemizana
yayo. **39** Leli yilifa lesizwe sabantwana bakoNafithali
ngokwensendo zabo, imizi lemizana yayo. **40** Inkatho
yesikhombisa yavela yaya esizweni sabantwana
bakoDani ngokwensendo zabo. **41** Lomngcele welifa labo
wawuyiZora leEshitawoli leIri-Shemeshi **42** leShahalabini
leAjaloni leJithila **43** leEloni leTiminatha leEkhironi **44**
leEliteke leGibethoni leBahalathi **45** leJehudi leBene-
Beraki leGathi-Rimoni **46** leMe-Jarkoni leRakoni kanye
lomngcele oqondene leJafo. **47** Lomngcele wabantwana
bakoDani wavela umncinyane kakhulu kubo. Ngakho

abantwana bakoDani benyuka ukuyakulwa bemelene
leLeshema; sebeyithumbile bayitshaya ngobukhali
benkemba, badla ilifa layo, bahlala kiyo, bayibiza
iLeshema ngokuthi yiDani, ngebizo likaDani uyise. **48**
Leli yilifa lesizwe sabantwana bakoDani ngokwensendo
zabo, imizi le lemizana yayo. **49** Kwathi sebeqedile
ukwaba ilizwe libe yilifa ngokwemingcele yalo, abantwana
bakoIsrayeli bamnika uJoshuwa indodana kaNuni ilifa
phakathi kwabo. **50** Ngokomlayo weNkosi bamnika umuzi
awucelayo, iThiminathi-Sera entabeni yakoEfrayimi,
wasesakha umuzi, wahlala kuwo. **51** La ngamafa
uEleyazare umpristi loJoshuwa indodana kaNuni lenhloko
zaboyise zezizwe zabantwana bakoIsrayeli abawaba
aba yilifa ngenkatho eShilo phambi kweNkosi, emnyango
wethente lenhlangano. Baqeda-ke ukulaba ilizwe.

20 INkosi yasikhuluma kuJoshuwa isithi: **2** Khuluma
kubantwana bakoIsrayeli uthi: Zikhetheleni imizi
yokuphephela engakhuluma ngayo kini ngesandla
sikaMozisi, **3** ukuze umbulali obulala umuntu
kungeyisikho ngabomo engazi abalekele khona. Njalo
izakuba yisiphephelo kini kumphindiseli wegazi. **4**
Nxa ebalekela komunye walimizi uzakuma emnyango
wesango lomuzi, akhulume udaba lwakhe ezindlebeni
zabadala balowomuzi; babesebememukela kubo emzini,
bamnike indawo ukuthi ahlale labo. **5** Uba-ke
umphindiseli wegazi exotshana laye, kabayikunikela
umbulali esandleni sakhe, ngoba utshaye umakhelwane
wakhe engazi, ebengamzondi mandulo. **6** Uzahlala
kulowomuzi aze eme phambi kwenhlangano kusenzelwa
ukwahlulelwa, kuze kube lokufa kompristi omkhulu oyabe
ekhona ngalezonsuku. Umbulali usengabuyela eze
emzini wakibo lendlini yakhe, aye emzini abaleke khona. **7**
Basebengcwelisa iKedeshi eGalili entabeni yakoNafithali,
leShekema entabeni yakoEfrayimi, leKiriyathi-Arba
okuyiHebroni entabeni yakoJuda. **8** Langaphetsheya
kweJordani eJeriko empumalanga banika iBezeri
enkangala emagcekeni esizweni sakoRubeni, leRamothi
eGileyadi esizweni sakoGadi, leGolani eBashani esizweni
sakoManase. **9** Le yimizi eyayimiselwe bonke abantwana
bakoIsrayeli lowezizwe ohlala njengowezizwe phakathi
kwabo, ukuze loba ngubani obulala umuntu kungeyisikho
ngabomo abalekele khona, ukuze angafi ngesandla
somphindiseli wegazi, aze eme phambi kwenhlangano.

21 Kwasekusondela inhloko zaboyise bamaLevi
kuEleyazare umpristi lakuJoshuwa indodana
kaNuni lakuzo inhloko zaboyise bezizwe zabantwana
bakoIsrayeli, **2** bakhuluma kubo eShilo elizweni
leKhanani, besithi: INkosi yalaya ngesandla sikaMozisi
ukusinika imizi yokuhlala, lamadlelo ayo ezifuyo zethu.
3 Ngakho abantwana bakoIsrayeli banika amaLevi
okwelifa labo ngokomlayo weNkosi, limizi lamadlelo
ayo. **4** Kwasekuvela inkatho yensendo zamaKohathi.
Abantwana bakoAroni umpristi, abavela kumaLevi,
ngenkatho esizweni sakoJuda lesizweni sakoSimeyoni
lesizweni sakoBhenjamini, basebesiba lemizi elitshumi
lantathu. **5** Labaseleyo kubantwana bakaKohathi,
ngenkatho ensendweni zesizwe sakoEfrayimi lesizweni
sakoDani lengxenyeni eyodwa kwezimbili yesizwe
sakoManase, baba lemizi elitshumi. **6** Labantwana
bakoGerishoni, ngenkatho ensendweni zesizwe
sakoIsakari lesizweni sakoAsheri lesizweni sakoNafithali
lengxenyeni eyodwa kwezimbili yesizwe sakoManase
eBashani, baba lemizi elitshumi lantathu. **7** Abantwana
bakoMerari ngokwensendo zabo, esizweni sakoRubeni
lesizweni sakoGadi lesizweni sakoZebuluni, baba
lemizi elitshumi lambili. **8** Labantwana bakoIsrayeli
banika amaLevi le imizi lamadlelo ayo ngenkatho,
njengokulaya kweNkosi ngesandla sikaMozisi. **9**
Basebenika esizweni sabantwana bakoJuda lesizweni
sabantwana bakoSimeyoni le imizi, eqanjwa ngebizo,
10 eyayingeyabantwana bakoAroni, bevela kunsendo
zamaKohathi ebantwaneni bakoLevi, ngoba baba
lenkatho yokuqala. **11** Basebebanika iKiriyathi-Arba,
uyise kaAnoki, okuyiHebroni, ezintabeni zakoJuda
lamadlelo inhlangothi zayo zonke. **12** Kodwa insimu
yomuzi lemizana yawo bakunika uKalebi indodana
kaJefune ukuba ngeyakhe. **13** Ngakho banika abantwana
bakoAroni umpristi umuzi wokuphephela wombulali,
iHebroni, lamadlelo ayo, leLibhina lamadlelo ayo, **14**
leJatiri lamadlelo ayo, leEshithemowa lamadlelo ayo,
15 leHoloni lamadlelo ayo, leDebiri lamadlelo ayo, **16**
leAyini lamadlelo ayo, leJuta lamadlelo ayo, leBeti-
Shemeshi lamadlelo ayo; imizi eyisificamunwemunye
kulezizizwe ezimbili. **17** Lesizweni sakoBhenjamini:
IGibeyoni lamadlelo ayo, iGeba lamadlelo ayo, **18**
iAnathothi lamadlelo ayo, leAlimoni lamadlelo ayo: Imizi
emine. **19** Yonke imizi yabantwana bakoAroni, abapristi,
yayilemizi elitshumi lantathu lamadlelo ayo. **20** Lensendo
zabantwana bakoKohathi, amaLevi, asalayo ebantwaneni
bakoKohathi, baba lemizi yenkatho yabo esizweni
sakoEfrayimi. **21** Basebebanika umuzi wokuphephela
umbulali, iShekema lamadlelo ayo entabeni yakoEfrayimi,
leGezeri lamadlelo ayo, **22** leKibizayimi lamadlelo
ayo, leBhethi-Horoni lamadlelo ayo: Imizi emine. **23**
Lesizweni sakoDani iEliteke lamadlelo ayo, iGibethoni
lamadlelo ayo, **24** iAjaloni lamadlelo ayo, iGathi-
Rimoni lamadlelo ayo: Imizi emine. **25** Lengxenyeni
eyodwa kwezimbili yesizwe sakoManase, iThahanakhi
lamadlelo ayo, leGathi-Rimoni lamadlelo ayo: Imizi emibili.
26 Yonke imizi yensendo zabantwana bakoKohathi
abaseleyo yayilitshumi lamadlelo ayo. **27** Lakubantwana
bakoGerishoni, bensendo zamaLevi, kungxenye yesizwe
sakoManase, iGolani eBashani, umuzi wokuphephela
umbulali, lamadlelo ayo, leBheyeshithera lamadlelo
ayo: Imizi emibili. **28** Lesizweni sakoIsakari, iKishiyoni
lamadlelo ayo, iDaberathi lamadlelo ayo, **29** iJarimuthi
lamadlelo ayo, iEni-Ganimi lamadlelo ayo: Imizi emine.

30 Lesizweni sakoAsheri, iMishali lamadlelo ayo,
iAbidoni lamadlelo ayo, 31 iHelkathi lamadlelo ayo,
leRehobi lamadlelo ayo: Imizi emine. 32 Lesizweni
sakoNafithali, iKedeshi eGalili, umuzi wokuphephela
umbulali, lamadlelo ayo, leHamothi-Dori lamadlelo ayo,
leKaritani lamadlelo ayo: Imizi emithathu. 33 Yonke imizi
yamaGerishoni ngokwensendo zawo yayiyimizi elitshumi
lantathu lamadlelo ayo. 34 Lensendo zabantwana
bakoMerari, amaLevi aseleyo, zaba leJokineyamu
esizweni sakoZebuluni lamadlelo ayo, leKarita lamadlelo
ayo, 35 iDimina lamadlelo ayo, iNahalali lamadlelo
ayo: Imizi emine. 36 Lesizweni sakoRubeni, iBezeri
lamadlelo ayo, leJahaza lamadlelo ayo, 37 iKedemothi
lamadlelo ayo, leMefahathi lamadlelo ayo: Imizi emine.
38 Lesizweni sakoGadi, iRamothi eGileyadi, umuzi
wokuphephela umbulali, lamadlelo ayo, leMahanayimi
lamadlelo ayo, 39 iHeshiboni lamadlelo ayo, iJazeri
lamadlelo ayo: Imizi emine isiyonke. 40 Yonke imizi
yayingeyabantwana bakoMerari, ngokwensendo zabo,
abaseleyo ensendweni zamaLevi. Lenkatho yabo
yayiyimizi elitshumi lambili. 41 Yonke imizi yamaLevi
phakathi kwelifa labantwana bakoIsrayeli yayiyimizi
engamatshumi amane lesificaminwembili lamadlelo ayo.
42 Le imizi, lowo lalowo wawulamadlelo awo inhlangothi
zawo zonke. Kwakunjalo kuleyo yonke imizi. 43 INkosi
yasinika uIsrayeli ilizwe lonke eyafunga ukubanika lona
oyise; basebesidla ilifa lalo bahlala kulo. 44 INkosi
yasibanika ukuphumula inhlangothi zonke njengokufunga
kwayo konke kuboyise. Kakumanga muntu phambi
kwabo kuzo zonke izitha zabo. INkosi yazinikela izitha
zonke zabo esandleni sabo. 45 Kakwehlulekanga lalutho
lwayo yonke into enhle iNkosi eyayikhuluma kuyo indlu
kaIsrayeli; konke kwenzeka.

22 Ngalesosikhathi uJoshuwa wabiza abakoRubeni
labakoGadi lengxenye yesizwe sabakoManase,
2 wathi kubo: Lina ligcinile konke uMozisi inceku
yeNkosi eyalilaya khona, lalilalela ilizwi lami kukho
konke engalilaya khona. 3 Kalibatshiyanga abafowenu
kulezinsuku ezinengi, kuze kube lamuhla; kodwa
ligcinile imfanelo yomlayo weNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu.
4 Khathesi-ke, iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu ibanikile
abafowenu ukuphumula, njengalokho akukhuluma
kubo. Ngakho-ke buyelani lina liye emathenteni enu
elizweni lelifa lenu, alinika lona uMozisi inceku yeNkosi
ngaphetsheya kweJordani. 5 Kuphela liqaphelisise
ukwenza umlayo lomthetho uMozisi inceku yeNkosi
alilaya wona, ukuthanda iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu,
lokuhamba endleleni zayo zonke, lokugcina imilayo
yayo, lokunamathela kuyo, lokuyikhonza ngenhliziyo
yenu yonke langomphefumulo wenu wonke. 6
Wasebabusisa uJoshuwa ebayekela behamba, baya
emathenteni abo. 7 Njalo kungxenye yesizwe
sakoManase uMozisi wayenike indawo eBashani;
kodwa kungxenye yayo uJoshuwa wayinika indawo
labafowabo nganeno kweJordani entshonalanga.
Njalo-ke nxa uJoshuwa ebayekela behamba besiya
emathenteni abo, wababusisa. 8 Wakhuluma labo
esithi: Buyelani emathenteni enu lilenotho enengi
lezifuyo ezinengi kakhulu lilesiliva legolide lethusi
lensimbi lezigqoko ezinengi kakhulu; lehlukaniselane
impango yezitha zenu labafowenu. 9 Abantwana
bakoRubeni labantwana bakoGadi lengxenye yesizwe
sakoManase basebebuyela, besuka ebantwaneni
bakoIsrayeli bephuma eShilo eselizweni leKhanani, ukuya
elizweni leGileyadi, elizweni lelifa labo ababelizuzile,
ngokomlayo weNkosi ngesandla sikaMozisi. 10
Kwathi sebefikile emingceleni yeJordani eselizweni
leKhanani, abantwana bakoRubeni labantwana bakoGadi
lengxenye yesizwe sakoManase bakha khona ilathi
ngaseJordani, ilathi elikhulu ngokubonakala. 11 Kwathi
abantwana bakoIsrayeli besizwa kuthiwa: Khangelani,
abantwana bakoRubeni labantwana bakoGadi lengxenye
yesizwe sakoManase bakhile ilathi maqondana
lelizwe leKhanani emingceleni eJordani ehlangothini
lwabantwana bakoIsrayeli. 12 Kwathi abantwana
bakoIsrayeli bekuzwa, inhlangano yonke yabantwana
bakoIsrayeli yabuthana eShilo ukwenyukela kubo
empini. 13 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebethuma
kubantwana bakoRubeni lakubantwana bakoGadi
lengxenyeni eyodwa kwezimbili yesizwe sakoManase
elizweni leGileyadi uPhinehasi indodana kaEleyazare
umpristi, 14 lezinduna ezilitshumi laye, induna
eyodwa ngendlu ngayinye yaboyise ivela kuzo zonke
izizwe zakoIsrayeli; ngayinye yayiyinhloko yendlu
yaboyise, kunkulungwane zakoIsrayeli. 15 Basebefika
kubantwana bakoRubeni lakubantwana bakoGadi
lengxenyeni eyodwa kwezimbili yesizwe sakoManase
elizweni leGileyadi, bakhuluma labo besithi: 16 Itsho
njalo inhlangano yonke yeNkosi: Kuyisiphambeko
bani eseliphambeke ngaso limelane loNkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli, liphambuka lamuhla ekuyilandeleni iNkosi,
ekuzakheleni ilathi, ukuze lihlamukele iNkosi lamuhla?
17 Ngabe isiphambeko sePeyori sincinyane kakhulu kithi
yini, esingahlanjululwanga kuso kuze kube lamuhla,
lanxa inhlupheko yayiphakathi kwenhlangano yeNkosi,
18 ukuze lina liphenduke lamuhla ekuyilandeleni
iNkosi? Kuzakuthi uba lina liyihlamuka iNkosi lamuhla,
kusasa izayithukuthelela inhlangano yonke yakoIsrayeli.
19 Kodwa ngeqiniso, uba ilizwe lemfuyo yenu
lingcolile, chaphelani lina elizweni lemfuyo yeNkosi
lapho ithabhanekele leNkosi elihlala khona, lizizuzele
imfuyo phakathi kwethu; kodwa lingayihlamukeli
iNkosi njalo lingasihlamukeli ekuzakheleni kwenu
ilathi ngaphandle kwelathi leNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu.
20 UAkani indodana kaZera kaphambekanga yini
ngesiphambeko entweni eqalekisiweyo, kwasekusiba
lolaka phezu kwenhlangano yonke yakoIsrayeli?
Leyondoda kayibhubhanga-ke yodwa esiphambekweni

sayo. 21 Abantwana bakoRubeni labantwana bakoGadi
lengxenye yesizwe sakoManase basebephendula bathi
kunhloko zezinkulungwane zakoIsrayeli: 22 UNkulunkulu
wabonkulunkulu, iNkosi, uNkulunkulu wabonkulunkulu,
iNkosi, uyazi, loIsrayeli kakwazi; uba bekungokuhlamuka
kumbe uba ngokuphambuka eNkosini, lingasisindisi
lamuhla, 23 ukuthi sizakhele ilathi ukuphambuka
ekuyilandeleni iNkosi, loba sinikelele phezu kwalo
umnikelo wokutshiswa loba umnikelo wokudla, loba
ukwenza phezu kwalo iminikelo yokuthula, iNkosi
uqobo kayikudinge. 24 Kodwa ngeqiniso sikwenze
ngokunqineka ngaloludaba sisithi: Kusasa abantwana
benu bazakhuluma kubantwana bethu bathi: Lilani
leNkosi uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli? 25 Ngoba iNkosi
iyenzile iJordani yaba ngumngcele phakathi kwethu
lani, lina bantwana bakoRubeni labantwana bakoGadi,
kalilasabelo eNkosini. Ngalokho abantwana benu
benze abantwana bethu ukuthi bayekele ukuyesaba
iNkosi. 26 Ngakho sathi: Kasizilungiseleni khathesi
ukwakha ilathi, lingabi ngelomnikelo wokutshiswa,
njalo lingabi ngelomhlatshelo, 27 kodwa libe
yibufakazi phakathi kwethu lani lezizukulwana zethu
emva kwethu, ukuthi sikhonze inkonzo yeNkosi
phambi kwayo ngeminikelo yethu yokutshiswa
langemihlatshelo yethu langeminikelo yethu yokuthula,
ukuze abantwana benu bangathi ebantwaneni bethu
kusasa: Kalilasabelo eNkosini. 28 Sasesisithi: Kuzakuthi-
ke, nxa bekhuluma lokhu kithi lesizukulwaneni sethu
kusasa, sizakuthi: Bonani umfanekiso welathi leNkosi
obaba abalakhayo, kungeyisilo lomnikelo wokutshiswa
lingeyisilo lomhlatshelo, kodwa liyibufakazi phakathi
kwethu lani. 29 Kakube khatshana lathi ukuthi siyihlamuke
iNkosi, lokuthi siphenduke lamuhla ekuyilandeleni iNkosi,
ukwakha ilathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa lelomnikelo
wokudla lelomhlatshelo, ngaphandle kwelathi leNkosi
uNkulunkulu wethu eliphambi kwethabhanekele layo.
30 Kwathi uPhinehasi umpristi lenduna zenhlangano
lenhloko zezinkulungwane zakoIsrayeli ezazilaye
bewezwa amazwi abantwana bakoRubeni labantwana
bakoGadi labantwana bakoManase abawakhulumayo,
kwakukuhle emehlweni abo. 31 UPhinehasi indodana
kaEleyazare umpristi wasesithi kubantwana bakoRubeni
lakubantwana bakoGadi lakubantwana bakoManase:
Lamuhla siyazi ukuthi iNkosi iphakathi kwethu,
ngoba kaliphambekanga lesisiphambeko eNkosini;
khathesi likhulule abantwana bakoIsrayeli esandleni
seNkosi. 32 UPhinehasi indodana kaEleyazare umpristi
lezinduna basebebuyela bevela ebantwaneni bakoRubeni
lebantwaneni bakoGadi elizweni leGileyadi, besiya
elizweni leKhanani ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli, babuyisela
ilizwi kubo. 33 Lodaba lwaluluhle emehlweni abantwana
bakoIsrayeli; abantwana bakoIsrayeli bambusisa
uNkulunkulu, kabasakhulumanga ngokwenyukela kubo
empini ukuchitha ilizwe abantwana bakoRubeni
labantwana bakoGadi ababehlala kulo. 34 Abantwana
bakoRubeni labantwana bakoGadi balibiza ilathi
ngokuthi: Liyibufakazi phakathi kwethu bokuthi iNkosi
inguNkulunkulu.

23 Kwasekusithi emva kwensuku ezinengi emva
kokuthi iNkosi isimphumuzile uIsrayeli ezitheni
zonke zabo inhlangothi zonke, loJoshuwa wayesemdala
elensuku ezinengi, 2 uJoshuwa wabiza uIsrayeli wonke,
abadala babo, lenhloko zabo, labahluleli babo, lenduna
zabo, wathi kubo: Mina sengimdala ngilensuku ezinengi.
3 Lina selibonile konke iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu
ekwenzileyo kulezizizwe zonke ngenxa yenu, ngoba
iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu yiyo elilweleyo. 4 Bonani,
ngilabele ngenkatho lezizizwe eziseleyo zibe yilifa
lezizwe zenu, kusukela eJordani, lazo zonke izizwe
engiziqumileyo, ngitsho kuze kube selwandle olukhulu
lapho okutshona khona ilanga. 5 INkosi uNkulunkulu
wenu izazixotsha-ke phambi kwenu, izixotshe elifeni
phambi kwenu, njalo lizakudla ilifa lelizwe, njengalokho
iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu ikhulumile kini. 6 Ngakho
qinani kakhulu ukugcina lokwenza konke okubhaliweyo
egwalweni lomlayo kaMozisi, ukuze lingaphambuki kuwo
liye ngakwesokunene loba ngakwesokhohlo, 7 ukuze
lingangeni kulezi izizwe, lezi ezisele lani, lingaphathi ibizo
labonkulunkulu bazo, lingafungisi ngabo, lingabakhonzi,
lingakhothami kubo, 8 kodwa linamathele eNkosini
uNkulunkulu wenu njengoba lenzile kuze kube lamuhla.
9 Ngoba iNkosi ixotshile elifeni phambi kwenu izizwe
ezinkulu lezilamandla; lina-ke kakulamuntu ome phambi
kwenu kuze kube lamuhla. 10 Umuntu oyedwa kini
uzaxotsha inkulungwane, ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wenu yiyo elilwelayo, njengalokho ikhulumile kini. 11
Ngakho ziqaphelisiseni ukuthanda iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wenu. 12 Ngoba uba libuyela lokubuyela, linamathele
kunsali yalezizizwe, lezi ezisele lani, lithathane lazo,
lingene kuzo, lazo kini, 13 yazini lokwazi ukuthi iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wenu kayiyikuqhubeka ngokuzixotsha
elifeni lezizizwe phambi kwenu; kodwa zizakuba yisifu
lomjibila kini, zibe luswazi enhlangothini zenu, lameva
emehlweni enu, lize libhubhe liphele kulelilizwe elihle,
iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu elinike lona. 14 Khangelani-
ke, ngihamba lamuhla ngendlela yomhlaba wonke.
Njalo liyazi enhliziyweni yenu yonke lemphefumulweni
wenu wonke ukuthi akukho lelizwi elilodwa elehlulekayo
kuwo wonke amazwi amahle iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu
ewakhulumileyo phezu kwenu; wonke ezile kini, akukho
lelizwi elilodwa elehlulekayo kuwo. 15 Kuzakuthi-ke,
njengalokhu zonke izinto ezinhle iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wenu eyazikhuluma kini sezilehlele, ngokunjalo iNkosi
izalehlisela zonke izinto ezimbi, ize ilibhubhise liphele
kulelilizwe elihle iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu elinike lona.
16 Uba liseqa isivumelwano seNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu
eyalilaya sona, lisuke liyekhonza abanye onkulunkulu,

likhothame kibo, khona ulaka lweNkosi luzalivuthela,
libhubhe masinyane liphele kulelilizwe elihle elinike lona.

24 UJoshuwa wasebuthanisa zonke izizwe
zakoIsrayeli eShekema, wabiza abadala
bakoIsrayeli lenhloko zabo labahluleli babo lenduna
zabo, bazimisa phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **2** UJoshuwa
wasesithi kubo bonke abantu: Itsho njalo iNkosi,
uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Endulo oyihlo babehlala
ngaphetsheya komfula, uTera uyise kaAbrahama
loyise kaNahori, babekhonza abanye onkulunkulu.
3 Ngasengimthatha uyihlo uAbrahama ngimsusa
ngaphetsheya komfula, ngamhambisa wadabula elizweni
lonke leKhanani, ngayandisa inzalo yakhe, ngamnika
uIsaka. **4** LakuIsaka nganika uJakobe loEsawu.
LakuEsawu nganika intaba yeSeyiri ukudla ilifa layo,
kodwa uJakobe labantwana bakhe behlela eGibhithe. **5**
Ngasengithuma uMozisi loAroni, ngatshaya iGibhithe,
njengalokho engakwenzayo phakathi kwayo; lemva
kwalokho ngalikhupha. **6** Ngasengibakhupha oyihlo
eGibhithe, lafika elwandle, amaGibhithe asexotshana
lani ngenqola langamabhiza aze afika eLwandle
oluBomvu. **7** Kwathi bekhala eNkosini, yabeka umnyama
phakathi kwenu lamaGibhithe, yaletha ulwandle
phezu kwabo, yabasibekela. Lamehlo enu abona
engakwenza eGibhithe. Lahlala enkangala insuku
ezinengi. **8** Ngasengililetha elizweni lamaAmori ayehlala
ngaphetsheya kweJordani, asesilwa lani, ngawanikela
esandleni senu, lalidla ilifa lelizwe lawo, ngawachitha
phambi kwenu. **9** UBalaki indodana kaZipori inkosi
yakoMowabi wasesukuma walwa loIsrayeli, wathuma
wabiza uBalami indodana kaBeyori ukuthi aliqalekise.
10 Kodwa kangithandanga ukulalela uBalami; ngakho
walibusisa lokulibusisa, ngasengilikhulula esandleni
sakhe. **11** Lachapha iJordani, lafika eJeriko, izakhamizi
zeJeriko zalwa zimelene lani, amaAmori, lamaPerizi,
lamaKhanani, lamaHethi, lamaGirigashi, amaHivi,
lamaJebusi; ngawanikela esandleni senu. **12** Ngathuma
olonyovu phambi kwenu abawaxotsha phambi kwenu,
amakhosi amabili amaAmori; hatshi ngenkemba yakho
njalo hatshi ngedandili lakho. **13** Ngasengilinika
ilizwe elingalisebenzelanga, lemizi elingayakhanga,
lihlala kiyo. Lidla okwezivini lezivande zemihlwathi
elingakuhlanyelanga. **14** Khathesi-ke yesabeni iNkosi,
liyikhonze ngobuqotho langeqiniso, lisuse onkulunkulu
oyihlo ababakhonza ngaphetsheya komfula leGibhithe,
njalo likhonze iNkosi. **15** Uba-ke kukubi emehlweni
enu ukuyikhonza iNkosi, zikhetheleni lamuhla lowo
elizamkhonza; kumbe onkulunkulu ababakhonzayo
oyihlo ababengaphetsheya komfula, loba onkulunkulu
bamaAmori elihlala elizweni lawo. Kodwa mina lendlu
yami sizayikhonza iNkosi. **16** Basebephendula abantu
besithi: Kakube khatshana lathi ukuthi sitshiye iNkosi,
sikhonze abanye onkulunkulu. **17** Ngoba iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wethu iyiyo eyasenyusayo labobaba
sivela elizweni leGibhithe, endlini yobugqili, eyenza
phambi kwamehlo ethu lezizibonakaliso ezinkulu,
yasilondoloza endleleni yonke esahamba kiyo, laphakathi
kwabo bonke abantu esedlule phakathi kwabo. **18**
INkosi yasixotsha phambi kwethu zonke izizwe,
lamaAmori ayehlala elizweni. Thina lathi sizayikhonza
iNkosi, ngoba inguNkulunkulu wethu. **19** UJoshuwa
wasesithi ebantwini: Kalilakuyikhonza iNkosi, ngoba
inguNkulunkulu ongcwele, inguNkulunkulu olobukhwele.
Kayiyikuthethelela iziphambeko zenu lezono zenu. **20**
Uba liyitshiya iNkosi likhonze onkulunkulu abezizwe,
izaphenduka yenze okubi kini, iliqede, emva kokuthi
ilenzele okuhle. **21** Abantu basebesithi kuJoshuwa:
Hatshi, kodwa sizayikhonza iNkosi. **22** UJoshuwa
wasesithi ebantwini: Lingabafakazi ngani ukuthi
lina lizikhethele iNkosi ukuyikhonza. Basebesithi:
Singabafakazi. **23** Khathesi-ke, susani onkulunkulu
abezizwe abaphakathi kwenu, lithobele inhliziyo yenu
eNkosini, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli. **24** Abantu basebesithi
kuJoshuwa: INkosi uNkulunkulu wethu sizayikhonza,
lelizwi layo sililalele. **25** Ngakho uJoshuwa wasebenzela
abantu isivumelwano ngalolosuku, wababekela isimiso
lesimiselo eShekema. **26** UJoshuwa wasebhala
lawomazwi egwalweni lomlayo kaNkulunkulu; wathatha
ilitshe elikhulu, walimisa lapho ngaphansi kwesihlahla
se-okhi elingasendlini engcwele yeNkosi. **27** UJoshuwa
wasesithi ebantwini bonke: Khangelani, lelilitshe lizakuba
yibufakazi ngathi, ngoba liwezwile wonke amazwi eNkosi
eyawakhuluma kithi; ngakho lizakuba yibufakazi ngani,
hlezi lenze inkohliso kuNkulunkulu wenu. **28** UJoshuwa
wasebayekela abantu ukuthi bahambe, ngulowo lalowo
waya elifeni lakhe. **29** Kwasekusithi emva kwalezizinto
uJoshuwa indodana kaNuni, inceku yeNkosi, wafa
eleminyaka elikhulu letshumi. **30** Basebemngcwabela
emngceleni welifa lakhe eThiminathi-Sera esentabeni
yakoEfrayimi enyakatho kwentaba iGahashi. **31** Njalo
uIsrayeli wayikhonza iNkosi zonke izinsuku zikaJoshuwa
lazo zonke izinsuku zabadala abelula insuku emva
kukaJoshuwa, njalo ababewazi wonke umsebenzi
weNkosi eyawenzela uIsrayeli. **32** Lamathambo kaJosefa
abantwana bakoIsrayeli ababenyuke lawo bevela
eGibhithe bawangcwaba eShekema, esiqintini sensimu
uJakobe asithenga kubantwana bakaHamori uyise
kaShekema ngenhlamvu zesiliva ezilikhulu; saba-ke
yilifa labantwana bakoJosefa. **33** UEleyazare indodana
kaAroni wasesifa, bamngcwaba eqaqeni lukaPhinehasi
indodana yakhe, ayeluphiwe entabeni yakoEfrayimi.

Abahluleli

1 Kwasekusithi emva kokufa kukaJoshuwa abantwana
bakoIsrayeli babuza iNkosi besithi: Ngubani
ozasenyukelela ukuyamelana lamaKhanani kuqala
ukulwa emelene labo? **2** INkosi yasisithi: UJuda
uzakwenyuka; khangelani, ngilinikele ilizwe esandleni
sakhe. **3** UJuda wasesithi kuSimeyoni umfowabo:
Yenyuka lami enkathweni yami ukuze silwe simelene
lamaKhanani; lami-ke ngizahamba lawe enkathweni
yakho. USimeyoni wasehamba laye. **4** UJuda
wasesenyuka, njalo iNkosi yanikela amaKhanani
lamaPerizi esandleni sabo; bawatshaya eBezeki,
amadoda azinkulungwane ezilitshumi. **5** Basebefica
uAdoni-Bezeki eBezeki, balwa bemelene laye,
bawatshaya amaKhanani lamaPerizi. **6** Kodwa uAdoni-
Bezeki wabaleka, baxotshana laye, bambamba,
baquma izithupha zezandla zakhe lamazwane akhe
amakhulu. **7** UAdoni-Bezeki wasesithi: Amakhosi
angamatshumi ayisikhombisa aqunywe izithupha
zezandla zawo lezenyawo zawo ayedobha ngaphansi
kwetafula lami. Njengokwenza kwami, ngokunjalo
uNkulunkulu ungiphindisele. Basebemusa eJerusalema,
wafela khona. **8** Abantwana bakoJuda balwa-
ke bemelene leJerusalema, bayithumba, bayitshaya
ngobukhali benkemba, lomuzi bawuthungela ngomlilo.
9 Emva kwalokho-ke abantwana bakoJuda behla
ukuyakulwa bemelene lamaKhanani ayehlala entabeni
leningizimu lesihotsheni. **10** UJuda wasehamba
wamelana lamaKhanani ayehlala eHebroni; lebizo
leHebroni kuqala kwakuyiKiriyathi-Arba; batshaya
uSheshayi loAhimani loTalimayi. **11** Basuka lapho
baya bamelana labahlali beDebiri. Lebizo leDebiri
kuqala kwakuyiKiriyathi-Seferi. **12** UKalebi wasesithi:
Ozatshaya iKiriyathi-Seferi, ayithumbe, ngizamnika
uAkisa indodakazi yami ibe ngumkakhe. **13** UOthiniyeli
indodana kaKenazi umfowabo kaKalebi, owayemncane
kulaye, waseyithumba; wasemnika uAkisa indodakazi
yakhe ukuba ngumkakhe. **14** Kwasekusithi ekufikeni
kwakhe wamkhuthaza ukuthi acele kuyise insimu;
wasesehla kubabhemi, uKalebi wasesithi kuye: Ulani?
15 Wasesithi kuye: Ngipha isibusiso. Njengoba
ungiphe ilizwe leningizimu, ngipha njalo imithombo
yamanzi. UKalebi wasemnika imithombo engaphezulu
lemithombo engaphansi. **16** Abantwana bomKeni,
uyisezala kaMozisi, basebesenyuka besuka emzini
wamalala, belabantwana bakoJuda, baya enkangala
yakoJuda, eseningizimu kweAradi; baya bahlala
phakathi kwabantu. **17** UJuda wasehamba loSimeyoni
umfowabo, bawatshaya amaKhanani ayehlala eZefathi,
bayitshabalalisa. Ngakho ibizo lomuzi lathiwa yiHorma.
18 UJuda wasethumba iGaza lomngcele wayo, leAshikeloni
lomngcele wayo, leEkhironi lomngcele wayo.
19 INkosi yasisiba loJuda, wadla ilifa lezintaba, kodwa
wayengelakubaxotsha elifeni abahlali besigodi, ngoba
babelezinqola zensimbi. **20** Basebenika uKalebi iHebroni,
njengokutsho kukaMozisi; wasexotsha elifeni esuka
lapho amadodana amathathu kaAnaki. **21** Kodwa
abantwana bakoBhenjamini kabawaxotshanga elifeni
amaJebusi ayehlala eJerusalema; ngakho amaJebusi
ahlala labantwana bakoBhenjamini eJerusalema kuze
kube lamuhla. **22** Lendlu kaJosefa, labo benyukela
eBhetheli; njalo iNkosi yayilabo. **23** Indlu kaJosefa
yasithuma inhloli eBhetheli; lebizo lomuzi kuqala
laliyiLuzi. **24** Abalindi basebebona umuntu ephuma
emzini, bathi kuye: Akusitshengise indlela yokungena
emzini, besesikwenzela umusa. **25** Esebatshengise
indlela yokungena emzini, bawutshaya umuzi ngobukhali
benkemba, kodwa lowomuntu losapho lwakhe lonke
babayekela bahamba. **26** Lowomuntu wasesiya elizweni
lamaHethi, wakha umuzi, wabiza ibizo lawo ngokuthi
yiLuzi; yilelo ibizo lawo kuze kube lamuhla. **27**
UManase kaxotshanga-ke iBeti-Sheyani lemizana
yayo, leThahanakhi lemizana yayo, labahlali beDori
lemizana yayo, labahlali beIbileyamu lemizana yayo,
labahlali beMegido lemizana yayo; kodwa amaKhanani
afuna ukuhlala kulelolizwe. **28** Kwasekusithi uIsrayeli
eselamandla wawamisa amaKhanani kusibhalo, kodwa
kawaxotshanga lokuwaxotsha elifeni. **29** UEfrayimi
kawaxotshanga-ke elifeni amaKhanani ayehlala eGezeri,
kodwa amaKhanani ahlala eGezeri phakathi kwabo.
30 UZebuluni kabaxotshanga elifeni abahlali beKitroni
labahlali beNahaloli, kodwa amaKhanani ahlala phakathi
kwabo, aba yizibhalwa. **31** UAsheri kabaxotshanga elifeni
abahlali beAko labahlali beSidoni leAhilabi leAkizibi
leHeliba leAfiki leRehobi; **32** kodwa abakoAsheri
bahlala phakathi kwamaKhanani abahlali belizwe, ngoba
kabawaxotshanga elifeni. **33** UNafithali kabaxotshanga
elifeni abahlali beBeti-Shemeshi labahlali beBeti-Anathi,
kodwa wahlala phakathi kwamaKhanani, abahlali belizwe;
kodwa abahlali beBeti-Shemeshi labeBeti-Anathi baba
yizibhalwa kubo. **34** AmaAmori asebafuqela abantwana
bakoDani entabeni, ngoba kawabavumelanga ukwehlela
esigodini. **35** Kodwa amaAmori ayefuna ukuhlala entabeni
yeHeresi eAjaloni leShahalibimi, kodwa isandla sendlu
kaJosefa saba nzima, aba yizibhalwa. **36** Umngcele
wamaAmori wawusukela emqansweni weAkirabimi,
uvela edwaleni usiya phezulu.

2 Ingilosi yeNkosi yasisenyuka isuka eGiligali isiya
eBokimi, yathi: Ngalenyusa lisuka eGibhithe,
ngaliletha elizweni engalifungela oyihlo, njalo ngathi:
Kangiyikwephula isivumelwano sami lani kuze kube
sephakadeni. **2** Lani-ke kaliyikwenza isivumelwano
labahlali balelilizwe, lizadiliza amalathi abo. Kodwa
kalililalelanga ilizwi lami. Kuyini lokhu elikwenzileyo? **3**
Ngakho lami ngathi: Kangiyikuzixotsha elifeni phambi
kwenu, kodwa zizakuba njengameva enhlangothini zenu,
labonkulunkulu bazo babe ngumjibila kini. **4** Kwasekusithi

lapho ingilosi yeNkosi isikhulume lamazwi kubo
bonke abantwana bakoIsrayeli, abantu baphakamisa
ilizwi labo bakhala inyembezi. 5 Basebebiza ibizo
laleyondawo ngokuthi yiBokimi, bayihlabela iNkosi
lapho. 6 Kwathi uJoshuwa esebayekele abantu
bahamba, abantwana bakoIsrayeli bahamba, ngulowo
lalowo waya elifeni lakhe ukudla ilifa lelizwe. 7
Abantu basebeyikhonza iNkosi kuzo zonke izinsuku
zikaJoshuwa, lazo zonke izinsuku zabadala abasala
bephila emva kukaJoshuwa, ababewubonile wonke
umsebenzi omkhulu weNkosi eyayiwenzele uIsrayeli. 8
UJoshuwa indodana kaNuni, inceku yeNkosi, wafa-ke,
eleminyaka elikhulu letshumi. 9 Basebemngcwabela
emngceleni welifa lakhe eThiminathi-Heresi entabeni
yakoEfrayimi, enyakatho kwentaba iGahashi. 10
Njalo lalesosizukulwana sabuthelwa kuboyise.
Kwasekusukuma esinye isizukulwana emva kwabo
esasingayazi iNkosi njalo lomsebenzi eyayiwenzele
uIsrayeli. 11 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesenza okubi
emehlweni eNkosi, bakhonza oBhali. 12 Batshiya iNkosi,
uNkulunkulu waboyise, eyabakhupha elizweni leGibhithe,
balandela abanye onkulunkulu, kubonkulunkulu
bezizwe ezazibazingelezele, bakhothama kibo,
bayithukuthelisa iNkosi. 13 Bayidela iNkosi, bakhonza
uBhali laboAshitarothi. 14 Ngakho ulaka lweNkosi
lwavutha kuIsrayeli, yabanikela esandleni sabaphangi
ababaphangayo; yabathengisa esandleni sezitha
zabo inhlangothi zonke, ukuze bangabe besaba
lakho ukuma phambi kwazo. 15 Loba bephuma
besiya ngaphi, isandla seNkosi samelana labo
ngokubi, njengokutsho kweNkosi lanjengokufunga
kweNkosi kibo, njalo bacindezeleka kakhulu. 16
INkosi yasimisa abahluleli ababophula esandleni
salabo ababaphangayo. 17 Kanti kababalalelanga
labahluleli babo, kodwa baphinga ngokulandela abanye
onkulunkulu, bakhothama kibo; baphambuka masinyane
endleleni oyise ababehamba kuyo, belalela imilayo
yeNkosi. Bona kabenzanga njalo. 18 Lalapho iNkosi
ibamisela abahluleli, iNkosi yayilomahluleli, yabophula
esandleni sezitha zabo zonke izinsuku zikamahluleli;
ngoba iNkosi yazisola ngenxa yokububula kwabo
ngenxa yalabo ababacindezelayo lababahlukuluzayo. 19
Kwasekusithi ekufeni kukamahluleli, babuyela emuva
baxhwala okwedlula oyise, ngokulandela abanye
onkulunkulu, ngokubakhonza langokubakhothamela;
kabalahlanga okwemisebenzi yabo lokwendlela yabo
yenkani. 20 Ngakho ulaka lweNkosi lwavutha kuIsrayeli,
yathi: Ngoba lesisizwe seqe isivumelwano sami
engasilaya oyise, kasilalelanga ilizwi lami, 21 lami
kangisayikuxotsha loba ngubani elifeni phambi kwabo
ezizweni uJoshuwa azitshiya ekufeni kwakhe, 22 ukuze
ngihlole ngazo uIsrayeli ukuthi bazagcina yini indlela
yeNkosi ukuhamba kuyo njengaboyise bayigcina, kumbe
hatshi. 23 Ngakho iNkosi yaziyekela lezozizwe, ukuze
ingazixotshi elifeni masinyane, njalo kayizinikelanga
esandleni sikaJoshuwa.

3 Lalezi yizizwe iNkosi eyazitshiyayo ukuze ihlole
uIsrayeli ngazo, bonke abangazazanga zonke
izimpi zeKhanani; 2 kuphela ukuze izizukulwana
zabantwana bakoIsrayeli zazi, ukuzifundisa impi,
kuphela abangazazanga phambili: 3 Amakhosi
amahlanu amaFilisti, lawo wonke amaKhanani,
lamaSidoni, lamaHivi ayehlala entabeni yeLebhanoni,
kusukela entabeni yeBhali-Hermoni kuze kube
sekungeneni kweHamathi. 4 Zazingezokuhlola
uIsrayeli ngazo ukwazi ukuthi bazayilalela yini
imilayo yeNkosi eyabalaya yona oyise ngesandla
sikaMozisi. 5 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli bahlala-
ke phakathi kwamaKhanani, amaHethi, lamaAmori,
lamaPerizi, lamaHivi, lamaJebusi. 6 Basebethatha
amadodakazi awo ukuba ngomkabo, lamadodakazi
abo bawanika amadodana awo, bakhonza onkulunkulu
bawo. 7 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesenza okubi
emehlweni eNkosi, bayikhohlwa iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wabo, bakhonza oBhali lezixuku. 8 Ngakho ulaka
lweNkosi lwavutha kuIsrayeli, yabathengisa esandleni
sikaKushani-Rishathayimi inkosi yeMesopotamiya.
Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebeyisebenzela inkosi
uKushani-Rishathayimi iminyaka eyisificaminwembili.
9 Kwathi abantwana bakoIsrayeli bekhala eNkosini,
iNkosi yabavusela abantwana bakoIsrayeli umkhululi
owabakhululayo, uOthiniyeli indodana kaKenazi
umfowabo kaKalebi ongumnawakhe. 10 Njalo uMoya
weNkosi wayephezu kwakhe, wahlulela uIsrayeli,
waphuma impi, iNkosi yanikela esandleni sakhe
uKushani-Rishathayimi inkosi yeSiriya, lesandla sakhe
saba lamandla phezu kukaKushani-Rishathayimi. 11
Lelizwe laba lokuthula iminyaka engamatshumi amane.
UOthiniyeli indodana kaKenazi wasesifa. 12 Abantwana
bakoIsrayeli basebebuya besenza okubi emehlweni
eNkosi. INkosi yasimqinisa uEgiloni inkosi yakoMowabi
ukumelana loIsrayeli, ngenxa yokuthi babenzile okubi
emehlweni eNkosi. 13 Wasezibuthela abantwana
bakoAmoni loAmaleki, waya wamtshaya uIsrayeli, badla
ilifa lomuzi wamalala. 14 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli
basebesebenzela uEgiloni inkosi yakoMowabi iminyaka
elitshumi leyisificaminwembili. 15 Kwathi abantwana
bakoIsrayeli bekhala eNkosini, iNkosi yabavusela
umkhululi, uEhudi indodana kaGera, umBhenjamini
owayelinxele. Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebethumela
ngesandla sakhe isipho kuEgiloni inkosi yakoMowabi.
16 UEhudi wasezenzela inkemba ebukhali inhlangothi
ezimbili, ubude bayo buyingalo, wayibophela ngaphansi
kwezigqoko zakhe ethangazini lakhe lokunene. 17
Wasondeza isipho kuEgiloni inkosi yakoMowabi.
Njalo uEgiloni wayengumuntu okhulupheleyo kakhulu.
18 Kwasekusithi eseqedile ukusondeza isipho,
wasephelekezela abantu ababethwele isipho. 19

Kodwa yena wabuyela emuva ezithombeni ezibaziweyo
ezaziseGiligali, wathi: Nkosi, ngilendaba eyimfihlo kuwe.
Yasisithi: Thula. Bonke ababemi laye basebephuma. 20
UEhudi wasesiza kuye ehlezi endlini ephezulu epholileyo
eyayingeyakhe yedwa. UEhudi wathi: Ngilendaba
kaNkulunkulu kuwe. Wasesukuma esihlalweni. 21 UEhudi
waseselula isandla sakhe sokhohlo, wathatha inkemba
ethangazini lakhe lokunene, wayithela esiswini sakhe, 22
kwaze kwangena lesilanda emva kobukhali, amahwahwa
agubuzela ubukhali, ngoba kayingcothulanga inkemba
esiswini sakhe, kwasekuphuma umswane. 23 UEhudi
wasephuma ekhulusini, wavala iminyango yendlu
ephezulu emva kwakhe, wayikhiya. 24 Yena esephumile,
kwafika izinceku zakhe; kwathi zibona, khangela-
ke, iminyango yendlu ephezulu yayikhiyiwe, zathi:
Sibili wembese inyawo zakhe endlini epholileyo.
25 Njalo zalinda zaze zaba lenhloni; khangela-ke
kavulanga iminyango yendlu ephezulu; ngakho zathatha
isihluthulelo zavula, khangela-ke, inkosi yazo yayiwele
phansi ifile. 26 UEhudi wasephunyuka zisalibele, yena
wedlula ezithombeni ezibaziweyo, waphunyuka waya
eSeyira. 27 Kwasekusithi ekufikeni kwakhe wavuthela
uphondo entabeni yakoEfrayimi. Abantwana bakoIsrayeli
basebesehla laye ezintabeni, yena ephambi kwabo. 28
Wasesithi kibo: Landelani emva kwami, ngoba iNkosi
inikele izitha zenu amaMowabi esandleni senu. Ngakho
behla bamlandela, bathumba amazibuko eJordani
aye koMowabi, kabavumelanga muntu ukuchapha.
29 Basebebulala amaMowabi ngalesosikhathi angaba
zinkulungwane ezilitshumi, amadoda wonke aqatha lawo
wonke amadoda alamandla, njalo kakuphunyukanga
muntu. 30 Ngalokho uMowabi wehliselwa phansi
mhlalokho ngaphansi kwesandla sikaIsrayeli. Lelizwe laba
lokuthula iminyaka engamatshumi ayisificaminwembili.
31 Lemva kwakhe kwaba loShamigari indodana kaAnathi,
owatshaya amaFilisti amadoda angamakhulu ayisithupha
ngocijo lwenkabi; laye wasemkhulula uIsrayeli.

4 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebebuya besenza
okubi emehlweni eNkosi esefile uEhudi. 2
INkosi yasibathengisa esandleni sikaJabini inkosi
yeKhanani owayebusa eHazori. Lenduna yebutho lakhe
yayinguSisera, owayehlala eHaroshethi labezizwe.
3 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebekhala eNkosini,
ngoba wayelezinqola zensimbi ezingamakhulu
ayisificamunwemunye, wabacindezela ngamandla
abantwana bakoIsrayeli iminyaka engamatshumi
amabili. 4 UDebora umfazi owayengumprofethikazi
umkaLapidothi yena wahlulela uIsrayeli ngalesosikhathi.
5 Wayehlala ngaphansi kwesihlahla selala sikaDebora
phakathi kweRama leBhetheli entabeni yakoEfrayimi.
Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesenyukela kuye
ukwahlulelwa. 6 Wasethuma wabiza uBaraki indodana
kaAbinowama eKedeshi koNafithali, wathi kuye: INkosi
uNkulunkulu wakoIsrayeli kayilayanga yini isithi: Hamba
usondele entabeni yeThabhori, uzithathele amadoda
azinkulungwane ezilitshumi ebantwaneni bakoNafithali
lebantwaneni bakoZebuluni? 7 Njalo ngizadonsela kuwe
esifuleni iKishoni uSisera induna yebutho likaJabini
lenqola zakhe lexuku lakhe, ngimnikele esandleni sakho.
8 UBaraki wasesithi kuye: Uba uhamba lami, ngizahamba;
kodwa uba ungahambi lami, kangiyikuhamba. 9
Wasesithi: Ngizahamba lokuhamba lawe, kodwa udumo
kaluyikuba ngolwakho ngendlela ohamba ngayo, ngoba
iNkosi izathengisa uSisera esandleni sowesifazana.
Wasesukuma uDebora, wahamba loBaraki waya
eKedeshi. 10 UBaraki wasebizela oZebuluni loNafithali
eKedeshi. Kwasekusenyuka amadoda azinkulungwane
ezilitshumi amlandela, loDebora wenyuka laye. 11
UHeberi umKeni wazehlukanisa-ke lamaKeni, abantwana
bakaHobabi uyisezala kaMozisi, wamisa ithente
lakhe kwaze kwaba sesihlahleni se-okhi eZahananimi
eseduze leKedeshi. 12 Basebebikela uSisera ukuthi
uBaraki indodana kaAbinowama usenyukele entabeni
yeThabhori. 13 USisera wasebiza zonke izinqola
zakhe, inqola ezingamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye
zensimbi, labo bonke abantu ababelaye, kusukela
eHaroshethi labezizwe kuze kufike esifuleni iKishoni.
14 UDebora wasesithi kuBaraki: Vuka! Ngoba yilo
lolusuku iNkosi enikele ngalo uSisera esandleni
sakho. Kayihambanga yini iNkosi phambi kwakho?
Ngakho uBaraki wehla entabeni iThabhori lamadoda
azinkulungwane ezilitshumi ngemva kwakhe. 15 INkosi
yasimsanganisa uSisera lazo zonke izinqola lebutho
lonke ngobukhali benkemba phambi kukaBaraki, kwaze
kwathi uSisera wehla enqoleni wabaleka ngenyawo
zakhe. 16 UBaraki wasexotshana lezinqola lebutho,
waze wafika eHaroshethi labezizwe; ibutho lonke
likaSisera laselisiwa ngobukhali benkemba; kakusalanga
loyedwa. 17 Kodwa uSisera wabaleka ngenyawo zakhe
waya ethenteni likaJayeli umkaHeberi umKeni, ngoba
kwakulokuthula phakathi kukaJabini inkosi yeHazori
lendlu kaHeberi umKeni. 18 UJayeli wasephuma
ukuhlangabeza uSisera, wathi kuye: Phambuka, nkosi
yami, phambukela kimi, ungesabi. Wasephambukela
kuye ethenteni, wamembesa ngengubo. 19 Wasesithi
kuye: Akunginathise amanzi amalutshwana ngoba
ngomile. Wasesibukula igula lochago, wamnathisa,
wamembesa. 20 Wasesithi kuye: Mana emnyango
wethente; kuzakuthi-ke, uba kufika umuntu kuwe ekubuza
esithi: Kulomuntu lapha yini? Uzakuthi: Kakulamuntu.
21 Kodwa uJayeli umkaHeberi wathatha isikhonkwane
sethente, wafaka isando esandleni sakhe, wamnyenyela,
wabethela isikhonkwane enhlafunweni yakhe sangena
emhlabathini, ngoba yena wayelele ubuthongo obukhulu,
ediniwe, wasesifa. 22 Khangela-ke, uBaraki waxotsha
uSisera; uJayeli wasephuma ukumhlangabeza wathi
kuye: Woza, ngizakutshengisa umuntu omdingayo.
Wasengena ethenteni lakhe, khangela-ke, uSisera

wayelele efile, lesikhonkwane sasisenhlafunweni yakhe.
23 Ngakho ngalolosuku uNkulunkulu wamehlisela
phansi uJabini inkosi yeKhanani phambi kwabantwana
bakoIsrayeli. 24 Isandla sabantwana bakoIsrayeli
saqhubeka-ke saba nzima phezu kukaJabini inkosi
yeKhanani, baze bamchitha uJabini inkosi yeKhanani.

5 UDebora loBaraki indodana kaAbinowama
basebehlabela ngalolosuku besithi: 2 Ngenxa
yokuphindisela kwezimpindiselo koIsrayeli, nxa abantu
bezinikela ngokuzithandela, busisani iNkosi! 3 Zwanini
makhosi, libeke indlebe ziphathamandla, mina, mina
ngizahlabela eNkosini, ngihubele iNkosi, uNkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli. 4 Nkosi, ekuphumeni kwakho eSeyiri,
ekunyatheleni kwakho usuka ensimini yeEdoma,
umhlaba wazamazama, lamazulu athonta, lamayezi
athontisa amanzi. 5 Izintaba zageleza phambi kweNkosi,
iSinayi le phambi kweNkosi, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli. 6
Ensukwini zikaShamigari indodana kaAnathi, ensukwini
zikaJayeli, izindlela zaphela, lababehamba ezindledlaneni
bahamba ngezindlela ezimazombazombe. 7 Izakhamizi
zemakhaya zaphela koIsrayeli, zaphela, ngaze
ngasukuma mina Debora, ngasukuma, unina koIsrayeli.
8 Wakhetha onkulunkulu abatsha, khona kwaba lempi
emasangweni. Sabonwa yini isihlangu lomkhonto
phakathi kwabazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amane koIsrayeli? 9 Inhliziyo yami ikubanikimithetho
bakoIsrayeli, abazinikela ngokuzithandela phakathi
kwabantu. Busisani iNkosi! 10 Bagadi babobabhemi
abamhlophe, bahlali besigcabha, labahambi endleleni,
khulumani. 11 Elizwini labatshoki, phakathi kwezindawo
zokukha amanzi, lapho bayalandisa ngemisebenzi
elungileyo yeNkosi, imisebenzi elungileyo yezakhamizi
zemakhaya zakoIsrayeli. Ngalesosikhathi abantu
beNkosi behlela emasangweni. 12 Vuka, vuka, Debora!
Vuka, vuka, khuluma ingoma! Sukuma Baraki, uthumbe
abathunjiweyo bakho, ndodana kaAbinowama. 13 Khona
yayenza insali yabusa phezu kwezinduna ebantwini;
iNkosi yangenza ngabusa phezu kwabalamandla. 14
Kuvela koEfrayimi impande yabo yayimelene loAmaleki;
emva kwakho, Bhenjamini, phakathi kwabantu bakho;
kuvela kuMakiri kwehla abanikumthetho, lakoZebuluni
abadonsa ngentonga yombhali. 15 Leziphathamandla
zakoIsakari zaziloDebora; lanjengoIsakari, waba
njalo uBaraki; wathunjwa esigodini ngenyawo zakhe.
Ekwehlukaneni kukaRubeni izinqumo zenhliziyo
zazizinkulu. 16 Wahlalelani phakathi kwezibaya ukuzwa
umhlanga wokukhaliselwa izimvu? Izifunda zakoRubeni
zaba lokuhlolwa okukhulu kwenhliziyo. 17 UGileyadi
wahlala ngaphetsheya kweJordani. LoDani wahlalelani
emikhunjini? UAsheri wahlala ekhunjini lolwandle,
wahlala ethekwini. 18 UZebuluni uyisizwe esadela
umphefumulo waso kwaze kwaba sekufeni, loNafithali,
emiqolweni yensimu. 19 Amakhosi afika alwa; khona
amakhosi eKhanani alwa eThahanakhi ngasemanzini
eMegido; kawathathanga impango yesiliva. 20
Zisemazulwini zalwa, inkanyezi zisendleleni zazo zalwa
loSisera. 21 Isifula iKishoni sabakhukhula, isifula sendulo,
isifula iKishoni. Mphefumulo wami, unyathela ngamandla!
22 Khona atshaya phansi amasondo amabhiza,
ngokumatha, ukumatha kwabalamandla bakhe. 23
Qalekisani iMerozi, kutsho ingilosi yeNkosi, qalekisani
ngokuqalekisa abakhileyo kuyo, ngoba kabezanga
kuncedo lweNkosi, kuncedo lweNkosi, lamaqhawe. 24
Uzabusiswa phezu kwabesifazana uJayeli umkaHeberi
umKeni; ubusisiwe phezu kwabesifazana ethenteni.
25 Wacela amanzi, wamnika uchago, waletha amasi
ngomganu wobukhosi. 26 Welulela isandla sakhe
esikhonkwaneni, lesandla sakhe sokunene esandweni
sezisebenzi, wamtshaya uSisera, wachoboza ikhanda
lakhe, wahlaba wabhoboza inhlafuno yakhe. 27 Phakathi
laphakathi kwenyawo zakhe wakhothama wawa walala;
phakathi laphakathi kwenyawo zakhe wakhothama wawa,
lapho akhothamela khona, wawa lapho efile echithekile.
28 Unina kaSisera walunguza ngewindi, wanqolonga
ngeminxibo yewindi wathi: Kungani inqola yakhe iphuza
ukuza? Kungani ephuzile amavili ezinqola zakhe?
29 Izihlakaniphi zamakhosazana akhe zaphendula,
yebo yena wazibuyisela impendulo yakhe wathi: 30
Kabatholanga yini bayaba impango, intombazana,
amantombazana amabili kuleyo laleyondoda, impango
yamalembu aconjiweyo kaSisera, impango yamalembu
aconjiweyo afekethisiweyo ngenalithi, amalembu
amabili aconjiweyo afekethisiweyo ngenalithi, awentamo
zomphangi? 31 Ngokunjalo kazibhubhe zonke
izitha zakho, Nkosi. Kodwa abayithandayo kababe
njengokuphuma kwelanga ngamandla alo. Lelizwe
lathula iminyaka engamatshumi amane.

6 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesenza okubi
emehlweni eNkosi; iNkosi yasibanikela esandleni
sikaMidiyani iminyaka eyisikhombisa. 2 Lesandla
sikaMidiyani saba lamandla phezu kukaIsrayeli. Ngenxa
kaMidiyani abantwana bakoIsrayeli bazenzela imihume
esezintabeni, lembalu, lezinqaba. 3 Kwasekusithi
uIsrayeli esehlanyele, enyuka amaMidiyani lamaAmaleki
labantwana bempumalanga, benyuka bamelana labo,
4 bamisa inkamba maqondana labo, bachitha izithelo
zelizwe, uze ufike eGaza, njalo kabatshiyanga okondlayo
koIsrayeli loba imvu loba inkabi loba ubabhemi. 5 Ngoba
bona benyuka lezifuyo zabo lamathente abo, bafika
njengokugcwala kwentethe ngobunengi, okokuthi bona
lamakamela abo babengelanani; basebengena elizweni
ukulichitha. 6 UIsrayeli wasesiba ngumyanga kakhulu
ngenxa yamaMidiyani, labantwana bakoIsrayeli bakhala
eNkosini. 7 Kwasekusithi lapho abantwana bakoIsrayeli
bekhala eNkosini ngenxa yamaMidiyani, 8 iNkosi yathuma
umprofethi kubantwana bakoIsrayeli, owathi kibo: Itsho
njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu wakoIsrayeli: Mina ngalenyusa

lisuka eGibhithe ngalikhupha endlini yobugqili, **9** ngalihluthuna esandleni samaGibhithe, lesandleni sabo bonke abalicindezelayo, ngabaxotsha phambi kwenu, ngalinika ilizwe labo, **10** ngathi kini: NgiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu; lingesabi onkulunkulu bamaAmori elihlala elizweni lawo. Kodwa kalililalelanga ilizwi lami. **11** Kwasekufika ingilosi yeNkosi, yahlala ngaphansi kwesihlahla se-okhi esiseOfira, esasingesikaJowashi umAbiyezeri, lendodana yakhe uGidiyoni yayibhula ingqoloyi esikhamelweni sewayini, ukuze iyifihlele amaMidiyani. **12** Ingilosi yeNkosi yasibonakala kuye, yathi kuye: INkosi ilawe, qhawe elilamandla. **13** UGidiyoni wasesithi kuyo: Hawu Nkosi yami, uba iNkosi ilathi, kungani konke lokhu kusehlele? Kanti zingaphi zonke izimangaliso zayo abasitshela zona obaba besithi: INkosi kayisenyusanga siphuma eGibhithe yini? Kodwa khathesi iNkosi isidelile, yasinikela esandleni samaMidiyani. **14** INkosi yasiphendukela kuye yathi: Hamba ngalamandla akho, ukhulule uIsrayeli esandleni samaMidiyani. Kangikuthumanga yini? **15** Wasesithi kuyo: Hawu Nkosi yami, ngizamkhulula ngani uIsrayeli? Khangela, usendo lwami lungumyanga koManase, njalo ngingomncinyane endlini kababa. **16** INkosi yasisithi kuye: Ngoba ngizakuba lawe, uzawatshaya-ke amaMidiyani njengendodanye. **17** Wasesithi kuyo: Uba khathesi ngithole umusa emehlweni akho, ngenzela isibonakaliso sokuthi nguwe okhuluma lami. **18** Ake ungasuki lapha, ngize ngibuye kuwe, ngikhuphe isipho sami, ngisibeke phambi kwakho. Yasisithi: Mina ngizahlala uze uphenduke. **19** UGidiyoni wasengena, walungisa izinyane lembuzi, lezinkwa ezingelamvubelo nge-efa lempuphu, inyama wayifaka esitsheni, lomhluzi wawufaka embizeni, wakukhuphela kuyo ngaphansi kwesihlahla se-okhi, wakusondeza. **20** Ingilosi kaNkulunkulu yasisithi kuye: Thatha inyama lezinkwa ezingelamvubelo, ukubeke phezu kwalelidwala, ubusuthela umhluzi. Wasesenza njalo. **21** Ingilosi yeNkosi yasiselula isihloko somqwayi owawusesandleni sayo, yathinta inyama lezinkwa ezingelamvubelo; kwasekusenyuka umlilo uphuma edwaleni, wadla inyama lezinkwa ezingelamvubelo. Lengilosi yeNkosi yasuka emehlweni akhe. **22** UGidiyoni wasebona ukuthi yayiyingilosi yeNkosi. UGidiyoni wathi: Maye, Nkosi Jehova! Ngenxa yokuthi ngibone ingilosi yeNkosi ubuso ngobuso. **23** Kodwa iNkosi yathi kuye: Ukuthula kakube kuwe, ungesabi, kawuyikufa. **24** UGidiyoni waseyakhela iNkosi ilathi lapho, walibiza ngokuthi uJehova-shalomi. Kuze kube lamuhla lisesekhona eOfira lamaAbiyezeri. **25** Kwasekusithi ngalobobusuku iNkosi yathi kuye: Thatha ijongosi lenkunzi engekayihlo, ngitsho ijongosi lesibili elileminyaka eyisikhombisa, udilize ilathi likaBhali elingelikayihlo, lesixuku esiphansi kwalo usigamule; **26** wakhele iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho ilathi phezu kwengqonga yalinqaba, njengokwejwayelekileyo; ubusuthatha ijongosi lesibili, unikele umnikelo wokutshiswa ngenkuni zesixuku ozasigamula. **27** UGidiyoni wasethatha amadoda alitshumi ezincekwini zakhe, wenza njengokutsho kweNkosi kuye; kodwa kwathi ngenxa yokuthi wayesesaba indlu kayise lamadoda omuzi ukukwenza emini, wakwenza ebusuku. **28** Lapho amadoda omuzi evuka ekuseni kakhulu, khangela, ilathi likaBhali lalidiliziwe, lesixuku esasiphansi kwalo sesiganyuliwe, lejongosi lesibili lanikelwa phezu kwelathi elaselakhiwe. **29** Basebesithi omunye komunye: Ngubani owenze loludaba? Nxa sebedingile bebuza bathi: UGidiyoni indodana kaJowashi wenze loludaba. **30** Amadoda omuzi asesithi kuJowashi: Khupha indodana yakho ukuze ife, ngoba idilizile ilathi likaBhali, langoba igamule isixuku esasiphansi kwalo. **31** Kodwa uJowashi wathi kubo bonke ababemi ngakuye: Lina lizamlwela uBhali yini, kumbe lina limsindise? Omlwelayo uzabulawa kusesekuseni. Uba engunkulunkulu, kazilwele, ngoba ilathi lakhe lidiliziwe. **32** Ngakho ngalolosuku wambiza ngokuthi nguJerubali, esithi: UBhali kalwe laye, ngoba ulidilizile ilathi lakhe. **33** Lawo wonke amaMidiyani lamaAmaleki labantwana bempumalanga babuthana ndawonye, bachapha, bamisa inkamba esigodini seJizereyeli. **34** LoMoya weNkosi wembesa uGidiyoni; wavuthela uphondo, lamaAbiyezeri abizwa emva kwakhe. **35** Wasethuma izithunywa kuye wonke uManase, labo futhi babizwa emva kwakhe. Wasethuma izithunywa koAsheri lakoZebuluni lakoNafithali; basebesiza ukubahlangabeza. **36** UGidiyoni wasesithi kuNkulunkulu: Uba uzasindisa uIsrayeli ngesandla sami njengokutsho kwakho, **37** khangela, ngizabeka uboya bezimvu obugundiweyo ebaleni lokubhulela; uba amazolo ezakuba phezu koboya obugundiweyo kuphela, lokoma emhlabathini wonke, ngizakwazi-ke ukuthi uzamsindisa uIsrayeli ngesandla sami, njengokutsho kwakho. **38** Kwasekusiba njalo. Lapho evuka ngovivi kusisa, wacindezela uboya obugundiweyo, wakhama amazolo eboyeni obugundiweyo, umganu ogcwele amanzi. **39** UGidiyoni wasesithi kuNkulunkulu: Ulaka lwakho lungangivutheli, ngizakhuluma khathesi kuphela; ake ngihlole khathesi kuphela ngoboya obugundiweyo; ake kube lokoma eboyeni obugundiweyo kuphela, lemhlabathini wonke kakube lamazolo. **40** UNkulunkulu wasesenza njalo ngalobobusuku; ngoba kwaba lokoma eboyeni obugundiweyo kuphela, kodwa emhlabathini wonke kwaba lamazolo.

7 UJerubali, onguGidiyoni, labo bonke abantu ababelaye basebevuka ngovivi, bamisa inkamba ngasemthonjeni weHarodi, okokuthi waba lenkamba yamaMidiyani enyakatho, ngaseqaqeni lweMore esigodini. **2** INkosi yasisithi kuGidiyoni: Abantu abalawe banengi kakhulu ukuthi nginikele amaMidiyani esandleni sabo, hlezi uIsrayeli azidumise emelene lami, esithi: Isandla sami singisindisile. **3** Ngakho khathesi memezela-ke endlebeni zabantu usithi: Loba

ngubani owesabayo lothuthumelayo kaphenduke asuke
masinyane entabeni yeGileyadi. Ngakho kwaphenduka
ebantwini abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili
lambili, lenkulungwane ezilitshumi zasala. 4 INkosi
yasisithi kuGidiyoni: Abantu basesebanengi kakhulu;
behlisele emanzini, ngizakuhlolela bona khona;
kuzakuthi-ke lowo engizakuthi ngaye kuwe: Lo uzahamba
lawe, yena uzahamba lawe; kodwa loba ngubani
engizakuthi ngaye kuwe: Lo kayikuhamba lawe, yena
kayikuhamba. 5 Wasebehlisela abantu emanzini. INkosi
yasisithi kuGidiyoni: Wonke oxhapha emanzini ngolimi
lwakhe njengenja ixhapha, uzambeka yedwa, laye wonke
oguqa ngamadolo akhe ukunatha. 6 Lenani lalabo
abaxhaphayo ngesandla sabo besisa emlonyeni wabo
babengamadoda angamakhulu amathathu, kodwa bonke
abaseleyo babantu baguqa ngamadolo abo ukunatha
amanzi. 7 INkosi yasisithi kuGidiyoni: Ngamadoda
angamakhulu amathathu axhaphileyo ngizalisindisa,
nginikele amaMidiyani esandleni sakho; bayekele-ke
bonke abantu bahambe, ngulowo lalowo endaweni
yakhe. 8 Ngakho abantu bathatha umphako esandleni
sabo, lempondo zabo. Wasewayekela wonke amadoda
akoIsrayeli ahamba, ngulowo ethenteni lakhe, kodwa
wagcina amadoda angamakhulu amathathu. Lenkamba
yamaMidiyani yaba ngaphansi kwakhe esigodini.
9 Kwasekusithi ngalobobusuku iNkosi yathi kuye:
Sukuma, wehlele enkambeni, ngoba ngiyinikele esandleni
sakho. 10 Kodwa uba usesaba ukwehla, yehla wena
loPura inceku yakho uye enkambeni. 11 Uzakuzwa
abakukhulumayo; lemva kwalokho izandla zakho
zizaqiniswa ukuze wehlele enkambeni. Wasesehla yena
loPura ijaha lakhe, baya ephethelweni labangamatshumi
amahlanu ababesenkambeni. 12 Njalo amaMidiyani
lamaAmaleki labo bonke abantwana bempumalanga
babelele esigodini njengentethe ngobunengi, lamakamela
abo ayengelanani, njengetshebetshebe elisekhunjini
lolwandle ngobunengi. 13 Kwathi uGidiyoni efika,
khangela umuntu elandisela umngane wakhe iphupho,
wathi: Khangela, ngiphuphe iphupho, khangela-ke,
iqebelengwana lesinkwa sebhali ligiqikela enkambeni
yamaMidiyani, lafika ethenteni, lalitshaya lawa laligenqula
lakhangela phezulu, okokuthi ithente lawa. 14
Umngane wakhe wasephendula wathi: Lokhu kakusilutho
ngaphandle kwenkemba kaGidiyoni indodana kaJowashi,
indoda yakoIsrayeli. UNkulunkulu unikele esandleni
sakhe iMidiyani lenkamba yonke. 15 Kwasekusithi
uGidiyoni esezwe ukulandiswa kwephupho lengcazelo
yalo, wakhonza, wabuyela enkambeni yakoIsrayeli,
wathi: Vukani, ngoba iNkosi inikele esandleni senu
inkamba yamaMidiyani. 16 Wasesehlukanisa amadoda
angamakhulu amathathu, aba yizigaba ezintathu, wanika
impondo esandleni sawo wonke, lenqayi ezingelalutho,
lezihlanti phakathi kwezinqayi. 17 Wasesithi kuwo:
Ngikhangelani, lenze njalo. Khangelani-ke, nxa ngifika
ephethelweni lenkamba, kuzakuthi njengokwenza kwami
lenze njalo. 18 Nxa ngivuthela impondo, mina labo
bonke abalami, lapho lani lizavuthela izimpondo, lihanqe
inkamba yonke, lithi: OweNkosi lokaGidiyoni! 19 Ngakho
uGidiyoni lamadoda alikhulu ayelaye bafika ephethelweni
lenkamba ekuqaleni komlindo wobusuku waphakathi,
besanda kumisa nje abalindi; basebevuthela impondo,
babulala izinqayi ezazisesandleni sabo. 20 Lezigaba
ezintathu zavuthela izimpondo, zabulala izinqayi,
zaphatha esandleni sazo sekhohlo izihlanti lesandleni
sazo sokunene impondo zokuvuthelwa, zamemeza zisithi:
Inkemba yeNkosi lekaGidiyoni! 21 Zasezisima, ngulowo
endaweni yakhe, behanqe inkamba, lenkamba yonke
yagijima yamemeza yabaleka. 22 Lapho abangamakhulu
amathathu bevuthela impondo, iNkosi yamisa inkemba
yomunye komunye, lenkambeni yonke; lenkamba
yabaleka kwaze kwaba seBeti-Shita eZerera, kwaze
kwaba semngceleni weAbeli-Mehola eduze kweTabathi.
23 Lamadoda akoIsrayeli abizelwa ndawonye evela
koNafithali lakoAsheri lakoManase wonke, axotshana
lamaMidiyani. 24 UGidiyoni wasethuma izithunywa kuyo
yonke intaba yakoEfrayimi esithi: Yehlani lihlangabeze
amaMidiyani, lithumbe amanzi phambi kwawo kuze
kube seBeti-Bara leJordani. Ngakho wonke amadoda
akoEfrayimi abizelwa ndawonye, athumba amanzi kuze
kube seBeti-Bara leJordani. 25 Athumba iziphathamandla
ezimbili eMidiyani, uOrebi loZebi; abulala uOrebi edwaleni
leOrebi, loZebi ambulala esikhamelweni sewayini seZebi,
axotshana lamaMidiyani; aletha amakhanda aboOrebi
loZebi kuGidiyoni ngaphetsheya kweJordani.

8 Amadoda akoEfrayimi asesithi kuye: Iyini linto
oyenze kithi ukuthi awusibizanga nxa usiyakulwa
lamaMidiyani? Amsola ngamandla. 2 Wasesithi
kiwo: Ngenzeni khathesi uba kulinganiswa lokwenu?
Ukukhothozwa kwezithelo zevini koEfrayimi kakukuhle
yini kulesivuno sevini sakoAbiyezeri? 3 UNkulunkulu
unikele esandleni senu iziphathamandla zeMidiyani,
uOrebi loZebi; ngangingenzani njengani? Kwasekudeda
kuye ukuthukuthela kwabo lapho ekhuluma lelilizwi.
4 Lapho uGidiyoni efika eJordani wachapha, yena
lamadoda angamakhulu amathathu ayelaye, bediniwe
kodwa bexotsha. 5 Wasesithi emadodeni eSukothi:
Ake liphe abantu abangilandelayo amaqebelengwana
ezinkwa, ngoba badiniwe, ngixotshana loZeba loZalimuna
amakhosi eMidiyani. 6 Lenduna zeSukothi zathi:
Intende yesandla sikaZeba loZalimuna isisesandleni
sakho yini, ukuthi siphe ibutho lakho isinkwa? 7
UGidiyoni wasesithi: Ngakho nxa iNkosi isinikele
uZeba loZalimuna esandleni sami, ngizabhula inyama
yenu ngameva enkangala langokhula oluhlabayo. 8
Wasesenyuka lapho waya ePenuweli, wakhuluma
labo ngokufananayo; lamadoda ePenuweli amphendula
njengamadoda eSukothi emphendulile. 9 Wasekhuluma

futhi emadodeni ePenuweli esithi: Ekubuyeni kwami
ngokuthula ngizadiliza lo umphotshongo. **10** Njalo
uZeba loZalimuna babeseKarikori lenkamba yabo
ilabo, phose inkulungwane ezilitshumi lanhlanu, bonke
ababesele ebuthweni lonke labantwana bempumalanga,
ngoba ababewile babengamadoda azinkulungwane
ezilikhulu lamatshumi amabili abahwatsha inkemba. **11**
UGidiyoni wasesenyuka ngendlela yabahlala emathenteni
empumalanga kweNoba leJogibeha, wayitshaya
inkamba, ngoba inkamba yayilibele. **12** UZeba loZalimuna
basebebaleka, wasexotshana labo, wathumba amakhosi
amabili eMidiyani, uZeba loZalimuna, wethusa inkamba
yonke. **13** Lapho uGidiyoni indodana kaJowashi
esebuya evela empini phambi kokuphuma kwelanga,
14 wabamba ijaha emadodeni eSukothi, walibuza;
laselimbhalela iziphathamandla zeSukothi labadala bayo,
amadoda angamatshumi ayisikhombisa lesikhombisa.
15 Wasefika emadodeni eSukothi, wathi: Khangelani
oZeba loZalimuna elalingiklolodela ngabo lisithi: Intende
yesandla sikaZeba loZalimuna isisesandleni sakho yini,
ukuthi siphe amadoda akho asediniwe isinkwa? **16**
Wasethatha abadala bomuzi, lameva enkangala lokhula
oluhlabayo, wenza amadoda eSukothi aqedisise ngawo.
17 Lomphotshongo wePenuweli wawudiliza, wabulala
amadoda omuzi. **18** Wasesithi kuZeba lakuZalimuna:
Ngamadoda anjani elawabulala eThabhori? Basebesithi:
Njengawe babenjalo, ngulowo njengesimo sendodana
yenkosi. **19** Wasesithi: Babengabafowethu, abantwana
bakamama. Kuphila kukaJehova, uba belibayekele
baphila, bengingayikulibulala. **20** Wasesithi kuJetheri
izibulo lakhe: Sukuma ubabulale. Kodwa umfana
kayihwatshanga inkemba yakhe, ngoba wayesesaba
ngoba esesengumfana. **21** UZeba loZalimuna
basebesithi: Sukuma wena uwele phezu kwethu,
ngoba njengoba injalo indoda, anjalo amandla ayo.
Wasesukuma uGidiyoni wabulala uZeba loZalimuna.
Wasethatha izinyangana ezazisentanyeni zamakamela
abo. **22** Amadoda akoIsrayeli asesithi kuGidiyoni: Sibuse,
wena-ke, lendodana yakho, lendodana yendodana
yakho, ngoba usisindisile esandleni samaMidiyani. **23**
Kodwa uGidiyoni wathi kibo: Mina kangiyikulibusa,
lendodana yami kayiyikulibusa; iNkosi izalibusa. **24**
UGidiyoni wasesithi kibo: Ake ngicele isicelo kini;
nginikani ngamunye icici lempango yakhe. Ngoba
babelamacici egolide, ngoba babengamaIshmayeli.
25 Basebesithi: Sizanika lokunika. Basebesendlala
isembatho, baphosela lapho ngamunye icici lempango
yakhe. **26** Lesisindo samacici egolide ayewacelile
sasingamashekeli egolide ayinkulungwane lamakhulu
ayisikhombisa, ngaphandle kwezinyangana, leziceciso
ezilengayo, lezembatho eziyibubende ezazisemakhosini
eMidiyani, langaphandle kwamaketane ayesezintanyeni
zamakamela awo. **27** UGidiyoni wasesenza i-efodi
ngakho, wayibeka emzini wakhe, eOfira. LoIsrayeli
wonke waphinga lapho ngokuyilandela; yasisiba
ngumjibila kuGidiyoni lendlu yakhe. **28** Ngokunjalo
amaMidiyani ehliselwa phansi phambi kwabantwana
bakoIsrayeli, kawaphindanga aphakamisa ikhanda
lawo. Lelizwe laba lokuthula iminyaka engamatshumi
amane ensukwini zikaGidiyoni. **29** UJerubali indodana
kaJowashi wayahlala-ke endlini yakhe. **30** Njalo uGidiyoni
wayelamadodana angamatshumi ayisikhombisa aphuma
okhalweni lwakhe, ngoba wayelabafazi abanengi.
31 Lomfazi wakhe omncane owayeseShekema laye
wamzalela indodana, wayitha ibizo lokuthi nguAbhimeleki.
32 UGidiyoni indodana kaJowashi wasesifa eseluphele
kuhle, wangcwatshelwa engcwabeni likaJowashi
uyise, eOfira yamaAbiyezeri. **33** Kwasekusithi lapho
uGidiyoni esefile, abantwana bakoIsrayeli baphenduka,
baphinga ngokulandela oBhali, bazimisela uBhali-
Berithi waba ngunkulunkulu. **34** Njalo abantwana
bakoIsrayeli kabayikhumbulanga iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wabo eyabophula esandleni sezitha zabo zonke
inhlangothi zonke. **35** Kabenzanga umusa endlini
kaJerubali, onguGidiyoni, njengakho konke okuhle
akwenza kuIsrayeli.

9 UAbhimeleki indodana kaJerubali wasesiya
eShekema kubafowabo bakanina, wakhuluma kibo
lakusendo lonke lwendlu kayise kanina, esithi: **2** Ake
likhulume endlebeni zabo bonke abahlali beShekemalithi:
Yikuphi okungcono kini ukuthi wonke amadodana
kaJerubali amadoda angamatshumi ayisikhombisa
alibuse, kumbe indoda eyodwa ilibuse? Khumbulani
futhi ukuthi ngilithambo lenu lenyama yenu. **3**
Labafowabo bakanina bamkhulumela ezindlebeni
zabo bonke abahlali beShekema wonke la amazwi.
Inhliziyo yabo yeyamela ukumlandela uAbhimeleki,
ngoba bathi: Ungumfowethu. **4** Bamnika inhlamvu
zesiliva ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa ezavela endlini
kaBhali-Berithi; uAbhimeleki waseqhatsha ngazo
abantu abayize labangakhathaliyo abamlandelayo. **5**
Wasesiya endlini kayise eOfira, wabulala abafowabo
amadodana kaJerubali, amadoda angamatshumi
ayisikhombisa, phezu kwedwala elilodwa; kodwa
uJothamu indodana elicinathunjana kaJerubali wasala,
ngoba wacatsha. **6** Labo bonke abahlali beShekema
labo bonke abeBeti-Milo babuthana, bahamba bamenza
wabusa uAbhimeleki abe yinkosi, esihlahleni se-
okhi esamiswa siseShekema. **7** Lapho bemtshela
uJothamu, wayakuma phezu kwengqonga yentaba
yeGerizimi, waphakamisa ilizwi lakhe wamemeza wathi
kibo: Ngizwani bahlali beShekema ukuze uNkulunkulu
alizwe. **8** Izihlahla zahamba lokuhamba ukuzigcobela
inkosi. Zathi esihlahleni somhlwathi: Sibuse. **9** Kodwa
isihlahla somhlwathi sathi kuzo: Kambe ngizatshiya
amafutha ami abadumisa ngawo uNkulunkulu labantu
ngami, ukuze ngiyezunguza phezu kwezihlahla? **10**

Izihlahla zasezisithi esihlahleni somkhiwa: Woza wena
usibuse. **11** Kodwa isihlahla somkhiwa sathi kuzo:
Kambe ngizatshiya ubumnandi bami lezithelo zami
ezinhle, ukuze ngiyezunguza phezu kwezihlahla? **12**
Izihlahla zasezisithi esihlahleni sevini: Woza wena
usibuse. **13** Kodwa isihlahla sevini sathi kuzo: Kambe
ngizatshiya iwayini lami elitsha elithokozisa uNkulunkulu
labantu, ukuze ngiyezunguza phezu kwezihlahla?
14 Izihlahla zonke zasezisithi embabazaneni: Woza
wena usibuse. **15** Imbabazane yasisithi ezihlahleni:
Uba ngeqiniso lingigcoba ngibe yinkosi phezu kwenu,
wozani lidinge ukuvikelwa emthunzini wami; uba
kungenjalo-ke, umlilo uzaphuma embabazaneni udle
izihlahla zemisedari zeLebhanoni. **16** Ngakho khathesi,
uba likwenzile ngeqiniso langokuthembeka ukuthi
libekile uAbhimeleki abe yinkosi, lokuthi uba lenzile
okuhle ngoJerubali langendlu yakhe, lokuthi uba
lenze kuye ngokufanele izandla zakhe; **17** ngoba
ubaba walilwela, walahlela khatshana impilo yakhe,
walophula esandleni samaMidiyani; **18** kodwa lina
seliyivukele indlu kababa lamuhla, labulala amadodana
akhe, amadoda angamatshumi ayisikhombisa, phezu
kwedwala elilodwa, labeka uAbhimeleki indodana
yencekukazi yakhe ukuthi abe yinkosi yabahlali
beShekema, ngoba engumfowenu; **19** uba-ke ngeqiniso
langokuthembeka lenzile ngoJerubali langendlu yakhe
ngalolusuku, thokozani ngoAbhimeleki, laye athokoze
ngani. **20** Kodwa uba kungenjalo, kakuphume umlilo
kuAbhimeleki udle abahlali beShekema leBeti-Milo, njalo
kakuphume umlilo kubahlali beShekema leBeti-Milo udle
uAbhimeleki. **21** UJothamu wasephunyuka wabaleka,
waya eBeri, wahlala khona, ngenxa kaAbhimeleki
umfowabo. **22** Kwathi uAbhimeleki esebuse uIsrayeli
iminyaka emithathu, **23** uNkulunkulu wathuma umoya
omubi phakathi kukaAbhimeleki labahlali beShekema,
njalo abahlali beShekema baziphatha ngokungathembeki
kuAbhimeleki, **24** ukuze udlakela olwenziwa kumadodana
kaJerubali angamatshumi ayisikhombisa lubuyele,
legazi libekwe phezu kukaAbhimeleki umfowabo
owawabulalayo, laphezu kwabahlali beShekema
ababeqinise izandla zakhe ukubulala abafowabo. **25**
Abahlali beShekema basebembekela abacathameli
ezingqongeni zezintaba, baphanga bonke ababebedlula
ngaleyondlela; uAbhimeleki wasekubikelwa. **26**
UGahali indodana kaEbedi wasesiza labafowabo,
bedlulela eShekema; njalo abahlali beShekema
bamthemba. **27** Basebephuma baya emasimini,
bakha izithelo zamavini ezivinini zabo, bazinyathela,
benza indumiso, bangena endlini kankulunkulu wabo,
badla banatha, bamthuka uAbhimeleki. **28** UGahali
indodana kaEbedi wasesithi: Ungubani uAbhimeleki njalo
ungubani uShekema ukuthi simsebenzele? Kasindodana
kaJerubali yini, loZebuli induna yayo? Sebenzelani
amadoda kaHamori uyise kaShekema. Ngoba thina
sizamsebenzelelani? **29** Sengathi ngabe lababantu
bebesesandleni sami, bengizamkhupha-ke uAbhimeleki.
Wasesithi kuAbhimeleki: Yandisa ibutho lakho, uphume.
30 Kwathi uZebuli umbusi womuzi esizwa amazwi
kaGahali indodana kaEbedi, ulaka lwakhe lwavutha.
31 Wathuma izithunywa kuAbhimeleki ngobuqili, esithi:
Khangela, uGahali indodana kaEbedi labafowabo
bafikile eShekema, khangela-ke, sebeqinisa umuzi
ukumelana lawe. **32** Khathesi-ke sukuma ebusuku
wena labantu abalawe, uyecathama egangeni. **33**
Kuzakuthi-ke ekuseni ekuphumeni kwelanga, uvuke
ngovivi uwuhlasele umuzi; khangela, lapho yena labantu
abalaye bephuma ukumelana lawe, uzakwenza kuye
njengalokho isandla sakho esikutholayo. **34** UAbhimeleki
wasesukuma labo bonke abantu ababelaye, ebusuku,
basebeyicathamela iShekema ngezigaba ezine. **35**
UGahali indodana kaEbedi wasephuma wema esikhaleni
sesango lomuzi. UAbhimeleki wasesukuma labantu
ababelaye ekucathameni. **36** Kwathi uGahali ebona
abantu, wathi kuZebuli: Khangela, abantu bayehla
ezingqongeni zezintaba. Kodwa uZebuli wathi kuye:
Ubona amathunzi ezintaba kungathi ngabantu. **37**
UGahali waqhubeka futhi ekhuluma wathi: Khangela,
abantu bayehla bevela phakathi kwelizwe, lelinye ixuku
livela endleleni yamagceke abavumisi. **38** UZebuli
wasesithi kuye: Usungaphi umlomo wakho owathi
ngawo: Ungubani uAbhimeleki ukuthi simkhonze?
Laba kayisibo abantu obadeleleyo yini? Ake uphume
khathesi uyekulwa labo. **39** UGahali wasephuma
phambi kwabahlali beShekema, walwa loAbhimeleki. **40**
UAbhimeleki wamxotsha, wasebaleka phambi kwakhe;
abanengi bawa belimele kwaze kwaba sekungeneni
kwesango. **41** UAbhimeleki wasehlala eAruma.
UZebuli wasemxotsha uGahali labafowabo, ukuze
bangahlali eShekema. **42** Kwasekusithi kusisa abantu
baphuma baya egangeni; bamtshela uAbhimeleki. **43**
Wasethatha abantu, wabehlukanisa baba ngamaxuku
amathathu, wacathama egangeni, wabona, khangela-
ke, abantu bephuma emzini, wabasukela wabatshaya.
44 UAbhimeleki lexuku elalilaye basebebahlasela
bema ekungeneni kwesango lomuzi, lamaxuku amabili
ahlasela bonke ababesegangeni, abatshaya. **45**
UAbhimeleki wasesilwa emelene lomuzi lolosuku lonke,
wawuthumba umuzi, wabulala abantu ababekiwo,
wadilizela phansi umuzi, wawuhlanyela ngetshwayi.
46 Lapho bonke abahlali bomphotshongo weShekema
bekuzwa, bangena enqabeni yendlu kaEli-Berithi.
47 Kwabikelwa uAbhimeleki ukuthi bonke abahlali
bemphotshongweni weShekema babuthene ndawonye.
48 UAbhimeleki wasesenyukela entabeni yeZalimoni,
yena labo bonke abantu ababelaye; uAbhimeleki
wathatha ihloka esandleni sakhe, wagamula ugatsha
lwezihlahla, waluthatha walwetshata ehlombe lakhe,
wathi ebantwini ababelaye: Lokhu elibona ngikwenza,

phangisani likwenze njengami. **49** Ngakho bonke
abantu labo bagamula, ngulowo ugatsha lwakhe,
bamlandela uAbhimeleki bazibeka enqabeni, bathungela
inqaba ngomlilo phezu kwabo, kwaze kwathi bonke
abantu bomphotshongo weShekema labo bafa,
phose abesilisa labesifazana abayinkulungwane. **50**
UAbhimeleki wasesiya eThebezi, wamisa inkamba
maqondana leThebezi wayithumba. **51** Kodwa
kwakulomphotshongo oqinileyo phakathi komuzi,
labo bonke abesilisa labesifazana babalekela kuyo,
labo bonke abahlali bomuzi, babavalela phakathi;
benyukela ephahleni lomphotshongo. **52** UAbhimeleki
wasefika emphotshongweni, walwa lawo, wasondela
emnyango womphotshongo ukuze awutshise ngomlilo.
53 Owesifazana othile wasephosa ucezu lwelitshe
lokuchola ekhanda likaAbhimeleki, wadabula ukhakhayi
lwakhe. **54** Wasebiza masinyane ijaha elalithwala izikhali
zakhe, wathi kilo: Hwatsha inkemba yakho ungibulale,
hlezi bathi ngami: Owesifazana wambulala. Ijaha lakhe
laselimgwaza, wafa-ke. **55** Kwathi amadoda akoIsrayeli
ebona ukuthi uAbhimeleki usefile, ahamba, ngulowo
waya endaweni yakhe. **56** Ngokunjalo uNkulunkulu
wabuyisela ububi bukaAbhimeleki ayebenze kuyise,
ngokubulala abafowabo abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa.
57 Labo bonke ububi bamadoda eShekema uNkulunkulu
wabubuyisela phezu kwamakhanda awo; kwasekusehlela
phezu kwabo isiqalekiso sikaJothamu indodana
kaJerubali.

10 Emva kukaAbhimeleki kwasekuvela uThola
indodana kaPhuwa indodana kaDodo, indoda
yakoIsakari ukukhulula uIsrayeli; wayehlala eShamiri
entabeni yakoEfrayimi. **2** Wasesahlulela uIsrayeli
iminyaka engamatshumi amabili lantathu. Wafa,
wangcwatshelwa eShamiri. **3** Lemva kwakhe kwavela
uJayiri umGileyadi, wahlulela uIsrayeli iminyaka
engamatshumi amabili lambili. **4** Wayelamadodana
angamatshumi amathathu agada amathole abobabhemi
angamatshumi amathathu, elemizi engamatshumi
amathathu, abayithi yiHavothi-Jayiri kuze kube
lamuhla, eselizweni leGileyadi. **5** UJayiri wasesifa,
wangcwatshelwa eKamoni. **6** Abantwana bakoIsrayeli
basebebuya besenza okubi emehlweni eNkosi,
bakhonza oBhali laboAshitarothi, labonkulunkulu beSiriya
labonkulunkulu beSidoni labonkulunkulu bakoMowabi
labonkulunkulu babantwana bakoAmoni labonkulunkulu
bamaFilisti; bayitshiya iNkosi, kabaze bayikhonza. **7**
Ulaka lweNkosi lwaselumvuthela uIsrayeli, yabathengisa
ezandleni zamaFilisti lezandleni zabantwana bakoAmoni.
8 Asebachitha abacindezela abantwana bakoIsrayeli
ngalowomnyaka - iminyaka elitshumi leyisificaminwembili,
bonke abantwana bakoIsrayeli ababengaphetsheya
kweJordani elizweni lamaAmori eliseGileyadi. **9** Njalo
abantwana bakoAmoni bachapha iJordani ukuze
balwe ngitsho bemelene loJuda njalo bemelene
loBhenjamini bemelene lendlu kaEfrayimi; ngalokho
uIsrayeli wacindezeleka kakhulu. **10** Abantwana
bakoIsrayeli basebekhala eNkosini besithi: Sonile
kuwe, njalo ngoba sitshiyile uNkulunkulu wethu,
sasesikhonza oBhali. **11** INkosi yasisithi ebantwaneni
bakoIsrayeli: Kangilikhululanga yini kumaGibhithe
lakumaAmori lakubantwana bakoAmoni lakumaFilisti? **12**
AmaSidoni lawo lamaAmaleki lamaMahoni alicindezela,
laselikhala kimi, ngalikhulula esandleni sawo. **13**
Kanti lina lingitshiyile lakhonza abanye onkulunkulu;
ngakho kangisayikulikhulula. **14** Hambani liyekhala
kubonkulunkulu elibakhethileyo; kabalikhulule bona
ngesikhathi sokuhlupheka kwenu. **15** Abantwana
bakoIsrayeli-ke bathi eNkosini: Sonile; yenza wena
kithi njengakho konke okuhle emehlweni akho; kuphela
sikhulule, siyakuncenga, lamuhla. **16** Basebesusa
onkulunkulu bezizweni phakathi kwabo, bakhonza iNkosi;
umphefumulo wayo wasudabuka ngohlupho lukaIsrayeli.
17 Kwasekubizelwa ndawonye abantwana bakoAmoni,
bamisa inkamba eGileyadi, labantwana bakoIsrayeli
babuthana bamisa inkamba eMizipa. **18** Labantu,
iziphathamandla zeGileyadi, bathi omunye komunye:
Ngubani umuntu ozaqala ukulwa emelene labantwana
bakoAmoni? Uzakuba yinhloko phezu kwabo bonke
abahlali beGileyadi.

11 Njalo uJefitha umGileyadi wayeliqhawe elilamandla,
wayeyindodana yewule; uGileyadi wasezala
uJefitha. **2** UmkaGileyadi wasemzalela amadodana;
kwathi amadodana omkakhe esekhulile amxotsha
uJefitha, athi kuye: Kawuyikudla ilifa endlini kababa,
ngoba uyindodana yomunye umfazi. **3** UJefitha
wasebalekela abafowabo, wahlala elizweni leTobi.
Amadoda ayize asebuthana kuJefitha, aphuma laye. **4**
Kwasekusithi emva kwezinsuku abantwana bakoAmoni
balwa loIsrayeli. **5** Kwasekusithi lapho abantwana
bakoAmoni besilwa loIsrayeli, abadala beGileyadi
bahamba ukuyathatha uJefitha elizweni leTobi, **6**
bathi kuJefitha: Woza ube ngumkhokheli wethu ukuze
silwe labantwana bakoAmoni. **7** Kodwa uJefitha
wathi kubadala beGileyadi: Lina kalingizondanga
yini, langixotsha endlini kababa? Pho, lizelani kimi
khathesi nxa selisenhluphekweni? **8** Abadala beGileyadi
basebesithi kuJefitha: Ngakho khathesi siyabuyela kuwe
ukuze uhambe lathi uyekulwa umelene labantwana
bakoAmoni, ube yinhloko yethu phezu kwabo bonke
abakhi beGileyadi. **9** UJefitha wasesithi kubadala
beGileyadi: Uba lingibuyisa ukulwa ngimelene labantwana
bakoAmoni, iNkosi ibanikele phambi kwami, mina
ngizakuba yinhloko yenu yini? **10** Abadala beGileyadi
basebesithi kuJefitha: INkosi iyezwa phakathi kwethu,
uba singenzi njalo njengokwamazwi akho. **11** UJefitha
wasehamba labadala beGileyadi, abantu basebemenza
waba yinhloko lomkhokheli phezu kwabo. UJefitha
wasekhuluma wonke amazwi akhe phambi kweNkosi

eMizipa. 12 UJefitha wasethuma izithunywa enkosini
yabantwana bakoAmoni esithi: Ngilani lawe ukuthi
uze kimi ukulwa elizweni lami? 13 Inkosi yabantwana
bakoAmoni yasisithi kuzithunywa zikaJefitha: Ngoba
uIsrayeli wathatha ilizwe lami ekwenyukeni kwakhe
eGibhithe kusukela eArinoni kuze kube seJaboki kuze
kube seJordani; ngakho-ke libuyiseni ngokuthula. 14
UJefitha wasephinda ethuma izithunywa futhi enkosini
yabantwana bakoAmoni, 15 wathi kuye: Utsho njalo
uJefitha: UIsrayeli kalithathanga ilizwe lakoMowabi lelizwe
labantwana bakoAmoni, 16 kodwa ekwenyukeni kwabo
besuka eGibhithe uIsrayeli wahamba edabula enkangala
waya eLwandle oluBomvu, wafika eKadeshi. 17 UIsrayeli
wasethuma izithunywa enkosini yeEdoma esithi: Ake
sedlule sidabule elizweni lakho; kodwa inkosi yeEdoma
kayilalelanga. Wathumela njalo enkosini yakoMowabi,
kodwa kayivumanga. Ngakho uIsrayeli wahlala
eKadeshi. 18 Basebedabula enkangala, balibhoda ilizwe
leEdoma lelizwe lakoMowabi, bafika lapho eliphuma
khona ilanga kwelizwe lakoMowabi. Bamisa inkamba
ngaphetsheya kweArinoni, kodwa kabangenanga
emngceleni wakoMowabi, ngoba iArinoni yayingumngcele
wakoMowabi. 19 UIsrayeli wasethuma izithunywa
kuSihoni inkosi yamaAmori, inkosi yeHeshiboni; uIsrayeli
wathi kuye: Ake sedlule elizweni lakho siye endaweni
yami. 20 Kodwa uSihoni kamthembanga uIsrayeli ukuthi
adlule emngceleni wakhe; kodwa uSihoni wabutha
bonke abantu bakhe, wamisa inkamba eJahazi, walwa
loIsrayeli. 21 Kodwa iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli,
yanikela uSihoni labo bonke abantu bakhe esandleni
sikaIsrayeli, babatshaya. Ngakho uIsrayeli wadla ilifa
lelizwe lonke lamaAmori, abahlali balelolizwe. 22 Badla
ilifa layo yonke imingcele yamaAmori kusukela eArinoni
kuze kube seJaboki, njalo kusukela enkangala kuze kube
seJordani. 23 Khathesi-ke iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli,
yawaxotsha elifeni amaAmori phambi kwabantu bayo
uIsrayeli; kanti wena uzakudla ilifa lalo yini? 24
Kawuyikudla yini ilifa lalokhu uKemoshi unkulunkulu
wakho akunika ukudla ilifa lakho? Ngakho loba ngubani
iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu ezamxotsha elifeni phambi
kwethu, lokhu sizakudla ilifa lakho. 25 Pho-ke wena
ungcono yini okwedlula uBalaki indodana kaZipori
inkosi yakoMowabi? Wake waxabana loIsrayeli; kumbe
wake walwa labo yini; 26 lapho uIsrayeli esehlala
eHeshiboni lemizaneni yayo, leAroweri lemizaneni yayo,
lakuyo yonke imizi esekhunjini lweArinoni, iminyaka
engamakhulu amathathu? Kungani-ke ungayophulanga
ngalesosikhathi? 27 Ngakho mina kangonanga kuwe,
kodwa wena wenza okubi kimi ngokulwa lami; iNkosi
uMahluleli kahlulele lamuhla phakathi kwabantwana
bakoIsrayeli labantwana bakoAmoni. 28 Kodwa inkosi
yabantwana bakoAmoni kayilalelanga amazwi kaJefitha
awathumela kuyo. 29 UMoya weNkosi wasesiza phezu
kukaJefitha, wedlula eGileyadi leManase, wedlula
eMizipa yeGileyadi; esuka eMizipa wedlulela kubantwana
bakoAmoni. 30 UJefitha wafunga isifungo eNkosini
wathi: Uba uzanikela lokunikela abantwana bakoAmoni
esandleni sami, 31 kuzakuthi loba yikuphi okuphuma
eminyango yendlu yami ukungihlangabeza ekubuyeni
kwami ngokuthula ngivela kubantwana bakoAmoni,
kuzakuba ngokweNkosi, ngizakunikela kube ngumnikelo
wokutshiswa. 32 Ngakho uJefitha wasesedlulela
ebantwaneni bakoAmoni ukulwa emelene labo; iNkosi
yasibanikela esandleni sakhe. 33 Wasebatshaya
kusukela eAroweri uze ufike eMinithi, imizi engamatshumi
amabili, kuze kube seAbeli-Keramimi, ukutshaya
okukhulukazi. Ngokunjalo abantwana bakoAmoni
behliselwa phansi phambi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli. 34
UJefitha wasefika eMizipa endlini yakhe. Khangela-ke,
indodakazi yakhe yaphuma ukumhlangabeza, ilezigujana,
lemigido; yayiyiyo yodwa eyakhe; ngaphandle kwayo
wayengelandodana lendodakazi. 35 Kwasekusithi lapho
eyibona wadabula izigqoko zakhe wathi: Maye ndodakazi
yami! Ungithobisile kakhulu, njalo wena uphakathi
kwabangihluphayo, ngoba mina ngivule umlomo wami
eNkosini, ngingeke ngibuyele emuva. 36 Yasisithi kuye:
Baba, uvulile umlomo wakho eNkosini, yenza kimi
njengalokho okuphume emlonyeni wakho, lokhu iNkosi
ikuphindisele ezitheni zakho, ebantwaneni bakoAmoni.
37 Yasisithi kuyise: Akungenzele linto: Ngiyekela inyanga
ezimbili, ngiye ngehle ezintabeni, ngililele ubuntombi
bami, mina labangane bami. 38 Wasesithi: Hamba.
Waseyiyekela ihamba inyanga ezimbili. Yasihamba, yona
labangane bayo, yalilela ubuntombi bayo ezintabeni. 39
Kwasekusithi ekupheleni kwenyanga ezimbili yabuyela
kuyise, owenza kuyo isifungo sakhe asifungayo;
yona kayiyazanga indoda. Kwasekusiba ngumkhuba
koIsrayeli: 40 Iminyaka ngeminyaka amadodakazi
akoIsrayeli ayehamba ukuyakhumbula indodakazi
kaJefitha umGileyadi insuku ezine ngomnyaka.

12 Abantu bakoEfrayimi basebebizelwa ndawonye,
bachaphela enyakatho, bathi kuJefitha:
Wachaphelani ukuyakulwa umelene labantwana
bakoAmoni, lathi ungasibizanga ukuthi sihambe
lawe? Sizatshisa ngomlilo indlu yakho phezu
kwakho. 2 UJefitha wathi kibo: Mina labantu bami
sasilengxabano enkulu labantwana bakoAmoni; sathi
silibiza, kalingikhululanga esandleni sabo. 3 Kwathi
lapho ngibona ukuthi kalisizanga, ngabeka impilo
yami esandleni sami, ngachaphela ebantwaneni
bakoAmoni, iNkosi yabanikela esandleni sami. Pho,
lenyukeleleni kimi lamuhla ukulwa limelene lami?
4 UJefitha wasebutha wonke amadoda eGileyadi
walwa loEfrayimi; amadoda eGileyadi asemtshaya
uEfrayimi, ngoba athi: Lingababalekileyo bakoEfrayimi,
lina beGileyadi, phakathi kukaEfrayimi loManase. 5
AbeGileyadi basebethumba amazibuko eJordani aya
koEfrayimi. Kwakusithi lapho iziphepheli zakoEfrayimi

zisithi: Ake ngichaphe; amadoda eGileyadi athi kuye:
UngumEfrayimi yini? Lapho esithi: Hatshi; 6 basebesithi
kuye: Ake uthi: Shibolethi. Athi: Sibolethi; ngoba
engelakulikhuluma kuhle. Basebembamba, bemhlaba
emazibukweni eJordani. Kwasekusiwa ngalesosikhathi
kwabakoEfrayimi abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amane lambili. 7 UJefitha wasesahlulela uIsrayeli
iminyaka eyisithupha. Wasesifa uJefitha umGileyadi,
wangcwatshelwa komunye wemizi yeGileyadi. 8
Emva kwakhe-ke uIbizani weBhethelehema wahlulela
uIsrayeli. 9 Njalo wayelamadodana angamatshumi
amathathu, wathumela ngaphandle amadodakazi
angamatshumi amathathu, wangenisela amadodana
akhe amadodakazi angamatshumi amathathu evela
ngaphandle; wahlulela uIsrayeli iminyaka eyisikhombisa.
10 Wasesifa uIbizani, wangcwatshelwa eBhethelehema.
11 Njalo emva kwakhe uEloni umZebuloni wahlulela
uIsrayeli; wahlulela uIsrayeli iminyaka elitshumi. 12
Wasesifa uEloni umZebuloni, wangcwatshelwa eAjaloni,
elizweni lakoZebuluni. 13 Emva kwakhe-ke uAbidoni
indodana kaHileli umPirathoni wahlulela uIsrayeli. 14
Wayelamadodana angamatshumi amane, lamadodana
amadodana angamatshumi amathathu, ayegada
amathole abobabhemi angamatshumi ayisikhombisa;
wahlulela uIsrayeli iminyaka eyisificaminwembili. 15
Wasesifa uAbidoni indodana kaHileli umPirathoni,
wangcwatshelwa ePirathoni elizweni lakoEfrayimi
entabeni zamaAmaleki.

13 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli babuya-ke benza okubi
emehlweni eNkosi. INkosi yasibanikela esandleni
samaFilisti iminyaka engamatshumi amane. 2
Kwakukhona-ke umuntu othile weZora, owosendo
lwakoDani, obizo lakhe lalinguManowa; lomkakhe
wayeyinyumba engazali. 3 Ingilosi yeNkosi yasibonakala
kowesifazana yathi kuye: Khangela-ke, uyinyumba,
kawuzali, kodwa uzathatha isisu uzale indodana.
4 Ngakho-ke ake uqaphelise, unganathi wayini
lokunathwayo okulamandla, ungadli lalutho olungcolileyo,
5 ngoba khangela, uzathatha isisu uzale indodana.
Impuco kayiyikudlula ekhanda layo, ngoba umfana
uzakuba ngumNaziri kaNkulunkulu kusukela esizalweni;
yena uzaqala ukusindisa uIsrayeli esandleni samaFilisti.
6 Owesifazana wasesiza wabikela indoda yakhe esithi:
Kufikile kimi umuntu kaNkulunkulu, ukubonakala kwakhe
kwakunjengokubonakala kwengilosi kaNkulunkulu,
kusesabeka kakhulu; kodwa kangimbuzanga ukuthi
uvela ngaphi, futhi kangitshelanga ibizo lakhe. 7
Kodwa uthe kimi: Khangela, uzathatha isisu, uzale
indodana; khathesi-ke unganathi wayini lokunathwayo
okulamandla, ungadli lalutho olungcolileyo, ngoba
umfana uzakuba ngumNaziri kaNkulunkulu kusukela
esizalweni kuze kube sosukwini lokufa kwakhe. 8
UManowa waseyincenga iNkosi wathi: Hawu Nkosi
yami, umuntu kaNkulunkulu omthumileyo ake abuye
futhi kithi, asifundise ukuthi sizakwenza njani emfaneni
ozazalwa. 9 UNkulunkulu waselizwa ilizwi likaManowa,
lengilosi kaNkulunkulu yafika futhi kowesifazana ehlezi
egangeni; kodwa uManowa umkakhe wayengelaye. 10
Owesifazana wasehaluzela wagijima wabikela umkakhe
wathi: Khangela, lowomuntu ubonakele kimi owafika kimi
mhlalokhuyana. 11 UManowa wasesukuma walandela
umkakhe, wafika kulowomuntu wathi kuye: Unguye yini
lowomuntu owakhuluma kulowesifazana? Wasesithi:
Nginguye. 12 UManowa wasesithi: Kaweze-ke amazwi
akho; izakuba yini indlela yomfana, lomsebenzi wakhe?
13 Ingilosi yeNkosi yasisithi kuManowa: Kukho konke
engakutshoyo kowesifazana akuqaphelise; 14 angadli
okolutho oluphuma evinini lewayini, anganathi wayini
lokunathwayo okulamandla, angadli lutho olungcolileyo;
konke engamlaya khona akugcine. 15 UManowa
wasesithi engilosini yeNkosi: Ake sikubambelele,
silungise phambi kwakho izinyane lembuzi. 16 Ingilosi
yeNkosi yasisithi kuManowa: Uba ungibambelela,
kangiyikudla okwesinkwa sakho; njalo uba ulungisa
umnikelo wokutshiswa, unikele eNkosini. Ngoba
uManowa wayengazi ukuthi yayiyingilosi yeNkosi. 17
UManowa wasesithi kuyo ingilosi yeNkosi: Ungubani ibizo
lakho, ukuze kuthi lapho amazwi akho esiza sikuhloniphe.
18 Ingilosi yeNkosi yasisithi kuye: Ubuzelani kanje ngebizo
lami lokhu liyamangalisa? 19 UManowa wasethatha
izinyane lembuzi lomnikelo wokudla, wakunikela eNkosini
phezu kwedwala, yasisenza ngokumangalisayo, njalo
uManowa lomkakhe bekhangele. 20 Kwasekusithi
lapho ilangabi lisenyuka elathini liqonde emazulwini,
ingilosi yeNkosi yenyuka ngelangabi lelathi, uManowa
lomkakhe bekhangele, bathi mbo ngobuso babo
emhlabathini. 21 Kodwa ingilosi yeNkosi kayiphindanga
isabonakala kuManowa lomkakhe. Khona uManowa
wazi ukuthi kwakuyingilosi yeNkosi. 22 UManowa
wasesithi kumkakhe: Sizakufa lokufa ngoba sibone
uNkulunkulu. 23 Kodwa umkakhe wathi kuye: Uba iNkosi
ibithanda ukusibulala, ibingayikwemukela esandleni
sethu umnikelo wokutshiswa lomnikelo wokudla,
njalo ibingayikusitshengisa zonke lezizinto, njalo
ibingayikusizwisa ngalesisikhathi izinto ezinjengalezi.
24 Owesifazana wasebeletha indodana, wayitha ibizo
layo wathi nguSamsoni; umfana wasekhula, leNkosi
yambusisa. 25 UMoya weNkosi waseqala ukumvusa
enkambeni kaDani phakathi kweZora leEshitawoli.

14 USamsoni wasesehlela eThiminathi, wabona
owesifazana eThiminathi wamadodakazi amaFilisti.
2 Wenyuka wabatshela oyise lonina wathi: Ngibone
owesifazana eThiminathi wamadodakazi amaFilisti.
Ngakho-ke ngithatheleni yena abe ngumkami. 3 Kodwa
uyise lonina bathi kuye: Kakula owesifazana yini
phakathi kwamadodakazi abafowenu loba phakathi
kwabo bonke abantu bakithi ukuthi uyethatha umfazi
kumaFilisti angasokanga? USamsoni wasesithi kuyise:

Ngithathele yena ngoba yena uyathandeka emehlweni
ami. 4 Kodwa uyise lonina babengazi ukuthi lokho
kuvela eNkosini, ukuthi wayedinga ithuba lokumelana
lamaFilisti; ngoba ngalesosikhathi amaFilisti ayebusa
phezu kukaIsrayeli. 5 USamsoni wasesehla loyise
lonina esiya eThiminathi, bafika ezivinini eThiminathi,
khangela-ke, ibhongo lesilwane lambhongela. 6 UMoya
weNkosi wasefika ngamandla phezu kwakhe; walidabula
njengodabula izinyane; njalo kwakungelalutho esandleni
sakhe; kodwa kabatshelanga oyise lonina lokho
akwenzileyo. 7 Wasesehla, wakhuluma lowesifazana,
njalo wayethandeka emehlweni kaSamsoni. 8 Lemva
kwezinsuku wabuyela ukuyamthatha; waphambuka
ukuthi abone isidumbu sesilwane, khangela-ke,
kwakulomtshitshi wenyosi loluju esidunjini sesilwane.
9 Wazithapha ngezandla zakhe, wahamba, ehamba
esidla, wafika kuyise lakunina, wabanika, badla. Kodwa
kabatshelanga ukuthi wayethaphe uluju esidunjini
sesilwane. 10 Uyise wasesehla waya kowesifazana,
loSamsoni wenza idili khona, ngoba ayesenza njalo
amajaha. 11 Kwasekusithi lapho bembona bathatha
abanakwabo abangamatshumi amathathu ukuze babe
laye. 12 USamsoni wasesithi kibo: Ake ngililibhe
ngelibho; uba lingangitshela lona kuhle ensukwini
eziyisikhombisa zedili, lilithole, ngizalinika izembatho
zelembu elihle ezingamatshumi amathathu lezembatho
zokuntshintsha ezingamatshumi amathathu. 13 Kodwa
uba lingelakho ukungitshela, khona lina lizanginika
izembatho zelembu elihle ezingamatshumi amathathu
lezembatho zokuntshintsha ezingamatshumi amathathu.
Basebesithi kuye: Libha ilibho lakho ukuze silizwe. 14
Wasesithi kubo: Kodlayo kwaphuma ukudla, lakolamandla
kwaphuma okumnandi. Kodwa babengelakulichasisa
ilibho ensukwini ezintathu. 15 Kwasekusithi ngosuku
lwesikhombisa bathi kumkaSamsoni: Huga umkakho
ukuthi asichasisele ilibho, hlezi sikutshise lendlu kayihlo
ngomlilo. Lisinxusele ukuthi lisithathele esilakho yini?
Akunjalo yini? 16 UmkaSamsoni wasekhala inyembezi
phambi kwakhe wathi: Uyangizonda nje, kawungithandi;
uwalibhile ilibho amadodana abantu bakithi, kodwa
mina kawungitshelanga. Wasesithi kuye: Khangela
ubaba lomama kangibatshelanga, wena-ke ngizakutshela
yini? 17 Wakhala inyembezi phambi kwakhe insuku
eziyisikhombisa beseledili. Kwasekusithi ngosuku
lwesikhombisa wamtshela ngoba wamcindezela kakhulu.
Wasewatshela amadodana abantu bakibo. 18 Amadoda
omuzi asesithi kuye ngosuku lwesikhombisa ilanga
lingakatshoni: Kuyini okumnandi okwedlula uluju? Njalo
kuyini okulamandla kulesilwane? Wasesithi kiwo: Uba
belingalimanga ngethokazi lami, belingayikulithola ilibho
lami. 19 UMoya weNkosi wasefika ngamandla phezu
kwakhe, wehlela eAshikeloni, watshaya kuwo amadoda
angamatshumi amathathu, wathatha izembatho zawo,
wanika izembatho zokuntshintsha labo ababechasise
ilibho. Intukuthelo yakhe yasivutha wasesenyukela endlini
kayise. 20 Kodwa umkaSamsoni waba ngowomnakwabo,
owayengumngane wakhe.

15 Kwathi emva kwezinsuku ezithile, ngesikhathi
sokuvuna ingqoloyi, uSamsoni wethekelela
umkakhe elezinyane lembuzi. Wathi: Kangingene
kumkami endlini. Kodwa uyise kamvumelanga ukungena.
2 Uyise wasesithi: Isibili ngakhuluma ukuthi usumzonda
lokumzonda; ngakho ngamnika umkhaphi wakho.
Umnawakhe kamuhle kulaye yini? Ngiyacela, kabe
ngowakho esikhundleni sakhe. 3 USamsoni wasesithi
kubo: Khathesi angilacala mayelana lamaFilisti nxa
ngiwenzela okubi. 4 Ngakho uSamsoni wahamba,
wabamba amakhanka angamakhulu amathathu,
wathatha izihlanti, wafulathelisa umsila uqondana lomsila,
wafaka isihlanti phakathi kwemisila emibili phakathi
laphakathi. 5 Kwathi esethungele umlilo ezihlantini,
wawayekela ahamba emabeleni emiyo amaFilisti,
watshisa kusukela ezinqunjini zamabele kusiya emabeleni
emiyo kusiya lezivinini lezihlahla zemihlwathi. 6 AmaFilisti
asesithi: Ngubani owenze lokhu? Bathi: USamsoni,
umkhwenyana womThimina; ngoba uthethe umkakhe,
wamnika umkhaphi wakhe. AmaFilisti asesenyuka,
amtshisa yena loyise ngomlilo. 7 USamsoni wasesithi
kuwo: Lanxa lenze njalo, kanti ngizaphindisela kini, emva
kwalokho ngiyekele. 8 Wasebatshaya, umlenze phezu
kwethangazi, ukubulala okukhulu. Wasesehla wahlala
ebhalwini lwedwala leEtamu. 9 AmaFilisti asesenyuka
amisa inkamba koJuda, asabalala eLehi. 10 Amadoda
akoJuda asesithi: Lenyukeleleni ukumelana lathi? Athi:
Senyukelele ukubopha uSamsoni, ukuze senze kuye
njengalokho akwenze kithi. 11 Kwasekusehla amadoda
azinkulungwane ezintathu akoJuda aya ebhalwini
lwedwala leEtamu, athi kuSamsoni: Kawazi yini ukuthi
amaFilisti ayasibusa? Pho, kuyini lokhu okwenze kithi?
Wasesithi kibo: Njengokwenza kwawo kimi ngenze njalo
kuwo. 12 Basebesithi kuye: Sehlele ukukubopha ukuze
sikunikele esandleni samaFilisti. USamsoni wasesithi
kibo: Fungani kimi ukuthi lina kaliyikungihlasela. 13
Basebekhuluma kuye bathi: Hatshi, kodwa sizakubopha
lokukubopha, sikunikele esandleni sawo, kodwa
oqotho kasiyikukubulala. Basebembopha ngamagoda
amabili amatsha, bamenyusa edwaleni. 14 Kwathi
esefikile eLehi, amaFilisti aklabalala emhlangabeza.
UMoya weNkosi wasefika ngamandla phezu kwakhe,
lamagoda ayesengalweni zakhe aba njengefilakisi
etshiswe ngomlilo, lezibopho zakhe zancibilika zasuka
ezandleni zakhe. 15 Wasethola umhlathi omutsha
kababhemi, welula isandla sakhe wawuthatha, watshaya
ngawo amadoda ayinkulungwane. 16 USamsoni
wasesithi: Ngomhlathi kababhemi, inqumbi phezu
kwezinqumbi, ngomhlathi kababhemi ngitshaye amadoda
ayinkulungwane. 17 Kwasekusithi eseqedile ukukhuluma

wawulahla umhlathi esandleni sakhe, wayibiza leyondawo
ngokuthi iRamathi-Lehi. **18** Wayesomile kakhulu, wakhala
eNkosini wathi: Wena unikile lokhukukhululwa okukhulu
ngesandla senceku yakho; khathesi-ke sengizakufa
ngokoma, ngiwele esandleni sabangasokanga yini? **19**
UNkulunkulu waseqhekeza igodi elaliseLehi, kwaphuma
amanzi kilo. Kwathi esenathile, umoya wakhe wabuya
waqaqabuka. Ngalokho wabiza ibizo lawo ngokuthi yiEni-
Hakore, oseLehi kuze kube lamuhla. **20** Wasesahlulela
uIsrayeli ensukwini zamaFilisti iminyaka engamatshumi
amabili.

16 USamsoni wasesiya eGaza, wabona khona umfazi,
iwule, wangena kulo. **2** Kwabikwa kwabeGaza
kuthiwa: USamsoni ufikile lapha. Bamzingelezela,
bamcathamela ubusuku bonke esangweni lomuzi; bathula
ubusuku bonke besithi: Kuze kukhanye ekuseni, khona
sizambulala. **3** USamsoni waselala kwaze kwaba phakathi
kobusuku; wavuka phakathi kobusuku, wabamba
izivalo zesango lomuzi, lensika zombili, wazisiphuna
lomgoqo, wakwetshata emahlombe akhe, wakwenyusela
engqongeni yentaba ephambi kweHebroni. **4** Kwathi
emva kwalokho wathanda owesifazana esihotsheni
seSoreki, obizo lakhe linguDelila. **5** Njalo iziphathamandla
zamaFilisti zenyukela kuye zathi kuye: Myenge
ubone ukuthi akukuphi amandla akhe amakhulu,
lokuthi singamehlula ngani, ukuthi simbophe ukuze
simnqobe. Thina-ke sizakunika ngamunye izinhlamvu
zesiliva eziyinkulungwane lekhulu. **6** UDelila wasesithi
kuSamsoni: Ake ungitshele ukuthi akukuphi amandla
akho amakhulu, lokuthi ungabotshwa ngani ukukunqoba.
7 USamsoni wasesithi kuye: Uba bengibopha
ngentambo eziyisikhombisa ezintsha ezingomanga,
ngizakuba buthakathaka ngibe njengomunye umuntu.
8 Iziphathamandla zamaFilisti zasezisenyusela kuye
intambo eziyisikhombisa ezintsha ezingomanga;
wasembopha ngazo. **9** Abacathemeyo-ke bahlala
laye endlini engaphakathi; wasesithi kuye: AmaFilisti
aphezu kwakho, Samsoni! Waziqamula intambo
njengentambo yefilakisi iqamuka nxa isizwa umlilo.
Ngakho amandla akhe kawaziwanga. **10** UDelila wasesithi
kuSamsoni: Khangela, udlale ngami wangitshela
amanga. Khathesi ake ungitshele ukuthi ungabotshwa
ngani. **11** Wasesithi kuye: Uba bengangibopha
lokungibopha ngamagoda amatsha okungenziwanga
msebenzi ngawo, ngizakuba buthakathaka ngibe
njengomunye umuntu. **12** Ngakho uDelila wathatha
amagoda amatsha, wambopha ngawo, wathi kuye:
AmaFilisti aphezu kwakho, Samsoni! Abacathemeyo
babehlezi endlini engaphakathi. Kodwa wawaqamula
asuka engalweni zakhe njengomnxeba. **13** UDelila
wasesithi kuSamsoni: Kuze kube khathesi udlale ngami,
wangitshela amanga; ngitshela ukuthi ungabotshwa
ngani. Wasesithi kuye: Uba useluka amaxha enwele
zekhanda lami ayisikhombisa ngezintambo ezelukiweyo.
14 Wasewaqinisa ngesikhonkwane; wathi kuye: AmaFilisti
aphezu kwakho, Samsoni! Wasevuka ebuthongweni
bakhe, wasusa isikhonkwane seselukiso lentambo
ezelukiweyo. **15** Wasesithi kuye: Ungatsho njani ukuthi:
Ngiyakuthanda; nxa inhliziyo yakho ingelami? Lezizikhathi
ezintathu udlale ngami, kawungitshelanga ukuthi
akukuphi amandla akho amakhulu. **16** Kwasekusithi
lapho emcindezela ngamazwi akhe insuku zonke,
wamkhathaza, kwaze kwathi umphefumulo wakhe
wadabuka kwaze kwaba sekufeni. **17** Ngakho wamtshela
inhliziyo yakhe yonke wathi kuye: Impuco kayizanga
ize phezu kwekhanda lami, ngoba ngingumNaziri
kaNkulunkulu kusukela esizalweni sikamama. Uba
ngiphucwa, amandla ami azasuka kimi, ngibe
buthakathaka ngibe njengaye wonke umuntu. **18**
Lapho uDelila ebona ukuthi umtshele inhliziyo yakhe
yonke, wathuma wabiza iziphathamandla zamaFilisti
esithi: Yenyukani ngalesisikhathi, ngoba ungitshele
inhliziyo yakhe yonke. Iziphathamandla zamaFilisti
zasezisenyukela kuye, zaletha imali esandleni sazo.
19 Wasemlalisa ubuthongo emadolweni akhe, wabiza
umuntu, wamgelisa amaxha ayisikhombisa enwele
zekhanda lakhe. Waseqala ukumhlupha, lamandla
akhe asuka kuye. **20** Wasesithi: AmaFilisti aphezu
kwakho, Samsoni! Wasevuka ebuthongweni bakhe wathi:
Ngizaphuma njengakwezinye izikhathi, ngizinyikinye.
Kodwa yena wayengazi ukuthi iNkosi isukile kuye.
21 Khona amaFilisti ambamba, amkopola amehlo,
amehlisela eGaza, ambopha ngezibopho zethusi; njalo
wayechola entolongweni. **22** Kodwa inwele zekhanda
lakhe zaqala ukukhula emva kokuphucwa kwakhe. **23**
Khona iziphathamandla zamaFilisti zabuthana ukuze
zihlabele uDagoni unkulunkulu wazo umhlatshelo
omkhulu, zithokoze, zathi: Unkulunkulu wethu unikele
uSamsoni isitha sethu esandleni sethu. **24** Lapho
abantu bembona badumisa unkulunkulu wabo, ngoba
bathi: Unkulunkulu wethu unikele esandleni sethu
isitha sethu, ngitsho umchithi welizwe lakithi, njalo
owenza baba banengi ababuleweyo bethu. **25**
Kwasekusithi lapho inhliziyo zabo zithokoza bathi:
Bizani uSamsoni ukuze azesidlalela. Basebembiza
uSamsoni evela entolongweni, wadlala phambi kwabo.
Basebemmisa phakathi kwezinsika. **26** USamsoni
wasesithi emfaneni owayembambe ngesandla: Ngiyekela
ngithinte izinsika indlu emi phezu kwazo ukuze ngeyame
kuzo. **27** Indlu yayigcwele-ke abesilisa labesifazana;
lazo zonke iziphathamandla zamaFilisti zazikhona,
laphezulu ephahleni kwakukhona abesilisa labesifazana
abangaba zinkulungwane ezintathu ababebukele
uSamsoni edlala. **28** USamsoni wasekhala eNkosini
wathi: Nkosi Jehova, ngikhumbule ngiyakuncenga,
ungiqinise ngiyakuncenga, kuphela ngalesisikhathi,
Nkulunkulu, ukuze ngiziphindisele ngokuphindisela

okukodwa kumaFilisti ngenxa yamehlo ami amabili.
29 USamsoni wasebamba insika ezimbili eziphakathi,
indlu eyayimi kuzo, waqina ngazo, enye ngesandla
sakhe sokunene lenye ngesandla sakhe sokhohlo.
30 USamsoni wasesithi: Mina kangife lamaFilisti.
Wasekhothama ngamandla; njalo indlu yawela phezu
kweziphathamandla laphezu kwabo bonke abantu
ababekuyo. Ngakho abafayo ababulala ekufeni kwakhe
babe banengi okwedlula labo ababulala empilweni yakhe.
31 Kwasekusehla abafowabo labendlu yonke kayise,
bamthatha, bamenyusa, bayamngcwabela phakathi
kweZora leEshitawoli engcwabeni likaManowa uyise.
Yena wahlulela uIsrayeli iminyaka engamatshumi amabili.

17 Kwakukhona-ke umuntu wentabeni yakoEfrayimi,
obizo lakhe lalinguMika. 2 Wasesithi kunina:
Izinhlamvu zesiliva eziyinkulungwane lekhulu ezathathwa
kuwe, owaqalekisa ngazo, njalo wakhuluma endlebeni
zami, khangela, leyomali ikimi, mina ngayithatha.
Unina wasesithi: Kawubusiswe eNkosini, ndodana
yami. 3 Wathi esezibuyisele kunina izinhlamvu
eziyinkulungwane lekhulu zesiliva, unina wathi:
Ngasengisehlukanisile lokusehlukanisela iNkosi isiliva
sami sivela esandleni sami sibe ngesendodana yami,
ukuze ngenze isithombe esibaziweyo lesithombe
esibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa. Khathesi-ke ngizasibuyisela
kuwe. 4 Kodwa wayibuyisela imali kunina. Unina
wasethatha izinhlamvu zesiliva ezingamakhulu amabili,
wazinika umkhandi, owenza ngazo isithombe esibaziweyo
lesithombe esibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa; zasezisiba
sendlini kaMika. 5 Njalo lowomuntu uMika wayelendlu
yabonkulunkulu, wenza i-efodi lamatherafi, wehlukanisa
omunye wamadodana akhe, ukuze abe ngumpristi
wakhe. 6 Ngalezonsuku kwakungelankosi koIsrayeli;
wonke umuntu wayesenza okwakulungile emehlweni
akhe. 7 Njalo kwakukhona ijaha leBhethelehema-
Juda, elosendo lukaJuda, elalingumLevi, njalo lahlala
njengowezizwe khona. 8 Lowomuntu wasesuka
emzini, eBhethelehema-Juda, ukuyahlala njengowezizwe
lapho ayengathola khona indawo. Wafika entabeni
yakoEfrayimi, endlini kaMika, ehamba ngendlela yakhe.
9 UMika wasesithi kuye: Uvela ngaphi? Wasesithi kuye:
NgingumLevi weBhethelehema-Juda, ngiya ukuyahlala
njengowezizwe lapho engingathola khona indawo. 10
UMika wasesithi kuye: Hlala lami, ube kimi ngubaba
lompristi, mina ngizakunika izinhlamvu zesiliva ezilitshumi
ngomnyaka, lezigqoko zokugqoka, lokudla kwakho.
UmLevi wasengena. 11 UmLevi wavuma ukuhlala
lalowomuntu; njalo ijaha laba kuye njengomunye
wamadodana akhe. 12 UMika wamehlukanisa umLevi,
ijaha laselisiba ngumpristi wakhe, laba sendlini kaMika.
13 UMika wasesithi: Khathesi ngiyazi ukuthi iNkosi
izangenzela okuhle, ngoba ngilomLevi ongumpristi.

18 Ngalezonsuku kwakungelankosi koIsrayeli;
langalezonsuku isizwe sakoDani sazidingela
ilifa lokuhlala, ngoba kuze kube ngalolosuku
babengawelwanga yilifa phakathi kwezizwe zakoIsrayeli.
2 Abantwana bakoDani basebethuma amadoda
amahlanu avela kusendo lwabo esuka emaphethelweni
abo, amaqhawe, evela eZora leEshitawoli, ukuhlola
ilizwe lokuliphenya. Basebesithi kuwo: Hambani liphenye
ilizwe. Asefika entabeni yakoEfrayimi, endlini kaMika,
alala khona. 3 Esendlini kaMika wona alazi ilizwi lejaha
umLevi; asephendukela khona athi kuye: Ngubani
owakuletha lapha? Njalo wenzani lapha? Njalo ulani
lapha? 4 Wasesithi kiwo: UMika ungenzele kanje lakanje;
ungiqhatshile, sengingumpristi wakhe. 5 Asesithi kuye:
Ake ubuze uNkulunkulu ukuze sazi ukuthi indlela yethu
esihamba ngayo izaphumelela yini. 6 Umpristi wasesithi
kibo: Hambani ngokuthula. Indlela yenu elihamba
ngayo iphambi kweNkosi. 7 Asehamba lawomadoda
amahlanu, ayafika eLayishi, abona abantu abaphakathi
kwayo, behlezi bonwabile, ngokwendlela yamaSidoni,
belokuthula, bengethuki lutho, kwakungelamahluleli
elizweni ukubathiba, babekhatshana lamaSidoni,
bengasebenzelani lamuntu. 8 Asefika kubafowabo
eZora leEshitawoli, abafowabo basebesithi kuwo:
Lithini? 9 Asesithi: Sukumani asenyuke simelane labo,
ngoba sibonile ilizwe, khangelani-ke, lihle kakhulu;
pho lina lithule? Lingavilaphi ukuyangena ukudla ilifa
lelizwe. 10 Ekufikeni kwenu khona lizafika ebantwini
abonwabileyo lelizweni elibanzi inhlangothi zombili,
ngoba uNkulunkulu ulinikele esandleni senu; indawo
lapho okungasweleki lutho khona elizweni. 11 Asesuka
lapho evela kusendo lwabakoDani eZora leEshitawoli
amadoda angamakhulu ayisithupha ehlomile izikhali
zempi, 12 enyuka amisa inkamba eKiriyathi-Jeyarimi
koJuda. Ngenxa yalokho ayibiza leyondawo ngokuthi
yiMahane-Dani kuze kube lamuhla; khangela isemuva
kweKiriyathi-Jeyarimi. 13 Asesedlula esuka lapho,
aya entabeni yakoEfrayimi, afika endlini kaMika. 14
Khona amadoda amahlanu ayehambile ukuhlola ilizwe
iLayishi aphendula athi kubafowabo: Liyazi yini ukuthi
kulezizindlu kukhona i-efodi lamatherafi lesithombe
esibaziweyo lesithombe esibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa?
Ngakho-ke cabangani elizakwenza. 15 Asephambukela
khona, aya endlini yejaha umLevi endlini kaMika,
ambuza impilo. 16 Amadoda angamakhulu ayisithupha
ayehlomile ngezikhali zempi, ayengabantwana bakoDani,
asesima ekungeneni kwesango. 17 Lawomadoda
amahlanu ayehambile ukuhlola ilizwe enyuka angena
lapho athatha isithombe esibaziweyo, le-efodi,
lamatherafi, lesithombe esibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa,
umpristi esemi ekungeneni kwesango lamadoda
angamakhulu ayisithupha ayebhince izikhali zempi.
18 La-ke esengenile endlini kaMika athatha isithombe
esibaziweyo, i-efodi, lamatherafi, lesithombe esibunjwe

ngokuncibilikisa, umpristi wathi kiwo: Lenzani? **19** Asesithi kuye: Thula, bamba umlomo wakho, uhambe lathi, ube ngubaba kithi lompristi. Kungcono yini ukuthi ube ngumpristi wendlu yomuntu oyedwa kumbe ukuthi ube ngumpristi wesizwe losendo lwakoIsrayeli? **20** Lenhliziyo yompristi yathokoza, wasethatha i-efodi lamatherafi lesithombe esibaziweyo, wangena phakathi kwabantu. **21** Basebephenduka behamba, babeka abantwanyana lezifuyo lempahla phambi kwabo. **22** Sebekhatshana lomuzi kaMika, amadoda ayesezindlini ezaziseduze lendlu kaMika abizelwa ndawonye abafica abantwana bakoDani. **23** Amemeza abantwana bakoDani. Basebephendula ubuso babo bathi kuMika: Ulani ukuze libuthane? **24** Wasesithi: Lithethe onkulunkulu bami engabenzayo, lompristi, lahamba; pho ngiseselani? Kuyini lokho elikutsho kimi: Uhlutshwa yini? **25** Abantwana bakoDani basebesithi kuye: Ilizwi lakho kalingezwakali phakathi kwethu, hlezi amadoda alolaka akuhlasele, ulahlekelwe yimpilo yakho lempilo yabendlu yakho. **26** Basebezihambela ngendlela yabo abantwana bakoDani. Lapho uMika esebonile ukuthi balamandla kulaye, waphenduka wabuyela endlini yakhe. **27** Bona basebethatha lokho uMika ayekwenzile lompristi owayelaye, bafika eLayishi ebantwini ababelokuthula bengethuki lutho, babatshaya ngobukhali benkemba, batshisa umuzi ngomlilo. **28** Njalo kwakungekho umkhululi, ngoba wawukhatshana leSidoni, bengasebenzelani lamuntu. Wawusesihotsheni esasingaseBeti-Rehobi. Basebesakha umuzi, bahlala kiwo. **29** Basebebiza ibizo lomuzi ngokuthi yiDani ngebizo likaDani uyise owazalelwa uIsrayeli. Kodwa ibizo lomuzi laliyiLayishi kuqala. **30** Abantwana bakoDani basebezimisela isithombe esibaziweyo. Njalo uJonathani indodana kaGereshoma, indodana kaManase, yena lamadodana akhe babengabapristi besizwe sakoDani kwaze kwaba lusuku lokuthunjwa kwelizwe. **31** Basebezimisela isithombe esibaziweyo sikaMika ayesenzile, zonke izinsuku indlu kaNkulunkulu iseShilo.

19 Kwasekusithi ngalezonsuku, kungelankosi koIsrayeli, kwakulomLevi othile owayehlala njengowezizwe eceleni elikhatshana lentaba yakoEfrayimi, owazithathela umfazi, umfazi omncinyane eBhethelehema-Juda. **2** Lowomfazi wakhe omncinyane waphinga emelene laye, wasuka kuye waya endlini kayise eBhethelehema-Juda, waba lapho izinyanga ezine ezigcweleyo. **3** Umkakhe wasesukuma wamlandela ukuyakhuluma enhliziyweni yakhe ukuthi ambuyise, lejaha lakhe lilaye labobabhemi ababili. Umfazi wasemngenisa endlini kayise; kwathi uyise wentombi embona wathokoza ukuhlangana laye. **4** Uyisezala, uyise wentombazana, wamlibazisa; wasehlala laye insuku ezintathu; basebesidla banatha balala khona ubusuku. **5** Kwasekusithi ngosuku lwesine, lapho bevuka ekuseni kakhulu, wasukuma ukuthi ahambe; kodwa uyise wentombazana wathi kumkhwenyana wakhe: Qinisa inhliziyo yakho ngocezu lwesinkwa; langemva kwalokho lizahamba. **6** Ngakho bahlala badla banatha bobabili ndawonye. Uyise wentombazana wasesithi endodeni: Ake wanele ulale ubusuku uthokozise inhliziyo yakho. **7** Indoda isisukuma ukuthi ihambe, kodwa uyisezala wayicindezela yaze yabuya yalala lapho ubusuku. **8** Yasivuka ekuseni kakhulu ngosuku lwesihlanu ukuze ihambe. Uyise wentombazana wasesithi: Ake uqinise inhliziyo yakho. Basebelibala ilanga laze lakhothama, badla bobabili. **9** Lapho indoda isukuma ukuthi ihambe, yona lomfazi wayo omncinyane lejaha layo, uyisezala, uyise wentombazana, wathi kuyo: Khangela, khathesi ilanga selitshona, sekuzakuhlwa; ake ulale ubusuku; khangela, ilanga selikhotheme, lala ubusuku lapha, ukuze inhliziyo yakho ithokoze. Kusasa-ke lizavuka ngovivi ngohambo lwenu, uye ethenteni lakho. **10** Kodwa indoda kayithandanga ukulala ubusuku, kodwa yasukuma yahamba, yafika maqondana leJebusi eyiJerusalema. Yayilabobabhemi ababili ababotshelwe izihlalo; lomfazi wayo omncinyane wayelayo. **11** Sebeseduze leJebusi ilanga laselitshonile kakhulu, ijaha laselisithi enkosini yalo: Ake uhambe, siphambukele kulo umuzi wamaJebusi, silale khona ubusuku. **12** Inkosi yayo yasisithi kuyo: Kasiyikuphambukela emzini wesizwe ongeyisiwo wabantwana bakoIsrayeli, kodwa sizadlulela eGibeya. **13** Yasisithi encekwini yayo: Woza sisondele kwenye yalezozindawo, siyelala ubusuku eGibeya kumbe eRama. **14** Basebesedlula behamba; ilanga labatshonela eduze leGibeya eyakoBhenjamini. **15** Basebephambuka lapho ukuze bangene balale ubusuku eGibeya. Esengenile wahlala phansi emdangeni womuzi, ngoba kwakungekho muntu owabemukela endlini yakhe ukuze balale ubusuku. **16** Khangela-ke, kwafika ixhegu livela emsebenzini walo ensimini kusihlwa. Lowomuntu laye wayevela entabeni yakoEfrayimi; yena-ke wahlala njengowezizwe eGibeya. Kodwa abantu baleyondawo babengabakoBhenjamini. **17** Esephakamise amehlo akhe wabona lowomuntu, isihambi, emdangeni womuzi, njalo ixhegu lathi: Uya ngaphi, njalo uvela ngaphi? **18** Wasesithi kulo: Siyedlula sivela eBhethelehema-Juda, siya eceleni elikhatshana lentaba yakoEfrayimi; ngivela lapho. Bengiye eBhethelehema-Juda, kodwa sengisiya endlini yeNkosi; kodwa kakulamuntu ongemukela endlini. **19** Kube kanti kulamahlanga lokudla kwabobabhemi bethu, njalo kulesinkwa futhi lewayini lami lokwencekukazi yakho lokwejaha elilenceku zakho; kakuswelekanga lutho. **20** Leloxhegu laselisithi: Ukuthula kakube kuwe. Kodwa zonke inswelo zakho ziphezu kwami. Kuphela ungalali emdangeni. **21** Ngakho laselimngenisa endlini yalo, lanika obabhemi ukudla. Basebegeza inyawo zabo, badla banatha. **22** Besathokozisa inhliziyo yabo, khangela, amadoda

omuzi, abantwana abathile bakaBheliyali, ayizingelezela
indlu, etshaya esivalweni, akhuluma kumninindlu,
ixhegu, esithi: Khupha lowomuntu ongene endlini yakho,
ukuze simazi. 23 Umuntu, umninindlu, wasephuma
waya kiwo, wathi kiwo: Hatshi, bafowethu, ngiyalicela,
lingenzi okubi; lokhu lumuntu engenile endlini yami,
lingenzi lobubuthutha. 24 Khangelani, indodakazi
yami eyintombi emsulwa, lomfazi wakhe omncane.
Ake ngibakhuphele kini. Libathobise, lenze kibo
okulungileyo emehlweni enu; kodwa kulumuntu lingenzi
linto yobuthutha. 25 Kodwa lawomadoda kawathandanga
ukumlalela. Ngakho lowomuntu wasebamba umfazi
wakhe omncane, wamkhuphela kibo phandle. Njalo
amazi amdlova ubusuku bonke kwaze kwasa. Kwathi
emadabukakusa amyekela wahamba. 26 Ngovivi lokusa
owesifazana weza wawela phansi emnyango wendlu
yomuntu lapho okwakukhona inkosi yakhe, kwaze
kwakhanya. 27 Inkosi yakhe yasivuka ekuseni, yavula
iminyango yendlu, yaphuma ukuze ihambe ngendlela
yayo; khangela-ke, umfazi, umfazi wakhe omncane
wayewele emnyango wendlu, lezandla zakhe ziphezu
kombundu. 28 Yasisithi kuye: Sukuma, sihambe. Kodwa
kakuphendulanga muntu. Yasimkhweza kubabhemi;
indoda yasuka yaya endaweni yayo. 29 Lapho isifikile
endlini yayo yathatha ingqamu, yambamba umfazi
wayo omncane yamqumaquma lamathambo akhe iziqa
ezilitshumi lambili; yamthumela kuyo yonke imingcele
yakoIsrayeli. 30 Kwasekusithi bonke abakubonayo bathi:
Kakukaze kwenzeke njalo kakukaze kubonwe okunje
kusukela ngosuku abantwana bakoIsrayeli abenyuka
ngalo elizweni leGibhithe kuze kube lamuhla. Nakanani
ngalokho, lelulekе, likhulume.

20 Khona bonke abantwana bakoIsrayeli baphuma,
inhlangano yonke yabuthana njengamuntu
munye, kusukela eDani kusiya eBherishebha lelizwe
leGileyadi, eNkosini eMizipa. 2 Njalo induna zabo
bonke abantu, zazo zonke izizwe zakoIsrayeli, zazimisa
ebandleni labantu bakaNkulunkulu, izinkulungwane
ezingamakhulu amane zamadoda ahamba ngenyawo,
ahwatsha inkemba. 3 (Abantwana bakoBhenjamini
basebesizwa ukuthi abantwana bakoIsrayeli babenyukele
eMizipa.) Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesithi: Tshono,
lobububi benziwa njani? 4 Indoda engumLevi, indoda
yalowo owesifazana owayebulewe, yasiphendula
yathi: Ngafika eGibeya engeyakoBhenjamini, mina
lomfazi wami omncane, ukuze silale khona. 5
Abahlali beGibeya basebengivukela, bazingelezela
indlu bemelene lami ebusuku, befuna ukungibulala,
bamdlova umfazi wami omncane, waze wafa. 6
Ngasengimbamba umfazi wami omncane, ngamquma
iziqa, ngamthumela elizweni lonke lelifa lakoIsrayeli,
ngoba benza amanyala lobuwula koIsrayeli. 7
Khangelani, lina lonke lingabantwana bakoIsrayeli,
phanini ilizwi leseluleko senu lapha. 8 Abantu bonke
basebesukuma njengamuntu munye besithi: Asiyikuya,
ngulowo ethenteni lakhe, njalo asiyikuphambukela,
ngulowo endlini yakhe. 9 Kodwa khathesi, nansi into
esizayenza kuyo iGibeya. Sizamelana layo ngenkatho, 10
sithathe abantu abalitshumi phakathi kwekhulu ezizweni
zonke zakoIsrayeli, lekhulu phakathi kwenkulungwane,
lenkulungwane phakathi kwenkulungwane ezilitshumi,
ukuze bathathele abantu umphako, ukuze, nxa sebefike
eGibeya koBhenjamini, benze ngokobuwula bonke
ababenze koIsrayeli. 11 Ngakho wonke amadoda
akoIsrayeli ahlanganyela umuzi, njengamuntu munye
emoya munye. 12 Izizwe zakoIsrayeli zasezithuma
amadoda esizweni sonke sakoBhenjamini zisithi: Yibubi
bani lobu obenzeke phakathi kwenu? 13 Ngakho-
ke anikeleni lawomadoda, abantwana bakaBheliyali,
abaseGibeya ukuze siwabulale, sisuse ububi koIsrayeli.
Kodwa abakoBhenjamini kabafunanga ukulalela
ilizwi labafowabo, abantwana bakoIsrayeli. 14
Kodwa abantwana bakoBhenjamini babuthana bevela
emizini baya eGibeya, ukuze baphume ukuya empini
labantwana bakoIsrayeli. 15 Abantwana bakoBhenjamini
basebebalwa ngalolosuku bevela emizini, amadoda
azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lesithupha
ahwatsha inkemba, ngaphandle kwabahlali
beGibeya, ababalwa baba ngamadoda angamakhulu
ayisikhombisa akhethiweyo. 16 Phakathi kwabo bonke
lababantu kwakulamadoda akhethiweyo angamakhulu
ayisikhombisa angamanxele; wonke la ayejikijela
ilitshe ngesavutha enweleni engakhuthi. 17 Amadoda
akoIsrayeli asebalwa, ngaphandle kukaBhenjamini,
amadoda azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amane
ahwatsha inkemba; wonke la ayengamadoda empi.
18 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesukuma benyukela
eBhetheli, babuza uNkulunkulu bathi: Ngubani phakathi
kwethu ozakwenyukela kuqala empini labantwana
bakoBhenjamini? INkosi yasisithi: NguJuda kuqala. 19
Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebevuka ekuseni, bamisa
inkamba maqondana leGibeya. 20 Amadoda akoIsrayeli
asephuma ukuya empini loBhenjamini; amadoda
akoIsrayeli azihlelela ukumelana labo empini eGibeya.
21 Abantwana bakoBhenjamini basebephuma eGibeya,
babhubhisela emhlabathini koIsrayeli ngalolosuku
amadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili
lambili. 22 Abantu, amadoda akoIsrayeli, basebeziqinisa
bahlela futhi impi kuleyondawo ababezihlelele khona
ngosuku lokuqala. 23 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli
basebesenyuka bakhala inyembezi phambi kweNkosi
kwaze kwahlwa. Babuza eNkosini bathi: Ngisondele
yini futhi empini ngimelane labantwana bakoBhenjamini
umfowethu? INkosi yasisithi: Yenyukani limelane
laye. 24 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesondela
ebantwaneni bakoBhenjamini ngosuku lwesibili. 25
UBhenjamini wasephuma eGibeya emelene labo
ngosuku lwesibili, babuya babhubhisela emhlabathini

ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli amadoda azinkulungwane
ezilitshumi leziyisificaminwembili; bonke labo bahwatsha
inkemba. 26 Ngakho bonke abantwana bakoIsrayeli
labo bonke abantu benyuka bafika eBhetheli, bakhala
inyembezi bahlala lapho phambi kweNkosi, bazila
ukudla ngalolosuku kwaze kwahlwa, banikela iminikelo
yokutshiswa leminikelo yokuthula phambi kweNkosi.
27 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebebuza eNkosini
(ngoba umtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu
wawulapho ngalezonsuku, 28 loPhinehasi indodana
kaEleyazare indodana kaAroni wema phambi kwawo
ngalezonsuku) besithi: Ngibuye ngiphinde yini ukuphuma
impi ngimelene labantwana bakoBhenjamini umfowethu,
loba ngiyekele? INkosi yasisithi: Yenyukani, ngoba
kusasa ngizabanikela esandleni sakho. 29 Ngakho
uIsrayeli wamisa abacathami maqondana leGibeya
inhlangothi zonke. 30 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli
basebesenyuka ukumelana labantwana bakoBhenjamini
ngosuku lwesithathu, bazihlelela ukumelana leGibeya
njengakwezinye izikhathi. 31 Abantwana bakoBhenjamini
basebephuma ukumelana labantu, badonswa besuka
emzini, baqala ukutshaya ebantwini, ukubulala
njengakwezinye izikhathi, emigwaqweni emikhulu,
enye yazo eyenyukela eBhetheli lenye eya eGibeya
emagcekeni, phose amadoda angamatshumi amathathu
akoIsrayeli. 32 Abantwana bakoBhenjamini basebesithi:
Sebetshayiwe phambi kwethu njengakuqala. Kodwa
abantwana bakoIsrayeli bathi: Asibalekeni, sibadonse
besuka emzini baye emigwaqweni emikhulu. 33 Wonke
amadoda akoIsrayeli asevuka endaweni zawo, azihlela
eBhali-Tamari, labacathami bakoIsrayeli bavumbuluka
endaweni yabo emadlelweni eGibeya. 34 Kwasekusiza
kuvela maqondana leGibeya amadoda akhethiweyo
azinkulungwane ezilitshumi evela kuIsrayeli wonke;
lempi yaba nzima. Kodwa bona babengazi ukuthi ububi
buzatshaya phezu kwabo. 35 INkosi yasimtshaya
uBhenjamini phambi kukaIsrayeli. Abantwana
bakoIsrayeli basebebhubhisa koBhenjamini amadoda
azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu
lekhulu elilodwa ngalolosuku; bonke laba bahwatsha
inkemba. 36 Abantwana bakoBhenjamini basebebona
ukuthi sebetshayiwe, ngoba amadoda akoIsrayeli
amdedela uBhenjamini, ngoba bethembe abacathami
ababebamise maqondana leGibeya. 37 Labacathami
baphangisa bahlasela iGibeya baqhubeka batshaya
umuzi wonke ngobukhali benkemba. 38 Kwasekusiba
lesiboniso esimisiweyo phakathi kwamadoda akoIsrayeli
labacathami sokuthunqisa insika yentuthu enkulu evela
emzini. 39 Kwathi amadoda akoIsrayeli aphenduka
empini, uBhenjamini waqalisa ukuwatshaya ukubulala
emadodeni akoIsrayeli phose amadoda angamatshumi
amathathu, ngoba bathi: Isibili atshayiwe lokutshaywa
phambi kwethu njengempini yakuqala. 40 Kwathi iyezi
liqalisa ukuthunqa liphuma emzini, insika yentuthu,
uBhenjamini enyemukula, khangela-ke ilangabi lomuzi
lenyukela emazulwini. 41 Lapho amadoda akoIsrayeli
etshibilika, amadoda akoBhenjamini atshaywa luvalo,
ngoba abona ukuthi ububi sebuwehlele. 42 Ngakho
afulathela phambi kwamadoda akoIsrayeli esiya
endleleni yenkangala; kodwa impi yawanamathela,
lalabo abaphuma emizini bawabhubhisa phakathi
kwabo. 43 Bamhanqa uBhenjamini, baxotshana labo,
babanyathelela phansi lula, kwaze kwaba maqondana
leGibeya lapho okuphuma khona ilanga. 44 Kwasekusiwa
koBhenjamini amadoda azinkulungwane ezilitshumi
leziyisificaminwembili; wonke la ayengamaqhawe.
45 Basebephenduka babalekela enkangala edwaleni
leRimoni. Bakhothoza kibo emigwaqweni emikhulu
abantu abazinkulungwane ezinhlanu, babanamathela
kwaze kwaba seGideyomu, batshaya futhi kibo
abantu abazinkulungwane ezimbili. 46 Ngakho bonke
abawayo koBhenjamini mhlalokho babeyizinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu, amadoda ahwatsha
inkemba; bonke labo babengamaqhawe. 47 Kodwa
amadoda angamakhulu ayisithupha aphenduka
abalekela enkangala edwaleni leRimoni; ahlala edwaleni
leRimoni inyanga ezine. 48 Amadoda akoIsrayeli
asebuyela ebantwaneni bakoBhenjamini, abatshaya
ngobukhali benkemba, kusukela emzini wonke kusiya
ezinyamazaneni, njalo kusiya kukho konke okwaficwayo.
Layo yonke imizi abayificayo bayithungela ngomlilo.

21 Amadoda akoIsrayeli ayefungile-ke eMizipa esithi:
Kakukho lamunye wethu ozanika indodakazi yakhe
kuBhenjamini ibe ngumkakhe. 2 Abantu basebesiza
eBhetheli, bahlala lapho phambi kukaNkulunkulu kwaze
kwahlwa, baphakamisa ilizwi labo bakhala inyembezi
ngokukhala okukhulu. 3 Basebesithi: Kungani, O
Nkosi, Nkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, kwenzeke lokhu koIsrayeli
ukuthi kusilele lamuhla isizwe esisodwa koIsrayeli?
4 Kwasekusithi kusisa abantu bavuka ngovivi, bakha
ilathi lapho, banikela iminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo
yokuthula. 5 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesithi:
Ngubani ezizweni zonke zakoIsrayeli ongenyukelanga
ebandleni eNkosini? Ngoba kwenziwa isifungo esikhulu
ngalowo ongenyukelanga eNkosini eMizipa kuthiwa:
Uzabulawa lokubulawa. 6 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli
basebezisola ngenxa kaBhenjamini umfowabo, bathi:
Kuqunyiwe lamuhla isizwe esisodwa sisuke koIsrayeli.
7 Sizabenzelani abaseleyo ngabafazi, ngoba thina
sifungile ngeNkosi ukuthi kasiyikubanika emadodakazini
ethu abe ngomkabo? 8 Basebesithi: Yisiphi ezizweni
zakoIsrayeli esingenyukelanga eNkosini eMizipa?
Khangela-ke kakuzanga loyedwa enkambeni ovela
eJabeshi-Gileyadi ukuya ebandleni. 9 Ngoba abantu
babebaliwe, khangela-ke, kwakungekho muntu kubahlali
beJabeshi-Gileyadi lapho. 10 Ngakho inhlangano
yathuma khona amadoda azinkulungwane ezilitshumi

lambili awamaqhawe amakhulu, bawalaya bathi: Hambani
liyetshaya abahlali beJabeshi-Gileyadi ngobukhali
benkemba, labesifazana labantwanyana. **11** Yile into
elizayenza: Lizatshabalalisa wonke owesilisa laye wonke
owesifazana owazi ukulala lowesilisa. **12** Basebethola
phakathi kwabahlali beJabeshi-Gileyadi amankazana
angamakhulu amane izintombi ezimsulwa ezingayazanga
indoda ngokulala lowesilisa; basebewaletha enkambeni
eShilo, eselizweni leKhanani. **13** Inhlangano yonke
yasithumela yakhuluma labantwana bakoBhenjamini
ababesedwaleni leRimoni; bamemezela ukuthula kibo.
14 UBhenjamini wasebuya ngalesosikhathi, babanika
abesifazana ababebagcine bephila kwabesifazana
beJabeshi-Gileyadi, kodwa ngokunjalo kababanelanga.
15 Abantu basebezisola ngenxa kaBhenjamini ngoba
iNkosi yayenze ukwehlukana ezizweni zakoIsrayeli.
16 Abadala benhlangano basebesithi: Sizabenzelani
abaseleyo ngabafazi, ngoba abesifazana bachithiwe
koBhenjamini? **17** Basebesithi: Kumele kube lelifa
labaphunyukileyo bakoBhenjamini, ukuze isizwe
singatshabalaliswa koIsrayeli. **18** Kodwa thina
kasilakho ukubanika abafazi emadodakazini ethu, ngoba
abantwana bakoIsrayeli bafungile besithi: Kaqalekiswe
lowo onika uBhenjamini umfazi. **19** Basebesithi:
Khangelani, kulomkhosi weNkosi eShilo iminyaka
ngeminyaka engenyakatho kweBhetheli, lapho okuphuma
khona ilanga komgwaqo omkhulu owenyuka usuka
eBhetheli kusiya eShekema, langeningizimu kweLebona.
20 Ngakho balaya abantwana bakoBhenjamini besithi:
Hambani liyecathama ezivinini, **21** libone, njalo
khangelani, nxa amadodakazi eShilo esephuma ukugida
imigido, khona lizaphuma ezivinini lizibambele ngulowo
lalowo umfazi wakhe emadodakazini eShilo, liye
elizweni lakoBhenjamini. **22** Kuzakuthi nxa oyise loba
abanewabo befika besola kithi, sizakuthi kibo: Senzeleni
umusa ngenxa yabo, ngoba kasibathathelanga ngulowo
lalowo umfazi wakhe empini, ngoba lina kalibanikanga
wona ngalesisikhathi ukuthi licaleke. **23** Ngakho
abantwana bakoBhenjamini benza njalo, bathumba
abafazi ngokwenani labo kwabagidayo ababahlwithayo;
bahamba babuyela elifeni labo, bakha imizi, bahlala
kiyo. **24** Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebechitheka besuka
lapho ngalesosikhathi, ngulowo lalowo waya esizweni
sakhe lakusendo lwakhe; basebephuma besuka lapho,
ngulowo lalowo waya elifeni lakhe. **25** Ngalezonsuku
kwakungelankosi koIsrayeli. Wonke umuntu wayesenza
okwakulungile emehlweni akhe.

URuthe

1 Kwasekusithi ensukwini abahluleli abahlulela
ngazo kwaba khona indlala elizweni. Umuntu
weBhethelehema-Juda wasehamba ukuyahlala
njengowezizwe elizweni lakoMowabi, yena lomkakhe
lamadodana akhe amabili. **2** Njalo ibizo lalowomuntu
lalinguElimeleki, lebizo lomkakhe lalinguNawomi, lebizo
lamadodana akhe amabili lalinguMaheloni loKiliyoni,
amaEfratha eBhethelehema-Juda. Basebesiza elizweni
lakoMowabi, baba khona. **3** UElimeleki umkaNawomi
wasesifa, wasetshiywa yena lamadodana akhe womabili.
4 Asezithathela abafazi amaMowabikazi, ibizo lomunye
lalinguOpha, lebizo lomunye lalinguRuthe. Basebehlala
khona phose iminyaka elitshumi. **5** Basebesifa labo
bobabili oMaheloni loKiliyoni; owesifazana wasetshiywa
ngabantwana bakhe bobabili layindoda yakhe. **6**
Wasesukuma yena labomalokazana bakhe wabuyela
esuka eselizweni lakoMowabi, ngoba wayesezwile
elizweni lakoMowabi ukuthi iNkosi ihambele abantu bayo
ngokubanika ukudla. **7** Ngakho waphuma endaweni
lapho ayekhona labomalokazana bakhe bobabili kanye
laye, bahamba endleleni ukubuyela elizweni lakoJuda. **8**
UNawomi wasesithi kubomalokazana bakhe bobabili:
Hambani libuyele ngulowo lalowo endlini kanina; iNkosi
kayilenzele umusa njengoba lenza kwabafileyo lakimi. **9**
INkosi kayilinike ukuthi lithole ukuphumula, ngulowo
lalowo endlini yomkakhe. Wasebanga, basebephakamisa
ilizwi labo bakhala inyembezi. **10** Basebesithi kuye: Isibili,
sizabuyela lawe ebantwini bakini. **11** Kodwa uNawomi
wathi: Buyelani, madodakazi ami, lizahambelani
lami? Kambe ngiselamadodana esiswini sami ukuthi
abe ngomkenu? **12** Buyelani, madodakazi ami,
zihambeleni, ngoba sengimdala kakhulu ukuthi ngibe
lendoda. Loba ngingathi ngilethemba lokuthi lami
ngalobubusuku ngibe lendoda, njalo ngizale amadodana,
13 belingawalindela yini aze akhule? Belingazivimbela
lingabi lendoda yini? Hatshi, madodakazi ami, ngoba
kuyababa kakhulu kimi kulakini ukuthi isandla seNkosi
siphume ukumelana lami. **14** Basebephakamisa ilizwi
labo bakhala inyembezi futhi. UOpha wasemanga
uninazala, kodwa uRuthe wanamathela kuye. **15**
Wasesithi: Khangela, umkamfowenu usebuyele ebantwini
bakibo lakubonkulunkulu bakhe; buyela umlandele
umkamfowenu. **16** Kodwa uRuthe wathi: Ungangincengi
ukuthi ngikutshiye, ngibuyele ngiyekele ukukulandela;
ngoba lapho oya khona, ngizakuya khona, lalapho olala
khona, ngizalala khona. Abantu bakho bangabantu
bami, loNkulunkulu wakho unguNkulunkulu wami; **17**
lapho ozafela khona, ngizafela khona, ngingcwatshelwe
lapho. INkosi kayenze njalo kimi ngokunjalo yengezelele,
ngoba yikufa kuphela okuzakwehlukanisa phakathi
kwami lawe. **18** Kwathi esebonile ukuthi uzimisele
ukuhamba laye waseyekela ukukhuluma kuye. **19**
Basebehamba bobabili baze bafika eBhethelehema.
Kwasekusithi sebefikile eBhethelehema umuzi wonke
wayaluzela ngenxa yabo, bathi: Lo nguNawomi yini?
20 Wasesithi kibo: Lingangibizi ngokuthi Nawomi,
lingibize ngokuthi Mara; ngoba uSomandla ungiphethe
ngokubaba okukhulu. **21** Mina ngasuka ngigcwele,
njalo iNkosi ingibuyise ngingelalutho. Lingibizelani
ngokuthi Nawomi lokhu iNkosi ifakaze imelane lami,
loSomandla ungihluphile? **22** Wabuyela ngokunjalo
uNawomi loRuthe umMowabikazi umalokazana wakhe
kanye laye, owabuyela evela elizweni lakoMowabi.
Bona-ke bafika eBhethelehema ekuqaliseni kwesivuno
sebhali.

2 Njalo uNawomi wayelesihlobo somkakhe, umuntu
oliqhawe onothileyo owosendo lukaElimeleki, lebizo
lakhe lalinguBhowazi. **2** URuthe umMowabikazi wasesithi
kuNawomi: Ake ngiye emasimini, ngiyekhothoza
okwezikhwebu ngemva kwalowo engizathola umusa
emehlweni akhe. Wasesithi kuye: Hamba, ndodakazi
yami. **3** Wasehamba wafika wakhothoza ensimini
ngemva kwabavuni. Waqabuka efika kungxenye
yensimu kaBhowazi owayengowosendo lukaElimeleki. **4**
Khangela-ke, uBhowazi wafika evela eBhethelehema,
wasesithi kubavuni: INkosi ibe lani. Basebesithi kuye:
INkosi ikubusise. **5** UBhowazi wasesithi encekwini
yakhe eyayibekwe phezu kwabavuni: Le yintombi
kabani? **6** Inceku eyayibekwe phezu kwabavuni
yasiphendula yathi: Yintombi umMowabikazi eyabuya
loNawomi evela elizweni lakoMowabi. **7** Yasisithi:
Ake ngikhothoze ngibuthe phakathi kwezithungo
ngemva kwabavuni. Ngakho ifikile, iqhubekile kusukela
ekuseni kuze kube khathesi; lokuhlala kwayo endlini
kuncinyane. **8** UBhowazi wasesithi kuRuthe: Kawuzwa
yini, ndodakazi yami? Ungayikhothoza kwenye insimu,
futhi ungedluli usuke lapha, kodwa unamathele lapha
emantombazaneni ami. **9** Amehlo akho kawabe sensimini
ayivunayo, uwalandele. Angithi ngiwalayile amajaha
ukuthi angakuthinti. Nxa usuwomile uye ezimbizeni,
unathe kulokhu amajaha akukhileyo. **10** Khona wathi
mbo ngobuso bakhe wakhothamela emhlabathini,
wathi kuye: Ngitholelani umusa emehlweni akho ukuthi
unginanze lokhu ngingowezizweni? **11** UBhowazi
wasephendula wathi kuye: Kutshengisiwe lokutshengiswa
kimi konke owakwenzela unyokozala emva kokufa
kwendoda yakho, ukuthi utshiye uyihlo lonyoko lelizwe
lokuzalwa kwakho, weza ebantwini owawungabazi
ngaphambili. **12** INkosi kayiwuvuze umsebenzi wakho,
sengathi umvuzo wakho opheleleyo kawuvele eNkosini
uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, oze ngaphansi kwempiko zayo
ukuphephela. **13** Wasesithi: Ake ngithole umusa
emehlweni akho, nkosi yami, ngoba ungiduduzile, njalo
ngoba ukhulume enhliziyweni yencekukazi yakho, lanxa
mina ngingenjengenye yencekukazi zakho. **14** UBhowazi
wathi kuye: Ngesikhathi sokudla sondela lapha, udle

okwesinkwa, utshebe ucezu lwakho kuviniga. Ngakho
wahlala eceleni kwabavuni, wasemkhangeza amabele
akhanzingiweyo; wadla wasutha watshiya. 15 Kwathi
esukuma ukukhothoza, uBhowazi walaya amajaha
akhe esithi: Myekeleni ukuthi akhothoze laphakathi
kwezithungo, lingamyangisi, 16 laye limhwatshele-
ke ngabomu okunye ezinyandeni, likutshiye ukuze
akukhothoze, lingamkhuzi. 17 Wakhothoza-ke ensimini
kwaze kwahlwa. Wabhula lokho ayekukhothozile, kwaba
phose yi-efa yebhali. 18 Wakuthwala wangena emzini,
loninazala wabona akukhothozileyo; wakhupha wamnika
akutshiya esesuthi. 19 Uninazala wasesithi kuye:
Ubukhothoza ngaphi lamuhla? Usebenze ngaphi?
Kabusiswe lowo okunanzeleleyo. Wasemtshela uninazala
ukuthi usebenze kobani, wathi: Ibizo lalowomuntu
engisebenze kuye lamuhla nguBhowazi. 20 UNawomi
wasesithi kumalokazana wakhe: Kabusiswe yiNkosi
engayekelanga umusa wayo kwabaphilayo lakwabafileyo.
UNawomi wathi kuye: Lowomuntu uyisihlobo sethu
esiseduze kithi, ongomunye wabahlengi bethu. 21
URuthe umMowabikazi wasesithi: Ngoba laye uthe
kimi: Uzanamathela emajaheni engilawo aze aqede
sonke isivuno engilaso. 22 UNawomi wasesithi kuRuthe
umalokazana wakhe: Kuhle, ndodakazi yami, ukuthi
uphume lamantombazana akhe, hlezi bakuhlangabeze
kwenye insimu. 23 Wasenamathela emantombazaneni
kaBhowazi, ekhothoza kwaze kwaphela isivuno sebhali
lesivuno sengqoloyi. Wasehlala loninazala.

3 UNawomi uninazala wasesithi kuye: Ndodakazi yami,
ngingakudingeli ukuphumula yini ukuze kube kuhle
kuwe? 2 Ngakho-ke uBhowazi ayisuye wezihlobo
zethu yini, obulamantombazana akhe? Khangela, wela
ibhali ebaleni lokubhulela ngalobubusuku. 3 Ngakho
geza uzigcobe, ugqoke isembatho sakho, wehlele
ebaleni lokubhulela; ungazivezi endodeni ize iqede
ukudla lokunatha. 4 Kuzakuthi-ke lapho eselala,
uqaphelise indawo alala kiyo, ungene, ubususembula
inyawo zakhe, ulale phansi; yena-ke uzakutshela
ozakwenza. 5 Wasesithi kuye: Konke okutshoyo kimi
ngizakwenza. 6 Wasesehlela ebaleni lokubhulela,
wenza njengakho konke ayemlaye khona uninazala.
7 Kwathi uBhowazi esedlile wanatha, lenhliziyo yakhe
yathokoza, wayalala phansi ekucineni kwenqumbi
yamabele. URuthe wasenyenya, wembula inyawo
zakhe, walala phansi. 8 Kwasekusithi phakathi
kobusuku indoda yethuka, yaphenduka, khangela-
ke owesifazana elele enyaweni zayo. 9 Yathi:
Ungubani? Wasesithi: NginguRuthe incekukazi yakho;
ngakho yendlala umphetho wesembatho sakho phezu
kwencekukazi yakho, ngoba ungumhlengi. 10 Yasisithi:
Kawubusiswe yiNkosi, ndodakazi yami, usuwenze
umusa wakho ube mkhulu ekucineni kulowokuqala,
njengoba ungalandelanga amajaha loba angabayanga
loba anothileyo. 11 Ngakho-ke, ndodakazi yami,
ungesabi, ngizakwenzela konke okutshoyo, ngoba umuzi
wonke wabantu bakithi uyazi ukuthi ungowesifazana
oqotho. 12 Yebo-ke, sibili, kuliqiniso ukuthi ngiyisihlobo
esingumhlengi, kanti-ke kukhona isihlobo esingumhlengi
esiseduze kulami. 13 Hlala lobubusuku; kuzakuthi-
ke ekuseni uba ezakwenza imfanelo yesihlobo
esingumhlengi, kulungile, kakuhlenge; kodwa uba
engathandi ukukuhlenga, mina-ke ngizakuhlenga, kuphila
kukaJehova. Lala kuze kuse. 14 Waselala enyaweni zayo
kwaze kwasa; wavuka omunye engakananzeleli omunye.
Yasisithi: Kakungaziwa ukuthi owesifazana ufikile ebaleni
lokubhulela. 15 Yasisithi: Letha isembatho osigqokileyo,
usibambe; wasesibamba, yasilinganisa izilinganiso
eziyisithupha zebhali, yamethesa; wasengena emzini. 16
Kwathi esefike kuninazala, wathi: Ungubani, ndodakazi
yami? Wasemtshela konke indoda eyayimenzele khona.
17 Wathi: Ingiphe lezizilinganiso eziyisithupha zebhali,
ngoba ithe kimi: Ungayi kunyokozala ungelalutho. 18
Wasesithi: Hlala, ndodakazi yami, uze wazi ukuthi udaba
luzaphetha njani, ngoba indoda kayiyikuphumula ize
iluqede udaba lamuhla.

4 UBhowazi wasesenyukela esangweni, wahlala phansi
lapho. Khangela-ke, kwedlula isihlobo esingumhlengi
leso uBhowazi ayekhulume ngaso. Wasesithi: Phambuka
uhlale phansi lapha, we zibanibani. Wasephambuka,
wahlala phansi. 2 Wasethatha amadoda alitshumi
ebadaleni bomuzi, wathi: Hlalani phansi lapha. Asehlala
phansi. 3 Wasesithi kulesosihlobo esingumhlengi:
Isiqinti sensimu esasingesomfowethu uElimeleki,
uyasithengisa uNawomi, osebuyile evela elizweni
lakoMowabi. 4 Ngakho mina ngithe: Ngikwembule
endlebeni yakho ngisithi: Sithenge phambi kwabahlali
laphambi kwabadala babantu bakithi. Uba uzasihlenga,
sihlenge. Kodwa uba engekho ongasihlenga, ungitshele,
ukuze ngazi; ngoba engekho ngaphandle kwakho
ongasihlenga, mina-ke ngilandela wena. Wasesithi:
Mina ngizasihlenga. 5 UBhowazi wasesithi: Mhla
uthenga insimu esandleni sikaNawomi, uzayithenga
lakuRuthe umMowabikazi, umfazi womuyi, ukuze
umise ibizo lomuyi elifeni lakhe. 6 Lesosihlobo
esingumhlengi sasesisithi: Ngingeke ngazihlengela
sona, hlezi ngone ilifa lami. Zihlengele wena ilungelo
lami lokuhlenga, ngoba kangilamandla okuhlenga. 7
Lokhu-ke kwakukhona mandulo koIsrayeli mayelana
lokuhlenga lokuntshintsha, ukuqinisa lonke udaba:
umuntu akhiphe inyathela lakhe, alinike umakhelwane
wakhe; lokhu-ke kwakuyibufakazi koIsrayeli. 8 Ngakho
isihlobo esingumhlengi sathi kuBhowazi: Zithengele
yona; sasesikhipha inyathela laso. 9 UBhowazi wasesithi
kubadala lakubo bonke abantu: Lingabafakazi lamuhla
bokuthi ngithengile konke okwakungokukaElimeleki
lakho konke okwakungokukaKiliyoni lokukaMaheloni
esandleni sikaNawomi. 10 LoRuthe laye umMowabikazi,
umkaMaheloni, ngizithengele ukuze abe ngumkami,

ukuze ngimise ibizo likamuyi elifeni lakhe, ukuze
ibizo lomuyi lingaqunywa lisuke phakathi kwabafowabo
lesangweni lendawo yakhe. Lingabafakazi lamuhla. **11**
Bonke abantu ababesesangweni labadala basebesithi:
Singabafakazi; kungathi iNkosi ingamenza lo owesifazana
ongena endlini yakho abe njengoRasheli lanjengoLeya
abakha bobabili indlu kaIsrayeli. Njalo wenze ngamandla
eEfratha, uzenzele ibizo eBhethelehema, **12** lendlu
yakho ibe njengendlu kaPerezi uTamari amzalela
uJuda, ngenzalo iNkosi ezakunika yona ngalo
owesifazana omutsha. **13** Ngakho uBhowazi wamthatha
uRuthe, waba ngumkakhe; wasengena kuye, iNkosi
yamnika ukuthi athathe isisu, wazala indodana. **14**
Abesifazana basebesithi kuNawomi: Kayibusiswe iNkosi
engakutshiyanga ungelaso isihlobo esingumhlengi
lamuhla, ukuthi ibizo laso limenyezelwe koIsrayeli! **15**
Uzakuba kuwe ngumbuyisi wempilo lomondli wobudala
bakho, ngoba umzele umalokazana wakho okuthandayo,
ongcono kuwe kulamadodana ayisikhombisa. **16**
UNawomi wasemthatha umntwana, wamfaka esifubeni
sakhe, waba ngumlizane wakhe. **17** Omakhelwanekazi
basebemutha ibizo besithi: Kulendodana ezalelwe
uNawomi. Babiza ibizo layo uObedi; nguyise kaJese,
uyise kaDavida. **18** Lalezi yizizukulwana zikaPerezi.
UPerezi wazala uHezironi, **19** uHezironi wasezala
uRamu, uRamu wasezala uAminadaba, **20** uAminadaba
wasezala uNashoni, uNashoni wasezala uSalimoni,
21 uSalimoni wasezala uBhowazi, uBhowazi wasezala
uObedi, **22** uObedi wasezala uJese, uJese wasezala
uDavida.

1 USamuyeli

1 Kwakukhona-ke indoda ethile yeRamathayimi-Zofimu
entabeni yakoEfrayimi; lebizo layo lalinguElkana
indodana kaJerohamu, indodana kaElihu, indodana
kaTohu, indodana kaZufi umEfrayimi. 2 Njalo
yayilabafazi ababili; ibizo lomunye lalinguHana, lebizo
lomunye lalinguPenina. Njalo uPenina wayelabantwana,
kodwa uHana wayengelabantwana. 3 Leyondoda
yenyuka-ke isuka emzini wayo iminyaka ngeminyaka
ukuyakhonza lokuhlabela iNkosi yamabandla eShilo,
njalo kwakukhona lapho amadodana amabili kaEli,
uHofini loPhinehasi, abapristi beNkosi. 4 Kwakusithi
mhla uElkana ehlaba, wanika uPenina umkakhe
lawo wonke amadodana akhe lamadodakazi akhe
izabelo; 5 kodwa uHana wamnika isabelo esiphindwe
kabili, ngoba wayemthanda uHana; kodwa iNkosi
yayisivalile isizalo sakhe. 6 Lesitha sakhe laso
samcaphula ngentukuthelo ukuze simkhathaze, ngoba
iNkosi yayisivalile isizalo sakhe. 7 Wayesenza njalo-
ke iminyaka ngeminyaka; kusukela lapho esenyukela
endlini yeNkosi, ngokunjalo samcaphula. Ngakho walila,
kadlanga. 8 UElkana umkakhe wasesithi kuye: Hana,
ulilelani? Njalo kawudli ngani? Kungani-ke inhliziyo
yakho idabukile? Mina kangingcono kuwe kulamadodana
alitshumi yini? 9 Ngakho uHana wasukuma emva
kokudla eShilo langemva kokunatha. UEli umpristi
wayehlezi-ke esihlalweni phansi kwensika yethempeli
leNkosi. 10 Njalo wayelobuhlungu emphefumulweni,
wasekhuleka eNkosini ekhala lokukhala inyembezi.
11 Wasefunga isifungo wathi: Nkosi yamabandla, uba
ungabona lokubona ukuhlupheka kwencekukazi yakho,
ungikhumbule, ungakhohlwa incekukazi yakho, kodwa
unike incekukazi yakho inzalo yesilisa, ngizamnika iNkosi
insuku zonke zempilo yakhe, lempuco kayiyikwedlula
ekhanda lakhe. 12 Kwasekusithi esaqhubeka ukukhuleka
phambi kweNkosi, uEli waqaphelisa umlomo wakhe.
13 UHana wayekhulumela-ke enhliziyweni yakhe,
kwanyikinyeka indebe zakhe kuphela, kodwa ilizwi
lakhe lalingezwakali; ngakho uEli wacabanga ukuthi
udakiwe. 14 UEli wasesithi kuye: Koze kube nini udakwa?
Susa iwayini lakho kuwe. 15 UHana wasephendula
wathi: Hatshi, nkosi yami, ngingowesifazana odabukileyo
emoyeni; kanginathanga wayini loba okunathwayo
okulamandla, kodwa bengithulula umphefumulo wami
phambi kweNkosi. 16 Ungayithathi incekukazi yakho
njengendodakazi kaBheliyali, ngoba ebunengini bosizi
lwami lenkathazo yami sengikhulume kwaze kwaba
khathesi. 17 UEli wasephendula wathi: Hamba
ngokuthula; uNkulunkulu wakoIsrayeli akunike isicelo
sakho osicele kuye. 18 Wasesithi: Incekukazi yakho
kayithole umusa emehlweni akho. Ngakho owesifazana
wahamba ngendlela yakhe, wadla; lobuso bakhe abaze
busanyukumala ngakho. 19 Basebevuka ekuseni kakhulu,
bakhonza phambi kweNkosi, basebebuyela bafika emzini
wabo eRama. UElkana wasemazi uHana umkakhe,
leNkosi yamkhumbula. 20 Kwasekusithi ekuqhubekeni
kwesikhathi uHana wakhulelwa, wabeletha indodana,
wayitha ibizo layo uSamuweli; ngoba wathi: Ngimcelile
eNkosini. 21 Lendoda uElkana lendlu yakhe yonke
benyukela ukuyahlabela iNkosi umhlatshelo weminyaka
ngeminyaka, lesifungo sakhe. 22 Kodwa uHana
kenyukanga, ngoba wathi kumkakhe: Kangiyikuhamba
aze alunyulwe umfana; khona ngizamletha ukuze
abonakale phambi kweNkosi, abesehlala khona kuze
kube nininini. 23 UElkana umkakhe wasesithi kuye:
Yenza okulungileyo emehlweni akho; hlala uze umlumule;
kuphela, iNkosi kayiqinise ilizwi lakho. Ngokunjalo
owesifazana wahlala, wayimunyisa indodana yakhe
waze wayilumula. 24 Wasesenyuka layo eseyilumule,
elamajongosi amathathu, le-efa elilodwa lempuphu,
lembodlela yewayini, wayiletha endlini yeNkosi eShilo;
lomfana wayemncinyane. 25 Balihlaba ijongosi, bamletha
umntwana kuEli. 26 Wasesithi: Hawu nkosi yami, kuphila
komphefumulo wakho, nkosi yami, yimi owesifazana
owayemi lawe lapha, ekhuleka eNkosini. 27 Ngakhulekela
lo umfana, njalo iNkosi inginikile isicelo sami engasicela
kuyo. 28 Ngakho lami ngimnikele eNkosini, zonke
izinsuku ekhona; wacelwa eNkosini. Wasekhonza iNkosi
lapho.

2 UHana wasekhuleka esithi: Inhliziyo yami iyathokoza
eNkosini. Uphondo lwami luphakanyisiwe eNkosini.
Umlomo wami wenziwe banzi phezu kwezitha zami,
ngoba ngiyajabula ngosindiso lwakho. 2 Kakho
ongcwele njengeNkosi, ngoba kakho ngaphandle
kwakho; futhi kalikho idwala elinjengoNkulunkulu
wethu. 3 Lingabe lisakhuluma ngokuzigqaja lokuzigqaja,
kungaphumi ukuziqakisa emlonyeni wenu; ngoba iNkosi
inguNkulunkulu wolwazi, lezenzo zilinganiswa yiyo. 4
Idandili lamaqhawe lephukile, kodwa ababkhubekileyo
babhince amandla. 5 Ababesuthi baziqhatshisile
ngesinkwa, lababelambile kabasenjalo, kwaze kwathi
oyinyumba uzele abayisikhombisa, lolabantwana
abanengi uphele amandla. 6 INkosi iyabulala njalo
iyaphilisa, iyehlisela engcwabeni njalo yenyuse. **(Sheol h7585)** 7 INkosi ipha ubuyanga, njalo iyanothisa;
iyehlisela phansi, njalo iphakamise. 8 Iyamphakamisa
umyanga ethulini, imphakamisa oswelayo enqunjini
yomquba, ukuze ibahlalise leziphathamandla, ibadlise
ilifa lesihlalo sobukhosi sodumo; ngoba insika zomhlaba
zingezeNkosi, ibekile ilizwe phezu kwazo. 9 Izagcina
inyawo zabangcwele bayo, kodwa ababi bazathuliswa
emnyameni; ngoba umuntu kayikunqoba ngamandla.
10 Abalwa leNkosi bazaphahlazwa; izaduma phezu
kwabo isemazulwini; iNkosi izakwahlulela imikhawulo
yomhlaba, inike inkosi yayo amandla, iphakamise
uphondo logcotshiweyo wayo. 11 UElkana waya eRama
endlini yakhe. Lomfana wayekhonza iNkosi phambi

kukaEli umpristi. **12** Amadodana kaEli ayengabantwana
bakaBheliyali; kawayazanga-ke iNkosi. **13** Njalo umkhuba
wabapristi labantu wawunje; wonke umuntu ohlaba
umhlatshelo, kube sekufika inceku yompristi, inyama
isaphekiwe, ilefologwe elencijo ezintathu esandleni
sayo, **14** ihlabe ngayo edengezini, loba egedleleni, loba
ebhodweni, loba embizeni; konke ifologwe ekukhuphayo
umpristi wayezithathela khona. Benze njalo kuIsrayeli
wonke ofika lapho eShilo. **15** Njalo engakatshisi
amahwahwa, inceku yompristi ifike ithi emuntwini
ohlabayo: Letha inyama yokosela umpristi, ngoba
kayikuthatha kuwe inyama ephekiweyo, kodwa eluhlaza.
16 Uba lowomuntu esithi kuyo: Kabatshise lokutshisa
amahwahwa khathesi, ubusuzithathela njengokuthanda
komphefumulo wakho; ibisisithi kuye: Hatshi, nginika
khathesi; uba kungenjalo, ngizayithatha ngamandla. **17**
Ngakho isono samajaha saba sikhulu kakhulu phambi
kweNkosi; ngoba abantu badelela umnikelo weNkosi.
18 Kodwa uSamuweli wayekhonza phambi kweNkosi
engumfana ebhince i-efodi yelembu elicolekileyo. **19** Futhi
unina wayemenzela ijazana, amphathele lona umnyaka
ngomnyaka ekwenyukeni kwakhe lomkakhe ukuyahlaba
umhlatshelo womnyaka. **20** UEli wasebabusisa oElkana
lomkakhe, wathi: INkosi ikunike inzalo ngalowesifazana
endaweni yesicelo esicelwe eNkosini. Basebesiya
endaweni yabo. **21** INkosi isimhambele uHana,
wasethatha isisu, wazala amadodana amathathu
lamadodakazi amabili. Umfana uSamuweli wasekhula
eleNkosi. **22** Kodwa uEli wayesemdala kakhulu; wakuzwa
konke amadodana akhe akwenza kuIsrayeli wonke,
lokuthi ayelala labesifazana ababuthana emnyango
wethente lenhlangano. **23** Wasesithi kuwo: Lenzelani
izinto ezinje? Ngoba ngiyezwa ngabo bonke abantu
ngezenzo zenu ezimbi. **24** Hatshi, madodana ami;
ngoba kakusumbiko omuhle engiwuzwayo ukuthi
lenza abantu beNkosi baphambuke. **25** Uba umuntu
esona komunye, abahluleli bazamahlulela; kodwa uba
umuntu esona eNkosini, ngubani ozamlamulela? Kodwa
kawalalelanga ilizwi likayise; ngoba iNkosi yayifuna
ukuwabulala. **26** Umfana uSamuweli waseqhubeka
ekhula, ethandeka kubo bobabili iNkosi labantu. **27**
Kwasekufika umuntu kaNkulunkulu kuEli, wathi kuye:
Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ngabonakaliswa lokubonakaliswa
yini kuyo indlu kayihlo beseGibhithe endlini kaFaro?
28 Ngamkhetha yini kuzo zonke izizwe zakoIsrayeli
ukuthi abe ngumpristi wami, anikele elathini lami,
atshise impepha, agqoke i-efodi phambi kwami?
Ngayinika yini indlu kayihlo yonke iminikelo yabantwana
bakoIsrayeli eyenziwe ngomlilo? **29** Kungani likhahlela
imihlatshelo yami leminikelo yami engiyilayileyo endlini
yami, njalo uhlonipha amadodana akho okwedlula
mina, ngokuzikhuluphalisa ngekhethelo leminikelo yonke
kaIsrayeli, abantu bami? **30** Ngakho iNkosi uNkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli ithi: Ngathi lokuthi: Indlu yakho lendlu kayihlo
zizahamba phambi kwami kuze kube nininini; kodwa
khathesi ithi iNkosi: Kakube khatshana lami; ngoba
abangihloniphayo ngizabahlonipha, labangidelelayo
bazakweyiswa. **31** Khangela, insuku ziyeza engizaquma
ngazo ingalo yakho lengalo yendlu kayihlo, kungabi khona
ixhegu endlini yakho. **32** Njalo uzabona ukuhlupheka
kwendlu yami, kuyo yonke impumelelo ezayenzela
uIsrayeli; njalo kakuyikuba lexhegu endlini yakho zonke
izinsuku. **33** Lowo-ke owakho engingayikumquma
asuke elathini lami uzakuba ngowokuqeda amehlo
akho, lokudabula umphefumulo wakho; lakho konke
ukwanda kwendlu yakho kuzakufa kusebudodeni. **34**
Lalokhu kuzakuba yisiboniso kuwe okuzakwehlela
amadodana akho womabili, kuHofini loPhinehasi; bobabili
bazakufa ngasuku lunye. **35** Ngizazimisela umpristi
othembekileyo; uzakwenza njengokusenhliziyweni yami
lemphefumulweni wami. Njalo ngizamakhela indlu
eqinileyo; uzahamba-ke phambi kogcotshiweyo wami
zonke izinsuku. **36** Kuzakuthi-ke wonke oseleyo endlini
yakho uzakuza akhothame kuye ngenxa yembadalo
yesiliva leqebelengwana lesinkwa, athi: Ake ungibeke
kwesinye sezikhundla zompristi ukuze ngidle ucezu
lwesinkwa.

3 Umfana uSamuweli wayesebenzela iNkosi phambi
kukaEli. Lelizwi leNkosi laliligugu ngalezonsuku;
kwakungekho lombono osabaleleyo. **2** Kwasekusithi
ngalolosuku uEli elele endaweni yakhe, lamehlo
akhe eseqala ukufiphala engelakubona, **3** lesibane
sikaNkulunkulu sasingakacitshwa, njalo uSamuweli
wayelele ethempelini leNkosi, lapho okwakukhona
umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu, **4** iNkosi yambiza
uSamuweli, owathi: Khangela ngilapha. **5** Wasegijimela
kuEli, wathi: Khangela ngilapha, ngoba ungibizile.
Wasesithi: Kangibizanga, buyela ulale. Wasesiyalala.
6 INkosi yasibuya imbiza uSamuweli futhi. USamuweli
wasevuka waya kuEli, wathi: Khangela ngilapha, ngoba
ungibizile. Kodwa wathi: Kangibizanga, ndodana yami;
buyela ulale. **7** Kodwa uSamuweli wayengakayazi iNkosi,
lelizwi leNkosi lalingakembulwa kuye. **8** INkosi yasimbiza
futhi uSamuweli ngokwesithathu. Wasevuka waya
kuEli wathi: Khangela ngilapha, ngoba ungibizile. UEli
waseqedisisa ukuthi iNkosi imbizile umfana. **9** Ngakho
uEli wathi kuSamuweli: Hamba uyelala; kuzakuthi-ke
nxa ikubiza uzakuthi: Khuluma Nkosi, ngoba inceku
yakho iyezwa. Wasehamba uSamuweli, walala endaweni
yakhe. **10** INkosi yasisiza, yema, yabiza njengakwezinye
izikhathi: Samuweli, Samuweli! Wasesithi uSamuweli:
Khuluma, ngoba inceku yakho iyezwa. **11** INkosi yasisithi
kuSamuweli: Khangela, ngizakwenza into koIsrayeli
ezakhenceza indlebe zombili zalowo wonke oyizwayo.
12 Ngalolosuku ngizakwenza ngimelene loEli konke
engakukhuluma ngendlu yakhe; ngiqalise ngiqede. **13**
Ngoba ngimtshelile ukuthi ngizagweba indlu yakhe kuze
kube nininini ngesiphambeko asaziyo, ngoba amadodana

akhe azenza aqalekiswa, kodwa kawakhuzanga. **14** Ngakho-ke ngifungile kuyo indlu kaEli ukuthi ububi bendlu kaEli kabuyikuhlangulwa ngomhlatshelo langomnikelo kuze kube phakade. **15** USamuweli waselala kwaze kwasa; wavula iminyango yendlu yeNkosi, kodwa uSamuweli wesaba ukumtshela uEli umbono. **16** UEli wasembiza uSamuweli, wathi: Samuweli, ndodana yami. Wasesithi: Khangela ngilapha. **17** Wasesithi: Yinto bani eyikhulume kuwe? Ake ungangifihleli; kenze njalo uNkulunkulu kuwe, ngokunjalo engezelele, uba ungifihlela ulutho lwazo zonke izinto akutshele zona. **18** Ngakho uSamuweli wasemtshela zonke izinto, kamfihlelanga lutho. Wasesithi: YiNkosi, kayenze lokho okulungileyo emehlweni ayo. **19** Wakhula-ke uSamuweli, leNkosi yayilaye, kayiyekelanga lelilodwa lamazwi ayo liwele emhlabathini. **20** UIsrayeli wonke-ke kusukela koDani kuze kube seBherishebha wazi ukuthi uSamuweli uqinisiwe ukuthi abe ngumprofethi weNkosi. **21** INkosi yaphinda yabonakala eShilo, ngoba iNkosi yazibonakalisa kuSamuweli eShilo ngelizwi leNkosi.

4 Ilizwi likaSamuweli lafika kuIsrayeli wonke. UIsrayeli wasephuma ukuyamelana lamaFilisti empini, bamisa inkamba ngaseEbeni-Ezeri, lamaFilisti amisa inkamba eAfeki. **2** AmaFilisti asezihlela ukumelana loIsrayeli; kwathi impi isabalala, uIsrayeli watshaywa phambi kwamaFilisti; njalo atshaya emaviyweni egangeni phose amadoda azinkulungwane ezine. **3** Kwathi abantu befika enkambeni, abadala bakoIsrayeli bathi: INkosi isitshayeleni lamuhla phambi kwamaFilisti? Asizithatheleni eShilo umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi; nxa usiza phakathi kwethu uzasisindisa esandleni sezitha zethu. **4** Ngakho abantu bathumela eShilo, ukuthi bathathe khona umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi yamabandla, ehlala phakathi kwamakherubhi; lamadodana amabili kaEli, uHofini loPhinehasi, ayelapho lomtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu. **5** Kwasekusithi lapho umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi ufika enkambeni, uIsrayeli wonke wahlokoma ngokuhlokoma okukhulu kwaze kwaduma umhlaba. **6** Lapho amaFilisti esizwa umsindo wokuhlokoma athi: Utshoni umsindo walokhukuhlokoma okukhulu enkambeni yamaHebheru? Asesazi ukuthi umtshokotsho weNkosi ufikile enkambeni. **7** AmaFilisti asesesaba, ngoba athi: UNkulunkulu ufikile enkambeni. Athi-ke: Maye kithi! Ngoba kakuzanga kwenzeke okunje mandulo. **8** Maye kithi! Ngubani ozasophula esandleni salaba onkulunkulu abalamandla? Laba ngonkulunkulu abatshaya amaGibhithe ngazo zonke inhlupheko enkangala. **9** Qinani, libe ngamadoda, maFilisti, hlezi lisebenzele amaHebheru njengoba alisebenzela. Ngakho banini ngamadoda, lilwe. **10** Ngakho amaFilisti alwa, loIsrayeli watshaywa, babalekela, ngulowo lalowo ethenteni lakhe. Njalo kwaba lokubulawa okukhulu kakhulu, ngoba kwawa koIsrayeli abayizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu abahamba ngenyawo. **11** Umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu wasuthathwa, lamadodana womabili kaEli, uHofini loPhinehasi, abulawa. **12** Kwasekugijima umuntu wakoBhenjamini evela emaviyweni, wafika eShilo ngalolosuku, lezigqoko zakhe zidatshuliwe elenhlabathi ekhanda lakhe. **13** Ekufikeni kwakhe, khangela-ke, uEli wayehlezi esihlalweni eceleni kwendlela elindile, ngoba inhliziyo yakhe yayithuthumelela umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu. Kwathi lowomuntu esengenile emzini ukubika, kwakhala umuzi wonke. **14** Lapho uEli esizwa umsindo wokukhala wathi: Uyini umsindo wale inhlokomo? Lowomuntu wasephangisa weza wamtshela uEli. **15** Njalo uEli wayeleminyaka engamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye leyisificaminwembili, lamehlo akhe ema ukuthi ayengelakho ukubona. **16** Lowomuntu wasesithi kuEli: Nginguye ovela emaviyweni; ngibaleke emaviyweni lamuhla. Wasesithi: Kwenziweni, ndodana yami? **17** Owaletha umbiko wasephendula wathi: UIsrayeli ubalekile phambi kwamaFilisti, futhi kube lokubulawa okukhulu ebantwini, njalo lamadodana akho womabili, uHofini loPhinehasi, afile, lomtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu uthethwe. **18** Kwasekusithi esekhulume ngomtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu, wawa nyovane esihlalweni eceleni kwesango, kwephuka intamo yakhe, wafa, ngoba lowomuntu wayemdala, enzima. Njalo wayahlulele uIsrayeli iminyaka engamatshumi amane. **19** Lomalokazana wakhe, umkaPhinehasi, wayekhulelwe, esezabeletha; esezwile umbiko wokuthi umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu uthethwe, lokuthi uyisezala lomkakhe bafile, wakhothama wabeletha, ngoba wafikelwa yimihelo. **20** Njalo phose ngesikhathi sokufa kwakhe abesifazana ababemi belaye bathi: Ungesabi, ngoba ubelethe indodana. Kodwa kaphendulanga njalo kazange akunanze. **21** Wambiza umfana ngokuthi nguIkabodi, esithi: Inkazimulo isukile koIsrayeli; ngoba umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu uthethwe, langenxa kayisezala lomkakhe. **22** Wasesithi: Inkazimulo isukile koIsrayeli ngoba umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu uthethwe.

5 AmaFilisti asewuthatha umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu awususa eEbeni-Ezeri awusa eAshidodi. **2** AmaFilisti asethatha umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu, awungenisa endlini kaDagoni, awubeka ngakuDagoni. **3** Kwathi abeAshidodi bevuka kusisa ngovivi, khangela, uDagoni esewile ngobuso bakhe emhlabathini phambi komtshokotsho weNkosi. Basebemthatha uDagoni, bambuyisela endaweni yakhe. **4** Sebevukile kusisa ekuseni kakhulu, khangela, uDagoni wayesewile ngobuso bakhe emhlabathini phambi komtshokotsho weNkosi, lekhanda likaDagoni lempama zombili zezandla zakhe kwakuqunyiwe embundwini; kwasala kuye isithombo kuphela. **5** Ngakho abapristi bakaDagoni labo bonke abangena endlini kaDagoni kabanyatheli embundwini kaDagoni eAshidodi kuze

kube lamuhla. 6 Kodwa isandla seNkosi saba
nzima phezu kwabeAshidodi, yabachitha, yabatshaya
ngamathumba ophayo, iAshidodi lemingcele yayo. 7
Kwathi abantu beAshidodi sebebona ukuthi kunjalo, bathi:
Umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli kawungahlali
kithi, ngoba isandla sakhe sinzima phezu kwethu laphezu
kukaDagoni unkulunkulu wethu. 8 Ngakho bathuma
babuthanisa zonke iziphathamandla zamaFilisti kibo,
bathi: Sizakwenzani ngomtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli? Zasezisithi: Umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli kawubhode uye eGathi. Basebewubhodisa
bewusa khona umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli.
9 Kwasekusithi sebewubhodise bewuthwele, isandla
seNkosi sasimelene lomuzi ngomonakalo omkhulu
kakhulu, yatshaya abantu bomuzi, kusukela komncinyane
kusiya komkhulu; kwasekuqhamuka amathumba ophayo
kubo. 10 Basebewuthumela umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu
eEkhironi. Kwasekusithi ekufikeni komtshokotsho
kaNkulunkulu eEkhironi, abeEkhironi bakhala besithi:
Babhodise baletha umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu
wakoIsrayeli kithi ukusibulala labantu bakithi. 11 Ngakho
bathuma babuthanisa zonke iziphathamandla zamaFilisti,
bathi: Thumani lisuse umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu
wakoIsrayeli ukuthi ubuyele endaweni yawo, ukuze
ungasibulali labantu bakithi, ngoba kwakulomonakalo
wokufa emzini wonke, lesandla sikaNkulunkulu sasinzima
kakhulu khona. 12 Labantu abangafanga batshaywa
ngamathumba ophayo; lokukhala komuzi kwenyukela
emazulwini.

6 Lomtshokotsho weNkosi wawuselizweni lamaFilisti
inyanga eziyisikhombisa. 2 AmaFilisti asebiza
abapristi labavumisi, esithi: Sizawenzelani umtshokotsho
weNkosi? Saziseni ukuthi singawuthumeza lani endaweni
yawo. 3 Basebesithi: Uba lingawuthumeza umtshokotsho
kaNkulunkulu wakoIsrayeli, lingawuthumezi uze,
kodwa libuyisele lokubuyisela kuye umnikelo wecala.
Khona-ke lizasiliswa, njalo kuzakwaziwa kini ukuthi
kungani isandla sakhe singasuki kini. 4 Basebesithi:
Uzakuba yini umnikelo wecala esizawubuyisela kuye?
Basebesithi: Amathumba ophayo egolide amahlanu
lamagundwane amahlanu egolide, njengokwenani
leziphathamandla zamaFilisti; ngoba bekulenhlupheko
eyodwa kini lonke lakuziphathamandla zenu. 5 Ngakho
lizakwenza imifanekiso yamathumba enu ophayo
lemifanekiso yamagundwane enu alonayo ilizwe,
limnike udumo uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli; mhlawumbe
angenza lula isandla sakhe sisuke phezu kwenu
sisuke laphezu kwabonkulunkulu benu sisuke laphezu
kwelizwe lenu. 6 Lenzelani-ke inhliziyo zenu zibe
lukhuni njengamaGibhithe loFaro benza inhliziyo zabo
zaba lukhuni? Emva kokuthi esenze kabuhlungu kubo
kabavumelanga yini ukuthi bahambe, basebehamba?
7 Ngakho-ke thathani lilungise inqola entsha
lamankomokazi amabili amunyisayo okungezanga
jogwe phezu kwawo, liwabophele amankomokazi
enqoleni, liwabuyisele ekhaya amankonyana awo asuke
emva kwawo. 8 Lithathe umtshokotsho weNkosi,
liwubeke enqoleni, lempahla zegolide elizibuyisela
kuye zibe ngumnikelo wecala, lizifake ebhokisini
eceleni kwawo; liyithumeze ihambe. 9 Libone aluba
isenyuka ngendlela yomngcele wawo eya eBeti-
Shemeshi, yiyo esenzele lobububi obukhulu; kodwa
uba kungenjalo, sizakwazi ukuthi kakusiso isandla
sayo esisitshayileyo, sehlelwe yingozi nje. 10 Abantu
basebesenza njalo, bathatha amankomokazi amabili
amunyisayo, bawabophela enqoleni, bawavalela
amankonyana awo ekhaya. 11 Bawubeka umtshokotsho
weNkosi enqoleni lebhokisi elilamagundwane
egolide lezithombe zamathumba abo ophayo. 12
Amankomokazi aseqonda endleleni, ngendlela eya
eBeti-Shemeshi, ahamba ngomgwaqo omkhulu
ehamba ebhonsa, engaphambukeli ngakwesokunene
loba ngakwesokhohlo, leziphathamandla zamaFilisti
zawalandela kwaze kwaba semngceleni weBeti-
Shemeshi. 13 AbeBeti-Shemeshi babevuna isivuno
sengqoloyi esigodini; lapho bephakamisa amehlo abo,
bawubona umtshokotsho, bathokoza ukuwubona.
14 Inqola yasingena ensimini kaJoshuwa weBeti-
Shemeshi, yema khona, lapho okwakulelitshe elikhulu
khona; basebebanda izigodo zenqola, basebenikela
amankomokazi aba ngumnikelo wokutshiswa eNkosini.
15 AmaLevi asewethula umtshokotsho weNkosi
lebhokisi elalilawo, okwakukulo impahla zegolide,
akubeka phezu kwelitshe elikhulu. Labantu beBeti-
Shemeshi banikela iminikelo yokutshiswa, bayihlabela
iNkosi imihlatshelo ngalolosuku. 16 Iziphathamandla
ezinhlanu zamaFilisti sezikubonile, zabuyela eEkhironi
ngalolosuku. 17 Lala ngamathumba ophayo egolide
amaFilisti awabuyisela abe ngumnikelo wecala eNkosini,
eleAshidodi elilodwa, eleGaza elilodwa, eleAshikeloni
elilodwa, eleGathi elilodwa, eleEkhironi elilodwa. 18
Lamagundwane egolide njengokwenani lemizi yonke
yamaFilisti yeziphathamandla ezinhlanu, kusukela
emizini ebiyelweyo kuze kube semizaneni yemaphandleni
kuze kube selitsheni elikhulu likaAbeli, lapho ababeka
khona umtshokotsho weNkosi, elisensimini kaJoshuwa
umBeti-Shemeshi kuze kube lamuhla. 19 Yasitshaya
amadoda eBeti-Shemeshi ngoba ayekhangele phakathi
komtshokotsho weNkosi; yebo, yatshaya phakathi
kwabantu amadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amahlanu lamatshumi ayisikhombisa. Abantu basebelila
ngoba iNkosi yayitshaye ngokutshaya okukhulu phakathi
kwabantu. 20 Ngakho abantu beBeti-Shemeshi bathi:
Ngubani olakho ukuma phambi kweNkosi, lo uNkulunkulu
ongcwele? Uzakwenyukela kubani esuka kithi? 21
Basebethuma izithunywa kubahlali beKiriyathi-Jeyarimi
besithi: AmaFilisti asewubuyisile umtshokotsho weNkosi;
yehlani liwenyusele kini.

7 Njalo abantu beKiriyathi-Jeyarimi beza, benyusa
umtshokotsho weNkosi, bawungenisa endlini
kaAbinadaba phezu kwaloloqaqa, bangcwelisa
uEleyazare indodana yakhe ukuthi agcine umtshokotsho
weNkosi. **2** Kwasekusithi kusukela ngosuku
umtshokotsho uhlala eKiriyathi-Jeyarimi, insuku zanda;
ngoba kwaba yiminyaka engamatshumi amabili; lendlu
yonke yakoIsrayeli yakhala ilandela iNkosi. **3** USamuweli
wasekhuluma endlini yonke kaIsrayeli esithi: Uba
libuyela eNkosini ngenhliziyo yenu yonke, susani
onkulunkulu bezizweni phakathi kwenu laboAshitarothi,
liqondise inhliziyo yenu eNkosini, likhonze yona
yodwa, ngakho izalophula esandleni samaFilisti. **4**
Ngakho abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesusa oBhali
laboAshitarothi, bakhonza iNkosi yodwa. **5** USamuweli
wasesithi: Buthanisani uIsrayeli wonke eMizipa; njalo
ngizalikhulekela eNkosini. **6** Basebebuthana eMizipa,
bakha amanzi, bawathela phambi kweNkosi, bazila
ukudla mhlalokho, bathi lapho: Sonile eNkosini.
USamuweli wasesahlulela abantwana bakoIsrayeli
eMizipa. **7** Kwathi amaFilisti esezwile ukuthi abantwana
bakoIsrayeli babuthene eMizipa, iziphathamandla
zamaFilisti zenyuka zamelana loIsrayeli. Abantwana
bakoIsrayeli sebekuzwile bawesaba amaFilisti. **8**
Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebesithi kuSamuweli:
Ungathuli ukusikhalela eNkosini uNkulunkulu wethu
ukuze asisindise esandleni samaFilisti. **9** USamuweli
wasethatha iwundlu elimunyayo, walinikela lonke
eNkosini laba ngumnikelo otshiswayo. USamuweli
wakhalela uIsrayeli eNkosini, iNkosi yasimphendula. **10**
Kwathi uSamuweli esanikela umnikelo wokutshiswa,
amaFilisti asondela empini loIsrayeli; kodwa iNkosi
yaduma ngelizwi elikhulu phezu kwamaFilisti ngalolosuku,
yawachithachitha, asetshaywa phambi kukaIsrayeli. **11**
Amadoda akoIsrayeli asephuma eMizipa axotshana
lamaFilisti, awatshaya, kwaze kwaba ngaphansi
kweBetikari. **12** USamuweli wasethatha ilitshe, walimisa
phakathi kweMizipa leSheni, wabiza ibizo lalo iEbeni-
Ezeri, wathi: Kuze kube khathesi iNkosi isisizile. **13**
Ngakho amaFilisti ehliselwa phansi, kawabe esaphinda
ukungena emngceleni wakoIsrayeli. Njalo isandla seNkosi
samelana lamaFilisti zonke izinsuku zikaSamuweli. **14**
Imizi amaFilisti ayeyithethe-ke koIsrayeli yabuyiselwa
kuIsrayeli kusukela eEkhironi kuze kufike eGathi;
lomngcele wayo uIsrayeli wawukhulula esandleni
samaFilisti. Njalo kwaba lokuthula phakathi kukaIsrayeli
lamaAmori. **15** USamuweli wasesahlulela uIsrayeli
insuku zonke zempilo yakhe. **16** Wahamba iminyaka
ngeminyaka wabhoda eBhetheli, leGiligali, leMizipa;
wahlulela uIsrayeli kuzo zonke lezozindawo. **17**
Lokubuyela kwakhe kwakuyikuya eRama, ngoba indlu
yakhe yayilapho; wahlulela uIsrayeli khona, wayakhela
lapho iNkosi ilathi.

8 Kwasekusithi uSamuweli esemdala wabeka
amadodana akhe ukuze abe ngabahluleli koIsrayeli.
2 Lebizo lendodana yakhe elizibulo lalinguJoweli,
lebizo leyesibili yakhe linguAbhiya; ayengabahluleli
eBherishebha. **3** Kodwa amadodana akhe ayengahambi
ngendlela zakhe, kodwa aphambukela enzuzweni
embi, emukela isivalamlomo, aphambula isahlulelo. **4**
Kwasekubuthana abadala bonke bakoIsrayeli, beza
kuSamuweli eRama, **5** bathi kuye: Khangela, wena
usumdala, lamadodana akho kawahambi ngendlela
zakho; ngakho sibekele inkosi ukuze isahlulele
njengazo zonke izizwe. **6** Kodwa leyonto yayimbi
emehlweni kaSamuweli lapho besithi: Sinike inkosi
ukusahlulela. USamuweli wasekhuleka eNkosini. **7**
INkosi yasisithi kuSamuweli: Lalela ilizwi labantu kukho
konke abakutshoyo kuwe, ngoba kakusuwe abakwalayo,
kodwa bala mina ukuze ngingabusi phezu kwabo. **8**
Ngokwezenzo zonke abazenzileyo kusukela ngosuku
engabenyusa ngalo eGibhithe kuze kube lamuhla,
bangitshiyile bakhonza abanye onkulunkulu; benza
njalo lakuwe. **9** Ngakho khathesi, lalela ilizwi labo;
kodwa nxa ubafakazele kakhulu, ubazise indlela yenkosi
ezabusa phezu kwabo. **10** USamuweli wasetshela
abantu abacela kuye inkosi wonke amazwi eNkosi.
11 Wasesithi: Le izakuba yindlela yenkosi ezabusa
phezu kwenu; izathatha amadodana enu izibekele
wona enqoleni zayo lakubagadi bamabhiza ayo, agijime
phambi kwezinqola zayo. **12** Izazibekela wona abe
yizinduna zezinkulungwane lezinduna zamatshumi
amahlanu, lokulima amasimu ayo, lokuvuna isivuno
sayo, lokwenza izikhali zayo zempi, lezikhali zezinqola
zayo. **13** Izathatha amadodakazi enu iwenze abe
ngabenzi bamakha, labapheki, labaphekizinkwa. **14**
Izathatha amasimu enu, lezivini zenu lezivande zenu
zemihlwathi, ezinhle, ikunike inceku zayo. **15** Izathatha
okwetshumi yenhlanyelo yenu leyezivini zenu, iyinike
induna zayo lenceku zayo. **16** Izathatha inceku zenu
lencekukazi zenu lamajaha enu angcono labobabhemi
benu, ikusebenzise emsebenzini wayo. **17** Izathatha
okwetshumi kwemihlambi yenu; lina-ke libe yizinceku
zayo. **18** Njalo lizakhala ngalolosuku ngenxa yenkosi
yenu elizikhethele yona; kodwa iNkosi kayiyikuliphendula
mhlalokho. **19** Kodwa abantu bala ukulilalela ilizwi
likaSamuweli, bathi: Hatshi, kodwa kuzakuba lenkosi
phezu kwethu, **20** ukuze lathi sibe njengezizwe zonke,
lenkosi yethu isahlulele, iphume phambi kwethu, ilwe
izimpi zethu. **21** USamuweli esewazwile wonke amazwi
abantu, wawalandisa endlebeni zeNkosi. **22** INkosi
yasisithi kuSamuweli: Lalela ilizwi labo, ubabekele inkosi.
USamuweli wasesithi emadodeni akoIsrayeli: Hambani
liye ngulowo lalowo emzini wakhe.

9 Kwakukhona-ke indoda yakoBhenjamini obizo layo
linguKishi, indodana kaAbiyeli, indodana kaZerori,

indodana kaBekorathi, indodana kaAfiya, umBhenjamini,
iqhawe elilamandla. 2 Njalo yayilendodana, obizo layo
lalinguSawuli, ijaha elihle; kwakungelamuntu omuhle
kulalo phakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli; kusukela
emahlombe alo kusiya phezulu lalilide kulabo bonke
abantu. 3 Obabhemikazi bakaKishi, uyise kaSawuli,
balahleka-ke. Ngakho uKishi wathi kuSawuli indodana
yakhe: Ake uthathe enye yezinceku lawe, usukume
uhambe uyedinga obabhemikazi. 4 Wasedabula
intaba zakoEfrayimi, wadabula ilizwe leShalisha, kodwa
kababatholanga. Basebedabula ilizwe leShalima, kodwa
babengekho. Basebedabula ilizwe lakoBhenjamini,
kodwa kababatholanga. 5 Bona sebefikile elizweni leZufi,
uSawuli wathi encekwini yakhe eyayilaye: Woza sibuyele,
hlezi ubaba ayekele obabhemikazi abesenqinekela thina.
6 Yasisithi kuye: Khangela-ke, kulomuntu kaNkulunkulu
kulumuzi, ungumuntu ohloniphekayo; konke akutshoyo
kuyenzeka sibili. Khathesi asiye khona; mhlawumbe
angasitshela indlela esizahamba ngayo. 7 USawuli
wasesithi encekwini yakhe: Kodwa khangela, uba sisiya,
sizamphathelani lowomuntu? Ngoba isinkwa kasisekho
ezitsheni zethu; futhi kakulasipho sokusa emuntwini
kaNkulunkulu. Silani? 8 Inceku yasibuya yamphendula
uSawuli yathi: Khangela, kutholakala esandleni sami
ingxenye yesine yeshekeli lesiliva; ngizamnika yona
lowomuntu kaNkulunkulu ukuze asitshele indlela yethu. 9
(Endulo koIsrayeli lapho umuntu esiyabuza kuNkulunkulu,
wayesitsho kanje: Woza siye kumboni; ngoba lo
ongumprofethi lamuhla kuqala wayebizwa ngokuthi
ngumboni.) 10 USawuli wasesithi encekwini yakhe: Lihle
ilizwi lakho; woza sihambe. Basebesiya emzini lapho
okwakukhona lowomuntu kaNkulunkulu. 11 Besenyuka
ngomqanso womuzi, bona bafica amantombazana
ephuma ukuyakukha amanzi, bathi kuwo: Umboni ulapha
yini? 12 Asebaphendula athi: Ukhona; khangelani,
uphambi kwenu. Phangisani khathesi; ngoba ufike
lamuhla emzini, ngoba abantu balomhlatshelo lamuhla
endaweni ephakemeyo. 13 Ekungeneni kwenu emzini,
lizahle limthole engakenyukeli endaweni ephakemeyo
ukuyakudla; ngoba abantu kabayikudla aze afike,
ngoba nguye obusisa umhlatshelo, emva kwalokho
abanxusiweyo badle. Ngakho-ke yenyukani, ngoba yena,
phose ngalesisikhathi, lizamthola. 14 Basebesenyukela
emzini; besangena phakathi komuzi, khangela,
uSamuweli waphuma ukubahlangabeza ukwenyukela
endaweni ephakemeyo. 15 INkosi yasibonakalisa
endlebeni kaSamuweli ngosuku phambi kokufika
kukaSawuli, isithi: 16 Kusasa phose ngalesisikhathi
ngizathuma kuwe umuntu ovela elizweni lakoBhenjamini;
futhi umgcobe abe ngumbusi phezu kwabantu bami
uIsrayeli, ukuze asindise abantu bami esandleni
samaFilisti, ngoba ngibonile abantu bami, ngoba
ukukhala kwabo kufikile kimi. 17 Kwathi uSamuweli
ebona uSawuli, iNkosi yamphendula: Khangela, umuntu
ebengikhuluma ngaye kuwe. Lo uzabusa phezu kwabantu
bami. 18 USawuli wasesondela kuSamuweli phakathi
kwesango wathi: Akungitshele, ingaphi lapha indlu
yomboni? 19 USamuweli wasemphendula uSawuli
wathi: Yimi umboni; yenyuka phambi kwami uye
endaweni ephakemeyo, ngoba lamuhla uzakudla lami;
lekuseni ngizakuyekela uhambe, ngikutshele konke
okusenhliziyweni yakho. 20 Lamayelana labobabhemikazi
bakho asebelensuku ezintathu belahlekile, ungafaki
inhliziyo yakho kubo, ngoba sebetholiwe. Kodwa zikubani
iziloyiso zonke zikaIsrayeli? Kazikho kuwe yini lendlini
yonke kayihlo? 21 USawuli wasephendula wathi:
Kangisuye umBhenjamini yini, owesincinyane sezizwe
zakoIsrayeli, losendo lwethu luncinyane kulazo zonke
insendo zesizwe sakoBhenjamini? Pho-ke, ukhulumelani
kimi ngalindlela? 22 USamuweli wasethatha uSawuli
lenceku yakhe, wabangenisa ekamelweni lokudlela,
wabahlalisa endaweni engaphezulu yabanxusiweyo,
ababengaphose babe ngamatshumi amathathu. 23
USamuweli wasesithi kumpheki: Letha isabelo engikunike
sona, engithe kuwe ngaso: Sibeke ngakuwe. 24
Umpheki wasephakamisa umlenze lokwakuphezu
kwawo, wakubeka phambi kukaSawuli. USamuweli
wasesithi: Khangela, okuseleyo; kubeke phambi kwakho,
dlana; ngoba bekubekelwe wena kuze kufike lesisikhathi
esimisiweyo, njengoba ngitshilo: Nginxuse abantu.
USawuli wasesidla loSamuweli ngalolosuku. 25 Sebehlile
endaweni ephakemeyo baya emzini, wakhuluma loSawuli
ephahleni. 26 Basebevuka ngovivi; kwasekusithi phose
emadabukakusa, uSamuweli wambiza uSawuli ephahleni
esithi: Sukuma ukuze ngikuyekele uhambe. Wasesukuma
uSawuli, baphuma bobabili, yena loSamuweli, baya
phandle. 27 Sebesehlela ekucineni komuzi, uSamuweli
wathi kuSawuli: Tshela inceku ukuthi yedlule phambi
kwethu (yasisedlula), kodwa wena mana okwakhathesi,
ukuthi ngikuzwise ilizwi likaNkulunkulu.

10 USamuweli wasethatha umfuma wamafutha,
wawathela ekhanda lakhe, wamanga, wathi:
Angithi kungoba iNkosi ikugcobele ukuthi ube ngumbusi
phezu kwelifa layo? 2 Ekusukeni kwakho kimi
lamuhla uzafica abantu ababili engcwabeni likaRasheli
emngceleni wakoBhenjamini eZeliza; njalo bazakuthi
kuwe: Obabhemikazi obuyebadinga sebetholiwe,
khangela-ke, uyihlo useyekele udaba labobabhemikazi,
usenqinekela lina esithi: Ngizayenzelani indodana yami?
3 Nxa usudlule lapho waya phambili, uzafika esihlahleni
se-okhi seThabhori; lalapho uzahlangana labantu
abathathu besenyuka besiya kuNkulunkulu eBhetheli,
omunye ephethe amazinyane amathathu, lomunye
ephethe amaqebelengwana ezinkwa amathathu, lomunye
ephethe imbodlela yewayini. 4 Bazakubuza ngempilo,
bakunike izinkwa ezimbili, ozazithatha esandleni sabo.
5 Emva kwalokho uzafika eqaqeni lukaNkulunkulu
lapho okuhlala khona ibutho lenqaba yamaFilisti;

kuzakuthi-ke, nxa ufika lapho emzini uzahlangana lexuku
labaprofethi besehla endaweni ephakemeyo, laphambi
kwabo kulogubhu lwezintambo, lesigubhu, lomhlanga,
lechacho, beprofetha. 6 LoMoya kaNkulunkulu uzafika
ngamandla phezu kwakho, uprofethe kanye labo,
uphendulwe ube ngomunye umuntu. 7 Kuzakuthi-ke
lapho lezizibonakaliso zikufikela, wena wenze lokho
isandla sakho esizakuthola, ngoba uNkulunkulu ulawe.
8 Uzakwehla phambi kwami uye eGiligali; khangela-
ke, ngizakwehlela kuwe ukuze nginikele iminikelo
yokutshiswa, ngihlabe imihlatshelo yeminikelo yokuthula.
Uzalinda insuku eziyisikhombisa ngize ngifike kuwe,
ngikutshele lokho ozakwenza. 9 Kwasekusithi lapho
esefulathele ukuthi asuke kuSamuweli, uNkulunkulu
wamnika enye inhliziyo; lazo zonke lezizibonakaliso zeza
mhlalokho. 10 Lapho sebefikile khona eqaqeni, khangela,
ixuku labaprofethi lamhlangabeza; uMoya kaNkulunkulu
wasefika ngamandla phezu kwakhe, waprofetha phakathi
kwabo. 11 Kwasekusithi bonke ababemazi mandulo
bebona ukuthi, khangela, uprofetha labaprofethi, abantu
bathi, omunye komunye: Kuyini lokhu okwehlele indodana
kaKishi? Kanti uSawuli laye uphakathi kwabaprofethi?
12 Kwasekuphendula umuntu owakhona wathi: Kanti
ngubani uyise wabo? Ngakho kwasekusiba yisaga
ukuthi: Kanti uSawuli laye uphakathi kwabaprofethi? 13
Eseqedile ukuprofetha wafika endaweni ephakemeyo. 14
Uyise omncinyane kaSawuli wathi kuye lencekwini yakhe:
Beliye ngaphi? Wasesithi: Ukuyadinga obabhemikazi;
lapho sesibona ukuthi kabakho sasesifika kuSamuweli.
15 Uyise omncinyane kaSawuli wathi: Ake ungitshele
ukuthi utheni kini uSamuweli? 16 USawuli wasesithi
kuyise omncinyane: Usitshelile sibili ukuthi obabhemikazi
sebetholakele. Kodwa udaba lombuso akhuluma ngalo
uSamuweli kamtshelanga. 17 USamuweli wasebizela
abantu ndawonye eNkosini eMizipa; 18 wathi kubantwana
bakoIsrayeli: Itsho njalo iNkosi uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli:
Mina ngamenyusa uIsrayeli eGibhithe, ngalikhulula
esandleni samaGibhithe lesandleni sayo yonke imibuso
eyalicindezelayo. 19 Kodwa lamuhla lina limalile
uNkulunkulu wenu, yena ngokwakhe owalisindisayo
engozini zonke zenu lensizini zenu; laselisithi kuye:
Hatshi, beka inkosi phezu kwethu. Ngakho-ke manini
phambi kweNkosi ngezizwe zenu langezinkulungwane
zenu. 20 USamuweli wasesondeza zonke izizwe
zakoIsrayeli; njalo isizwe sakoBhenjamini sabanjwa.
21 Wasesondeza isizwe sakoBhenjamini ngensendo
zaso, losendo lwakoMatiri lwabanjwa, loSawuli indodana
kaKishi wabanjwa. Kuthe bemdinga katholakalanga.
22 Ngakho babuya babuza eNkosini ukuthi lowomuntu
usezafika lapha yini? INkosi yasisithi: Khangelani,
ucatshile empahleni. 23 Basebegijima bamlanda
khona; lapho esemi phakathi kwabantu, wayemude
kulabo bonke abantu kusukela ehlombe lakhe kusiya
phezulu. 24 USamuweli wasesithi kubo bonke abantu:
Liyambona yini lowo iNkosi emkhethileyo, ukuthi
kakho loyedwa onjengaye kubo bonke abantu? Bonke
abantu basebememeza bathi: Kayiphile inkosi! 25
USamuweli wasebatshela abantu indlela yombuso,
wawubhala egwalweni, walubeka phambi kweNkosi.
USamuweli wasebayekela bonke abantu bahamba,
wonke waya endlini yakhe. 26 USawuli laye wasesiya
endlini yakhe eGibeya; kwasekuhamba laye amaqhawe
onhliziyo zawo uNkulunkulu wayezithintile. 27 Kodwa
abantwana bakaBheliyali bathi: Uzasisindisa njani
lo? Basebemdelela, kabamphathelanga sipho; kodwa
wazithulela.

11 Kwasekusenyuka uNahashi umAmoni, wamisa
inkamba maqondana leJabeshi-Gileyadi; wonke
amadoda eJabeshi asesithi kuNahashi: Yenza
isivumelwano lathi, sizakusebenzela. 2 Kodwa uNahashi
umAmoni wathi kibo: Ngizasenza phezu kwalokhu
isivumelwano lani, ukuze ngilikopole wonke amehlo
awesokunene njalo ngehlisele uIsrayeli wonke ihlazo.
3 Abadala beJabeshi basebesithi kuye: Siyekele
okwensuku eziyisikhombisa ukuze sithume izithunywa
kuwo wonke umngcele wakoIsrayeli. Uba-ke kungekho
ongasisindisa, sizaphuma size kuwe. 4 Izithunywa
zasezifika eGibeya kaSawuli, zalandisa amazwi endlebeni
zabantu, labantu bonke baphakamisa ilizwi labo bakhala
inyembezi. 5 Khangela-ke, uSawuli weza emva
kwezinkabi evela emasimini, uSawuli wathi: Kwenze
njani ebantwini ukuthi bakhale? Basebemtshela amazwi
amadoda eJabeshi. 6 UMoya kaNkulunkulu wafika
ngamandla phezu kukaSawuli lapho esizwa lawomazwi,
lolaka lwakhe lwavutha kakhulu. 7 Wasethatha inkabi
ezimbili, waziquma zaba yiziqa, wazithumela kuwo wonke
umngcele wakoIsrayeli ngesandla sezithunywa esithi:
Ongaphumi alandele uSawuli alandele loSamuweli,
kuzakwenziwanje enkabini zakhe. Ukwesaba iNkosi
kwasekusehlela phezu kwabantu, baphuma njengamuntu
munye. 8 Lapho ababala eBezeki, abantwana
bakoIsrayeli babe yizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu
amathathu, lamadoda akoJuda eyizinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amathathu. 9 Basebesithi kuzo
izithunywa ezazifikile: Lizawatshela njalo amadoda
eJabeshi-Gileyadi lithi: Kusasa lizakuba losindiso nxa
ilanga selitshisa. Lapho izithunywa zifika zawatshela
amadoda eJabeshi, athokoza. 10 Ngakho amadoda
eJabeshi athi: Kusasa sizaphumela kini, lenze kithi
njengakho konke okulungileyo emehlweni enu. 11
Kwasekusithi kusisa, uSawuli wamisa abantu ngezigaba
ezintathu; bafika phakathi kwenkamba ngomlindo
wekuseni; bamtshaya uAmoni lwaze lwatshisa usuku;
kwasekusithi abaseleyo bahlakazeka, kwaze kwathi
kakusalanga kibo ababili bendawonye. 12 Abantu
basebesithi kuSamuweli: Ngubani othe: USawuli uzabusa
yini phezu kwethu? Baletheni labobantu ukuze sibabulale.
13 Kodwa uSawuli wathi: Kakuyikubulawa muntu

ngalolusuku, ngoba lamuhla iNkosi yenze inkululeko
koIsrayeli. 14 USamuweli wasesithi ebantwini: Wozani
siye eGiligali, sivuselele umbuso khona. 15 Bonke
abantu basebesiya eGiligali, bambeka khona uSawuli
waba yinkosi phambi kweNkosi eGiligali. Bahlaba khona
imihlatshelo yeminikelo yokuthula phambi kweNkosi,
lalapho uSawuli lawo wonke amadoda akoIsrayeli
bathokoza kakhulukazi.

12 USamuweli wasesithi kuIsrayeli wonke:
Khangelani, ngililalele ilizwi lenu kukho konke
elakutsho kimi, sengibeke inkosi phezu kwenu. 2
Khathesi-ke, khangelani, inkosi iyahamba phambi
kwenu; mina sengimdala, sengiyimpunga, khangelani,
lamadodana ami akini; mina-ke ngihambile phambi
kwenu kusukela ebutsheni bami kuze kube lamuhla. 3
Khangelani, ngilapha; fakazani limelane lami phambi
kweNkosi laphambi kogcotshiweyo wayo: Ngithethe
inkabi kabani? Loba ngithethe ubabhemi kabani?
Ngiqilibezele bani? Ngicindezele bani? Ngemukele
kubani isivalamlomo ukuze ngiphofuze amehlo ami
ngawo? Njalo ngizakubuyisela kini. 4 Basebesithi:
Kawusiqilibezelanga, kawusicindezelanga, njalo
kawemukelanga lalutho esandleni samuntu. 5 Wasesithi
kibo: INkosi ingumfakazi imelene lani logcotshiweyo wayo
ungumfakazi lamuhla ukuthi kalitholanga lutho esandleni
sami. Bathi: Ingumfazaki. 6 USamuweli wasesithi
ebantwini: KuyiNkosi eyenza uMozisi loAroni, eyenyusa
oyihlo elizweni leGibhithe. 7 Khathesi-ke, manini njalo
ngahlulelane lani phambi kweNkosi ngezenzo zonke
ezilungileyo zeNkosi eyazenza kini lakuboyihlo. 8
Lapho uJakobe esefikile eGibhithe, oyihlo bakhala
eNkosini, iNkosi yasithuma oMozisi loAroni, abakhupha
oyihlo eGibhithe, babenza bahlala kulindawo. 9
Sebeyikhohliwe iNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo, yabathengisa
esandleni sikaSisera induna yebutho leHazori, lesandleni
samaFilisti, lesandleni senkosi yakoMowabi; basebesilwa
bemelene labo. 10 Basebekhala eNkosini bathi: Sonile,
ngoba siyilahlile iNkosi, sakhonza oBhali laboAshitarothi.
Kodwa khathesi sophule esandleni sezitha zethu,
sizakukhonza. 11 INkosi yasithuma uJerubali, loBhedani,
loJefitha, loSamuweli, yalikhulula esandleni sezitha
zenu inhlangothi zonke, laselihlala livikelekile. 12 Lapho
libona ukuthi uNahashi inkosi yabantwana bakoAmoni
yeza ukumelana lani, lathi kimi: Hatshi, kodwa inkosi
izasibusa; kanti iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu yayiyinkosi
yenu. 13 Khathesi-ke, khangelani, inkosi elayikhethayo,
elayicelayo; khangelani-ke, iNkosi imisile inkosi phezu
kwenu. 14 Uba liyesaba iNkosi liyikhonza lilalela ilizwi
layo, lingawuvukeli umlomo weNkosi, khona lina, lani
kanye lenkosi ezabusa phezu kwenu lizalandela iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wenu. 15 Kodwa uba lingalilaleli ilizwi
leNkosi, kodwa livukela umlomo weNkosi, isandla
seNkosi sizamelana lani, njengoba samelana laboyihlo.
16 Lakhathesi manini, libone linto enkulu iNkosi ezayenza
phambi kwamehlo enu. 17 Angithi lamuhla kuyisivuno
sengqoloyi? Ngizakhala eNkosini njalo izanika umdumo
lezulu, ukuze lazi libone ukuthi ububi benu bukhulu
elibenze emehlweni eNkosi ngokuzicelela inkosi.
18 USamuweli wasekhala eNkosini, iNkosi yasinika
umdumo lezulu mhlalokho; ngakho bonke abantu
bayesaba kakhulu iNkosi loSamuweli. 19 Bonke abantu
basebesithi kuSamuweli: Khulekela izinceku zakho
eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho, ukuze singafi; ngoba
sengezelele ezonweni zethu zonke lobububi bokuzicelela
inkosi. 20 USamuweli wasesithi ebantwini: Lingesabi;
lina lenze bonke lobububi, kodwa lingaphambuki
ekuyilandeleni iNkosi, kodwa likhonze iNkosi ngenhliziyo
yenu yonke. 21 Njalo lingaphambuki ngoba lingalandela
izinto eziyize ezingasizi lutho ezingakhululiyo, ngoba
ziyize. 22 Ngoba iNkosi kayiyikubatshiya abantu bayo
ngenxa yebizo layo elikhulu, ngoba iNkosi yathokoza
ukulenza libe ngabantu bayo. 23 Mina-ke kakube
khatshana lami ukuthi ngone eNkosini ngokuyekela
ukulikhulekela; kodwa ngizalifundisa indlela enhle
lelungileyo. 24 Kuphela yesabani iNkosi, liyikhonze
ngeqiniso ngenhliziyo yenu yonke, ngoba bonani
okukhulu elenzele khona. 25 Kodwa uba liphikelela
lisenza okubi, lina kanye lenkosi yenu lizachithwa.

13 USawuli wayelomnyaka embusweni wakhe.
Esebuse uIsrayeli okweminyaka emibili,
2 uSawuli wasezikhethela abayizinkulungwane
ezintathu kwamaIsrayeli; njalo abayizinkulungwane
ezimbili babeloSawuli eMikimashi lentabeni
yeBhetheli, lenkulungwane yaba loJonathani eGibeya
yakoBhenjamini; labaseleyo babantu wabayekela
bahamba, ngulowo lalowo ethenteni lakhe. 3 UJonathani
wasetshaya ibutho lenqaba yamaFilisti eyayiseGeba,
lamaFilisti akuzwa. USawuli wasevuthela uphondo
elizweni lonke esithi: AmaHebheru kawezwe. 4
UIsrayeli wonke wezwa kuthiwa uSawuli utshayile ibutho
lenqaba yamaFilisti lokuthi uIsrayeli laye waba levumba
kumaFilisti. Abantu basebebizelwa ndawonye ukulandela
uSawuli baye eGiligali. 5 AmaFilisti asebuthana
ukuthi alwe loIsrayeli, inqola eziyizinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amathathu, labagadi bamabhiza
abayizinkulungwane eziyisithupha, labantu abalingana
letshebetshebe elisekhunjini lolwandle ngobunengi;
enyuka amisa inkamba eMikimashi, empumalanga
kweBeti-Aveni. 6 Kwathi amadoda akoIsrayeli
ebona ukuthi asekuminyezelweni, ngoba abantu
bacindezelwa, abantu bacatsha embalwini lezixukwini
zameva, lemadwaleni, lezinqabeni, lemigodini. 7
LamaHebheru achapha iJordani, aya elizweni leGadi
leGileyadi. Kodwa uSawuli wayelokhu eseGiligali,
labantu bonke bathuthumela bemlandela. 8 Waselinda
insuku eziyisikhombisa, njengesikhathi esamiswa
nguSamuweli; kodwa uSamuweli kafikanga eGiligali,
labantu bahlakazeka besuka kuye. 9 USawuli wasesithi:

Sondezani kimi umnikelo wokutshiswa leminikelo
yokuthula. Wasenikela umnikelo wokutshiswa. 10
Kwasekusithi eseqede ukunikela umnikelo wokutshiswa,
khangela, uSamuweli wafika; uSawuli wasephuma
ukumhlangabeza ukuze ambingelele. 11 USamuweli
wasesithi: Wenzeni? USawuli wasesithi: Ngoba ngibone
ukuthi abantu babehlakazeka besuka kimi, lawe
ungafikanga ngesikhathi esimisiweyo sezinsuku,
lokuthi amaFilisti asebuthene eMikimashi. 12 Ngakho
ngathi: Khathesi amaFilisti azangehlela eGiligali,
ngingancenganga ubuso beNkosi. Ngasengizibamba
ngamandla, nganikela umnikelo wokutshiswa. 13
USamuweli wasesithi kuSawuli: Wenze ngobuwula;
kawuwugcinanga umlayo weNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho
eyakulaya wona; ngoba khathesi iNkosi ibizawumisa
umbuso wakho koIsrayeli kuze kube nininini. 14
Kodwa khathesi umbuso wakho kawuyikuma. INkosi
isizidingele umuntu ngokwenhliziyo yayo, njalo iNkosi
isimlayile ukuthi abe ngumbusi phezu kwabantu bayo,
ngoba kawugcinanga lokho iNkosi ekulaye khona. 15
USamuweli wasesukuma wenyuka esuka eGiligali waya
eGibeya yakoBhenjamini. USawuli wasebala abantu
abaficwa belaye, phose abangamakhulu ayisithupha.
16 Njalo uSawuli loJonathani indodana yakhe labantu
abaficwa belabo bahlala eGibeya yakoBhenjamini, kodwa
amaFilisti amisa inkamba eMikimashi. 17 Abachithi
basebephuma enkambeni yamaFilisti ngezigaba
ezintathu; esinye isigaba saphendukela endleleni
yeOfira, saya elizweni leShuwali; 18 lesinye isigaba
saphendukela endleleni yeBhethi-Horoni; lesinye
isigaba saphendukela endleleni yomngcele okhangele
esihotsheni seZeboyimi ngasenkangala. 19 Njalo
kwakungatholakali mkhandi elizweni lonke lakoIsrayeli,
ngoba amaFilisti athi: Hlezi amaHebheru enze izinkemba
loba imikhonto. 20 UIsrayeli wonke-ke wehlela kumaFilisti
ukulola, ngulowo lalowo isikali sakhe sekhuba, lemataka
yakhe, lehloka lakhe, lesikela yakhe. 21 Imbadalo
yezikali zekhuba lamamataka lamafologwe alencijo
ezintathu lamahloka lokulungisa izincijo yayiyipimi.
22 Ngakho kwathi ngosuku lwempi kakutholakalanga
inkemba loba umkhonto esandleni saloba ngubani
wabantu ababeloSawuli lababeloJonathani; kodwa
kwatholakala kuSawuli loJonathani indodana yakhe. 23
Lebutho lenqaba yamaFilisti laphuma laya emkhandlweni
weMikimashi.

14 Kwasekusithi ngolunye usuku, uJonathani
indodana kaSawuli wathi emfaneni othwala
izikhali zakhe: Woza sichaphele ebuthweni lenqaba
yamaFilisti elingaphetsheya ngale. Kodwa kamtshelanga
uyise. 2 USawuli wayehlala-ke ephethelweni leGibeya
ngaphansi kwesihlahla sepomegranati esiseMigironi;
labantu ababelaye babengaphose babe ngamadoda
angamakhulu ayisithupha; 3 loAhiya, indodana
kaAhitubi, umfowabo kaIkabodi, indodana kaPhinehasi,
indodana kaEli, umpristi weNkosi eShilo, wayembethe
i-efodi. Kodwa abantu babengazi ukuthi uJonathani
uhambile. 4 Laphakathi kwemikhandlo, lapho uJonathani
ayezama ukuchapha khona ukuya ebuthweni lenqaba
yamaFilisti, kwakuledwala elicijileyo nganeno, ledwala
elicijileyo ngaphetsheya; njalo ibizo lelinye laliyiBozezi,
lebizo lelinye laliyiSene. 5 Elinye iliwa laligxile
enyakatho maqondana leMikimashi, lelinye ngeningizimu
maqondana leGeba. 6 UJonathani wasesithi emfaneni
othwala izikhali zakhe: Woza sichaphele ebuthweni
lenqaba elalaba abangasokanga; mhlawumbe iNkosi
izasisebenzela, ngoba kakulasenqabelo eNkosini
ukusindisa ngabanengi loba ngabalutshwana. 7
Umthwali wezikhali zakhe wasesithi kuye: Yenza konke
okusenhliziyweni yakho; phambuka, khangela ngilawe
njengokwenhliziyo yakho. 8 UJonathani wasesithi:
Khangela, sizachaphela kulabobantu sizibonakalise kibo.
9 Uba bekhuluma njalo kithi besithi: Manini mpo, size sifike
kini; sizakuma-ke endaweni yethu, singenyukeli kibo. 10
Kodwa uba bekhuluma njalo kithi besithi: Yenyukelani
kithi; sizakwenyuka-ke, ngoba iNkosi ibanikele esandleni
sethu; lalokhu kuzakuba yisibonakaliso kithi. 11
Ngakho bobabili bazibonakalisa ebuthweni lenqaba
yamaFilisti; amaFilisti asesithi: Khangelani, amaHebheru
asephuma emilindini abecatshe kiyo. 12 Amadoda
ebutho lenqaba asephendula oJonathani lomthwali
wezikhali zakhe athi: Yenyukelani kithi, sizalitshengisa
ulutho. UJonathani wasesithi kumthwali wezikhali zakhe:
Yenyuka ungilandele, ngoba iNkosi iwanikele esandleni
sikaIsrayeli. 13 UJonathani wasekhwela ngezandla
zakhe langenyawo zakhe, lomthwali wezikhali zakhe
emva kwakhe. Asesiwa phambi kukaJonathani, lomthwali
wezikhali zakhe wawabulala emva kwakhe. 14 Ukutshaya
kokuqala atshaya ngakho uJonathani lomthwali wezikhali
zakhe kwakungaba phose ngamadoda angamatshumi
amabili, ensimini elingana lengxenye yendima yesipani.
15 Kwasekusiba khona ukuthuthumela enkambeni,
egangeni, laphakathi kwabantu bonke; ibutho lenqaba
labachithi labo bathuthumela, lomhlaba wanyikinyeka,
kwasekusiba yikuthuthumela okukhulu. 16 Abalindi
bakaSawuli eGibeya yakoBhenjamini basebebona ukuthi,
khangela, ixuku lancibilika lihamba litshayelana phansi. 17
USawuli wasesithi ebantwini ababelaye: Ake libale, libone
ukuthi ngubani osuke kithi. Kwathi sebebalile, khangela,
uJonathani lomthwali wezikhali zakhe babengekho. 18
USawuli wasesithi kuAhiya: Letha lapha umtshokotsho
kaNkulunkulu. Ngoba umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu
ngalolosuku wawukubantwana bakoIsrayeli. 19
Kwasekusithi uSawuli esakhuluma lompristi, umsindo
owawusenkambeni yamaFilisti waqhubeka wanda.
USawuli wasesithi kumpristi: Buyisela isandla sakho. 20
USawuli labo bonke abantu ababelaye basebebizelwa
ndawonye bafika empini, khangela-ke, inkemba yalowo
lalowo yayimelene lomakhelwane wakhe, isiyaluyalu

esikhulu kakhulu. **21** LamaHebheru ayelamaFilisti
njengakuqala, enyukela lawo enkambeni inhlangothi
zonke, ngitsho lawo aphenduka ukuthi abe loIsrayeli
owayeloSawuli loJonathani. **22** Kwathi amadoda wonke
akoIsrayeli ayecatshe entabeni yakoEfrayimi esezwile
ukuthi amaFilisti ayabaleka, ngitsho lawo awanamathela
ewalandela empini. **23** Ngokunjalo iNkosi yamsindisa
uIsrayeli ngalolosuku; lempi yedlulela eBeti-Aveni. **24**
Amadoda akoIsrayeli asekhathala ngalolosuku, ngoba
uSawuli wafungisa abantu esithi: Kaqalekiswe umuntu
odla ukudla kuze kube ntambama, ukuze ngiziphindiselele
ezitheni zami. Ngakho kakho ebantwini owanambitha
ukudla. **25** Bonke abelizwe basebefika ehlathini; njalo
kwakuloluju phezu kobuso bomhlabathi. **26** Lapho abantu
bengena ehlathini, khangela, uluju lwathonta; kodwa
kakho loyedwa owasa isandla sakhe emlonyeni wakhe,
ngoba abantu besaba isifungo. **27** Kodwa uJonathani
wayengezwanga lapho uyise efungisa abantu; ngakho
welula isihloko somqwayi owawusesandleni sakhe,
wasigxamuza ehlangeni lwenyosi, wasesisa isandla
sakhe emlonyeni wakhe, lamehlo akhe aqaqabuka.
28 Omunye wabantu wasephendula wathi: Uyihlo
ubafungisile lokubafungisa abantu esithi: Uqalekisiwe
umuntu odla ukudla lamuhla. Abantu basebephele
amandla. **29** UJonathani wasesithi: Ubaba ulihluphile
ilizwe; ake libone ukuthi amehlo ami aseqaqabuke
njani, ngoba nginambithe ingcosana yaloluluju. **30**
Kudlula kangakanani aluba abantu bebedlile lokudla
lamuhla okwempango yezitha zabo abayitholayo?
Ngoba khathesi ukubulala kakubanga kukhulu phakathi
kwamaFilisti. **31** Basebetshaya amaFilisti ngalolosuku
kusukela eMikimashi kuze kube seAjaloni. Abantu
basebephele amandla kakhulu. **32** Abantu basebetheleka
empangweni; bathatha izimvu, lezinkabi, lamathole
enkomo, bakuhlabela emhlabathini; abantu bakudla
kanye legazi. **33** Basebemtshela uSawuli besithi:
Khangela, abantu bayona eNkosini ngokudla kanye
legazi. Wasesithi: Lenze ngokungathembeki; giqelani
kimi ilitshe elikhulu lamuhla. **34** USawuli wasesithi:
Zihlakazeni phakathi kwabantu lithi kibo: Sondezani
kimi, ngulowo lalowo inkabi yakhe, langulowo lalowo
imvu yakhe, lizihlabele lapha, lidle; njalo lingoni
eNkosini ngokudla kanye legazi. Ngakho bonke abantu
basondeza, ngulowo lalowo inkabi yakhe ngesandla
sakhe ngalobobusuku, bazihlaba khona. **35** USawuli
waseyakhela iNkosi ilathi; kwakulilathi lokuqala alakhela
iNkosi. **36** USawuli wasesithi: Asehleni silandele
amaFilisti ebusuku, siwaphange kuze kube yikukhanya
kokusa, singatshiyi lamuntu kiwo. Basebesithi: Yenza
konke okuhle emehlweni akho. Kodwa umpristi wathi:
Asisondeleni lapha kuNkulunkulu. **37** USawuli wasebuza
kuNkulunkulu wathi: Ngehle ngilandele amaFilisti
yini? Uzawanikela esandleni sikaIsrayeli yini? Kodwa
kamphendulanga ngalolosuku. **38** USawuli wasesithi:
Sondelani lapha lonke bakhokheli babantu, lazi libone
ukuthi lesisono sikukuphi lamuhla. **39** Ngoba kuphila
kukaJehova owasindisa uIsrayeli, lanxa kungaba
kuJonathani indodana yami, isibili uzakufa lokufa.
Kodwa kakho loyedwa owamphendulayo ebantwini
bonke. **40** Wasesithi kuIsrayeli wonke: Banini nganxanye
lina, mina-ke loJonathani indodana yami sizakuba
nganxanye. Abantu basebesithi kuSawuli: Yenza okuhle
emehlweni akho. **41** Ngakho uSawuli wathi eNkosini
uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Phana opheleleyo. UJonathani
loSawuli basebebanjwa, kodwa abantu baphunyuka.
42 USawuli wasesithi: Yenzani inkatho yokuphosa
phakathi kwami loJonathani indodana yami. UJonathani
wasebanjwa. **43** USawuli wasesithi kuJonathani:
Ngitshela okwenzileyo. UJonathani wasemtshela
wathi: Oqotho nginambithe ngesihloko somqwayi
obusesandleni sami imbijana yoluju; khangela ngilapha,
sengizakufa! **44** USawuli wasesithi: UNkulunkulu
kenze njalo langokunjalo engezelele; ngoba uzakufa
lokufa, Jonathani. **45** Kodwa abantu bathi kuSawuli:
Uzakufa yini uJonathani, owenze lolusindiso olukhulu
koIsrayeli? Kakube khatshana! Kuphila kukaJehova,
kakuyikuwela emhlabathini lolulodwa unwele lwekhanda
lakhe, ngoba usebenze loNkulunkulu lamuhla. Ngakho
abantu bamhlenga uJonathani ukuthi angafi. **46** USawuli
wasesenyuka esuka ekulandeleni amaFilisti; amaFilisti
asesiya endaweni yawo. **47** USawuli wasethatha
ubukhosi phezu kukaIsrayeli, walwa emelene lezitha
zakhe zonke inhlangothi zonke, emelene loMowabi,
njalo emelene labantwana bakoAmoni, njalo emelene
loEdoma, njalo emelene lamakhosi eZoba, njalo emelene
lamaFilisti; laloba ngaphi lapho aphendukela khona
wayejezisa. **48** Wenza ngobuqhawe wasetshaya
amaAmaleki, wakhulula uIsrayeli esandleni somphangi
wakhe. **49** Lamadodana kaSawuli ayengoJonathani
loIshivi, loMaliki-Shuwa; lamabizo amadodakazi akhe
amabili yila: Ibizo lezibulo lalinguMerabi, lebizo lencinyane
linguMikhali. **50** Lebizo lomkaSawuli lalinguAhinowama
indodakazi kaAhimahazi; lebizo lenduna yebutho lakhe
lalinguAbhineri indodana kaNeri, uyise omncinyane
kaSawuli. **51** Njalo uKishi wayenguyise kaSawuli, loNeri
uyise kaAbhineri wayeyindodana kaAbiyeli. **52** Njalo
kwakukhona impi enzima lamaFilisti zonke izinsuku
zikaSawuli; lapho uSawuli ebona indoda elamandla loba
iqhawe, wayezibuthela yona.

15 USamuweli wasesithi kuSawuli: INkosi yangithuma
ukuthi ngikugcobe ube yinkosi phezu kwabantu
bayo, phezu kukaIsrayeli; ngakho-ke lalela ilizwi
lamazwi eNkosi. **2** Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla ithi:
Ngizananzelela lokho uAmaleki akwenza kuIsrayeli,
ukuthi wema njani emelene laye endleleni ekwenyukeni
kwakhe eGibhithe. **3** Hamba-ke uyetshaya uAmaleki,
utshabalalise konke alakho; ungamyekeli, kodwa
ubulale kusukela kowesilisa kusiya kowesifazana,

kusukela kusane kusiya komunyayo, kusukela
enkabini kusiya emvini, kusukela ekamelweni kusiya
kubabhemi. 4 USawuli wasebiza abantu, wababala
eTelayimi, izinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amabili
abahamba ngenyawo, lamadoda azinkulungwane
ezilitshumi akoJuda. 5 USawuli wasefika emzini
kaAmaleki, wacathama esigodini. 6 USawuli wasesithi
kumaKeni: Hambani, lisuke, lehle liphume phakathi
kwamaAmaleki, hlezi ngilibhubhise kanye lawo; ngoba
lina lenza umusa kubo bonke abantwana bakoIsrayeli
ekwenyukeni kwabo bephuma eGibhithe. Ngakho
amaKeni asuka aphuma phakathi kwamaAmaleki. 7
USawuli wasetshaya amaAmaleki, kusukela eHavila uze
uyefika eShuri ephambi kweGibhithe. 8 Wambamba
uAgagi inkosi yamaAmaleki ephila; labo bonke abantu
wabatshabalalisa ngobukhali benkemba. 9 Kodwa
uSawuli labantu bamyekela uAgagi, lokuhle kakhulu
kwezimvu lokwenkomo, lokunonisiweyo, lamawundlu,
lakho konke okuhle; kabathandanga ukukutshabalalisa,
kodwa yonke into edelelekayo lecakileyo bayitshabalalisa.
10 Kwasekufika ilizwi leNkosi kuSamuweli lisithi:
11 Sengizisola ngokuthi ngambeka uSawuli waba
yinkosi; ngoba ubuyele emuva ekungilandeleni,
kaqinisanga amazwi ami. USamuweli wasethukuthela,
wakhala eNkosini ubusuku bonke. 12 USamuweli
wasevuka ekuseni kakhulu ukuhlangabeza uSawuli;
kwasekutshelwa uSamuweli kuthiwa: USawuli usefikile
eKharmeli; khangela-ke, uzimisele insika, wabhoda,
wedlula, wehlela eGiligali. 13 USamuweli wasefika
kuSawuli; uSawuli wathi kuye: Kawubusiswe yiNkosi;
ngiliqinisile ilizwi leNkosi. 14 USamuweli wasesithi: Kuyini
pho lokhukukhala kwezimvu endlebeni zami, lokubhonsa
kwenkomo engikuzwayo? 15 USawuli wasesithi: Babuye
lazo kumaAmaleki; ngoba abantu bayekele okuhle
kakhulu kwezimvu lokwenkomo ukuze bahlabele iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho; kodwa okuseleyo sikutshabalalisile.
16 USamuweli wasesithi kuSawuli: Yekela, ngikutshele
ukuthi iNkosi itheni kimi kulobubusuku. Wasesithi kuye:
Khuluma. 17 USamuweli wasesithi: Angithi, lapho
usemncinyane emehlweni akho, waba yinhloko yezizwe
zakoIsrayeli, leNkosi yakugcoba waba yinkosi phezu
kukaIsrayeli? 18 INkosi ikuthumile-ke ngendlela yathi:
Hamba uyetshabalalisa izoni, amaAmaleki, ulwe lawo
aze aphele. 19 Pho, kungani ungalilalelanga ilizwi
leNkosi, kodwa waphaphela impango, wenza okubi
emehlweni eNkosi? 20 USawuli wasesithi kuSamuweli:
Isibili ngililalele ilizwi leNkosi, ngihambile ngendlela
iNkosi ebingithume ngayo, ngibuyile loAgagi inkosi
yakoAmaleki, njalo ngitshabalalisile amaAmaleki. 21
Kodwa abantu bathethe okwempango, izimvu lenkomo,
okuhle kwezinto ebezizatshabalaliswa, ukuze bahlabele
iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho eGiligali. 22 Kodwa uSamuweli
wathi: Kambe iNkosi iyathokoza ngeminikelo yokutshiswa
lemihlatshelo, njengekulaleleni ilizwi leNkosi? Khangela,
ukulalela kungcono kulomhlatshelo, lokuqaphelisa
kulamahwahwa ezinqama. 23 Ngoba umvukela
unjengesono sokuvumisa, lobuqholo buyisiphambeko
lokukhonza izithombe. Ngoba ulalile ilizwi leNkosi, layo
ikwalile ukuthi ungabi yinkosi. 24 USawuli wasesithi
kuSamuweli: Ngonile; ngoba ngeqile umlayo weNkosi
lamazwi akho; ngoba ngesaba abantu, ngakho ngalalela
ilizwi labo. 25 Ngakho-ke ake uthethelele isono
sami, ubuyele lami, ukuze ngikhonze iNkosi. 26
Kodwa uSamuweli wathi kuSawuli: Kangiyikubuyela
lawe ngoba ulalile ilizwi leNkosi, layo iNkosi ikwalile
ukuthi ungabi yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli. 27 Kuthe
uSamuweli etshibilika ukuthi ahambe, wabamba
umphetho wesembatho sakhe, sasesidabuka. 28
USamuweli wasesithi kuye: INkosi iwudabule kuwe
lamuhla umbuso wakoIsrayeli, yawunika umakhelwane
wakho ongcono kulawe. 29 Futhi-ke aMandla kaIsrayeli
kawaqambi manga, kawazisoli, ngoba kawasimuntu
ukuthi azisole. 30 Wasesithi: Ngonile, ake ungihloniphe
khathesi phambi kwabadala babantu bakithi laphambi
kukaIsrayeli, ubuyele lami, ukuthi ngikhonze iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho. 31 Ngakho uSamuweli wabuyela
elandela uSawuli; uSawuli wayikhonza-ke iNkosi.
32 USamuweli wasesithi: Msondezeni kimi uAgagi
inkosi yakoAmaleki. UAgagi wasesiya kuye ethokozile;
uAgagi wathi: Isibili ukubaba kokufa sekudlulile.
33 USamuweli wasesithi: Njengoba inkemba yakho
yemuke abesifazana abantwana, ngokunjalo unyoko
uzakwemukwa abantwana phakathi kwabesifazana.
USamuweli wasemhlahlela uAgagi phambi kweNkosi
eGiligali. 34 USamuweli wasesiya eRama, loSawuli
wenyukela endlini yakhe eGibeya kaSawuli. 35
USamuweli kaphindanga wambona uSawuli kwaze
kwaba lusuku lokufa kwakhe, kodwa uSamuweli wamlilela
uSawuli; leNkosi yazisola ngokuthi yayimbekile uSawuli
abe yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli.

16 INkosi yasisithi kuSamuweli: Koze kube nini umlilela
uSawuli lokhu mina ngimalile ekubeni yinkosi phezu
kukaIsrayeli? Gcwalisa uphondo lwakho ngamafutha,
uhambe; ngizakuthuma kuJese umBhethelehema,
ngoba ngizibonele emadodaneni akhe inkosi. 2
USamuweli wasesithi: Ngizahamba njani? Uba uSawuli
ekuzwa, uzangibulala. INkosi yasisithi: Thatha ithokazi
lenkomo esandleni sakho uthi: Ngizehlabela iNkosi.
3 Ubizele uJese emhlatshelweni; mina ngizakwazisa
ozakwenza; uzangigcobela lowo engizamutsho kuwe. 4
USamuweli wasesenza lokho iNkosi ekutshiloyo, wafika
eBhethelehema. Abadala bomuzi basebethuthumela
ukumhlangabeza bathi: Ukufika kwakho kulokuthula
yini? 5 Wasesithi: Ukuthula; ngize ukuhlabela iNkosi;
zingcweliseni, lize lami emhlatshelweni. Wasengcwelisa
uJese lamadodana akhe, wababizela emhlatshelweni.
6 Kwasekusithi ekufikeni kwabo, wakhangela uEliyabi
wathi: Isibili ogcotshiweyo wayo uphambi kweNkosi. 7

Kodwa iNkosi yathi kuSamuweli: Ungakhangeli isimo
sakhe lobude besithombo sakhe, ngoba ngimalile,
ngoba kakunjengokubona komuntu, ngoba umuntu
ubona okuphambi kwamehlo, kodwa iNkosi ibona
enhliziyeni. **8** UJese wasebiza uAbinadaba, wamedlulisa
phambi kukaSamuweli, kodwa wathi: Laye lo iNkosi
kayimkhethanga. **9** UJese wasedlulisa uShama,
kodwa wathi: Laye lo iNkosi kayimkhethanga. **10**
UJese wasedlulisa amadodana akhe ayisikhombisa
phambi kukaSamuweli. Kodwa uSamuweli wathi kuJese:
INkosi kayibakhethanga laba. **11** USamuweli wasesithi
kuJese: Abafana sebephelile yini? Wasesithi: Kusasele
icinathunjana; khangela-ke, liyelusa izimvu. USamuweli
wasesithi kuJese: Thuma ulithathe, ngoba kasiyikuhlala
phansi lize lifike lapha. **12** Wasethuma walingenisa.
Lona-ke lalibomvana lilamehlo amahle lokukhangeleka
okuhle. INkosi yasisithi: Sukuma, uligcobe, ngoba yilo
leli. **13** USamuweli wasethatha uphondo lwamafutha,
waligcoba phakathi kwabafowabo; uMoya weNkosi
wasefika ngamandla phezu kukaDavida kusukela
kulolosuku kusiya phambili. USamuweli wasesukuma
waya eRama. **14** Kodwa uMoya weNkosi wasuka
kuSawuli, lomoya omubi ovela eNkosini wamhlukuluza.
15 Izinceku zikaSawuli zasezisithi kuye: Ake ukhangele,
umoya omubi kaNkulunkulu uyakwesabisa. **16** Ake itsho
inkosi yethu kunceku zakho eziphambi kwakho ukuthi
zidinge umuntu okwaziyo ukutshaya ichacho; kuzakuthi-
ke lapho umoya omubi ovela kuNkulunkulu uphezu
kwakho, uzatshaya ngesandla sakhe ukuze kube kuhle
kuwe. **17** Ngakho uSawuli wathi ezincekwini zakhe:
Ake lingibonele umuntu otshaya kuhle, limlethe kimi.
18 Omunye wamajaha wasephendula wathi: Khangela,
ngibone indodana kaJese umBhethelehema, ekwaziyo
ukutshaya, futhi eliqhawe elilamandla, lendoda yempi,
lehlakaniphileyo endabeni, futhi indoda ebukekayo,
leNkosi ilayo. **19** Ngakho uSawuli wathuma izithunywa
kuJese, wathi: Thuma kimi uDavida indodana yakho
osezimvini. **20** UJese wasethatha ubabhemi, ethwele
isinkwa, lembodlela yewayini, lezinyane lembuzi elilodwa,
wakuthumela ngesandla sikaDavida indodana yakhe
kuSawuli. **21** UDavida wasefika kuSawuli, wema phambi
kwakhe; wasemthanda kakhulu, wasesiba ngumthwali
wezikhali zakhe. **22** USawuli wasethumela kuJese esithi:
UDavida ake eme phambi kwami, ngoba uthole umusa
emehlweni ami. **23** Kwakusithi-ke lapho umoya ovela
kuNkulunkulu uphezu kukaSawuli, uDavida athathe
ichacho atshaye ngesandla sakhe, ukuze uSawuli
avuseleleke abe ngcono, lomoya omubi usuke kuye.

17 AmaFilisti asebuthela amabutho awo impi;
abuthana eSoko engeyakoJuda, amisa inkamba
phakathi kweSoko leAzeka, eEfesi-Damimi. **2** USawuli
lamadoda akoIsrayeli babuthana, bamisa inkamba
esigodini seEla, bahlela impi ukumelana lamaFilisti.
3 AmaFilisti asesima entabeni ngapha, loIsrayeli
wema entabeni ngale, lesigodi sasiphakathi kwabo.
4 Kwasekuphuma enkambeni yamaFilisti iqhawe;
ibizo lalo lalinguGoliyathi weGathi; ubude balo
babuyizingalo eziyisithupha lokwelulwa kweminwe. **5**
Kwakulekhowa lethusi ekhanda lalo; laligqoke ibhatshi
lensimbi elilamaxolo; njalo isisindo sebhatshi lensimbi
sasingamashekeli ethusi ayizinkulungwane ezinhlanu.
6 Njalo kwakulemigwamazi yethusi emibaleni yalo,
lomkhonto wethusi phakathi laphakathi kwamahlombe
alo. **7** Loluthi lomkhonto walo lwalunjengogodo lomaluki,
lengqamu yomkhonto walo yayingamashekeli ensimbi
angamakhulu ayisithupha; lophatha isihlangu esikhulu
wayehamba phambi kwalo. **8** Lema, lamemeza
emaviyweni akoIsrayeli lathi kuwo: Liphumelani
ukuzahlela impi? Kangisuye umFilisti yini, lani izinceku
zikaSawuli? Zikhetheleni umuntu ehlele kimi. **9** Uba
elakho ukulwa lami angibulale, sizakuba yizigqili
zenu; kodwa uba mina ngimehlula ngimbulale,
lizakuba yizigqili zethu, lisisebenzele. **10** UmFilisti
wasesithi: Mina ngiyaweyisa amaviyo akoIsrayeli lamuhla;
nginikani indoda ukuze silwisane. **11** Lapho uSawuli
loIsrayeli wonke besizwa lamazwi omFilisti, batshaywa
luvalo, besaba kakhulu. **12** UDavida wayeyindodana
yalowomEfrathi weBhethelehema-Juda, obizo lakhe
lalinguJese; wayelamadodana ayisificaminwembili.
Njalo lowomuntu wahamba njengomuntu omdala
phakathi kwamadoda ensukwini zikaSawuli. **13**
Asehamba amadodana amathathu kaJese amadala,
amlandela uSawuli empini. Lamabizo amadodana
akhe amathathu ayeyile empini ayenguEliyabi izibulo,
lowesibili wakhe uAbinadaba, lowesithathu uShama. **14**
Njalo uDavida nguye owayelicinathunjana; lamathathu
amadala alandela uSawuli. **15** Kodwa uDavida
wahamba wabuyela esuka kuSawuli ukuyakwelusa izimvu
zikayise eBhethelehema. **16** UmFilisti wayesondela-
ke ekuseni kakhulu lantambama ezimisa okwensuku
ezingamatshumi amane. **17** UJese wasesithi kuDavida
indodana yakhe: Ake uthathele abafowenu i-efa lamabele
akhanzingiweyo, lalezizinkwa ezilitshumi, ugijimele
enkambeni kubafowenu. **18** Laleziziqa zetshizi ezilitshumi
uziphathele induna yenkulungwane; ubone impilakahle
yabafowenu, uthathe isibambiso kibo. **19** Njalo uSawuli,
labo, lawo wonke amadoda akoIsrayeli babesesigodini
seEla besilwa lamaFilisti. **20** UDavida wasevuka ekuseni
kakhulu, watshiya izimvu kumlindi, wakuthatha wahamba
njengokulaywa kwakhe nguJese. Wafika enqabeni
yezinqola lapho ibutho liphuma ngamaviyo, bememezela
impi. **21** Njalo uIsrayeli lamaFilisti bahlela iviyo laqondana
leviyo. **22** UDavida wasetshiya impahla ezisuka kuye
ngaphansi kwesandla somlindi wempahla, wagijimela
eviyweni wafika wabuza abafowabo impilakahle. **23**
Esakhuluma labo, khangela, iqhawe lenyuka, ibizo lalo
lalinguGoliyathi, umFilisti weGathi, laphuma emaviyweni

amaFilisti, lakhuluma njengokwalawomazwi; loDavida
wawezwa. 24 Njalo wonke amadoda akoIsrayeli athi
embona lowomuntu ambalekela, esaba kakhulu. 25
Amadoda akoIsrayeli athi-ke: Limbonile lowana umuntu
owenyukileyo yini? Ngoba wenyukele ukweyisa uIsrayeli.
Kuzakuthi-ke indoda ezambulala, inkosi izayinothisa
ngenotho enkulu, iyinike lendodakazi yayo, lendlu kayise
izayenza ikhululeke koIsrayeli. 26 UDavida wasekhuluma
emadodeni ayemi laye esithi: Kuzakwenziwani endodeni
ebulala lumFilisti, isuse ihlazo koIsrayeli? Ngoba
ungubani lumFilisti ongasokanga ukuthi aweyise amaviyo
kaNkulunkulu ophilayo? 27 Abantu basebemphendula
njengalelolizwi besithi: Kuzakwenziwa njalo endodeni
embulalayo. 28 UEliyabi umnewabo omdala wezwa-
ke lapho ekhuluma lamadoda; lentukuthelo kaEliyabi
yavuthela uDavida, wathi: Wehleleleni lapha? Izimvu
leziyana ezinlutshwana uzitshiye lobani egangeni?
Mina ngiyakwazi ukuziqhenya kwakho lobubi benhliziyo
yakho; ngoba wehlele ukubona impi. 29 Kodwa
uDavida wathi: Sengenzeni? Bekungasilizwi nje yini?
30 Wasemfulathela, waya komunye, wakhuluma laye
njengokwalelolizwi; abantu basebebuyisela impendulo
kuye njengelizwi lakuqala. 31 Lapho sebewezwile
amazwi uDavida awakhulumayo, bawakhuluma phambi
kukaSawuli; wasememukela. 32 UDavida wasesithi
kuSawuli: Kakungehluleki inhliziyo yomuntu ngenxa
yakhe; inceku yakho izahamba iyekulwa lalowomFilisti.
33 Kodwa uSawuli wathi kuDavida: Ungeke waya
kulumFilisti ukulwa laye; ngoba wena ungumfana, yena-
ke uyindoda yempi kusukela ebutsheni bakhe. 34 Kodwa
uDavida wathi kuSawuli: Inceku yakho yayiselusa izimvu
zikayise; lapho kwafika isilwane lebhere, kwathatha imvu
emhlanjini, 35 ngaphuma ngakulandela, ngakutshaya,
ngayikhulula emlonyeni wakho; lapho kungivukela,
ngakubamba ngendevu, ngakutshaya, ngakubulala.
36 Inceku yakho yabulala kokubili isilwane lebhere;
lalo umFilisti ongasokanga uzakuba njengokunye
kwakho, lokhu eyise amaviyo kaNkulunkulu ophilayo.
37 UDavida wathi futhi: INkosi eyangophula kuzipho
lwesilwane lakuzipho lwebhere, yona izangophula
esandleni salo umFilisti. USawuli wasesithi kuDavida:
Hamba, leNkosi kayibe lawe. 38 USawuli wasegqokisa
uDavida izigqoko zakhe, wafaka ikhowa lethusi ekhanda
lakhe, wamgqokisa ibhatshi lensimbi. 39 UDavida
wasebhinca inkemba yakhe phezu kwezigqoko zakhe,
walinga ukuhamba, ngoba wayengakuzamanga. UDavida
wasesithi kuSawuli: Kangilakho ukuhamba ngilalezizinto
ngoba kangizizamanga. UDavida wasezikhumula kuye.
40 Wasethatha umqwayi wakhe esandleni sakhe,
wazikhethela amatshe amahlanu abutshelezi esifuleni,
wawafaka esikhwameni sikamelusi ayelaso, ngitsho
emxhakeni, lesavutha sakhe sasisesandleni sakhe,
wasesondela kumFilisti. 41 UmFilisti wasehamba waya
wasondela kuDavida; lomuntu ophethe isihlangu esikhulu
wayephambi kwakhe. 42 Kwathi umFilisti ekhangela
ebona uDavida, wameyisa; ngoba wayengumfana njalo
ebomvana elobuso obubukekayo. 43 UmFilisti wasesithi
kuDavida: Ngiyinja yini ukuthi wena uze kimi ulezinduku?
UmFilisti wasemqalekisa uDavida ngabonkulunkulu
bakhe. 44 UmFilisti wasesithi kuDavida: Woza kimi,
ngizanika inyoni zamazulu lenyamazana zeganga inyama
yakho. 45 UDavida wasesithi kumFilisti: Wena uza
kimi ulenkemba, lomkhonto, lomdikadika; kodwa mina
ngiza kuwe ngebizo leNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu
wamaviyo akoIsrayeli omeyisileyo. 46 Lamuhla
iNkosi izakuvalela esandleni sami, ngizakutshaya,
ngisuse ikhanda lakho kuwe; nginike lamuhla inyoni
zamazulu lenyamazana zomhlaba izidumbu zebutho
lamaFilisti, ukuze umhlaba wonke wazi ukuthi kukhona
uNkulunkulu koIsrayeli. 47 Lalelibandla lonke lizakwazi
ukuthi iNkosi kayisindisi ngenkemba langomkhonto;
ngoba impi ngeyeNkosi, njalo izalinikela esandleni
sethu. 48 Kwasekusithi lapho umFilisti esukuma
ehamba esondela ukuhlangabeza uDavida, uDavida
wasephangisa wagijimela ngaseviyweni ukuhlangana
lomFilisti. 49 UDavida wasefaka isandla sakhe
esikhwameni, wakhupha khona ilitshe, walijikijela,
wamtshaya umFilisti ebunzini lakhe ilitshe laze latshona
ebunzini lakhe, wawela emhlabathini ngobuso bakhe.
50 Ngalokho uDavida wamehlula umFilisti ngesavutha
langelitshe, wamtshaya umFilisti, wambulala; kodwa
kwakungelankemba esandleni sikaDavida. 51 Ngakho
uDavida wagijima wema phezu komFilisti, wathatha
inkemba yakhe, wayihwatsha esikhwameni sayo,
wambulala, waquma ikhanda lakhe ngayo. Lapho
amaFilisti ebona ukuthi iqhawe lawo selifile, abaleka. 52
Lamadoda akoIsrayeli lawakoJuda asukuma amemeza,
axotshana lamaFilisti uze uyefika esigodini lemasangweni
eEkhironi. Labalimeleyo bamaFilisti bawela endleleni
yeShaharayimi kuze kube seGathi njalo kuze kube
seEkhironi. 53 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebephenduka
ekuxotshaneni ngamandla lamaFilisti, baphanga inkamba
zawo. 54 UDavida wasethatha ikhanda lomFilisti, waliletha
eJerusalema; kodwa wabeka izikhali zakhe ethenteni
lakhe. 55 Lapho uSawuli ebona uDavida ephuma
ukuyahlangabeza umFilisti, wathi kuAbhineri induna
yebutho: Uyindodana kabani lumfana Abhineri? UAbhineri
wasesithi: Kuphila komphefumulo wakho, nkosi, kangazi.
56 Inkosi yasisithi: Buza wena ukuthi liyindodana
kabani lelijaha. 57 Lapho uDavida esephendukile
ekubulaleni umFilisti, uAbhineri wamthatha, wamusa
phambi kukaSawuli elekhanda lomFilisti esandleni sakhe.
58 USawuli wasesithi kuye: Uyindodana kabani, jaha?
UDavida wasesithi: Ngiyindodana yenceku yakho uJese
umBhethelehema.

18 Kwasekusithi eseqedile ukukhuluma loSawuli,
umphefumulo kaJonathani wabotshelwa

emphefumulweni kaDavida; uJonathani wasemthanda
njengomphefumulo wakhe. 2 USawuli wasemthatha
ngalolosuku, kaze amvumela ukubuyela endlini kayise. 3
UJonathani loDavida basebesenza isivumelwano ngoba
wamthanda njengomphefumulo wakhe. 4 UJonathani
wasezikhulula ibhatshi ayeligqokile, walinika uDavida,
lezembatho zakhe, kuze kube senkembeni yakhe, kuze
kube sedandilini lakhe, njalo kuze kube sebhantini
lakhe. 5 UDavida wasephuma waya loba ngaphi lapho
uSawuli amthuma khona, waziphatha ngenhlakanipho,
uSawuli waze wambeka phezu kwamadoda empi.
Njalo wayelungile emehlweni abantu bonke njalo
lemehlweni ezinceku zikaSawuli. 6 Kwasekusithi
ekufikeni kwabo, uDavida esebuye ekubulaleni umFilisti,
abesifazana baphuma emizini yonke yakoIsrayeli,
behlabela, begida, ukuhlangabeza uSawuli inkosi
ngezigubhu, ngentokozo, langamachacho. 7 Abesifazana
basebevumelana bedlala bathi: USawuli utshayile
izinkulungwane zakhe, kodwa uDavida izinkulungwane
zakhe ezingamatshumi. 8 USawuli wasethukuthela
kakhulu, lalelolizwi lalilibi emehlweni akhe, wathi:
Banike uDavida izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi,
kodwa mina banginika izinkulungwane; usesalelwe
ngumbuso kuphela. 9 USawuli wasemqaphela uDavida
kusukela kulolosuku kusiya phambili. 10 Kwasekusithi
kusisa umoya omubi ovela kuNkulunkulu wafika
ngamandla phezu kukaSawuli, waprofetha phakathi
kwendlu; uDavida wasetshaya ichacho ngesandla sakhe
njengensuku ngensuku; njalo kwakulomkhonto esandleni
sikaSawuli. 11 USawuli wasewuphosa umkhonto wathi:
Ngizammbandakanya uDavida ngitsho emdulini. Kodwa
uDavida wavika kabili esuka phambi kwakhe. 12
USawuli wayemesaba-ke uDavida ngoba iNkosi yayilaye,
kodwa yayisisukile kuSawuli. 13 Ngakho uSawuli
wasemsusa kuye, wambeka waba yinduna yakhe
yabayizinkulungwane; njalo wayephuma engena phambi
kwabantu. 14 UDavida waseziphatha ngenhlakanipho
endleleni zakhe zonke, leNkosi yayilaye. 15 Lapho
uSawuli ebona ukuthi waziphatha ngenhlakanipho
enkulu, wamesaba. 16 Kodwa uIsrayeli wonke loJuda
bamthanda uDavida, ngoba wayephuma engena phambi
kwabo. 17 USawuli wasesithi kuDavida: Khangela,
indodakazi yami endala uMerabi, ngizakunika yona ibe
ngumkakho; kuphela bana liqhawe kimi, ulwe izimpi
zeNkosi. Ngoba uSawuli wathi: Isandla sami kasingabi
phezu kwakhe, kodwa isandla samaFilisti kasibe
phezu kwakhe. 18 Kodwa uDavida wathi kuSawuli:
Ngingubani mina? Lempilo yami iyini, losendo lukababa
koIsrayeli, ukuthi ngibe ngumkhwenyana wenkosi? 19
Kodwa kwathi ngesikhathi uMerabi indodakazi kaSawuli
ayezanikwa ngaso uDavida, wayesenikwe uAdriyeli
umMehola ukuba ngumkakhe. 20 UMikhali indodakazi
kaSawuli wamthanda-ke uDavida; basebemtshela
uSawuli, lalolodaba lwaluqondile emehlweni akhe.
21 USawuli wasesithi: Ngizamnika yena ukuze abe
ngumjibila kuye, lokuze isandla samaFilisti simelane
laye. Ngakho uSawuli wathi kuDavida: Ngokwesibili
uzakuba ngumkhwenyana wami lamuhla. 22 USawuli
waselaya inceku zakhe wathi: Khulumani loDavida
ngensitha lithi: Khangela, inkosi iyathokoza ngawe,
lazo zonke inceku zayo ziyakuthanda; ngakho-ke woba
ngumkhwenyana wenkosi. 23 Izinceku zikaSawuli
zasezikhuluma lawomazwi endlebeni zikaDavida.
UDavida wasesithi: Kuyinto elula yini emehlweni
enu ukuba ngumkhwenyana wenkosi, lokhu mina
ngingumuntu ongumyanga lodelelekayo? 24 Lenceku
zikaSawuli zamtshela zisithi: UDavida wakhuluma
ngalindlela. 25 USawuli wasesithi: Lizakutsho njalo
kuDavida lithi: Inkosi kayiloyisi lobolo, kodwa amajwabu
aphambili alikhulu amaFilisti, ukuze kuphindiselwe
ezitheni zenkosi. Kodwa uSawuli wacabanga ukwenza
uDavida awe ngesandla samaFilisti. 26 Lapho inceku
zakhe zimtshela uDavida lawomazwi, udaba lwalulungile
emehlweni kaDavida ukuthi abe ngumkhwenyana
wenkosi. Kodwa insuku zazingakagcwaliseki. 27
Ngakho uDavida wasukuma wahamba, yena labantu
bakhe, basebetshaya phakathi kwamaFilisti amadoda
angamakhulu amabili; uDavida waseletha amajwabu
awo aphambili, wawasa enkosini ephelele ukuze abe
ngumkhwenyana wenkosi. USawuli wasemnika uMikhali
indodakazi yakhe ukuthi abe ngumkakhe. 28 USawuli
wasebona wazi ukuthi iNkosi iloDavida, loMikhali
indodakazi yakhe yamthanda. 29 Njalo uSawuli waya
lokhu emesaba kakhulu uDavida; njalo uSawuli waba
yisitha sikaDavida zonke izinsuku. 30 Iziphathamandla
zamaFilisti zaseziphuma; kwasekusithi seziphumile
uDavida waziphatha ngenhlakanipho okwedlula zonke
izinceku zikaSawuli, laze laduma kakhulu ibizo lakhe.

19 USawuli wasekhuluma kuJonathani indodana
yakhe lakuzo zonke inceku zakhe ukuthi babulale
uDavida. Kodwa uJonathani indodana kaSawuli
wayemthanda kakhulukazi uDavida. 2 UJonathani
wasemtshela uDavida esithi: USawuli ubaba udinga
ukukubulala; ngakho-ke ake uzinanzelele ekuseni,
uhlale ekusithekeni, ucatshe. 3 Mina-ke ngizaphuma
ngime eceleni kukababa emmangweni lapho okhona,
mina ngizakhuluma ngawe kubaba; lengikubonayo
ngizakutshela. 4 UJonathani wasekhuluma okuhle
ngoDavida kuSawuli uyise, wathi kuye: Inkosi kayingayoni
inceku yayo, imelane loDavida, ngoba kakonanga
wena, langokunjalo imisebenzi yakhe ilungile kakhulu
kuwe. 5 Ngoba wafaka impilo yakhe esandleni
sakhe watshaya umFilisti; leNkosi yenzela uIsrayeli
wonke usindiso olukhulu. Wakubona, wathokoza.
Pho, uzalonelani igazi elingelacala ngokubulala
uDavida kungelasizatho? 6 USawuli waselilalela
ilizwi likaJonathani, uSawuli wafunga wathi: Kuphila
kukaJehova, kayikubulawa. 7 UJonathani wasembiza

uDavida, uJonathani wamtshela wonke lawomazwi.
UJonathani wasemletha uDavida kuSawuli, njalo
wayephambi kwakhe njengakuqala. 8 Kwabuya kwaba
khona impi; uDavida wasephuma walwa lamaFilisti,
wawatshaya ngokutshaya okukhulu aze ambalekela.
9 Njalo umoya omubi ovela eNkosini wawuphezu
kukaSawuli ehlezi endlini yakhe, lomkhonto usesandleni
sakhe; loDavida wayetshaya ichacho ngesandla
sakhe. 10 USawuli wasedinga ukummbandakanya
uDavida ngitsho emdulini ngomkhonto; kodwa
waphunyuka ebukhoneni bukaSawuli, owahlaba
umkhonto emdulini. UDavida wabaleka waphepha
ngalobobusuku. 11 USawuli wasethuma izithunywa
endlini kaDavida ukuze zimqaphele zimbulale ekuseni.
UMikhali umkakhe wasemtshela uDavida esithi: Uba
ungasindisi impilo yakho ngalobubusuku, kusasa
uzabulawa. 12 Ngakho uMikhali wasemehlisa uDavida
ngewindi, wasehamba wabaleka waphepha. 13
UMikhali wasethatha isithombe, wasifaka embhedeni,
wabeka umqamelo woboya bembuzi endaweni
yekhanda laso, wasembesa ngelembu. 14 Lapho
uSawuli ethuma izithunywa ukuthatha uDavida, wathi:
Uyagula. 15 USawuli wasethuma izithunywa ukumbona
uDavida esithi: Menyuseleni kimi ngombheda ukuze
ngimbulale. 16 Lapho izithunywa zingena, khangela-
ke, kwakulesithombe embhedeni, lomqamelo woboya
bembuzi endaweni yekhanda laso. 17 USawuli wasesithi
kuMikhali: Ungikhohliseleni kanje, wayekela isitha sami
sahamba saphepha? UMikhali wasesithi kuSawuli: Yena
uthe kimi: Ngiyekela ngihambe; ngizakubulalelani? 18
Ngokunjalo uDavida wabaleka waphunyuka, wafika
kuSamuweli eRama; wamtshela konke uSawuli
ayekwenze kuye. Yena loSamuweli basebesiyahlala
eNayothi. 19 USawuli wasebikelwa kwathiwa: Khangela,
uDavida useNayothi eRama. 20 USawuli wasethuma
izithunywa ukumthatha uDavida; lapho zibona ixuku
labaprofethi beprofetha, loSamuweli emi engumkhokheli
phezu kwabo, uMoya kaNkulunkulu waba phezu
kwezithunywa zikaSawuli, lazo zaseziprofetha. 21
Lapho ebikelwa uSawuli, wathuma ezinye izithunywa,
zona lazo zaprofetha. USawuli wasephinda ethuma
izithunywa ngokwesithathu, zona lazo zaprofetha. 22
Laye wasesiya eRama, wafika emthonjeni omkhulu
oseSeku, wabuza wathi: Bangaphi oSamuweli loDavida?
Kwathiwa: Khangela, eNayothi eRama. 23 Wasesiya
khona eNayothi eRama; loMoya kaNkulunkulu waba
phezu kwakhe laye; wahamba ehamba eprofetha waze
wafika eNayothi eRama. 24 Laye wasekhulula izigqoko
zakhe, laye waprofetha phambi kukaSamuweli, walala
phansi enqunu lonke lolosuku labo bonke lobobusuku.
Yikho besithi: USawuli laye uphakathi kwabaprofethi
yini?

20 UDavida wasebaleka esuka eNayothi eRama,
wafika wathi phambi kukaJonathani: Ngenzeni?
Isiphambeko sami siyini? Lesono sami siyini phambi
kukayihlo ukuze adinge umphefumulo wami? 2 Wasesithi
kuye: Kakube khatshana! Kawusoze ufe; khangela,
ubaba kenzi ulutho olukhulu loba ulutho oluncinyane
engakuvezi endlebeni yami. Pho, ubaba uzayifihlelani
kimi linto? Kayisikho. 3 UDavida wasefunga futhi
wathi: Uyihlo uyakwazi lokwazi ukuthi ngithole umusa
emehlweni akho; ngakho uthi: UJonathani kangakwazi
hlezi abe losizi. Kodwa ngeqiniso, kuphila kukaJehova
njalo kuphila komphefumulo wakho, kukhona inyathelo
nje phakathi kwami lokufa. 4 UJonathani wasesithi
kuDavida: Lokho umphefumulo wakho okuloyisayo,
ngizakwenzela khona. 5 UDavida wasesithi kuJonathani:
Khangela, kusasa yikuthwasa kwenyanga; mina-ke
ngifanele ukuhlala lokuhlala ukuthi ngidle lenkosi; kodwa
ngiyekela ngihambe ngiyecatsha egangeni kuze kube
lusuku lwesithathu kusihlwa. 6 Uba uyihlo engiswela
lokungiswela, uzakuthi: UDavida ungicelile lokungicela
ukuthi agijimele eBhethelehema umuzi wakibo; ngoba
kukhona lapho umhlatshelo weminyaka ngeminyaka
owenzelwe usendo lonke. 7 Uba esitsho njalo: Kulungile;
inceku yakho izakuba lokuthula. Kodwa uba ethukuthela
lokuthukuthela, yazi ukuthi ububi buqondwe nguye. 8
Ngakho yenzela inceku yakho umusa, ngoba ulethe
inceku yakho esivumelwaneni seNkosi lawe. Kodwa uba
kulesiphambeko kimi, ngibulala wena; ngoba uzangiselani
kuyihlo? 9 UJonathani wasesithi: Kakube khatshana lami!
Ngoba uba bengisazi lokwazi ukuthi ububi buqondwe
ngubaba ukuthi bukwehlele, mina bengingayikukutshela
yini? 10 UDavida wasesithi kuJonathani: Ngubani
ozangitshela uba uyihlo ekuphendula ngolaka? 11
UJonathani wasesithi kuDavida: Woza siphume
siye emmangweni. Basebephuma bobabili besiya
emmangweni. 12 UJonathani wasesithi kuDavida:
INkosi, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, lapho sengimhlolile ubaba
phose ngalesisikhathi kusasa loba ngomhlomunye,
uba, khangela, kukuhle kuDavida, uba ngingathumeli
kuwe ngalesosikhathi ngikuveze endlebeni yakho,
13 kayenze njalo iNkosi kuJonathani, langokunjalo
yengezelele. Uba ububi phezu kwakho bulungile kubaba,
ngizakuveza endlebeni yakho, ngikuyekele uhambe
ukuze uhambe ngokuthula. Njalo iNkosi ibe lawe
njengoba yayilobaba. 14 Kawuyikungenzela yini umusa
weNkosi, ngitsho, nxa ngisaphila, ukuze ngingafi, 15
kodwa kawuyikuquma umusa wakho usuke endlini
yami kuze kube phakade, njalo hatshi lapho iNkosi
isiziqumile izitha zikaDavida, zisuke ngulowo lalowo
ebusweni bomhlaba. 16 Ngokunjalo uJonathani wenza
isivumelwano lendlu kaDavida, esithi: INkosi kayikubize
esandleni sezitha zikaDavida. 17 UJonathani wasephinda
wamfungisa uDavida ngenxa yokumthanda kwakhe;
ngoba wayemthanda njengoba ethanda umphefumulo
wakhe. 18 UJonathani wasesithi kuye: Kusasa yikuthwasa
kwenyanga, njalo uzaswelwa ngoba isihlalo sakho

sizakuba size. 19 Usuhlale insuku ezintathu uzakwehla
masinyane, uze endaweni owacatsha khona ngosuku
lwendaba leyo, uzahlala eduze lamatshe e-Ezeli. 20
Mina-ke ngizatshoka imitshoko emithathu eceleni,
kungathi ngitshoka ibala. 21 Khangela-ke, ngizathuma
umfana ngithi: Hamba uyeyidinga imitshoko. Uba
ngisithi lokuthi emfaneni: Khangela, imitshoko inganeno
kwakho, ithathe, ubuye; ngoba kulokuthula kuwe, njalo
kakulandaba, kuphila kukaJehova! 22 Kodwa uba
ngisitsho njalo ejaheni: Khangela, imitshoko ingale
kwakho; hamba ngoba iNkosi ikuyekele uhambe.
23 Mayelana lendaba esikhulume ngayo mina lawe,
khangela, iNkosi iphakathi kwami lawe kuze kube
nininini. 24 Ngakho uDavida wasecatsha emmangweni.
Isithwasile inyanga, inkosi yahlala ekudleni ukuze idle.
25 Inkosi yasihlala esihlalweni sayo njengezikhathi
ngezikhathi, esihlalweni eduze lomduli; uJonathani
wasesukuma, loAbhineri wahlala eceleni kukaSawuli;
kodwa indawo kaDavida yayize. 26 Kodwa uSawuli
katshongo lutho ngalolosuku; ngoba wathi: Okuthile
kumehlele; kahlambulukanga, isibili kahlambulukanga.
27 Kwasekusithi kusisa, ngolwesibili lokuthwasa
kwenyanga, indawo kaDavida yayize. USawuli wasesithi
kuJonathani indodana yakhe: Kungani indodana kaJese
ingezanga ekudleni ngitsho izolo lalamuhla? 28
UJonathani wasephendula uSawuli wathi: UDavida
wangicela lokungicela ukuthi aye eBhethelehema.
29 Wasesithi: Akungivumele ukuthi ngihambe; ngoba
usendo lwakwethu lulomhlatshelo emzini, lomfowethu
ungilayile. Khathesi-ke uba ngithole umusa emehlweni
akho, ake ngikhululeke ukuthi ngiyebona abafowethu.
Ngenxa yalokho kezanga etafuleni lenkosi. 30 Khona
intukuthelo kaSawuli yamvuthela uJonathani, wathi
kuye: Ndodana yomfazi owonakeleyo lovukelayo!
Kangazi yini ukuthi uyikhethile indodana kaJese,
kube lihlazo lakho, njalo kube lihlazo lobunqunu
bukanyoko? 31 Ngoba zonke izinsuku indodana kaJese
iphila emhlabeni, kawuyikuma wena lombuso wakho.
Ngakho-ke thuma umlethe kimi, ngoba uyindodana
yokufa. 32 UJonathani wasephendula uSawuli uyise
wathi kuye: Uzabulawelwani? Wenzeni? 33 USawuli
wasephosa umkhonto kuye ukumtshaya. Ngalokho
uJonathani wakwazi ukuthi kwakuqondwe nguyise
ukumbulala uDavida. 34 Ngakho uJonathani wasuka
etafuleni ekuvutheni kwentukuthelo, njalo kadlanga
ukudla ngosuku lwesibili lokuthwasa kwenyanga, ngoba
wayedabukile ngoDavida, ngoba uyise emyangisile.
35 Kwasekusithi ekuseni uJonathani waphuma waya
emmangweni ngesikhathi esimisiweyo loDavida,
lomfanyana elaye. 36 Wasesithi emfaneni wakhe:
Gijima, ake udinge imitshoko engiyitshokayo. Umfana
wagijima, yena wasetshoka umtshoko ukuze umedlule. 37
Lapho umfana esefikile endaweni yomtshoko uJonathani
awutshokileyo, uJonathani wamemeza emva komfana
wathi: Umtshoko kawuphambi kwakho yini? 38 Njalo
uJonathani wamemeza emva komfana wathi: Phangisa,
ukhawuleze, ungemi. Umfana kaJonathani waseyiqoqa
imitshoko, wabuya enkosini yakhe. 39 Kodwa umfana
wayengazi lutho, kuphela uJonathani loDavida babelwazi
udaba. 40 UJonathani wasenika umfana owayelaye
izikhali zakhe, wathi kuye: Hamba, uzise emzini. 41
Esehambile umfana, uDavida wasukuma ngaseningizimu,
wathi mbo ngobuso bakhe emhlabathini, wakhothama
kathathu; basebesangana, bakhala inyembezi omunye
lomunye, uDavida waze wedlulisa. 42 UJonathani
wasesithi kuDavida: Hamba ngokuthula; lokhu esikufunge
sobabili ngebizo leNkosi, sisithi: INkosi ibe phakathi
kwami lawe, laphakathi kwenzalo yami lenzalo yakho,
kakube kuze kube nininini. Wasesukuma wahamba,
loJonathani waya emzini.

21 UDavida wasesiza eNobi kuAhimeleki umpristi;
uAhimeleki wasesesaba ukuhlangabeza uDavida,
wathi kuye: Kungani wena uwedwa, njalo kungelamuntu
olawe? 2 UDavida wasesithi kuAhimeleki umpristi:
Inkosi ingilaye udaba, yathi kimi: Kakungabi lamuntu
owazi lalutho ngaloludaba engikuthuma lona, lengikulaya
khona; lamajaha ngiwazisile ngendawo enje lenje. 3
Khathesi-ke kuyini okungaphansi kwesandla sakho? Nika
esandleni sami izinkwa ezinhlanu loba okungatholakala.
4 Umpristi wasephendula uDavida wathi: Kakulasinkwa
esejwayelekileyo ngaphansi kwesandla sami, kodwa
kulesinkwa esingcwele, nxa amajaha ezigcinile
esifazaneni kuphela. 5 UDavida wasemphendula
umpristi wathi kuye: Isibili abesifazana bavinjelwe
kithi phose lezinsuku ezintathu ekuphumeni kwami;
lezitsha zamajaha zingcwele; kodwa ngandlela thize
sejwayelekile, laphezu kwalokho, ngoba lamuhla
singcweliswe ezitsheni. 6 Ngakho umpristi wamnika
esingcwele; ngoba kwakungelasinkwa lapho, ngaphandle
kwesinkwa sokubukiswa, ebesisuswe phambi kweNkosi
ukuthi kubekwe isinkwa esitshisayo mhla sithathwa.
7 Njalo kwakulomuntu lapho owenceku zikaSawuli
mhlalokho, ebambekile phambi kweNkosi, lebizo lakhe
lalinguDowegi umEdoma, induna yabelusi uSawuli
ayelabo. 8 UDavida wasesithi kuAhimeleki: Kanti
kakulamkhonto loba inkemba lapha ngaphansi kwesandla
sakho? Ngoba kokubili inkemba yami lezikhali zami
kangikuthathanga esandleni sami, ngoba udaba lwenkosi
lwalungoluphuthunywayo. 9 Umpristi wasesithi: Inkemba
kaGoliyathi umFilisti, owambulala esigodini seEla,
njalo khangela, igoqelwe ngelembu ngemva kwe-efodi;
uba uzithathela yona, ithathe, ngoba kayikho enye
lapha ngaphandle kwayo. UDavida wasesithi: Kayikho
enjengayo; nginika yona. 10 Wasesukuma uDavida
wabaleka ngalolosuku esuka ebusweni bukaSawuli,
waya kuAkishi inkosi yeGathi. 11 Izinceku zikaAkishi
zasezisithi kuye: Lo kayisuye uDavida yini inkosi
yelizwe? Kabahlabelanga yini ngaye emigidweni besithi:

USawuli utshayile izinkulungwane zakhe, kodwa uDavida
inkulungwane zakhe ezingamatshumi? 12 UDavida
wasewafaka lamazwi enhliziyweni yakhe, wamesaba
kakhulu uAkishi inkosi yeGathi. 13 Ngakho waguqula
ukuziphatha kwakhe emehlweni abo, wazitshaya uhlanya
ezandleni zabo, wadweba ezivalweni zamasango,
wagxozisela indenda esilevini sakhe. 14 UAkishi wasesithi
ezincekwini zakhe: Khangelani, liyabona ukuthi lumuntu
uyahlanya; limletheleni kimi? 15 Ngiswele inhlanya
yini ukuthi lilethe lo ukuthi ahlanye phambi kwami? Lo
uzangena endlini yami yini?

22 UDavida wasesuka lapho, waphephela ebhalwini
lweAdulamu. Lapho abafowabo lendlu yonke kayise
bekuzwa lokho, behlela kuye lapho. 2 Kwasekubuthana
kuye wonke umuntu ocindezelweyo, laye wonke umuntu
owayelesikwelede, laye wonke umuntu owayebuhlungu
emphefumulweni, wasesiba yinduna phezu kwabo,
kwaze kwaba laye phose abantu abangamakhulu
amane. 3 UDavida wasesuka lapho waya eMizipa
yakoMowabi, wathi enkosini yakoMowabi: Ngiyacela
ukuthi ababa lomama baphume lani, ngize ngazi ukuthi
uNkulunkulu uzangenzelani. 4 Wasebaletha phambi
kwenkosi yakoMowabi, basebehlala layo insuku zonke
uDavida esenqabeni. 5 Umprofethi uGadi wasesithi
kuDavida: Ungahlali enqabeni; hamba wena ngena
elizweni lakoJuda. UDavida wasehamba wangena
eguswini leHerethi. 6 USawuli wasesizwa ukuthi
uDavida uyaziwa labantu ababelaye. USawuli wayehlezi
eGibeya ngaphansi kwesihlahla setamarisiki eRama,
elomkhonto esandleni sakhe, lazo zonke inceku zakhe
zazimi laye. 7 USawuli wasesithi ezincekwini zakhe
ezazimi laye: Ake lizwe, bakoBhenjamini: Kambe
indodana kaJese izalinika lonke amasimu lezivini,
ilibeke lonke libe zinduna zezinkulungwane lezinduna
zamakhulu, 8 ngokuthi lonke lingenzele ugobe, njalo
kakho owembule endlebeni yami ukuthi indodana
yami yenza isivumelwano lendodana kaJese; kakho
loyedwa kini ongizwelayo, lowembula endlebeni yami,
ukuthi indodana yami ingivusela inceku yami ukuthi
icathame njengalamuhla? 9 Kwasekuphendula uDowegi
umEdoma owayemi lenceku zikaSawuli, wathi: Ngayibona
indodana kaJese isiza eNobi kuAhimeleki indodana
kaAhitubi. 10 Wasembuzela eNkosini, wamnika umphako,
lenkemba kaGoliyathi umFilisti wamnika yona. 11
Inkosi uSawuli yasithuma ukubiza uAhimeleki umpristi,
indodana kaAhitubi, lendlu yonke kayise, abapristi
ababeseNobi; bonke basebesiza enkosini. 12 USawuli
wasesithi: Ake ulalele, ndodana kaAhitubi. Wasesithi:
Khangela ngilapha, nkosi yami. 13 USawuli wasesithi
kuye: Kungani lingenzela ugobe, wena lendodana
kaJese, njengoba wayinika isinkwa lenkemba, wayibuzela
kuNkulunkulu, ukuthi ingivukele icathame njengalamuhla?
14 UAhimeleki waseyiphendula inkosi wathi: Pho, ngubani
kuzo zonke inceku zakho othembekileyo njengoDavida,
ongumkhwenyana wenkosi, oqhubeka ekukulaleleni,
lohloniphekayo endlini yakho? 15 Ngiyaqalisa lamuhla
yini ukumbuzela kuNkulunkulu? Kakube khatshana lami!
Inkosi kayingabeki udaba encekwini yayo lendlini yonke
kababa; ngoba inceku yakho yayingazi lutho ngaloludaba,
oluncinyane kumbe olukhulu. 16 Inkosi yasisithi:
Ahimeleki, uzakufa lokufa, wena lendlu yonke kayihlo.
17 Inkosi yasisithi kuzigijimi ezazimi layo: Phendukani,
libulale abapristi beNkosi; ngoba isandla sabo laso
siloDavida, futhi ngoba babesazi ukuthi ubalekile,
kodwa kabembulanga endlebeni yami. Kodwa inceku
zenkosi kazithandanga ukwelula isandla sazo ukuthi
zihlasele abapristi beNkosi. 18 Inkosi yasisithi kuDowegi:
Phenduka wena, uhlasele abapristi. UDowegi umEdoma
wasephenduka, yena wahlasela abapristi, wabulala
ngalolosuku abantu abangamatshumi ayisificaminwembili
lanhlanu ababegqoke i-efodi yelembu elicolekileyo.
19 LeNobi, umuzi wabapristi, wayitshaya ngobukhali
benkemba, kusukela endodeni kusiya kowesifazana,
kusukela emntwaneni kusiya komunyayo, lezinkabi
labobabhemi lezimvu, ngobukhali benkemba. 20
Kodwa omunye wamadodana kaAhimeleki indodana
kaAhitubi waphepha, obizo lakhe lalinguAbhiyatha,
wabaleka walandela uDavida. 21 UAbhiyatha wasetshela
uDavida ukuthi uSawuli ubulele abapristi beNkosi. 22
UDavida wasesithi kuAbhiyatha: Ngakwazi ngalolosuku
lapho uDowegi umEdoma elapho ukuthi uzamtshela
lokumtshela uSawuli. Yimi engibangele ukufa kwawo
wonke umphefumulo wendlu kayihlo. 23 Hlala lami,
ungesabi, ngoba lowo odinga umphefumulo wami udinga
umphefumulo wakho; kodwa uzalondolozeka ulami.

23 Basebebika kuDavida besithi: Khangela, amaFilisti
alwa emelene leKeyila, aphanga amabala
okubhulela. 2 UDavida wasebuza eNkosini esithi:
Ngihambe yini ngitshaye lamaFilisti? INkosi yasisithi
kuDavida: Hamba uyetshaya amaFilisti, usindise iKeyila.
3 Kodwa abantu bakaDavida bathi kuye: Khangela,
siyesaba khonapha koJuda; pho, kangakanani uba sisiya
eKeyila emaviyweni amaFilisti? 4 UDavida wasephinda
futhi ukubuza eNkosini. INkosi yasimphendula yathi:
Sukuma wehlele eKeyila, ngoba ngizanikela amaFilisti
esandleni sakho. 5 Ngakho uDavida labantu bakhe
baya eKeyila, balwa lamaFilisti, baqhuba inkomo
zawo, bawatshaya ngokutshaya okukhulu. Ngalokho
uDavida wasindisa abahlali beKeyila. 6 Kwasekusithi
lapho uAbhiyatha indodana kaAhimeleki ebalekela
kuDavida eKeyila, wehla ele-efodi esandleni sakhe. 7
Kwasekubikwa kuSawuli ukuthi uDavida ungenile eKeyila.
USawuli wasesithi: UNkulunkulu umnikele esandleni
sami, ngoba uvalelwe ngokungena emzini olamasango
lemigoqo. 8 USawuli wasebizela bonke abantu empini
ukwehlela eKeyila, ukuvimbezela uDavida labantu bakhe.
9 UDavida wasesazi ukuthi uSawuli wenza iqhinga

elibi ngasese ngaye, wathi kuAbhiyatha umpristi: Letha
lapha i-efodi. **10** UDavida wasesithi: Nkosi, Nkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli, inceku yakho izwile lokuzwa ukuthi uSawuli
udinga ukuza eKeyila ukuchitha umuzi ngenxa yami.
11 Abahlali beKeyila bazanginikela esandleni sakhe
yini? USawuli uzakwehla yini njengokuzwa kwenceku
yakho? Nkosi, Nkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, akuyitshele
inceku yakho. INkosi yasisithi: Uzakwehla. **12**
UDavida wasesithi: Abahlali beKeyila bazanginikela
mina labantu bami esandleni sikaSawuli yini? INkosi
yasisithi: Bazalinikela. **13** Wasesukuma uDavida
labantu bakhe, phose abangamakhulu ayisithupha,
baphuma eKeyila, baya lapho ababengaya khona.
Lapho uSawuli esetshelwa ukuthi uDavida usephephile
eKeyila, wayekela ukuphuma. **14** UDavida wasehlala
enkangala ezinqabeni, wahlala ezintabeni enkangala
yeZifi. LoSawuli wayemdinga insuku zonke, kodwa
uNkulunkulu kamnikelanga esandleni sakhe. **15**
UDavida wasebona ukuthi uSawuli wayephumele
ukudinga impilo yakhe. UDavida wayesenkangala
yeZifi eguswini. **16** UJonathani, indodana kaSawuli,
wasesukuma waya kuDavida eguswini, waqinisa isandla
sakhe kuNkulunkulu. **17** Wathi kuye: Ungesabi,
ngoba isandla sikaSawuli ubaba kasiyikukuthola,
njalo uzakuba yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli, mina-ke
ngibe ngowesibili kuwe, loSawuli laye ubaba ukwazi
kunjalo. **18** Basebesenza isivumelwano bobabili phambi
kweNkosi; uDavida wasehlala eguswini, loJonathani
waya endlini yakhe. **19** AbeZifi basebesenyukela
kuSawuli eGibeya bathi: UDavida kacatshanga lathi yini
ezinqabeni eguswini, eqaqeni lweHakila engeningizimu
kweJeshimoni? **20** Ngakho-ke, ngokwesifiso sonke
somphefumulo wakho sokwehla, nkosi, yehla; njalo
kungokwethu ukumnikela esandleni senkosi. **21** USawuli
wasesithi: Libusisiwe yiNkosi ngoba liyangizwela. **22**
Ake lihambe, libe lilungisa, lazi libone indawo yakhe
lapho unyawo lwakhe lukhona, ngubani ombone lapho,
ngoba ngitsheliwe ukuthi wenza ngobuqili isibili. **23**
Bonani-ke, lizazi zonke indawo zokucatsha lapho
acatsha khona, libuye kimi lileqiniso, ngizahamba-ke
lani; kuzakuthi-ke nxa ekhona elizweni, ngizamdinga
phakathi kwazo zonke inkulungwane zakoJuda. **24**
Basebesukuma baya eZifi phambi kukaSawuli; kodwa
uDavida labantu bakhe babesenkangala yeMahoni,
emagcekeni, ngeningizimu kweJeshimoni. **25** USawuli
labantu bakhe basebesiyamdinga. Basebemtshela
uDavida, wasesehla edwaleni, wahlala enkangala
yeMahoni. Kwathi uSawuli esekuzwile, waxotshana
loDavida enkangala yeMahoni. **26** USawuli wasehamba
nganeno kuloluhlangothi lwentaba, loDavida labantu
bakhe bahamba ngakolunye uhlangothi lwentaba.
Kwasekusithi uDavida waphangisa ukusuka ebusweni
bukaSawuli, ngoba uSawuli labantu bakhe bahanqa
uDavida labantu bakhe ukubabamba. **27** Kodwa
kwafika isithunywa kuSawuli sisithi: Phangisa ubuye,
ngoba amaFilisti asehlasele ilizwe. **28** Ngakho uSawuli
waphenduka ekuxotshaneni loDavida, wayamelana
lamaFilisti. Ngakho bayibiza leyondawo bathi yiSela-
Hamalekoti. **29** UDavida wasesenyuka esuka lapho,
wahlala ezinqabeni zeEngedi.

24 Kwasekusithi uSawuli esebuyile ekulandeleni
amaFilisti, bambikela besithi: Khangela, uDavida
usenkangala yeEngedi. **2** USawuli wasethatha
amadoda ayizinkulungwane ezintathu akhethiweyo
kuIsrayeli wonke, wayadinga uDavida labantu bakhe
phezu kwamadwala amagogo. **3** Wasefika ezibayeni
zezimvu endleleni, lapho okwakulobhalu khona; uSawuli
wasengena ukwembesa inyawo zakhe; uDavida labantu
bakhe babehlezi-ke enhlangothini zobhalu. **4** Abantu
bakaDavida basebesithi kuye: Khangela, usuku iNkosi
ethi ngalo kuwe: Khangela, ngizanikela isitha sakho
esandleni sakho, ukuthi wenze kuso njengokuhle
emehlweni akho. UDavida wasesukuma, wasika ensitha
umphetho wesembatho uSawuli ayelaso. **5** Kwasekusithi
emva kwalokho inhliziyo kaDavida yamtshaya, ngenxa
yokuthi wayesike umphetho wesembatho uSawuli
ayelaso. **6** Wasesithi ebantwini bakhe: Kakube
khatshana lami ngeNkosi ukuthi ngenze linto enkosini
yami, ogcotshiweyo weNkosi, ukwelulela isandla
sami kuye, ngoba engogcotshiweyo weNkosi. **7**
UDavida wabanqanda abantu bakhe ngalawomazwi,
kabavumelanga ukuthi bamvukele uSawuli. USawuli
wasesukuma waphuma ebhalwini, wahamba endleleni.
8 Emva kwalokho uDavida laye wasukuma waphuma
ebhalwini, wamemeza emva kukaSawuli esithi: Nkosi
yami nkosi! Lapho uSawuli enyemukula, uDavida
wakhothama ngobuso emhlabathini, wakhonza. **9**
UDavida wasesithi kuSawuli: Ulalelelani amazwi abantu
besithi: Khangela, uDavida udinga ukulinyazwa kwakho?
10 Khangela, lamuhla amehlo akho abonile ukuthi iNkosi
ibikunikele lamuhla esandleni sami ebhalwini; njalo
besithi kangikubulale, kodwa ngakuhawukela, ngathi:
Kangiyikwelulela isandla sami enkosini yami, ngoba
ingogcotshiweyo weNkosi. **11** Futhi-ke, baba, bona,
yebo bona umphetho wesembatho sakho esandleni
sami; ngoba ekusikeni kwami umphetho wesembatho
sakho, lokuthi kangikubulalanga, yazi ubone ukuthi
kakukho ububi lesiphambeko esandleni sami, njalo
kangonanga kuwe, kanti wena uzingela umphefumulo
wami ukuwuthatha. **12** INkosi kayahlulele phakathi
kwami lawe, njalo iNkosi ingiphindiselele kuwe, kodwa
isandla sami kasiyikumelana lawe. **13** Njengokutsho
kwesaga sabendulo esithi: Kwababi kuvela okubi; kodwa
isandla sami kasiyikumelana lawe. **14** Inkosi yakoIsrayeli
iphume ukulandela bani? Uxotshana lobani? Emva
kwenja efileyo, emva kwendwebundwebu eyodwa! **15**
Ngakho iNkosi kayibe ngumahluleli, yahlulele phakathi

kwami lawe, ibone, ilumele udaba lwami, ingikhulule
esandleni sakho. 16 Kwasekusithi uDavida eseqedile
ukukhuluma lamazwi kuSawuli, uSawuli wathi: Yilizwi
lakho lelo yini, ndodana yami, Davida? USawuli
wasephakamisa ilizwi lakhe, wakhala inyembezi. 17
Wasesithi kuDavida: Ulungile kulami, ngoba wena
ungivuze ngokuhle, kodwa mina ngikuvuze ngokubi.
18 Wena-ke utshengisile lamuhla ukuthi wenze okuhle
ngami, ngoba lapho iNkosi ibinginikele esandleni sakho,
kawungibulalanga. 19 Ngoba nxa umuntu efica isitha
sakhe, uzasiyekela sihambe ngendlela enhle yini?
Ngakho iNkosi ikuvuze ngokuhle ngokwenze kimi
lamuhla. 20 Manje-ke, khangela, ngiyazi ukuthi uzakuba
yinkosi isibili, lokuthi umbuso wakoIsrayeli uzaqiniswa
esandleni sakho. 21 Ngakho khathesi funga kimi ngeNkosi
ukuthi kawuyikuyiquma inzalo yami emva kwami, lokuthi
kawuyikulicitsha ibizo lami endlini kababa. 22 UDavida
wasefunga kuSawuli, loSawuli waya endlini yakhe,
kodwa uDavida labantu bakhe benyukela enqabeni.

25 USamuweli wasesifa; loIsrayeli wonke wahlangana,
bamlilela, bamngcwabela endlini yakhe eRama.
UDavida wasesukuma wehlela enkangala yeParani.
2 Kwakukhona-ke indoda eMahoni, lomsebenzi wayo
wawuseKharmeli; lindoda-ke yayiyisikhulu esikhulu,
yayilezimvu eziyizinkulungwane ezintathu lembuzi
eziyinkulungwane, yayigunda izimvu zayo eKharmeli. 3
Njalo ibizo laleyondoda lalinguNabali, lebizo lomkayo
lalinguAbigayili. Njalo owesifazana wayelokuqedisisa
okuhle, elesimo esihle, kodwa indoda yayilukhuni ilezenzo
ezimbi; yayingeyakoKalebi. 4 UDavida wasesizwa
esenkangala ukuthi uNabali ugunda izimvu zakhe. 5
UDavida wasethuma amajaha alitshumi, uDavida wathi
emajaheni: Yenyukelani eKharmeli, liye kuNabali, limbuze
impilo ebizweni lami, 6 lizakutsho njalo: Impilakahle
kayibe kuwe, ukuthula kakube kuwe, lokuthula kakube
sendlini yakho, lokuthula kakube kukho konke olakho!
7 Sengizwile-ke ukuthi ulabagundi; abelusi olabo-
ke babelathi, kasibalimazanga, futhi kabaswelanga
lutho zonke izinsuku beseKharmeli. 8 Buza amajaha
akho, azakutshela. Ngakho amajaha kawathole umusa
emehlweni akho, ngoba sifike ngosuku oluhle. Akunike
inceku zakho lendodana yakho uDavida lokho isandla
sakho esizakuthola. 9 Kwathi amajaha kaDavida esefikile,
akhuluma kuNabali ngokwalawomazwi wonke ebizweni
likaDavida, aselinda. 10 UNabali waseziphendula izinceku
zikaDavida, wathi: Ngubani uDavida? Njalo ngubani
indodana kaJese? Lamuhla zinengi inceku ezibalekayo,
ileyo laleyo enkosini yayo. 11 Pho, ngithathe isinkwa
sami, lamanzi ami, lenyama yami engiyihlabele abagundi
bami, ngikuphe abantu engingazi ukuthi bavela ngaphi?
12 Amajaha kaDavida asephendukela endleleni yawo,
abuyela, eza, ambikela njengawo wonke lamazwi. 13
UDavida wasesithi ebantwini bakhe: Bhincani, ngulowo
lalowo inkemba yakhe! Babhinca, ngulowo lalowo
inkemba yakhe, loDavida laye wabhinca inkemba
yakhe; kwasekusenyuka emva kukaDavida phose
amadoda angamakhulu amane, kodwa angamakhulu
amabili ahlala empahleni. 14 Kodwa elinye ijaha
lamajaha lamtshela uAbigayili umkaNabali lathi:
Khangela, uDavida uthume izithunywa zivela enkangala
ukubingelela inkosi yethu, kodwa yazithethisa. 15 Kanti
labobantu basiphatha kuhle kakhulu, kasilimalanga,
kasiswelanga lutho zonke izinsuku sihambisana labo,
sisemmangweni. 16 Babengumduli kithi ebusuku
kanye lemini, zonke izinsuku silabo seluse izimvu. 17
Khathesi-ke, yazi ubone ukuthi uzakwenzani; ngoba
ububi buqunyelwe inkosi yethu lendlu yayo yonke;
ngoba uyindodana kaBheliyali okungangokuthi kakho
ongakhuluma laye. 18 UAbigayili wasephangisa wathatha
izinkwa ezingamakhulu amabili, lembodlela ezimbili
zewayini, lezimvu ezinhlanu ezilungisiweyo, lamaseya
amane amabele akhanzingiweyo, lamahlukuzo alikhulu
ezithelo zevini ezonyisiweyo, lezinkwa ezingamakhulu
amabili zomkhiwa, wakuthwalisa obabhemi. 19 Wasesithi
emajaheni akhe: Dlulani phambi kwami; khangelani,
ngiyalilandela. Kodwa kamtshelanga umkakhe uNabali.
20 Kwasekusithi esagade ubabhemi esehlela endaweni
esithekileyo yentaba, khangela-ke, uDavida labantu
bakhe behla behlangabezana laye; wasehlangana labo.
21 Njalo uDavida wayethe: Isibili ngigcine ngeze konke
lo ayelakho enkangala, kakwaze kwasweleka lutho
kukho konke ayelakho. Usengibuyisele okubi ngokuhle.
22 UNkulunkulu akenze njalo ezitheni zikaDavida,
engezelele ngokunjalo, uba ngitshiya loyedwa kubo
bonke alabo kuze kube sekuseni abachamela emdulini.
23 Lapho uAbigayili ebona uDavida, waphangisa wehla
kubabhemi, wathi mbo ngobuso bakhe phansi phambi
kukaDavida, wakhothamela emhlabathini. 24 Wawela
enyaweni zakhe wathi: Lobububi kabube phezu kwami
mina, nkosi yami; incekukazi yakho ake ikhulume
endlebeni zakho, uzwe amazwi encekukazi yakho. 25
Inkosi yami ake inganaki lowomuntu kaBheliyali, uNabali;
ngoba njengebizo lakhe unjalo; uNabali libizo lakhe,
lobuthutha bukuye. Kodwa mina, incekukazi yakho,
kangiwabonanga amajaha enkosi yami owawathumayo.
26 Ngakho-ke, nkosi yami, kuphila kukaJehova, lokuphila
komphefumulo wakho, njengoba iNkosi ikunqandile
ukungena ngokuchitha igazi, lokuziphindisela ngesandla
sakho, ngalokho-ke kazibe njengoNabali izitha zakho
lalabo abadinga ububi enkosini yami. 27 Manje-ke,
lesisibusiso incekukazi yakho esilethe enkosini yami
kasinikwe amajaha ahamba esiya le lale emanyathelweni
enkosi yami. 28 Akuthethelele isiphambeko sencekukazi
yakho; ngoba iNkosi izakwenzela lokwenzela inkosi
yami indlu eqinileyo, ngoba inkosi yami ilwa izimpi
zeNkosi, lobubi kabutholwanga kuwe kusukela ensukwini
zakho. 29 Loba kusukuma umuntu ukukuxotsha

lokudinga impilo yakho, kodwa umphefumulo wenkosi
yami uzabotshelwa emqulwini wabaphilayo leNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho; kodwa umphefumulo wezitha zakho
izawujikijela kungathi uphume phakathi kwesavutha. **30**
Kwasekusithi, lapho iNkosi isikwenzile enkosini yami
njengakho konke okuhle ekukhulume ngawe, isikumisile
waba ngumbusi phezu kukaIsrayeli, **31** kakungabi
yisikhubekiso kuwe lokukhubekiswa kwenhliziyo enkosini
yami, ngokuthi uchithe igazi ngeze, lokuthi inkosi
yami iziphindisele. Lapho iNkosi isiyenzele okuhle
inkosi yami, khumbula incekukazi yakho. **32** UDavida
wasesithi kuAbigayili: Kayibusiswe iNkosi, uNkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli, ekuthumileyo lamuhla ukungihlangabeza. **33**
Futhi kakubusiswe ukuqedisisa kwakho, ubusiswe lawe
onginqandileyo lamuhla ukuze ngingangeni ekuchitheni
igazi lokuziphindisela ngesandla sami. **34** Ngoba
ngeqiniso, kuphila kukaJehova uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli,
onginqandileyo ukuze ngingenzi ububi kuwe, ngoba
uba ubungaphangisanga weza ukungihlangabeza,
sibili, bekungayikusala loyedwa kuNabali kuze kube
sekukhanyeni kwekuseni ochamela emdulini. **35** UDavida
wasesemukela esandleni sakhe lokho amlethele khona.
Wasesithi kuye: Yenyukela ngokuthula endlini yakho;
bona, ngililalele ilizwi lakho, ngibemukele ubuso bakho.
36 UAbigayili wasefika kuNabali, khangela-ke, wayeledili
endlini yakhe, njengedili lenkosi. Lenhliziyo kaNabali
yathokoza phakathi kwakhe, njalo wayedakwe kwedlulisa;
ngakho kamtshelanga lutho, oluncinyane loba olukhulu,
kwaze kwaba sekukhanyeni kwekuseni. **37** Kwasekusithi
ekuseni lapho iwayini seliphumile kuNabali, lomkakhe
esemtshele lezizinto, inhliziyo yakhe yafa phakathi
kwakhe, wasesiba njengelitshe. **38** Kwasekusithi phose
emva kwensuku ezilitshumi iNkosi yamtshaya uNabali,
wasesifa. **39** UDavida esezwile ukuthi uNabali usefile
wathi: Kayibusiswe iNkosi emele udaba lwehlazo
lami esandleni sikaNabali, yavimbela inceku yayo
ebubini; iNkosi yabuyisela-ke ububi bukaNabali ekhanda
lakhe. UDavida wasethuma, wakhuluma loAbigayili
ukuthi amthathe abe ngumkakhe. **40** Lapho izinceku
zikaDavida zifika kuAbigayili eKharmeli, zakhuluma
laye zisithi: UDavida usithumile kuwe ukukuthatha ube
ngumkakhe. **41** Wasesukuma, wakhothama ngobuso
emhlabathini, wathi: Khangela, incekukazi yakho kayibe
yisigqili sokugezisa inyawo zenceku zenkosi yami. **42**
UAbigayili wasephangisa esukuma, wagada ubabhemi,
lentombi zakhe ezinhlanu ezazimphelekezela, walandela
izithunywa zikaDavida, waba ngumkakhe. **43** UDavida
wathatha loAhinowama weJizereyeli, labo bobabili baba
ngomkakhe. **44** Ngoba uSawuli wayenike uMikhali
indodakazi yakhe, umkaDavida, kuPaliti indodana
kaLayishi owayengoweGalimi.

26 AbeZifi basebesiza kuSawuli eGibeya besithi:
UDavida kacatshi yini oqaqeni lweHakila phambi
kweJeshimoni? **2** USawuli wasesukuma wehlela
enkangala yeZifi elabantu abakhethiweyo bakoIsrayeli
abayizinkulungwane ezintathu, ukuze adinge uDavida
enkangala yeZifi. **3** USawuli wasemisa inkamba
oqaqeni lweHakila oluphambi kweJeshimoni endleleni,
kodwa uDavida wahlala enkangala. Kwathi esebonile
ukuthi uSawuli uyamlandela enkangala, **4** uDavida
wasethuma izinhloli ukuze azi ukuthi uSawuli ufikile
isibili. **5** UDavida wasesukuma wayafika endaweni
lapho uSawuli amise khona inkamba; uDavida wayibona
indawo lapho uSawuli alala khona, loAbhineri indodana
kaNeri, induna yebutho lakhe. Njalo uSawuli wayelele
enqabeni yezinqola, lesizwe sasimise amathente
simhanqile. **6** UDavida wasephendula wakhuluma
kuAhimeleki umHethi, lakuAbishayi indodana kaZeruya,
umfowabo kaJowabi, esithi: Ngubani ozakwehlela
lami kuSawuli enkambeni? UAbishayi wasesithi: Mina
ngizakwehla lawe. **7** Ngakho uDavida loAbishayi bafika
ebantwini ebusuku; khangela-ke, uSawuli wayelele
ubuthongo enqabeni yezinqola, lomkhonto wakhe
wawugxunyekiwe emhlabathini ngasekhanda lakhe,
loAbhineri labantu babelele bemhanqile. **8** UAbishayi
wasesithi kuDavida: UNkulunkulu uvalele isitha sakho
esandleni sakho lamuhla; ngakho-ke ake ngimtshayele
ngitsho emhlabathini kanye ngomkhonto, ngingakuphindi
kuye. **9** Kodwa uDavida wathi kuAbishayi: Ungamchithi;
ngoba ngubani ongelulela isandla sakhe kogcotshiweyo
weNkosi angabi lacala? **10** UDavida wathi futhi: Kuphila
kukaJehova, kodwa iNkosi izamtshaya, loba kufike usuku
lwakhe ukuthi afe, kumbe ehlele empini abhujiswe. **11**
Kakube khatshana lami ngeNkosi ukwelulela isandla
sami kogcotshiweyo weNkosi; kodwa khathesi ake
uthathe umkhonto osemqamelweni wakhe, lesigxingi
samanzi, sihambe. **12** UDavida wasethatha umkhonto
lesigxingi samanzi ekususa emqamelweni kaSawuli,
bahamba. Njalo kakho owakubonayo, kakho owakwaziyo,
kakho owavukayo, ngoba bonke babelele, ngoba
ubuthongo obunzima beNkosi babubehlele. **13** Lapho
uDavida esechaphele ngaphetsheya, wema engqongeni
yentaba khatshana; kwakukhona ummango omkhulu
phakathi kwabo. **14** UDavida wasememeza ebantwini
lakuAbhineri indodana kaNeri, esithi: Kawuphenduli yini,
Abhineri? UAbhineri wasephendula esithi: Ungubani
okhala enkosini? **15** UDavida wasesithi kuAbhineri:
Kawusindoda yini? Njalo ngubani onjengawe koIsrayeli?
Kungani-ke ungayilindanga inkosi yakho inkosi?
Ngoba kufike omunye wabantu ukuchitha inkosi,
inkosi yakho. **16** Kayinhle into oyenzileyo. Kuphila
kukaJehova, lingabantwana bokufa, ngoba kaliyilindanga
inkosi yenu, ogcotshiweyo weNkosi. Khathesi-ke
bona ukuthi ungaphi umkhonto wenkosi lesigxingi
samanzi ebesingasemqamelweni wayo. **17** USawuli
waselinanzelela ilizwi likaDavida wathi: Yilizwi lakho
lelo yini, ndodana yami, Davida? UDavida wasesithi:

Yilizwi lami, nkosi yami, nkosi. 18 Wathi njalo: Inkosi
yami ixotshanelani lenceku yayo? Ngoba ngenzeni?
Kulobubi bani esandleni sami? 19 Ngakho-ke, ake
izwe inkosi yami, inkosi, amazwi enceku yayo. Uba
iNkosi ikuqubula ukumelana lami, kayemukele umnikelo;
kodwa uba kungabantwana babantu, kabaqalekiswe
phambi kweNkosi; ngoba bangixotshile lamuhla ukuthi
ngingazihlanganisi lelifa leNkosi, besithi: Hamba, ukhonze
abanye onkulunkulu. 20 Ngakho-ke igazi lami kalingaweli
emhlabathini lisuke phambi kobuso beNkosi; ngoba
inkosi yakoIsrayeli iphumele ukudinga indwebundwebu
eyodwa, njengozingela ithendele ezintabeni. 21
USawuli wasesithi: Ngonile; buya, ndodana yami
Davida, ngoba kangisayikwenza ububi kuwe, ngenxa
yokuthi umphefumulo wami ubuligugu emehlweni
akho lamuhla. Khangela, ngenze ngobuphukuphuku,
ngaduha kakhulu sibili. 22 UDavida wasephendula
wathi: Khangela, umkhonto wenkosi! Kalichaphe elinye
lamajaha, liwuthathe. 23 INkosi kayibuyisele kulowo
lalowo ukulunga kwakhe lokuthembeka kwakhe; ngoba
iNkosi ibikunikele esandleni sami lamuhla, kodwa
kangithandanga ukwelulela isandla sami kogcotshiweyo
weNkosi. 24 Khangela-ke, njengoba impilo yakho ibinkulu
emehlweni ami lamuhla, ngokunjalo impilo yami ayibe
nkulu emehlweni eNkosi, kayingophule ekuhluphekeni
konke. 25 USawuli wasesithi kuDavida: Kawubusiswe
wena, ndodana yami Davida. Lawe uzakwenza isibili, lawe
uzanqoba lokunqoba. UDavida wasehamba ngendlela
yakhe, loSawuli wabuyela endaweni yakhe.

27 UDavida wasesithi enhliziyweni yakhe:
Sengizabhubha ngolunye usuku ngesandla
sikaSawuli. Kakulalutho olungcono kimi ngaphandle
kokuphepha lokuphepha ngiye elizweni lamaFilisti,
loSawuli uzadela ngami ukungidinga futhi kuwo
wonke umngcele wakoIsrayeli; ngokunjalo ngiphephe
esandleni sakhe. 2 Wasesukuma uDavida wachapha,
yena labantu abangamakhulu ayisithupha ayelabo,
waya kuAkishi indodana kaMahoki, inkosi yeGathi. 3
UDavida wasehlala loAkishi eGathi, yena labantu bakhe,
ngulowo lalowo lendlu yakhe; uDavida labomkakhe
bobabili, uAhinowama umJizereyelikazi loAbigayili
umKharmelikazi umkaNabali. 4 Kwathi kubikwa
kuSawuli ukuthi uDavida ubalekele eGathi, kabe
esamdinga futhi. 5 UDavida wasesithi kuAkishi: Uba
khathesi ngithole umusa emehlweni akho, kabangiphe
indawo komunye wemizi emaphandleni ukuthi ngihlale
khona; ngoba inceku yakho izahlalelani lawe emzini
wenkosi? 6 UAkishi wasemnika iZikilagi ngalolosuku.
Ngakho iZikilagi ingeyamakhosi akoJuda kuze kube
lamuhla. 7 Lenani lensuku uDavida azihlala elizweni
lamaFilisti lalingumnyaka lenyanga ezine. 8 UDavida
labantu bakhe basebesenyuka bahlasela amaGeshuri
lamaGirizi, lamaAmaleki, ngoba lawo ayengabahlali
balelolizwe kwasendulo, lapho usiya eShuri, njalo kuze
kube selizweni leGibhithe. 9 UDavida waselitshaya
ilizwe, kazatshiya ophilayo, owesilisa lowesifazana,
wathatha izimvu lenkomo labobabhemi lamakamela
lezigqoko, wabuyela wafika kuAkishi. 10 Lapho
uAkishi esithi: Belihlasela ngaphi lamuhla? UDavida
wayesithi: Ngaseningizimu yakoJuda, langaseningizimu
yamaJerameli, langaseningizimu yamaKeni. 11 UDavida
katshiyanga owesilisa kumbe owesifazana ophilayo,
ukuletha ilizwi eGathi, esithi: Hlezi bakhulume ngathi,
besithi: Wenze njalo uDavida. Wawunjalo-ke umkhuba
wakhe zonke izinsuku azihlala elizweni lamaFilisti. 12
UAkishi wasemkholwa uDavida esithi: Uzenze waba
levumba kakhulu ebantwini bakibo koIsrayeli. Ngakho
uzakuba yinceku yami kuze kube nininini.

28 Kwasekusithi ngalezonsuku amaFilisti abuthanisela
impi amabutho awo ukuze alwe loIsrayeli. UAkishi
wasesithi kuDavida: Yazi lokwazi ukuthi uzaphuma
impi lami, wena labantu bakho. 2 UDavida wasesithi
kuAkishi: Sibili, wena uzakwazi ukuthi inceku yakho
ingenzani. UAkishi wasesithi kuDavida: Ngakho,
ngizakubeka ube ngumlindi wekhanda lami zonke
izinsuku. 3 USamuweli wayesefile, loIsrayeli wonke
wayemlilele, bamngcwabela eRama, ngitsho emzini
wakibo. USawuli wayebasusile-ke elizweni abalamadlozi
labalumbayo. 4 AmaFilisti asebuthana afika amisa
inkamba eShunemi. USawuli wasebuthanisa uIsrayeli
wonke, bamisa inkamba eGilibowa. 5 Lapho uSawuli
ebona inkamba yamaFilisti, wesaba, lenhliziyo yakhe
yathuthumela kakhulu. 6 Lapho uSawuli ebuza
eNkosini, iNkosi kayimphendulanga langamaphupho
langeUrimi langabaprofethi. 7 USawuli wasesithi
ezincekwini zakhe: Ngidingelani owesifazana oledlozi
ukuze ngiye kuye, ngibuze kuye. Inceku zakhe zasezisithi
kuye: Khangela, kulowesifazana oledlozi eEndori. 8
USawuli wasezifihla isimo, wagqoka ezinye izigqoko,
wahamba, yena lamadoda amabili laye; basebefika
kowesifazana ebusuku. Wathi: Akungivumisele ngedlozi,
ungenyusele engizamutsho kuwe. 9 Kodwa owesifazana
wathi kuye: Khangela, wena uyazi ukuthi uSawuli
wenzeni, ukuthi ubaqumile elizweni abalamadlozi
labalumbayo. Pho, uwuthiyelani umphefumulo wami
ukungibulala? 10 Kodwa uSawuli wafunga kuye ngeNkosi,
esithi: Kuphila kukaJehova, isijeziso kasiyikuza kuwe
ngaloludaba. 11 Owesifazana wasesithi: Ngikwenyusele
bani? Wasesithi: Ngenyusela uSamuweli. 12 Lapho
owesifazana ebona uSamuweli, wakhala ngelizwi
elikhulu; owesifazana wasekhuluma kuSawuli esithi:
Ungikhohliseleni? Ngoba unguSawuli. 13 Inkosi
yasisithi kuye: Ungesabi; kodwa ubonani? Owesifazana
wasesithi kuSawuli: Ngibona onkulunkulu besenyuka
emhlabathini. 14 Wasesithi kuye: Sinjani isimo sakhe?
Wasesithi: Kwenyuka ixhegu elembethe isembatho.
Lapho uSawuli esesazi ukuthi nguSamuweli, wakhothama

ngobuso emhlabathini, wakhonza. **15** USamuweli
wasesithi kuSawuli: Ungikhathazeleni ngokungenyusa?
USawuli wasephendula wathi: Ngibandezelekile kakhulu,
ngoba amaFilisti alwa lami, loNkulunkulu usukile
kimi, kasangiphenduli, langesandla sabaprofethi
langamaphupho. Ngakho ngikubizile ukuthi ungazise
ukuthi ngenzeni. **16** USamuweli wasesithi: Pho, ubuzelani
kimi, lokhu iNkosi isisukile kuwe, yaba yisitha sakho? **17**
INkosi isizenzele njengokukhuluma kwayo ngesandla
sami; iNkosi isidabule umbuso usuka esandleni sakho,
yawunika umakhelwane wakho, uDavida. **18** Njengoba
ungalilalelanga ilizwi leNkosi, futhi ungenzanga ukuvutha
kolaka lwayo kumaAmaleki, ngakho iNkosi yenzile linto
kuwe lamuhla. **19** Futhi iNkosi izanikela uIsrayeli laye
kanye lawe esandleni samaFilisti; kusasa-ke wena
lamadodana akho lizakuba lami. Lenkamba yakoIsrayeli
iNkosi izayinikela esandleni samaFilisti. **20** USawuli
wasehle edilikela emhlabathini, ngokuphelela kobude
bakhe, wesaba kakhulu ngenxa yamazwi kaSamuweli,
njalo kwakungelamandla kuye, ngoba wayengadlanga
kudla usuku lonke lobusuku bonke. **21** Owesifazana
wasesiza kuSawuli, wabona ukuthi wethukile kakhulu,
wathi kuye: Khangela, incekukazi yakho ililalele ilizwi
lakho, ngifakile umphefumulo wami esandleni sami,
ngalalela amazwi owakhulume kimi. **22** Ngakho-ke
lawe akulalele ilizwi lencekukazi yakho, ngifake phambi
kwakho ucezwana lwesinkwa ukuze udle, ukuze amandla
abe kuwe nxa uhamba indlela yakho. **23** Kodwa
wala wathi: Kangiyikudla. Kodwa inceku zakhe kanye
lowesifazana bamcindezela; waselalela ilizwi labo.
Wasesukuma emhlabathini, wahlala embhedeni. **24** Njalo
owesifazana wayelethole elinonileyo endlini; waphangisa
walihlaba; wathatha impuphu, wayixova, wabhaka
isinkwa esingelamvubelo ngayo; **25** wasisondeza phambi
kukaSawuli laphambi kwenceku zakhe; badla. Basukuma
bahamba ngalobobusuku.

29 AmaFilisti ayebuthanise-ke wonke amabutho
awo eAfeki; lamaIsrayeli ayemise inkamba
ngasemthonjeni oseJizereyeli. **2** Iziphathamandla
zamaFilisti zasezidlula ngamakhulu langezinkulungwane,
kodwa uDavida labantu bakhe bedlula emuva loAkishi.
3 Induna zamaFilisti zasezisithi: Ayini lamaHebheru?
UAkishi wasesithi kuzo induna zamaFilisti: Lo kayisuye
uDavida yini, inceku kaSawuli inkosi yakoIsrayeli, obelami
lezinsuku kumbe liminyaka? Njalo kangitholanga lutho
kuye kusukela kusuku lokuwa kwakhe kuze kube
lamuhla. **4** Kodwa induna zamaFilisti zamthukuthelela;
izinduna zamaFilisti zathi kuye: Mbuyisele lumuntu
ukuthi abuyele endaweni yakhe owambeka khona. Njalo
kangehleli empini lathi, ukuze angabi yisitha sethu
empini. Ngoba lo angazenza athandeke ngani enkosini
yakhe? Hatshi ngamakhanda alamadoda yini? **5** Lo
kayisuye uDavida yini ababevumelana ngaye emigidweni
besithi: USawuli utshaye izinkulungwane zakhe, kodwa
uDavida inkulungwane zakhe ezingamatshumi? **6** UAkishi
wasebiza uDavida wathi kuye: Kuphila kukaJehova,
isibili wena uqondile, lokuphuma kwakho lokungena
kwakho lami enkambeni kuhle emehlweni ami; ngoba
kangitholanga ububi kuwe kusukela osukwini lokufika
kwakho kimi kuze kube lamuhla; kodwa emehlweni
eziphathamandla kawumuhle. **7** Ngakho-ke buyela
uhambe ngokuthula, ukuze ungenzi ububi emehlweni
eziphathamandla zamaFilisti. **8** UDavida wasesithi
kuAkishi: Kodwa ngenzeni? Uficeni encekwini yakho,
kusukela osukwini engangiphambi kwakho ngalo
kuze kube lamuhla, ukuthi ngingayikulwa lezitha
zenkosi yami, inkosi? **9** UAkishi wasephendula wathi
kuDavida: Ngiyazi ukuthi ulungile emehlweni ami
njengengilosi kaNkulunkulu; kodwa izinduna zamaFilisti
zithe: Kayikwenyukela empini lathi. **10** Ngakho-ke
ubovuka ekuseni kakhulu kanye lenceku zenkosi yakho
ezifike lawe; selivuke ekuseni kakhulu sekukhanya kini,
lihambe. **11** Ngakho uDavida wavuka ngovivi, yena
labantu bakhe, ukuhamba ekuseni, ukuthi babuyele
elizweni lamaFilisti. AmaFilisti asesenyukela eJizereyeli.

30 Kwasekusithi ngosuku lwesithathu, lapho uDavida
labantu bakhe befika eZikilagi, amaAmaleki
ayehlasele iningizimu, leZikilagi, ayitshaya iZikilagi,
ayitshisa ngomlilo, **2** athumba abesifazana ababephakathi
kwayo; kusukela komncinyane kuze kube komkhulu
kawabulalanga muntu, kodwa abaqhuba, ahamba
ngendlela yawo. **3** Lapho uDavida labantu bakhe befika
emzini, khangela, wawutshisiwe ngomlilo, labomkabo,
lamadodana abo lamadodakazi abo sebethunjiwe. **4**
UDavida labantu ababelaye basebephakamisa ilizwi
labo bakhala inyembezi akaze aba khona kubo amandla
okukhala. **5** OmkaDavida bobabili labo babethunjiwe,
uAhinowama umJizereyelikazi loAbigayili umkaNabali
weKharmeli. **6** UDavida wasecindezeleka kakhulu, ngoba
abantu babekhuluma ngokumkhanda ngamatshe, ngoba
umphefumulo wabantu bonke wawubuhlungu, ngulowo
lalowo ngenxa yamadodana langenxa yamadodakazi
akhe. Kodwa uDavida waziqinisa ngeNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakhe. **7** UDavida wasesithi kuAbhiyatha umpristi
indodana kaAhimeleki: Akungilethele lapha i-efodi.
UAbhiyatha waseyiletha i-efodi kuDavida. **8** UDavida
wasebuza eNkosini esithi: Ngixotshane lalelivivo yini?
Ngizalifica yini? Yasisithi kuye: Xotshana lalo, ngoba
uzalifica lokulifica, ubakhulule lokubakhulula. **9** Ngakho
uDavida wahamba, yena labantu abangamakhulu
ayisithupha ababelaye, bafika esifuleni iBesori lapho
abasalayo bahlala khona. **10** Kodwa uDavida
waxotshana labo, yena labantu abangamakhulu amane;
ngoba abangamakhulu amabili basala, ababekhathele
kakhulu ukuthi babengelakuchapha isifula iBesori.
11 Basebefica umGibhithe emmangweni, bamletha
kuDavida, bamnika ukudla, wadla, bamnathisa amanzi;
12 bamnika ucezu lwesinkwa somkhiwa lamahlukuzo

amabili ezithelo zevini ezonyisiweyo. Kwathi esedlile
umoya wabuyela kuye, ngoba wayengadlanga kudla,
enganathanga manzi, insuku ezintathu lobusuku
obuthathu. **13** UDavida wasesithi kuye: Ungokabani?
Uvela ngaphi? Wasesithi: Ngilijaha leGibhithe, inceku
yomAmaleki, lenkosi yami ingitshiyile ngoba bengigula
okwensuku ezintathu. **14** Thina besihlasela iningizimu
yamaKerethi, lakwelakoJuda, leningizimu yakoKalebi,
leZikilagi sayitshisa ngomlilo. **15** UDavida wasesithi
kulo: Ungangehlisela kuleloviyo yini? Laselisithi:
Funga kimi ngoNkulunkulu ukuthi kawuyikungibulala,
njalo kawuyikunginikela esandleni senkosi yami,
besengikwehlisela kuleloviyo. **16** Selimehlisile, khangela,
babehlakazekile ebusweni bomhlaba wonke, besidla,
benatha, begidela impango enkulu ababeyithethe elizweni
lamaFilisti lelizweni lakoJuda. **17** UDavida wasebatshaya
kusukela libantubahle kwaze kwaba kusihlwa kosuku
olulandelayo lwabo. Njalo kakuphunyukanga muntu
kubo, ngaphandle kwamajaha angamakhulu amane,
agada amakamela, abaleka. **18** UDavida wasekhulula
konke amaAmaleki ayekuthethe, labomkakhe bobabili
uDavida wabakhulula. **19** Njalo kakusilelanga lutho
kubo kusukela komncinyane kuze kube komkhulu, kuze
kube semadodaneni lemadodakazini, lempangweni,
ngitsho lakuphi ababezithathele khona; uDavida
wakubuyisa konke. **20** UDavida wasethatha zonke izimvu
lenkomo. Baziqhuba phambi kwenkomo lezo, bathi: Le
yimpango kaDavida. **21** UDavida wasefika kulabobantu
abangamakhulu amabili ababekhathele kakhulu
ukuthi babengelakulandela uDavida, abathi kabahlale
esifuleni seBesori; basebephuma ukumhlangabeza
uDavida lokuhlangabeza abantu ababelaye. Lapho
uDavida esondela kubantu, wababuza impilakahle. **22**
Basebephendula bonke abantu ababi labakaBheliyali
phakathi kwabantu ababehambe loDavida bathi:
Njengoba bengahambanga lathi, kasiyikubanika
empangweni esiyikhululileyo, ngaphandle kwakuleyo
laleyondoda umkayo labantwana bayo, ukuthi
babakhokhele bahambe. **23** Kodwa uDavida wathi:
Kaliyikwenza njalo, bafowethu, ngalokho iNkosi
esiphe khona, esilondolozileyo, yanikela esandleni
sethu iviyo eleza lamelana lathi. **24** Pho, ngubani
ozalilalela kuloludaba? Ngoba njengesabelo salowo
owehlela empini sinjalo isabelo salowo ohlala lempahla;
bazakwabelana ngokulinganayo. **25** Kwasekusiba njalo
kusukela mhlalokho kusiya phambili, ukuthi wakwenza
kwaba yisimiso lesimiselo koIsrayeli kuze kube lamuhla.
26 UDavida esefikile eZikilagi, wathumela okwempango
kubadala bakoJuda, kubo abangane bakhe, esithi:
Khangela, isibusiso senu esivela empangweni yezitha
zeNkosi. **27** KwabeseBhetheli, lakwabaseRamothi
yeningizimu, lakwabaseJatiri, **28** lakwabaseAroweri,
lakwabaseSifimothi, lakwabaseEshithemowa, **29**
lakwabaseRakali, lakwabasemizini yamaJerameli,
lakwabasemizini yamaKeni, **30** lakwabaseHorma,
lakwabaseBorashani, lakwabaseAthaki, **31**
lakwabaseHebroni, lendaweni zonke lapho uDavida
ahamba khona besiya le lale, yena labantu bakhe.

31 AmaFilisti alwa-ke loIsrayeli; lamadoda akoIsrayeli
abaleka phambi kwamaFilisti, awa efile entabeni
yeGilibowa. **2** AmaFilisti asenamathela kuSawuli
lamadodana akhe; amaFilisti abulala uJonathani,
loAbinadaba, loMaliki-Shuwa, amadodana kaSawuli. **3**
Lempi yaba nzima kuSawuli, abatshoki bamfica, amadoda
edandili; wasesiba lobuhlungu kakhulu ngabatshoki.
4 USawuli wasesithi kumthwali wezikhali zakhe:
Hwatsha inkemba yakho, ungigwaze ngayo, hlezi laba
abangasokanga bafike bangigwaze, badlale kubi ngami.
Kodwa umthwali wezikhali zakhe kavumanga, ngoba
wesaba kakhulu. Ngakho uSawuli wathatha inkemba,
waziwisela phezu kwayo. **5** Lapho umthwali wezikhali
zakhe ebona ukuthi uSawuli usefile, laye waziwisela
phezu kwenkemba yakhe, wafa kanye laye. **6** Wafa-ke
uSawuli lamadodana akhe amathathu lomthwali wezikhali
zakhe labo bonke abantu bakhe ngalolosuku ndawonye. **7**
Lapho amadoda akoIsrayeli ayengaphetsheya kwesigodi
layengaphetsheya kweJordani ebona ukuthi amadoda
akoIsrayeli abalekile, lokuthi uSawuli lamadodana akhe
sebefile, atshiya imizi, abaleka; amaFilisti asefika, ahlala
kiyo. **8** Kwasekusithi kusisa lapho amaFilisti efika
ukuhlubula ababuleweyo, afica uSawuli lamadodana
akhe amathathu bewile entabeni yeGilibowa. **9** Asequma
ikhanda lakhe, ahlubula izikhali zakhe, athumela elizweni
lamaFilisti inhlangothi zonke ukumemezela imibiko endlini
yezithombe zabo lebantwini. **10** Abeka izikhali zakhe
endlini kaAshitarothi. Abophela isidumbu sakhe emdulini
weBeti-Shani. **11** Kwathi abahlali beJabeshi-Gileyadi
sebezwile ngalokho amaFilisti akwenze kuSawuli, **12**
asukuma wonke amaqhawe, ahamba ubusuku bonke,
athatha isidumbu sikaSawuli lezidumbu zamadodana
akhe emdulini weBeti-Shani, eza eJabeshi, azitshisa
khona. **13** Asethatha amathambo abo, awangcwaba
ngaphansi kwesihlahla setamarisiki eJabeshi, azila
ukudla insuku eziyisikhombisa.

2 USamuyeli

1 Kwasekusithi emva kokufa kukaSawuli, uDavida
esephendukile ekutshayeni amaAmaleki, uDavida
wahlala insuku ezimbili eZikilagi. **2** Kwasekusithi
ngosuku lwesithathu, khangela, kwafika umuntu
evela enkambeni evela kuSawuli, ozigqoko zakhe
zazidatshuliwe, elenhlabathi ekhanda lakhe. Kwasekusithi
efika kuDavida wawela emhlabathini, wakhonza. **3**
UDavida wasesithi kuye: Uvela ngaphi? Wasesithi
kuye: Ngiphephile enkambeni yakoIsrayeli. **4** UDavida
wasesithi kuye: Lunjani udaba? Akungitshele. Wasesithi:
Abantu babalekile empini, labanengi babantu labo bawile
njalo bafile, uSawuli laye loJonathani indodana yakhe
labo bafile. **5** UDavida wasesithi kulelojaha elalimbikela:
Wazi njani ukuthi uSawuli loJonathani indodana yakhe
bafile? **6** Lelojaha elalimbikela laselisithi: Kuthe ngisithi
thutshu entabeni yeGilibowa, khangela, uSawuli eyeme
emkhontweni wakhe, khangela-ke, inqola labagadi
bamabhiza kwakumnamathele. **7** Lapho enyemukula,
wasengibona, wangibiza; ngasengisithi: Khangela
ngilapha. **8** Wasesithi kimi: Ungubani? Ngasengisithi
kuye: NgingumAmaleki. **9** Wasesithi kimi: Ake ume
phezu kwami ungibulale; ngoba ubuhlungu obukhulu
bungehlele, ngoba impilo yami isaphelele kimi. **10** Ngakho
ngema phezu kwakhe ngambulala, ngoba ngazi ukuthi
angeke aphile emva kokuwa kwakhe. Ngasengithatha
umqhele owawusekhanda lakhe, lesongo elalisengalweni
yakhe, ngikulethile lapha enkosini yami. **11** UDavida
wasebamba izigqoko zakhe wazidabula, njalo lawo wonke
amadoda ayelaye. **12** Basebelila, bakhala inyembezi,
bazila ukudla kwaze kwahlwa ngenxa kaSawuli, langenxa
kaJonathani indodana yakhe, langenxa yabantu beNkosi,
langenxa yendlu kaIsrayeli, ngoba babewe ngenkemba.
13 UDavida wasesithi kulelojaha elalimbikele: Uvela
ngaphi? Laselisithi: Ngiyindodana yomuntu wezizweni,
umAmaleki. **14** UDavida wasesithi kulo: Kawesabanga
njani ukwelula isandla sakho ukubhubhisa ogcotshiweyo
weNkosi? **15** UDavida wasebiza elinye lamajaha,
wathi: Sondela ulidumele. Laselilitshaya laze lafa.
16 UDavida wasesithi kulo: Igazi lakho kalibe phezu
kwekhanda lakho; ngoba umlomo wakho ufakaze
umelene lawe, usithi: Mina ngimbulele ogcotshiweyo
weNkosi. **17** UDavida waselila lesisililo ngenxa
kaSawuli loJonathani indodana yakhe **18** (lapho wathi
kufundiswe abantwana bakoJuda "IDandili"; khangela,
kubhaliwe egwalweni lukaJashari): **19** Ubuhle bukaIsrayeli
bubulewe ezindaweni zakho eziphakemeyo. Awe njani
amaqhawe! **20** Lingakukhulumi eGathi, lingakumemezeli
ezitaladeni zeAshikeloni, hlezi athokoze amadodakazi
amaFilisti, hlezi ajabule amadodakazi abangasokwanga.
21 Zintaba zeGilibowa, kakungabi khona amazolo
kumbe izulu phezu kwenu, kumbe amasimu eminikelo.
Ngoba izihlangu zamaqhawe zangcoliswa khona;
isihlangu sikaSawuli singagcotshwanga ngamafutha.
22 Egazini lababuleweyo, emahwahweni amaqhawe
idandili likaJonathani kaliphendukanga, lenkemba
kaSawuli kayibuyelanga ize. **23** USawuli loJonathani
babethandeka bebahle empilweni zabo, lekufeni
kwabo kabehlukaniswanga; babelesiqubu kulezinkozi,
belamandla kulezilwane. **24** Madodakazi akoIsrayeli,
mkhaleleni inyembezi uSawuli, owaligqokisa ngokubomvu
lentokozo, owafaka imiceciso yegolide phezu kwezigqoko
zenu. **25** Awe njani amaqhawe phakathi kwempi!
Jonathani, ubulewe endaweni zakho eziphakemeyo! **26**
Ngidabukile ngawe, mfowethu Jonathani; ubumnandi
kakhulu kimi, uthando lwakho belumangalisa kimi
lusedlula uthando lwabesifazana. **27** Awe njani
amaqhawe, zabhubha lezikhali zempi!

2 Kwasekusithi emva kwalokho uDavida wabuza
eNkosini esithi: Ngenyukele yini komunye wemizi
yakoJuda? INkosi yasisithi kuye: Yenyuka. UDavida
wasesithi: Ngiye ngaphi? Yasisithi: EHebroni. **2** Ngakho
uDavida wenyukela lapho, kanye labafazi bakhe bobabili,
uAhinowama umJizereyelikazi loAbigayili umkaNabali
umKharmeli. **3** UDavida wasesenyusa abantu bakhe
ababelaye, ngulowo lalowo labendlu yakhe; basebehlala
emizini yeHebroni. **4** Kwasekufika abantu bakoJuda,
bamgcoba khona uDavida waba yinkosi phezu kwendlu
yakoJuda. Basebemtshela uDavida besithi: Abantu
beJabeshi-Gileyadi yibo abangcwaba uSawuli. **5** UDavida
wasethumela izithunywa ebantwini beJabeshi-Gileyadi,
wathi kibo: Kalibusiswe yiNkosi, ngoba lenze lumusa
enkosini yenu, kuSawuli, lamngcwaba. **6** Khathesi-
ke, iNkosi kayilenzele umusa leqiniso; mina lami
ngizalenzela lokhu okuhle, ngoba lenze loludaba. **7**
Khathesi-ke kaziqine izandla zenu libe ngamadodana
amaqhawe; ngoba inkosi yenu uSawuli ifile; njalo lendlu
yakoJuda ingigcobile mina ukuba yinkosi phezu kwabo.
8 Kodwa uAbhineri indodana kaNeri, induna yebutho
uSawuli ayelalo, wathatha uIshiboshethi indodana
kaSawuli, wamchaphisela eMahanayimi, **9** wambeka
waba yinkosi phezu kweGileyadi, laphezu kwamaAshuri,
laphezu kweJizereyeli, laphezu kukaEfrayimi, laphezu
kukaBhenjamini, laphezu kukaIsrayeli wonke. **10**
UIshiboshethi, indodana kaSawuli, wayeleminyaka
engamatshumi amane esiba yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli,
wabusa iminyaka emibili. Kodwa indlu yakoJuda
yalandela uDavida. **11** Lenani lensuku uDavida
owaba yinkosi ngazo eHebroni phezu kwendlu
yakoJuda laliyiminyaka eyisikhombisa lenyanga
eziyisithupha. **12** UAbhineri indodana kaNeri wasephuma,
lenceku zikaIshiboshethi indodana kaSawuli, basuka
eMahanayimi baya eGibeyoni. **13** UJowabi indodana
kaZeruya lenceku zikaDavida basebephuma bahlangana
ndawonye echibini leGibeyoni; bahlala, abanye ngapha
kwechibi labanye ngale kwechibi. **14** UAbhineri
wasesithi kuJowabi: Amajaha ake asukume adlale

phambi kwethu. UJowabi wasesithi: Kawasukume. **15** Kwasekusukuma kwedlula ngenani abalitshumi lambili koBhenjamini lakoIshiboshethi indodana kaSawuli, letshumi lambili lenceku zikaDavida. **16** Basebebamba ngulowo lalowo ikhanda lomunye, wagwazangenkemba yakhe ehlangothini lomunye; ngokunjalo bawa ndawonye. Ngakho leyondawo bayibiza ngokuthi yiHelekati-Hasurimi eseGibeyoni. **17** Njalo kwaba lempi enzima kakhulu ngalolosuku, loAbhineri wehlulwa lamadoda akoIsrayeli phambi kwenceku zikaDavida. **18** Ayekhona-ke lapho amadodana amathathu kaZeruya, oJowabi, loAbishayi loAsaheli. Njalo uAsaheli wayelesiqubu ezinyaweni njengomunye wemiziki yeganga. **19** UAsaheli wasexotshana loAbhineri; njalo ekuhambeni kwakhe kaphambukelanga ngakwesokunene langakwesokhohlo ekulandeleni uAbhineri. **20** UAbhineri wasenyemukula, wathi: Nguwe uAsaheli yini? Wasesithi: Yimi. **21** UAbhineri wasesithi kuye: Phambukela wena ngakwesokunene loba ngakwesokhohlo, uzibambele elinye lamajaha, uzithathele izikhali zalo. Kodwa uAsaheli kavumanga ukuphambuka ekumlandeleni. **22** UAbhineri wasebuya futhi esithi kuAsaheli: Phambuka wena ekungilandeleni; ngizakutshayelelani emhlabathini? Pho, ngingaphakamisa njani ubuso bami kuJowabi umfowenu? **23** Kodwa wala ukuphambuka; ngakho uAbhineri wamtshaya ngesidindi somkhonto kubambo lwesihlanu, umkhonto waze waphuma emuva kwakhe; wasewela phansi lapho, wafela kuleyondawo. Kwasekusithi bonke abafika endaweni lapho uAsaheli awela wafa khona, bema. **24** UJowabi laye loAbishayi baxotshana loAbhineri; ilanga laselitshona, bona befika eqaqeni lweAma, olungaphambi kweGiya endleleni yenkangala yeGibeyoni. **25** Abantwana bakoBhenjamini basebebuthana ngemva kukaAbhineri, baba lixuku linye, bema phezu koqaqa oluthile. **26** UAbhineri wasememeza kuJowabi wathi: Inkemba izakudla njalonjalo yini? Kawazi yini ukuthi kuzakuba yikubaba ekucineni? Koze kube nini ungabatsheli abantu ukuthi babuye ekulandeleni abafowabo? **27** UJowabi wasesithi: Kuphila kukaNkulunkulu, ngaphandle kokuthi ubukhulumile, isibili ngalesosikhathi kusukela ekuseni abantu ngabe benyukile, ngulowo lalowo esuka ekulandeleni umfowabo. **28** UJowabi wasevuthela uphondo, bonke abantu basebesima, kababe besaxotshana loIsrayeli, futhi kababe besalwa njalo. **29** UAbhineri labantu bakhe bahamba bedabula amagceke bonke lobobusuku, bachapha iJordani, badabula iBhithironi yonke, bafika eMahanayimi. **30** UJowabi wasebuya ekulandeleni uAbhineri; esebuthanisile bonke abantu, encekwini zikaDavida kwasilela abalitshumi labayisificamunwemunye, loAsaheli. **31** Kodwa izinceku zikaDavida zazitshayile koBhenjamini lemadodeni akaAbhineri; amadoda angamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi ayisithupha afa. **32** Basebemthatha uAsaheli, bamngcwaba engcwabeni likayise elaliseBhethelehema. UJowabi labantu bakhe basebehamba ubusuku bonke, kwasa beseHebroni.

3 Kwakukhona-ke impi isikhathi eside phakathi kwendlu kaSawuli lendlu kaDavida; kodwa uDavida waya eqina, kodwa indlu kaSawuli yaya isiba buthakathaka. **2** Kwasekuzalelwa uDavida amadodana eHebroni; lezibulo lakhe lalinguAmnoni kaAhinowama umJizereyelikazi; **3** leyesibili yakhe yayinguKileyabi kaAbigayili umkaNabali umKharmeli; eyesithathu yayinguAbisalomu indodana kaMahaka indodakazi kaTalimayi, inkosi yeGeshuri; **4** leyesine yayinguAdonija indodana kaHagithi; leyesihlanu yayinguShefathiya indodana kaAbithali; **5** leyesithupha yayingulthereyamu kaEgila, umkaDavida. Laba bazalelwa uDavida eHebroni. **6** Kwasekusithi kuselempi phakathi kwendlu kaSawuli lendlu kaDavida, uAbhineri waziqinisa endlini kaSawuli. **7** Njalo uSawuli wayelomfazi omncane, obizo lakhe lalinguRizipha indodakazi kaAya; uIshiboshethi wasesithi kuAbhineri: Ungeneleni emfazini omncane kababa? **8** UAbhineri wasethukuthela kakhulu ngenxa yamazwi kaIshiboshethi, wathi: Ngilikhanda lenja yini mina ongokaJuda? Lamuhla ngenzela indlu kaSawuli uyihlo umusa, kubafowabo, lakubangane bakhe, kangikunikelanga esandleni sikaDavida, ukuthi ungibeka icala ngowesifazana lamuhla? **9** UNkulunkulu enze njalo kuAbhineri, engezelele ngokunjalo kuye, ngeqiniso, njengoba iNkosi ifungile kuDavida, qotho, ngizakwenza njalo kuye, **10** ukudlulisa umbuso usuka endlini kaSawuli, lokumisa isihlalo sobukhosi sikaDavida phezu kukaIsrayeli laphezu kukaJuda, kusukela koDani kuze kufike eBherishebha. **11** Njalo wayengelakumphendula uAbhineri ngalizwi futhi, ngoba wayemesaba. **12** UAbhineri wasethuma izithunywa kuDavida esikhundleni sakhe, esithi: Ngelikabani ilizwe? Esithi: Yenza isivumelwano sakho lami; khangela-ke, isandla sami sizakuba lawe ukuphendulela uIsrayeli wonke kuwe. **13** Wasesithi: Kulungile; mina ngizakwenza isivumelwano lawe, kodwa yinye into engiyifuna kuwe, ngeyokuthi kawuyikubona ubuso bami, ngaphandle kokuthi ulethe kuqala uMikhali indodakazi kaSawuli, lapho usizabona ubuso bami. **14** UDavida wasethuma izithunywa kuIshiboshethi indodana kaSawuli, esithi: Nginika umkami uMikhali engamgana ngamajwabu aphambili alikhulu amaFilisti. **15** UIshiboshethi wasethumela, wamthatha endodeni yakhe, kuPalitiyeli indodana kaLayishi. **16** Kodwa indoda yakhe yahamba laye, ihamba ikhala inyembezi ngemva kwakhe kwaze kwaba seBahurimi. UAbhineri wasesithi kuyo: Hamba, buyela. Yasibuyela. **17** UAbhineri wasesiba lenkulumo labadala bakoIsrayeli esithi: Ngezikhathi ezidlulileyo lalifuna uDavida ukuthi abe yinkosi phezu kwenu. **18** Khathesi-ke, kwenzeni, ngoba iNkosi ikhulumile ngoDavida ukuthi: Ngesandla senceku yami uDavida

ngizakhulula abantu bami uIsrayeli esandleni samaFilisti
lesandleni sazo zonke izitha zabo. **19** UAbhineri
wasekhuluma futhi endlebeni zakoBhenjamini; uAbhineri
njalo wasesiyakhuluma endlebeni zikaDavida eHebroni
konke okwakukuhle emehlweni akoIsrayeli lemehlweni
endlu yonke yakoBhenjamini. **20** Ngakho uAbhineri
wafika kuDavida eHebroni elamadoda angamatshumi
amabili; uDavida wasesenzela uAbhineri lamadoda
ayelaye idili. **21** UAbhineri wasesithi kuDavida:
Ngizasukuma ngihambe, ngibuthanise uIsrayeli wonke
enkosini yami, inkosi, ukuze benze isivumelwano
lawe, lokuthi ubuse kukho konke umphefumulo wakho
okufisayo. UDavida waseyekela uAbhineri ukuthi ahambe,
wasehamba ngokuthula. **22** Khangela-ke, izinceku
zikaDavida loJowabi bafika bevela ekuhlaseleni beza
belempango enkulu. Kodwa uAbhineri wayengekho
kuDavida eHebroni, ngoba wayemyekele ukuthi ahambe,
wahamba ngokuthula. **23** Esefikile uJowabi lebutho
lonke elalilaye, bamtshela uJowabi besithi: UAbhineri
indodana kaNeri ubefikile enkosini, imyekele wahamba;
wahamba ngokuthula. **24** UJowabi wasesiya enkosini,
wathi: Wenzeni? Khangela, uAbhineri ubefikile kuwe;
pho, umyekeleleni ukuthi ahambe, wahamba lokuhamba?
25 Uyamazi uAbhineri indodana kaNeri ukuthi ulande
ukukukhohlisa, lokwazi ukuphuma kwakho lokungena
kwakho, lokwazi konke okwenzayo. **26** Esephumile
uJowabi kuDavida wathuma izithunywa ukulandela
uAbhineri, ezambuyisa emthonjeni weSira; kodwa
uDavida wayengakwazi lokho. **27** UAbhineri esebuyile
eHebroni, uJowabi wamphambulela eceleni phakathi
kwesango ukuze akhulume laye ngasese; wasemtshaya
lapho kubambo lwesihlanu waze wafa, ngenxa yegazi
likaAsaheli umfowabo. **28** Kwathi uDavida esekuzwile
emva kwalokho wathi: Mina lombuso wami kasilacala
phambi kweNkosi kuze kube nininini ngegazi likaAbhineri
indodana kaNeri. **29** Kalihlale phezu kwekhanda
likaJowabi lendlini yonke kayise. Kakungaqunywa
endlini kaJowabi ogobhozayo, kumbe umlephero,
kumbe odondolozelayo, kumbe owa ngenkemba, kumbe
oswela ukudla. **30** Ngokunjalo uJowabi loAbishayi
umfowabo bambulala uAbhineri, ngoba wayebulele
umfowabo uAsaheli eGibeyoni empini. **31** UDavida
wasesithi kuJowabi lakubo bonke abantu ababelaye:
Dabulani izigqoko zenu, libhince amasaka, lilile
phambi kukaAbhineri. Inkosi uDavida yasilandela ithala.
32 UAbhineri basebemngcwabela eHebroni; inkosi
yasiphakamisa ilizwi layo yakhala inyembezi engcwabeni
likaAbhineri, labantu bonke bakhala inyembezi. **33**
Inkosi yamenzela uAbhineri isililo yathi: Afe uAbhineri
njengokufa kwesithutha yini? **34** Izandla zakho
bezingabotshwanga, lenyawo zakho bezingafakwanga
emaketaneni; njengowela phambi kwabantu ababi uwile.
Bonke abantu basebephinda bemkhalela inyembezi. **35**
Bonke abantu basebesiza ukumenza uDavida ukuthi
adle ukudla kusesemini; kodwa uDavida wafunga esithi:
Kenze njalo uNkulunkulu kimi engezelele ngokunjalo,
uba nginambitha ukudla loba okunye nje lingakatshoni
ilanga. **36** Kwathi bonke abantu bekunanzelela, kwaba
kuhle emehlweni abo; njengakho konke eyakwenzayo
inkosi, kwaba kuhle emehlweni abo bonke abantu. **37**
Ngoba bonke abantu loIsrayeli wonke bazi ngalolosuku
ukuthi kwakungeyisikho okwenkosi ukubulala uAbhineri
indodana kaNeri. **38** Inkosi yasisithi encekwini zayo:
Kalazi yini ukuthi kuwe induna lomkhulu koIsrayeli
lamuhla? **39** Lami lamuhla ngibuthakathaka, njalo
ngigcotshwe ngaba yinkosi; lalamadoda, amadodana
kaZeruya, alukhuni kulami. INkosi izavuza umenzi wobubi
njengobubi bakhe.

4 Lapho isizwile indodana kaSawuli ukuthi uAbhineri
ufele eHebroni, izandla zakhe zaba buthakathaka,
loIsrayeli wonke wakhathazeka. **2** Njalo indodana
kaSawuli yayilamadoda amabili ayeyizinduna zamaviyo;
ibizo lenye lalinguBahana, lebizo lenye linguRekabi,
amadodana kaRimoni, umBherothi, wabantwana
bakoBhenjamini. Ngoba iBherothi layo yayibalelwa
koBhenjamini; **3** lamaBherothi abalekela eGithayimi, aba
ngabahlali njengabezizwe khona kuze kube lamuhla.
4 UJonathani indodana kaSawuli wayelendodana
eyayiyisilima enyaweni. Yayileminyaka emihlanu ekufikeni
kombiko ngoSawuli loJonathani uvela eJizereyeli;
lomlizane wayo wayithatha, wabaleka; kwasekusithi
ekuphangiseni kwakhe ukubaleka, yawa yaba yisilima.
Lebizo layo lalinguMefiboshethi. **5** Lamadodana
kaRimoni, umBherothi, uRekabi loBahana, ahamba,
ekutshiseni kwelanga afika endlini kaIshiboshethi,
owayelele embhedeni emini enkulu. **6** Bona bangena
endlini phakathi kungathi bathatha ingqoloyi, bamtshaya
kubambo lwesihlanu; uRekabi loBahana umfowabo
basebebaleka. **7** Ngoba bengena endlini, wayelele
embhedeni wakhe endlini yakhe yokulala, bamtshaya,
bambulala, bamquma ikhanda; bathatha ikhanda lakhe,
bahamba ngendlela yamagceke ubusuku bonke. **8**
Basebelisa ikhanda likaIshiboshethi kuDavida eHebroni.
Bathi enkosini: Khangela, ikhanda likaIshiboshethi
indodana kaSawuli, isitha sakho ebesidinga impilo
yakho; iNkosi inike impindiselo lamuhla enkosini
yami, inkosi, kuSawuli lakuyo inzalo yakhe. **9**
Kodwa uDavida wabaphendula uRekabi loBahana
umfowabo, amadodana kaRimoni umBherothi, wathi
kubo: Kuphila kukaJehova, ohlenge umphefumulo wami
kuyo yonke inhlupheko, **10** lapho owangibikelayo esithi:
Khangela, uSawuli ufile; njalo enjengomthwali wendaba
ezinhle emehlweni akhe, ngamxhakalaza, ngambulala
eZikilagi, kulokuthi ngimvuzele indaba ezinhle. **11** Pho
kangakanani, lapho abantu ababi bebulele umuntu
olungileyo endlini yakhe esembhedeni wakhe; ngakho-
ke angiyikubiza yini igazi lakhe esandleni senu, ngilisuse

emhlabeni? 12 UDavida waselaya amajaha, ababulala,
aquma izandla zabo lenyawo zabo, abaphanyeka echibini
leHebroni. Kodwa athatha ikhanda likaIshiboshethi,
alingcwaba engcwabeni likaAbhineri eHebroni.

5 Khona zonke izizwe zakoIsrayeli zeza kuDavida
eHebroni, zakhuluma zisithi: Khangela, thina
silithambo lakho lenyama yakho. 2 Lesikhathini
esidlulileyo, uSawuli eseyinkosi phezu kwethu, nguwe
owakhupha lowangenisa uIsrayeli, leNkosi yathi kuwe:
Wena uzakwelusa abantu bami uIsrayeli, lawe uzakuba
ngumbusi phezu kukaIsrayeli. 3 Ngakho kwafika
bonke abadala bakoIsrayeli enkosini uDavida eHebroni;
inkosi uDavida yasisenza isivumelwano labo eHebroni
phambi kweNkosi; basebemgcoba uDavida, waba
yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli. 4 UDavida wayeleminyaka
engamatshumi amathathu ekubeni kwakhe yinkosi;
wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi amane. 5 EHebroni
wabusa phezu kukaJuda iminyaka eyisikhombisa
lenyanga eziyisithupha; leJerusalema wabusa iminyaka
engamatshumi amathathu lantathu phezu kukaIsrayeli
wonke loJuda. 6 Inkosi labantu bayo basebesiya
eJerusalema kumaJebusi, abahlali belizwe; akhuluma
kuDavida athi: Kawuyikungena lapha, ngaphandle
kokuthi ususe iziphofu labaqhulayo; besithi uDavida
kayikungena lapho. 7 Kodwa uDavida wayithumba inqaba
yeZiyoni; le ngumuzi kaDavida. 8 UDavida wasesithi
ngalolosuku: Ngulowo lalowo otshaya umJebusi,
katshaye emgelweni wamanzi abaqhulayo leziphofu,
abazondwa ngumphefumulo kaDavida. Ngakho bathi:
Isiphofu loqhulayo kabayikungena endlini. 9 Ngakho
uDavida wahlala enqabeni, wayibiza ngokuthi ngumuzi
kaDavida. UDavida wakha inhlangothi zonke, kusukela
eMilo kusiya phakathi. 10 UDavida waqhubeka njalo
esiba lamandla, njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu wamabandla,
yayilaye. 11 UHiramu inkosi yeTire wasethuma izithunywa
kuDavida, lezigodo zemisedari, lababazi bezigodo
lababazi bamatshe; basebemakhela uDavida indlu. 12
UDavida wasekwazi ukuthi iNkosi yayimmisile ukuthi
abe yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli, lokuthi iwuphakamisile
umbuso wakhe ngenxa yabantu bayo uIsrayeli.
13 UDavida wasethatha abanye abafazi abancane
labafazi bevela eJerusalema, esevela eHebroni, njalo
kwakulamanye amadodana lamadodakazi azalelwa
uDavida. 14 Njalo la ngamabizo alabo abazalelwa
yena eJerusalema: OShamuwa, loShobabi, loNathani,
loSolomoni, 15 loIbihari, loElishuwa, loNefegi, loJafiya,
16 loElishama, loEliyada, loElifeleti. 17 Kwathi amaFilisti
esezwile ukuthi bamgcobile uDavida ukuthi abe
yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli, wonke amaFilisti enyuka
ukuyamdinga uDavida; uDavida wakuzwa, wehlela
enqabeni. 18 AmaFilisti esefikile asabalala esihotsheni
seRefayimi. 19 UDavida wasebuza eNkosini esithi:
Ngingenyukela yini kumaFilisti? Uzawanikela esandleni
sami yini? INkosi yasisithi kuDavida: Yenyuka, ngoba
isibili ngizawanikela amaFilisti esandleni sakho. 20
UDavida wasefika eBhali-Perazimi, uDavida wawatshaya
khona, wathi: INkosi izifohlele izitha zami phambi
kwami njengokufohla kwamanzi. Ngakho wabiza ibizo
laleyondawo ngokuthi yiBhali-Perazimi. 21 Asetshiya
izithombe zawo lapho, loDavida labantu bakhe bazisusa.
22 AmaFilisti asebuya enyuka futhi, asabalala esihotsheni
seRefayimi. 23 Lapho uDavida ebuza iNkosi, yathi:
Ungenyuki; bhoda ngemuva kwawo, uwasukele usuka
maqondana lezihlahla zebhalisamu. 24 Kuzakuthi-ke
lapho usizwa isisinde sokuhamba ezihlokweni zezihlahla
zebhalisamu, lapho uphangise, ngoba ngalesosikhathi
iNkosi izaphuma phambi kwakho ukutshaya ibutho
lamaFilisti. 25 UDavida wasesenza njalo, njengokumlaya
kwayo iNkosi, wawatshaya amaFilisti kusukela eGeba
uze ufike eGezeri.

6 UDavida wabuya wabuthanisa bonke abakhethiweyo
koIsrayeli, inkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu.
2 UDavida wasesukuma wahamba labo bonke
abantu ababelaye, besuka eBahala-Juda ukuze
benyuse umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu usuka lapho,
obizo lawo libizwa ngebizo leNkosi yamabandla,
ehlala phakathi kwamakherubhi phezu kwawo. 3
Basebewukhweza umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu enqoleni
entsha, bewukhupha endlini kaAbinadaba eyayiseqaqeni;
njalo uUza loAhiyo amadodana kaAbinadaba batshayela
leyonqola entsha. 4 Bayikhipha-ke endlini kaAbinadaba
eyayiseqaqeni kanye lomtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu,
njalo uAhiyo ehamba phambi komtshokotsho. 5
UDavida lendlu yonke yakoIsrayeli basebetshaya phambi
kweNkosi ngazo zonke izinto zokutshaya zesihlahla
sefiri, langamachacho, langezigubhu zezintambo,
langezigujana, langamahlwayi, langezinsimbi
ezincencethayo. 6 Bathi befika esizeni sikaNakoni, uUza
welulelaisandla sakhe emtshokotshweni kaNkulunkulu,
wawubamba, ngoba inkabi zakhubeka. 7 Intukuthelo
yeNkosi yasimvuthela uUza; uNkulunkulu wamtshaya
khonapho ngenxa yalesisiphambeko; wasefela khonapho
phansi komtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu. 8 UDavida
wasethukuthela ngoba iNkosi imfohlele uUza ngesikhala;
waseyibiza leyondawo ngokuthi yiPerezi-Uza, kuze kube
lamuhla. 9 UDavida waseyesaba iNkosi ngalolosuku,
wathi: Umtshokotsho weNkosi uzakuza njani kimi?
10 Ngakho uDavida kavumanga ukuwudlulisela kuye
umtshokotsho weNkosi emzini kaDavida; kodwa uDavida
wawuphambulela endlini kaObedi-Edoma umGithi. 11
Umtshokotsho weNkosi wasuhlala endlini kaObedi-
Edoma umGithi inyanga ezintathu. INkosi yasimbusisa
uObedi-Edoma lendlu yakhe yonke. 12 Kwasekubikelwa
inkosi uDavida kwathiwa: INkosi ibusisile indlu kaObedi-
Edoma lakho konke okwakhe ngenxa yomtshokotsho
kaNkulunkulu. Ngakho uDavida wasehamba wenyusa
umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu ewususa endlini kaObedi-
Edoma, ewusa emzini kaDavida ngentokozo. 13

Kwasekusithi lapho labo abathwele umtshokotsho
weNkosi sebehambe izinyathelo eziyisithupha, wahlaba
inkabi lokunonisiweyo. 14 UDavida wasegida ngamandla
wonke phambi kweNkosi; uDavida wayebhince i-
efodi yelembu elicolekileyo. 15 Ngokunjalo uDavida
lendlu yonke yakoIsrayeli bawenyusa umtshokotsho
weNkosi ngokumemeza langokukhala kophondo. 16
Kwasekusithi lapho umtshokotsho weNkosi ungena
emzini kaDavida, uMikhali indodakazi kaSawuli
walunguza ngewindi, wabona inkosi uDavida eseqa
egida phambi kweNkosi; wameyisa enhliziyweni yakhe.
17 Basebewungenisa umtshokotsho weNkosi, bawubeka
endaweni yawo phakathi kwethente uDavida ayelimisele
wona; uDavida wasenikela iminikelo yokutshiswa
phambi kweNkosi leminikelo yokuthula. 18 Kwathi
uDavida eseqedile ukunikela iminikelo yokutshiswa
leminikelo yokuthula, wabusisa abantu ebizweni leNkosi
yamabandla. 19 Wababela bonke abantu, ixuku lonke
lakoIsrayeli, kusukela kwabesilisa kusiya kwabesifazana,
ngulowo lalowo iqebelengwana lesinkwa, leqatha
lenyama, lesinkwa sezithelo zevini ezonyisiweyo.
Basebehamba abantu bonke, ngulowo lalowo emzini
wakhe. 20 UDavida wasebuyela ukubusisa indlu
yakhe. UMikhali indodakazi kaSawuli wasephuma
ukuhlangabeza uDavida, wathi: Idunyiswe kangakanani
inkosi yakoIsrayeli lamuhla, ezembule lamuhla phambi
kwamehlo encekukazi zenceku zayo njengomunye
wabayize ezembula lokuzembula! 21 UDavida wasesithi
kuMikhali: Ngaphambi kweNkosi, eyangikhetha phambi
kukayihlo laphambi kwendlu yakhe yonke, yangimisa
ukuthi ngibe ngumbusi phezu kwabantu beNkosi, phezu
kukaIsrayeli; ngakho ngizadlala phambi kweNkosi. 22
Ngisazadeleleka-ke kakhulu kulalokhu, ngehliselwe
phansi emehlweni ami; kodwa ngezincekukazi okhulume
ngazo, ngizadunyiswa yizo. 23 Njalo uMikhali indodakazi
kaSawuli kabanga lamntwana kwaze kwaba lusuku
lokufa kwakhe.

7 Kwasekusithi lapho inkosi yayihlezi endlini yayo,
leNkosi isiyiphumuzile inhlangothi zonke ezitheni zayo
zonke, 2 inkosi yathi kuNathani umprofethi: Akubone,
mina ngihlala endlini yemisedari, kodwa umtshokotsho
kaNkulunkulu uhlala phakathi kwamakhetheni. 3
UNathani wasesithi enkosini: Hamba wenze konke
okusenhliziyweni yakho, ngoba iNkosi ilawe. 4 Kodwa
kwathi ngalobobusuku, ilizwi leNkosi lafika kuNathani
lisithi: 5 Hamba uthi encekwini yami, kuDavida:
Itsho njalo iNkosi: Wena uzangakhela yini indlu
ukuze ngihlale kiyo? 6 Ngoba kangizange ngihlale
endlini kusukela osukwini engenyusa ngalo abantwana
bakoIsrayeli eGibhithe kuze kube lamuhla, kodwa
bengihamba ethenteni lethabhanekeleni. 7 Kuzo zonke
izindawo engihambe kuzo labo bonke abantwana
bakoIsrayeli, ngake ngakhuluma ilizwi yini kwesinye
sezizwe zakoIsrayeli, engasilaya ukwelusa abantu
bami uIsrayeli ngisithi: Kungani lingangakhelanga indlu
yemisedari? 8 Ngakho-ke uzakutsho njalo encekwini
yami, kuDavida, uthi: Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla:
Mina ngakuthatha esibayeni sezimvu, ekulandeleni
izimvu, ukuba ngumbusi phezu kwabantu bami, phezu
kukaIsrayeli; 9 ngangilawe loba ngaphi lapho oya
khona, ngaquma zonke izitha zakho ngaphambi
kwakho; ngakwenzela ibizo elikhulu njengebizo labakhulu
abasemhlabeni. 10 Njalo ngizabamisela indawo abantu
bami uIsrayeli, ngibagxumeke ukuze bahlale endaweni
yabo, bangabe besanyikinyeka; labantwana benkohlakalo
kabasayikubahlupha, njengakuqala, 11 njalo kusukela
osukwini engalaya ngalo abahluleli phezu kwabantu bami
uIsrayeli; ngikuphumuze ezitheni zakho zonke. Futhi
iNkosi iyakutshela ukuthi iNkosi izakwenzela indlu. 12
Lapho insuku zakho sezigcwalisekile, usulele laboyihlo,
ngizamisa inzalo yakho emva kwakho, ezaphuma
emibilini yakho, ngiqinise umbuso wayo. 13 Yona
izakwakhela ibizo lami indlu; njalo ngizaqinisa isihlalo
sobukhosi sombuso wayo kuze kube nininini. 14
Mina ngizakuba nguyise, layo ibe yindodana yami;
ezakuthi uba isenza okubi, ngizayijezisa ngentonga
yabantu, langemivimvinya yabantwana babantu. 15
Kodwa umusa wami kawuyikusuka kiyo njengalokho
ngawususa kuSawuli engamsusa ngaphambi kwakho.
16 Lendlu yakho lombuso wakho kuzaqiniswa kuze
kube nininini phambi kwami; isihlalo sakho sobukhosi
sizaqiniswa kuze kube nininini. 17 Njengokwalamazwi
wonke lanjengokwalo wonke lo umbono, ngokunjalo
uNathani wakhuluma kuDavida. 18 Yasingena inkosi
uDavida, yahlala phambi kweNkosi, yathi: Ngingubani
mina, Nkosi Jehova, lendlu yami iyini, ukuthi ungifikise
kuze kube lapha? 19 Kanti lokhu kusekuncinyane
emehlweni akho, Nkosi Jehova; usukhulumile futhi
ngendlu yenceku yakho ngokwesikhathi esikhatshana;
lalokhu yindlela yabantu, Nkosi Jehova. 20 Pho, uDavida
angabe esengezelela ngokuthini kuwe? Ngoba wena
uyayazi inceku yakho, Nkosi Jehova. 21 Ngenxa yelizwi
lakho lanjengokwenhliziyo yakho wenzile zonke lezizinto
ezinkulu ukuze uzazise inceku yakho. 22 Ngakho
umkhulu, Nkosi Jehova; ngoba kakho onjengawe, njalo
kakho uNkulunkulu ngaphandle kwakho, njengakho
konke esikuzwileyo ngendlebe zethu. 23 Yisiphi-ke
isizwe esisodwa emhlabeni esinjengabantu bakho,
njengoIsrayeli, uNkulunkulu owaya ukuzihlengela sona
ukuba ngabantu, njalo wazenzela ibizo, walenzela izinto
ezinkulu lezesabekayo, kusenzelwa ilizwe lakho, phambi
kwabantu bakho, owazihlengela bona eGibhithe, ezizweni
lakubonkulunkulu bazo? 24 Wasuziqinisela abantu bakho
uIsrayeli ukuze babe ngabantu kuwe kuze kube nininini;
lawe Nkosi usube nguNkulunkulu wabo. 25 Khathesi-
ke, Nkosi Nkulunkulu, ilizwi olikhulume ngenceku yakho
langendlu yayo liqinise kuze kube nininini, wenze
njengokukhuluma kwakho. 26 Njalo kalibe likhulu ibizo

lakho kuze kube nininini, kuthiwe: INkosi yamabandla
inguNkulunkulu phezu kukaIsrayeli; lendlu yenceku
yakho uDavida imiswe phambi kwakho. 27 Ngoba wena,
Nkosi yamabandla, Nkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, wembule
endlebeni yenceku yakho, usithi: Ngizakwakhela indlu.
Ngakho inceku yakho ithole enhliziyweni yayo ukuthi
ikhuleke lumkhuleko kuwe. 28 Khathesi-ke, Nkosi Jehova,
wena ungulowoNkulunkulu, lamazwi akho aliqiniso;
ukhulume encekwini yakho lokhu okuhle. 29 Ngakho-ke
akuvume ubusise indlu yenceku yakho ukuze ibe phambi
kwakho kuze kube nininini; ngoba wena, Nkosi Jehova,
ukhulumile; langesibusiso sakho indlu yenceku yakho
izabusiswa kuze kube nininini.

8 Kwasekusithi emva kwalokho uDavida watshaya
amaFilisti, wawehlisela phansi; uDavida wasethatha
iMethegama esandleni samaFilisti. 2 Wasetshaya
amaMowabi, wawalinganisa ngentambo, ewalalisa
emhlabathini; walinganisa intambo ezimbili ukubulala,
lentambo epheleleyo ukuwayekela ephila. Ngokunjalo
amaMowabi aba zinceku zikaDavida, eletha izipho. 3
UDavida wasetshaya uHadadezeri indodana kaRehobi
inkosi yeZoba, ekuhambeni kwakhe ukubuyisela amandla
akhe emfuleni iYufrathi. 4 UDavida wasethumba
kuye inqola eziyinkulungwane, labagadi bamabhiza
abangamakhulu ayisikhombisa, lamadoda ahamba
ngenyawo ayizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili;
waquma imisipha yawo wonke amabhiza enqola, kodwa
watshiya kuwo izinqola ezilikhulu. 5 Lapho amaSiriya
aweDamaseko efika ukusiza uHadadezeri inkosi
yeZoba, uDavida watshaya amadoda ayizinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amabili lambili kumaSiriya. 6 UDavida
wasebeka amabutho enqaba eSiriya yeDamaseko;
njalo amaSiriya aba zinceku zikaDavida, eletha
izipho. INkosi yasimlondoloza uDavida loba ngaphi
lapho aya khona. 7 UDavida wasethatha izihlangu
zegolide ezazisezincekwini zikaHadadezeri, waziletha
eJerusalema. 8 Inkosi uDavida yasithatha ithusi
elinengi kakhulu eBeta leBerothayi, imizi kaHadadezeri.
9 Lapho uToyi inkosi yeHamathi esizwa ukuthi
uDavida wayetshaye ibutho lonke likaHadadezeri, 10
uToyi wasethuma uJoramu indodana yakhe enkosini
uDavida ukuyibuza impilo lokuyibusisa, ngoba yayilwe
loHadadezeri yamtshaya (ngoba uHadadezeri waba
lezimpi loToyi); njalo esandleni sakhe kwakulezitsha
zesiliva lezitsha zegolide lezitsha zethusi. 11
Lazo inkosi uDavida yazehlukanisela iNkosi kanye
lesiliva legolide eyayilehlukanisile livela ezizweni
zonke eyayizehlisele phansi, 12 eSiriya, lakoMowabi,
lakubantwana bakoAmoni, lakumaFilisti, leAmaleki,
lempangweni kaHadadezeri indodana kaRehobi,
inkosi yeZoba. 13 UDavida wasezenzela ibizo
ekubuyeni kwakhe ekutshayeni amaSiriya, esihotsheni
seTshwayi, izinkulungwane ezilitshumi lesificaminwembili.
14 Wasebeka inqaba zamabutho eEdoma; kuyo
yonke iEdoma wabeka inqaba zamabutho, labo
bonke abeEdoma baba zinceku zikaDavida. INkosi
yasimlondoloza uDavida loba ngaphi lapho aya khona.
15 UDavida wabusa-ke phezu kukaIsrayeli wonke;
uDavida wayesenza ukwahlulela lokulunga kubo bonke
abantu bakhe. 16 Njalo uJowabi indodana kaZeruya
wayephezu kwebutho; loJehoshafathi indodana kaAhiludi
wayengumabhalane; 17 loZadoki indodana kaAhitubi
loAhimeleki indodana kaAbhiyatha babengabapristi;
loSeraya wayengumbhali; 18 loBhenaya indodana
kaJehoyadawayephezu kwamaKerethi lamaPelethi;
lamadodana kaDavida ayeyiziphathamandla.

9 UDavida wasesithi: Kusekhona yini oseleyo
endlini kaSawuli ukuze ngimenzele umusa ngenxa
kaJonathani? 2 Njalo indlu kaSawuli yayilenceku
obizo layo lalinguZiba. Sebembizele kuDavida, inkosi
yathi kuye: UnguZiba yini? Wasesithi: Ngiyinceku
yakho. 3 Inkosi yasisithi: Kakuselamuntu yini wendlu
kaSawuli, engingamenzela umusa kaNkulunkulu? UZiba
wasesithi enkosini: UJonathani uselendodana eyisilima
inyawo zombili. 4 Inkosi yasisithi kuye: Ingaphi?
UZiba wasesithi enkosini: Khangela, isendlini kaMakiri
indodana kaAmiyeli eLodebari. 5 Inkosi uDavida
yasithuma yamlanda endlini kaMakiri indodana kaAmiyeli
eLodebari. 6 Lapho uMefiboshethi indodana kaJonathani
indodana kaSawuli esefika kuDavida, wathi mbo ngobuso
bakhe, wakhothama. UDavida wasesithi: Mefiboshethi!
Wasesithi: Khangela, inceku yakho. 7 UDavida wasesithi
kuye: Ungesabi, ngoba ngizakwenzela lokukwenzela
umusa ngenxa kaJonathani uyihlo; ngizakubuyisela
ilizwe lonke likaSawuli uyihlo, wena-ke uzakudla isinkwa
etafuleni lami njalonjalo. 8 Wasekhothama, wathi: Iyini
inceku yakho ukuthi ukhangele inja efileyo enjengami?
9 Inkosi yasibiza uZiba, inceku kaSawuli, yathi kuye:
Konke okwakungokukaSawuli, lendlu yakhe yonke
ngikunike indodana yenkosi yakho. 10 Uzayilimela-ke
umhlaba, wena lamadodana akho lenceku zakho, lilethe
izithelo ukuze indodana yenkosi yakho ibe lesinkwa
engasidla; kodwa uMefiboshethi indodana yenkosi
yakho uzakudla isinkwa etafuleni lami njalonjalo. Njalo
uZiba wayelamadodana alitshumi lanhlanu, lenceku
ezingamatshumi amabili. 11 UZiba wasesithi enkosini:
Njengakho konke inkosi yami, inkosi, ekulaya inceku
yayo, izakwenza njalo inceku yakho. NgoMefiboshethi,
uzakudla etafuleni lami, njengomunye wamadodana
enkosi. 12 Njalo uMefiboshethi wayelendodana
encinyane, obizo layo lalinguMika. Labo bonke
ababehlala endlini kaZiba baba zinceku zikaMefiboshethi.
13 UMefiboshethi wasehlala eJerusalema, ngoba wadla
etafuleni lenkosi njalonjalo. Wayeyisilima inyawo zakhe
zombili.

10 Kwasekusithi emva kwalokho inkosi yabantwana
bakoAmoni yafa, uHanuni indodana yayo wasesiba

yinkosi esikhundleni sayo. **2** UDavida wasesithi:
Ngizamenzela umusa uHanuni indodana kaNahashi
njengoba uyise wangenzela umusa. UDavida wasethuma
ngesandla senceku zakhe ukuyamduduza ngoyise.
Zafika-ke izinceku zikaDavida elizweni labantwana
bakoAmoni. **3** Iziphathamandla zabantwana bakoAmoni
zasezisithi kuHanuni inkosi yazo: Kambe uDavida
uyamhlonipha uyihlo emehlweni akho ngoba ethume
abaduduzi kuwe? UDavida kazithumanga yini inceku
zakhe kuwe ukuze ziphenye umuzi, ziwuhlole,
ziwuchithe? **4** UHanuni wasebamba izinceku zikaDavida,
wagela ingxenye yendevu zazo, waquma izembatho
zazo phakathi kuze kube sezibunu zazo, waziyekela
zahamba. **5** Sebembikele uDavida wathumela
ukuzihlangabeza ngoba amadoda ayelenhloni kakhulu;
inkosi yasisithi: Hlalani eJeriko zize zihlume indevu
zenu, beselibuya. **6** Lapho abantwana bakoAmoni
sebebonile ukuthi baba levumba kuDavida, abantwana
bakoAmoni bathumela baqhatsha kumaSiriya eBeti-
Rehobi lakumaSiriya eZoba, amadoda ahamba ngenyawo
azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili, lenkosini
yeMahaka, amadoda ayinkulungwane, lebantwini beTobi,
amadoda azinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili. **7** Kwathi
uDavida esekuzwile wathuma uJowabi lebutho lonke
lamaqhawe. **8** Abantwana bakoAmoni basebephuma
bahlela impi emnyango wesango; lamaSiriya eZoba
leRehobi, labantu beTobi leMahaka babebodwa
egangeni. **9** Lapho uJowabi ebona ukuthi impi ikhangele
kuye ngaphambili langemuva, wakhetha kubo bonke
abakhethiweyo koIsrayeli, wabahlela ukuthi bamelane
lamaSiriya. **10** Abaseleyo babantu wasebanikela
esandleni sikaAbishayi umfowabo, owabahlela ukuthi
bamelane labantwana bakoAmoni. **11** Wasesithi:
Uba amaSiriya elamandla kakhulu kulami, khona
uzakuba lusizo kimi; kodwa uba abantwana bakoAmoni
belamandla kakhulu kulawe, khona ngizakuza ukukusiza.
12 Qina, asiziqinise ngenxa yabantu bakithi, langenxa
yemizi kaNkulunkulu wethu; iNkosi kayenze okuhle
emehlweni ayo. **13** UJowabi wasesondela, labantu
ababelaye, empini lamaSiriya; asebaleka phambi kwakhe.
14 Lapho abantwana bakoAmoni bebona ukuthi amaSiriya
ayabaleka, labo babaleka phambi kukaAbishayi, bangena
emzini. UJowabi wasebuyela esuka ebantwaneni
bakoAmoni, weza eJerusalema. **15** AmaSiriya esebonile
ukuthi atshayiwe phambi kukaIsrayeli, abuthana
ndawonye. **16** UHadadezeri wasethumela, wakhupha
amaSiriya ayengaphetsheya komfula, afika eHelamu,
loShobaki induna yebutho likaHadadezeri phambi
kwawo. **17** Lapho kubikelwa uDavida, wabuthanisa
uIsrayeli wonke, wachapha iJordani, wafika eHelamu.
AmaSiriya asezihlelela ukumelana loDavida, alwa
laye. **18** AmaSiriya asebaleka phambi kukaIsrayeli;
uDavida wasetshaya kumaSiriya izinqola ezingamakhulu
ayisikhombisa, labagadi bamabhiza abazinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amane, watshaya uShobaki induna
yebutho, owafela lapho. **19** Lapho wonke amakhosi,
izinceku zikaHadadezeri, ebona ukuthi atshaywa phambi
kukaIsrayeli, enza ukuthula loIsrayeli, abakhonza.
Ngakho amaSiriya esaba ukusiza abantwana bakoAmoni
futhi.

11 Kwasekusithi ekuthwaseni komnyaka ngesikhathi
amakhosi aphuma ngaso impi, uDavida wathuma
uJowabi lenceku zakhe kanye laye loIsrayeli wonke;
basebechitha abantwana bakoAmoni, bavimbezela
iRaba. Kodwa uDavida wahlala eJerusalema. **2**
Kwasekusithi ngesikhathi sakusihlwa uDavida wavuka
embhedeni wakhe, wahambahamba phezu kophahla
lwendlu yenkosi; esephahleni wasebona owesifazana
egeza; njalo owesifazana wayemuhle kakhulu, ebukeka.
3 UDavida wasethuma wabuza ngalowowesifazana.
Kwasekuthiwa: Lo kakusuye uBathisheba yini, indodakazi
kaEliyamu, umkaUriya umHethi? **4** UDavida wasethuma
izithunywa wamthatha, owesifazana weza kuye, walala
laye (ngoba wayehlanjululiwe ekungcoleni kwakhe),
wasebuyela endlini yakhe. **5** Owesifazana wasethatha
isisu, wathumela watshela uDavida wathi: Sengilesisu. **6**
UDavida wasethumela kuJowabi wathi: Thumela kimi
uUriya umHethi. UJowabi wasethumela uUriya kuDavida.
7 Esefikile kuye uUriya, uDavida wambuza ngempilakahle
kaJowabi langempilakahle yabantu langempumelelo
yempi. **8** UDavida wasesithi kuUriya: Yehlela endlini
yakho, ugeze inyawo zakho. U-Uriya wasephuma endlini
yenkosi; kwasekulandela emva kwakhe isipho esivela
enkosini. **9** Kodwa uUriya walala emnyango wendlu
yenkosi kanye lenceku zonke zenkosi yakhe, kehlelanga
endlini yakhe. **10** Kwathi sebemtshelile uDavida besithi:
U-Uriya kehlelanga endlini yakhe, uDavida wathi kuUriya:
Kawuveli ekuhambeni yini? Kungani ungehlelanga endlini
yakho? **11** U-Uriya wasesithi kuDavida: Umtshokotsho,
loIsrayeli, loJuda kuhlala emathenteni; lenkosi yami
uJowabi lenceku zenkosi yami bamisile inkamba endle;
mina-ke ngizangena endlini yami yini ukuyakudla
lokuyanatha lokuyalala lomkami? Kuphila kwakho
lokuphila komphefumulo wakho, kangisoze ngiyenze
leyonto. **12** UDavida wasesithi kuUriya: Hlala lapha
lalamuhla, kusasa-ke ngizakuvumela ukuthi uhambe. U-
Uriya wasehlala eJerusalema ngalolosuku langosuku
olulandelayo. **13** UDavida wasembiza ukuthi adle
anathe phambi kwakhe, wamdakisa; njalo kusihlwa
waphuma ukuyalala embhedeni wakhe kanye lenceku
zenkosi yakhe, kodwa kehlelanga endlini yakhe. **14**
Kwasekusithi ekuseni uDavida wabhalela uJowabi
incwadi, wayithumela ngesandla sikaUriya. **15** Wasebhala
encwadini esithi: Misani uUriya phambili eqondene
lokulwa okutshisayo kakhulu, beselihlehlela nyovane
lisuka kuye, ukuze atshaywe afe. **16** Kwasekusithi
lapho uJowabi esewukhangelisisile umuzi, wamisa

uUriya endaweni azi ukuthi kulamaqhawe khona. **17**
Amadoda omuzi asephuma alwa loJowabi; kwawa
abanye babantu, benceku zikaDavida; wafa laye uUriya
umHethi. **18** UJowabi wasethuma wambikela uDavida
zonke indaba zempi; **19** wasilaya isithunywa esithi:
Lapho usuqedile ukuyibikela inkosi zonke izindaba
zempi, **20** kuzakuthi-ke uba ulaka lwenkosi luvuka,
isithi kuwe: Belisondelelani kangaka emzini ukulwa?
Belingazi yini ukuthi bebezaciba besemdulini? **21** Ngubani
owatshaya uAbhimeleki indodana kaJerubeshethi?
Angithi owesifazana wamwisela ngocezu lwelitshe
lokuchola ephezu komduli, waze wafa eThebezi?
Lisondeleleni eduze lomduli? Ubususithi: Inceku yakho
uUriya umHethi laye ufile. **22** Sasesihamba isithunywa,
safika sambikela uDavida konke uJowabi ayesithume
khona. **23** Isithunywa sasesisithi kuDavida: Isibili,
abantu basehlula, basiphumela egangeni; kodwa saba
phezu kwabo kwaze kwaba semnyango wesango. **24**
Abatshoki basebetshoka ezincekwini zakho bephezu
komduli; zifile lezinye zenceku zenkosi; lenceku yakho
uUriya umHethi ifile layo. **25** UDavida wasesithi kuso
isithunywa: Uzakutsho njalo kuJowabi uthi: Le into
kayingabimbi emehlweni akho, ngoba inkemba idla
omunye njengomunye; qinisa impi yakho imelane
lomuzi, uwuchithe; ubusumqinisa. **26** Lapho umkaUriya
esezwile ukuthi uUriya indoda yakhe ufile, wayililela
indoda yakhe. **27** Sekwedlulile ukulila, uDavida
wathuma, wamletha endlini yakhe; wasesiba ngumkakhe,
wamzalela indodana. Kodwa leyonto uDavida ayenzayo
yayimbi emehlweni eNkosi.

12 INkosi yasithuma uNathani kuDavida. Wasefika
kuye wathi kuye: Kwakukhona amadoda amabili
emzini owodwa; enye inothile, lenye ingumyanga.
2 Enothileyo yayilezimvu lenkomo ezinengi kakhulu.
3 Kodwa engumyanga yayingelalutho ngaphandle
kwewundlu elincinyane elilodwa elisikazi eyayilithengile,
yalondla; lakhula layo, njalo labantwana bayo ndawonye.
Ladla okocezu lwayo, lanatha okwenkezo yayo; lalala
esifubeni sayo, lalinjengendodakazi kiyo. **4** Kwasekufika
isihambi endodeni enothileyo; yasiyekela ukuthatha
ezimvini zayo lenkomeni zayo ukulungisela isihambi
esasifike kiyo, kodwa yathatha iwundlu elisikazi lendoda
engumyanga, yalilungisela umuntu owayefike kiyo. **5**
Ulaka lukaDavida lwaseluvuthela lowomuntu kakhulu,
wathi kuNathani: Kuphila kukaJehova, isibili umuntu
owenze lokho uyindodana yokufa. **6** Njalo uzalibuyisela
iwundlu elisikazi liphindwe kane, ngenxa yokuthi enze le
into langenxa yokuthi engabanga lozwelo. **7** UNathani
wasesithi kuDavida: Nguwe lowomuntu! Itsho njalo
iNkosi uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Ngakugcoba waba yinkosi
phezu kukaIsrayeli, ngakukhulula esandleni sikaSawuli.
8 Ngakunika indlu yenkosi yakho labafazi benkosi yakho
esifubeni sakho, ngakunika indlu kaIsrayeli lekaJuda;
uba-ke bekukuncinyane, bengingakwengezelela okunje
lokunje. **9** Udeleleleni ilizwi leNkosi ukuthi wenze
okubi emehlweni ayo? U-Uriya umHethi umtshayile
ngenkemba, lomkakhe wamthatha waba ngumkakho,
laye umbulele ngenkemba yabantwana bakoAmoni. **10**
Ngakho-ke inkemba kayiyikusuka endlini yakho kuze
kube nininini, ngenxa yokuthi ungidelele, wathatha
umkaUriya umHethi ukuthi abe ngumkakho. **11**
Itsho njalo iNkosi: Khangela, ngizakuvusela okubi
kuvela endlini yakho, ngithathe omkakho phambi
kwamehlo akho, ngibanike umakhelwane wakho,
alale labomkakho phambi kwalelilanga. **12** Ngoba
wena wakwenza ensitha, kodwa mina ngizakwenza le
into phambi kukaIsrayeli wonke laphambi kwelanga.
13 UDavida wasesithi kuNathani: Ngonile eNkosini.
UNathani wasesithi kuDavida: LeNkosi isusile isono
sakho; kawuyikufa. **14** Loba kunjalo, ngoba wenze
izitha zeNkosi zidelele lokudelela ngalindaba, laye
umntwana ozalelwe wena uzakufa lokufa. **15** UNathani
wasesiya endlini yakhe. INkosi yasimtshaya umntwana
umkaUriya amzalela uDavida, wagula kakhulu. **16** Ngakho
uDavida wamncengela umntwana kuNkulunkulu; uDavida
wasezila izilo lokudla, wangena, walala emhlabathini
ubusuku bonke. **17** Abadala bendlu yakhe basebesukuma
baya kuye ukumvusa emhlabathini; kodwa kafunanga,
futhi kadlanga ukudla labo. **18** Kwasekusithi ngosuku
lwesikhombisa umntwana wafa. Izinceku zikaDavida
zasezisesaba ukumtshela ukuthi umntwana ufile;
ngoba zathi: Khangela, umntwana esaphila sakhuluma
laye, kalalelanga ilizwi lethu; pho, singamtshela njani
ukuthi umntwana ufile? Angazilimaza. **19** Kodwa
uDavida ebona ukuthi inceku zakhe ziyanyenyezelana,
uDavida waqedisisa ukuthi umntwana usefile; ngakho
uDavida wathi ezincekwini zakhe: Umntwana usefile
yini? Zasezisithi: Usefile. **20** UDavida wasevuka
emhlabathini, wageza, wagcoba, wantshintsha izigqoko
zakhe, wangena endlini yeNkosi, wakhonza; wasesiya
endlini yakhe, wacela, babeka ukudla phambi kwakhe,
wadla. **21** Inceku zakhe zasezisithi kuye: Iyini le
into oyenzileyo? Ngenxa yomntwana ophilayo uzile
ukudla wakhala inyembezi; kodwa lapho umntwana
esefile, uvukile wadla isinkwa. **22** Wasesithi: Umntwana
esaphila, ngizile ukudla, ngakhala inyembezi, ngoba
ngathi: Ngubani owaziyo iNkosi ingangihawukela
ukuthi umntwana aphile. **23** Kodwa khathesi usefile,
ngizazilelani? Ngilakho ukumbuyisa yini futhi? Ngizakuya
kuye, kodwa yena kayikubuyela kimi. **24** UDavida
wasemduduza uBathisheba umkakhe, wangena kuye,
walala laye; wazala indodana, wabiza ibizo layo wathi
nguSolomoni. UJehova wasemthanda. **25** Wasethuma
ngesandla sikaNathani umprofethi, wabiza ibizo layo
wathi nguJedidiya, ngenxa kaJehova. **26** UJowabi
walwa-ke leRaba eyabantwana bakoAmoni, wathumba
umuzi wobukhosi. **27** UJowabi wasethuma izithunywa

kuDavida wathi: Ngilwe leRaba, njalo ngathumba umuzi
wamanzi. 28 Ngakho-ke buthanisa abantu abaseleyo,
umise inkamba maqondana lomuzi, uwuthumbe, hlezi
mina ngiwuthumbe umuzi, lebizo lami libizwe phezu
kwawo. 29 UDavida wasebuthanisa bonke abantu, waya
eRaba, walwa layo, wayithumba. 30 Wasethatha umqhele
wenkosi ekhanda lakhe, osisindo sawo sasilithalenta
legolide lelitshe eliligugu, waba sekhanda likaDavida.
Wasekhipha impango yomuzi enengi kakhulu. 31
Wakhupha labantu ababephakathi kwawo, wababeka
emasaheni, lezikhalini ezicijileyo zensimbi, lemahlokeni
ensimbi, wabadlulisa emahondweni ezitina; wenza njalo
kuyo yonke imizi yabantwana bakoAmoni. UDavida labo
bonke abantu basebebuyela eJerusalema.

13 Kwasekusithi emva kwalokho uAbisalomu indodana
kaDavida wayelodadewabo omuhle, obizo
lakhe lalinguTamari; uAmnoni indodana kaDavida
wasemthanda. 2 UAmnoni wasehlupheka kakhulu
waze wagula ngenxa kaTamari udadewabo; ngoba
wayeyintombi emsulwa, kwasekusiba nzima emehlweni
kaAmnoni ukwenza ulutho kuye. 3 Kodwa uAmnoni
wayelomngane, obizo lakhe lalinguJonadabi indodana
kaShimeya umfowabo kaDavida; njalo uJonadabi
wayengumuntu olobuqili kakhulu. 4 Wasesithi kuye:
Kungani wena, indodana yenkosi, ucaka kangaka
ukusa ngokusa? Ungengitshele yini? UAmnoni wasesithi
kuye: Ngiyamthanda uTamari udadewabo kaAbisalomu
umfowethu. 5 UJonadabi wasesithi kuye: Lala embhedeni
wakho, uzitshaye ogulayo; lapho uyihlo efika ukukubona,
uzakuthi kuye: Ake kuze uTamari udadewethu, anginike
ukudla, akulungise ukudla phambi kwamehlo ami,
ukuze ngikubone, ngidle esandleni sakhe. 6 Waselala
phansi uAmnoni, wazitshaya ogulayo; lapho inkosi
ifika ukuzambona, uAmnoni wathi enkosini: Ake kuze
uTamari udadewethu, enze amaqebelengwana amabili
phambi kwamehlo ami ukuthi ngidle esandleni sakhe.
7 UDavida wasethumela endlini kuTamari esithi: Yana
khathesi endlini yomfowenu uAmnoni, umenzele ukudla.
8 Ngakho uTamari waya endlini kaAmnoni umfowabo,
owayelele phansi. Wathatha inhlama, wayixova, wenza
amaqebelengwana phambi kwamehlo akhe, wapheka
amaqebelengwana. 9 Wasethatha ipani, wawathulula
phambi kwakhe, kodwa wala ukudla; uAmnoni wasesithi:
Khupha wonke umuntu kimi. Basebephuma, wonke
umuntu kuye. 10 UAmnoni wasesithi kuTamari: Letha
ukudla ekamelweni ukuze ngidle esandleni sakho.
UTamari wasethatha amaqebelengwana ayewenzile,
wawangenisa ekamelweni kuAmnoni umnewabo. 11
Lapho ewasondeza kuye ukuthi adle, wambamba,
wathi kuye: Woza ulale lami, dadewethu. 12 Wasesithi
kuye: Hatshi mnewethu, ungangibhinyi, ngoba okunje
kakwenziwa koIsrayeli, ungenzi lobubuwula. 13 Mina-
ke ngingalisa ngaphi ihlazo lami? Lawe uzakuba
njengomunye weziphukuphuku koIsrayeli. Ngalokho-
ke, ake ukhulume lenkosi, ngoba kayiyikungigodla
kuwe. 14 Kodwa kafunanga ukulalela ilizwi lakhe;
kodwa elamandla kulaye, wambhinya walala laye. 15
UAmnoni wasemzonda ngenzondo enkulu kakhulu;
ngoba inzondo amzonda ngayo yayinkulu kulothando
ayemthande ngalo. UAmnoni wasesithi kuye: Vuka
uhambe. 16 Yena wasesithi kuye: Kakulazizatho;
lobububi bokungixotsha bukhulu okwedlula obunye
obenze kimi. Kodwa kafunanga ukumlalela. 17 Wasebiza
inceku yakhe eyayisebenza kuye, wathi: Umkhuphele
phandle lo khathesi asuke kimi, unxibe umnyango emva
kwakhe. 18 Njalo wayegqoke isigqoko esilemibalabala,
ngoba amadodakazi enkosi ayizintombi ezimsulwa
ayegqoka izigqoko ezinjalo. Inceku yasimkhuphela
phandle, yanxiba umnyango emva kwakhe. 19 UTamari
wasezithela ngomlotha ekhanda, wadabula isigqoko
sakhe esilemibalabala ayesigqokile, wathwala imikhono
ekhanda, wahamba, ehamba ekhala. 20 UAbisalomu
umnewabo wasesithi kuye: UAminoni umnewenu kade
elawe yini? Ngakho-ke, thula, dadewethu, ungumnewenu;
ungabeki inhliziyo yakho kulindaba. Ngakho uTamari
wahlala eyedwa endlini kaAbisalomu umnewabo. 21
Inkosi uDavida isizwile zonke lezizinto yathukuthela
kakhulu. 22 UAbisalomu kakhulumanga loAmnoni okuhle
kumbe okubi, ngoba uAbisalomu wamzonda uAmnoni,
ngenxa yokuthi wayebhinye uTamari udadewabo. 23
Kwasekusithi emva kweminyaka emibili epheleleyo
uAbisalomu wayelabagundi bezimvu eBhali-Hazori
eliseceleni kweEfrayimi; uAbisalomu wasenxusa wonke
amadodana enkosi. 24 UAbisalomu wasesiza enkosini
wathi: Khangela khathesi, inceku yakho ilabagundi;
inkosi ake ihambe lenceku zayo lenceku yakho. 25
Kodwa inkosi yathi kuAbisalomu: Hatshi, ndodana yami,
ake singahambi sonke, hlezi sibe ngumthwalo kuwe.
Wayibamba ngamandla kodwa kayivumanga ukuhamba,
kodwa yambusisa. 26 UAbisalomu wasesithi: Uba
kungenjalo, ake ahambe lathi uAmnoni umfowethu. Inkosi
yasisithi kuye: Uzahambelani lawe? 27 UAbisalomu
eseyicindezele, yabayekela oAmnoni lawo wonke
amadodana enkosi ahamba laye. 28 UAbisalomu
waselaya inceku zakhe esithi: Khangelani-ke, nxa
inhliziyo kaAmnoni isithokoza ngewayini, lapho ngisithi
kini: Tshayani uAmnoni, beselimbulala; lingesabi; angithi
ngoba mina ngililayile? Qinani, libe ngamaqhawe.
29 Izinceku zikaAbisalomu zasezisenza kuAmnoni
njengokulaya kukaAbisalomu. Amadodana wonke enkosi
asesukuma, agada, ngulowo lalowo imbongolo yakhe,
abaleka. 30 Kwasekusithi besesendleleni, kwafika
umbiko kuDavida usithi: UAbisalomu utshaye wonke
amadodana enkosi, kakusalanga leyodwa yawo. 31
Inkosi yasisukuma yadabula izigqoko zayo, yalala
emhlabathini; lazo zonke inceku zayo zazimi izigqoko
zidatshuliwe. 32 UJonadabi indodana kaShimeya,

umfowabo kaDavida, wasephendula wathi: Inkosi yami
kayingathi babulele wonke amajaha, amadodana enkosi,
ngoba nguAmnoni yedwa ofileyo; ngoba ngomlomo
kaAbisalomu kwanqunywa kusukela osukwini abhinya
ngalo udadewabo uTamari. 33 Ngakho-ke inkosi yami,
inkosi, kayingayibeki indaba enhliziyweni yayo, ukuthi
wonke amadodana enkosi afile, ngoba nguAmnoni yedwa
ofileyo. 34 Kodwa uAbisalomu wabaleka. Ijaha elilindayo
laseliphakamisa amehlo alo, labona, khangela-ke, abantu
abanengi babesiza ngendlela emva kwalo ehlangothini
lwentaba. 35 UJonadabi wasesithi enkosini: Khangela,
amadodana enkosi ayeza; njengokwelizwi lenceku yakho,
kunjalo. 36 Kwasekusithi ekuqedeni kwakhe ukukhuluma,
khangela, afika amadodana enkosi, aphakamisa ilizwi
lawo, akhala inyembezi; lenkosi layo lazo zonke inceku
zayo bakhala inyembezi ngokukhala okukhulukazi. 37
Kodwa uAbisalomu wabaleka waya kuTalimayi indodana
kaAmihudi inkosi yeGeshuri. UDavida waselilela indodana
yakhe insuku zonke. 38 Wabaleka-ke uAbisalomu,
waya eGeshuri, waba lapho iminyaka emithathu. 39
Inhliziyo kaDavida inkosi yasikhanuka kakhulu ukuphuma
iye kuAbisalomu, ngoba wayeseduduzekile ngoAmnoni
ukuthi ufile.

14 UJowabi indodana kaZeruya wasenanzelela
ukuthi inhliziyo yenkosi ikuAbisalomu. 2
UJowabi wasethumela eThekhowa ukuthi alande khona
owesifazana ohlakaniphileyo, wathi kuye: Ake uzitshaye
olilayo, ake ugqoke izigqoko zokulila, ungazigcobi
ngamafutha, kodwa ube njengowesifazana oselilele
ofileyo insuku ezinengi. 3 Ungene enkosini, ukhulume
kuyo ngalindlela. UJowabi wasefaka amazwi emlonyeni
wakhe. 4 Lapho owesifazana umThekhowa ekhuluma
enkosini, wathi mbo ngobuso bakhe emhlabathini,
wakhothama, wathi: Siza, nkosi! 5 Inkosi yasisithi
kuye: Ulani? Yena wasesithi: Sibili, ngingumfazi
ongumfelokazi, lendoda yami yafa. 6 Njalo incekukazi
yakho yayilamadodana amabili, alwa womabili egangeni;
kwakungelamlamuli phakathi kwawo; enye yasitshaya
enye, yayibulala. 7 Khangela-ke, usendo lonke seluvukele
incekukazi yakho, bathi: Nikela lowo owatshaya
umfowabo wambulala, ukuthi simbulale ngenxa yempilo
yomfowabo ambulalayo, sichithe lendlalifa. Ngalokho
bacitshe ilahle lami eliseleyo, ukuze bangatshiyeli
indoda yami ibizo lensali ebusweni bomhlaba. 8
Inkosi yasisithi kowesifazana: Yana endlini yakho; mina-
ke ngizalaya ngawe. 9 Owesifazana umThekhowa
wasesithi enkosini: Nkosi yami, nkosi, icala kalibe phezu
kwami laphezu kwendlu kababa; kodwa inkosi lesihlalo
sayo sobukhosi kube msulwa. 10 Inkosi yasisithi:
Okhuluma ulutho kuwe, umlethe kimi, njalo kayikuphinda
akuthinte futhi. 11 Wasesithi: Inkosi ake ikhumbule iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wayo ukuthi umphindiseli wegazi angabe
esachitha, hlezi bachithe indodana yami. Yasisithi:
Kuphila kukaJehova, kakuyikuwela emhlabathini olulodwa
unwele lwendodana yakho. 12 Owesifazana wasesithi:
Incekukazi yakho ake ikhulume ilizwi enkosini yami
inkosi. Yasisithi: Khuluma. 13 Owesifazana wasesithi:
Pho, unakaneleni okunje ngabantu bakaNkulunkulu?
Ngokukhuluma lindaba inkosi injengolecala, ngokuthi
inkosi kayibuyisanga oxotshiweyo wayo. 14 Ngoba
kumele sife, sinjengamanzi achithekele emhlabathini
angabuthwanga; kodwa uNkulunkulu kayikususa impilo,
kodwa uzacabanga amacebo ukuthi angalahli kuye
oxotshiweyo. 15 Ngakho-ke, njengoba ngizile ukukhuluma
linto enkosini, inkosi yami, kungoba abantu bangesabisile;
incekukazi yakho yasisithi: Khathesi ngizakhuluma
lenkosi; mhlawumbe inkosi izakwenza ilizwi lencekukazi
yayo. 16 Ngoba inkosi izakuzwa, ukukhulula incekukazi
yayo esandleni somuntu ofuna ukuchitha mina kanye
lendodana yami elifeni likaNkulunkulu. 17 Incekukazi
yakho yasisithi: Akuthi ilizwi lenkosi yami, inkosi, libe
ngelokuthula, ngoba njengengilosi kaNkulunkulu, injalo
inkosi yami, inkosi, ukuzwa okubi lokuhle. Ngakho
iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho kayibe lawe. 18 Inkosi
yasiphendula yathi kowesifazana: Ake ungangifihleli
indaba engizayibuza kuwe. Owesifazana wasesithi: Ake
ikhulume inkosi yami, inkosi. 19 Inkosi yasisithi: Isandla
sikaJowabi silawe yini kukho konke lokhu? Owesifazana
wasephendula wathi: Kuphila komphefumulo wakho,
nkosi yami, nkosi, isibili kakho ongaya ngakwesokunene
langakwesokhohlo asuke lakuyiphi into inkosi yami,
inkosi, eyikhulumileyo; ngoba inceku yakho uJowabi,
yona yangilaya, yiyo eyafunza incekukazi yakho wonke
lamazwi. 20 Inceku yakho uJowabi iyenzile linto
ukuthi iphendule ukuma kwendaba. Njalo inkosi yami
ihlakaniphile njengenhlakanipho yengilosi kaNkulunkulu,
ukwazi konke okusemhlabeni. 21 Inkosi yasisithi
kuJowabi: Khangela khathesi, ngenzile lindaba; ngakho
hamba ubuyise umfana uAbisalomu. 22 UJowabi
wasesithi mbo ngobuso emhlabathini, wakhothama,
wayibusisa inkosi; uJowabi wasesithi: Lamuhla inceku
yakho iyazi ukuthi ngithole umusa emehlweni akho,
nkosi yami, nkosi, ngokuthi inkosi yenzile indaba
yenceku yayo. 23 Wasesuka uJowabi, waya eGeshuri,
wamletha uAbisalomu eJerusalema. 24 Inkosi yasisithi:
Kaphendukele endlini yakhe, angaboni ubuso bami.
Ngakho uAbisalomu waphendukela endlini yakhe,
kabonanga ubuso benkosi. 25 KoIsrayeli wonke-
ke kwakungelamuntu onjengoAbisalomu ukudunyiswa
kakhulu ngobuhle; kwakungelasici kuye kusukela
kungaphansi yonyawo lwakhe kuze kufike enkanda
yakhe. 26 Nxa ephuca ikhanda lakhe - ngoba kwakusithi
ekupheleni kwawo wonke umnyaka aliphuce, ngoba
zazinzima kuye, ngakho waliphuca - walinganisa inwele
zekhanda lakhe, amashekeli angamakhulu amabili
ngesilinganiso senkosi. 27 Kwasekuzalelwa uAbisalomu
amadodana amathathu lendodakazi eyodwa, obizo layo
lalinguTamari; wayengowesifazana omuhle ebukeka. 28

UAbisalomu wasehlala eJerusalema iminyaka emibili
epheleleyo, kabonanga ubuso benkosi. 29 UAbisalomu
wasethumela kuJowabi ukuthi amthume enkosini;
kodwa kavumanga ukuza kuye. Waphinda wathumela
ngokwesibili, kodwa kavumanga ukuza. 30 Wasesithi
ezincekwini zakhe: Bonani, isabelo sikaJowabi siseceleni
kwesami, njalo ulebhali lapho; hambani lisithungele
ngomlilo. Izinceku zikaAbisalomu zasezithungela isabelo
ngomlilo. 31 Wasesuka uJowabi weza kuAbisalomu
endlini, wathi kuye: Izinceku zakho zithungeleleni
isabelo esingesami ngomlilo? 32 UAbisalomu wasesithi
kuJowabi: Khangela, ngithumele kuwe ngisithi: Woza
lapha, ukuze ngikuthume enkosini, ukuthi: Ngibuyeleni
ngisuka eGeshuri? Bekukuhle kimi ukuthi ngabe ngilokhu
ngikhonale. Ngakho-ke kangibone ubuso benkosi; njalo
uba kulecala kimi, kayingibulale. 33 Ngakho uJowabi
weza enkosini, wayitshela; isimbizile uAbisalomu weza
enkosini, wayikhothamela ngobuso bakhe emhlabathini,
phambi kwenkosi; inkosi yasimanga uAbisalomu.

15 Kwasekusithi emva kwalokhu uAbisalomu
wazilungisela izinqola lamabhiza, labantu
abangamatshumi amahlanu begijima phambi kwakhe.
2 UAbisalomu wayesevuka ekuseni kakhulu eme
eceleni kwendlela yesango; kwakusithi wonke umuntu
olecala lomthetho eliya enkosini ukwahlulelwa,
uAbisalomu ambize athi: Ungowawuphi umuzi?
Lapho esithi: Inceku yakho ingowesinye sezizwe
zakoIsrayeli; 3 uAbisalomu abesesithi kuye: Bona,
indaba zakho zinhle zilungile, kodwa kakho owenkosi
ukuthi akuzwe. 4 UAbisalomu abesesithi: Kungathi
ngabe ngibekwe umahluleli elizweni, ukuthi wonke
umuntu olecala lomthetho lodaba angeza kimi, njalo
bengizamlungisela. 5 Kwakusithi lapho kusondela
umuntu ukumkhothamela, elule isandla sakhe, ambambe,
amange. 6 UAbisalomu wasesenza ngalindlela kuIsrayeli
wonke, bona abeza enkosini ukwahlulelwa; ngalokho
uAbisalomu wathumba inhliziyo yamadoda akoIsrayeli. 7
Kwasekusithi ekupheleni kweminyaka engamatshumi
amane uAbisalomu wathi enkosini: Ake ngiyekhokha
isithembiso sami engasithembisa eNkosini eHebroni. 8
Ngoba inceku yakho yathembisa isithembiso ngisahlala
eGeshuri eSiriya ngisithi: Uba iNkosi ingibuyisela
lokungibuyisela eJerusalema, ngizayikhonza iNkosi. 9
Inkosi yasisithi kuye: Hamba ngokuthula. Wasesukuma
waya eHebroni. 10 Kodwa uAbisalomu wathuma
izinhloli ezizweni zonke zakoIsrayeli esithi: Lapho
lisizwa ukukhala kophondo, lizakuthi: UAbisalomu
uyinkosi eHebroni! 11 Kwasekuhamba loAbisalomu
amadoda angamakhulu amabili esuka eJerusalema,
anxusiweyo, ahamba ebuqothweni bawo, njalo engazi
lutho. 12 UAbisalomu wasethumela wabiza uAhithofeli
weGilo, umeluleki kaDavida, esuka emzini wakhe, eGilo,
esahlaba imihlatshelo. Njalo ugobe lwaqina, labantu
bahamba banda kuAbisalomu. 13 Kwasekufika isithunywa
kuDavida, sisithi: Inhliziyo yabantu bakoIsrayeli ilandela
uAbisalomu. 14 Wasesithi uDavida ezincekwini zakhe
zonke ezazilaye eJerusalema: Sukumani, sibaleke, ngoba
kasilakuphepha ebusweni bukaAbisalomu. Phangisani
ukuhamba, hlezi aphangise asifice, asehlisele okubi,
atshaye umuzi ngobukhali benkemba. 15 Izinceku
zenkosi zasezisithi enkosini: Njengakho konke inkosi,
inkosi yami, ekukhethayo, khangela, nanzi inceku zakho.
16 Yasiphuma inkosi, layo yonke indlu yayo iyilandela.
Inkosi yasitshiya abafazi abalitshumi, abafazi abancane,
ukuze balinde indlu. 17 Yasiphuma inkosi, labo bonke
abantu beyilandela; bema endlini ekhatshana. 18 Lazo
zonke inceku zayo zedlula eceleni kwayo, njalo wonke
amaKerethi lawo wonke amaPelethi lawo wonke amaGiti,
amadoda angamakhulu ayisithupha, eza amlandela evela
eGati, edlula phambi kwenkosi. 19 Inkosi yasisithi kulthayi
umGiti: Lawe uhambelani lathi? Buyela uhlale lenkosi,
ngoba ungowezizweni njalo ungumxotshwa endaweni
yakho. 20 Ufike izolo; pho, lamuhla ngikuzulazulise
ngokuhamba lathi, njengoba ngiya lapho engiya khona?
Buyela ubuyisele abafowenu. Umusa leqiniso kakube
lawe. 21 Kodwa ulthayi wayiphendula inkosi wathi:
Kuphila kukaJehova, njalo kuphila kwenkosi yami,
inkosi, isibili kuleyondawo lapho inkosi yami, inkosi,
ezakuba kiyo, loba kusekufeni loba kusekuphileni,
lalapho izakuba khona inceku yakho. 22 UDavida
wasesithi kulthayi: Hamba, uchaphe. Ulthayi umGiti
wasechapha kanye labantu bakhe bonke labantwanyana
ababelaye. 23 Ilizwe lonke lakhala inyembezi
ngelizwi elikhulu, njalo abantu bonke bachapha. Inkosi
yasichapha isifula iKidroni, labantu bonke bachapha,
ngasendleleni yenkangala. 24 Njalo khangela, uZadoki
laye lawo wonke amaLevi elaye, bethwele umtshokotsho
wesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu, bawubeka phansi
umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu; uAbhiyatha wasesenyuka,
abantu bonke baze baphela ukudlula bephuma emzini.
25 Inkosi yasisithi kuZadoki: Buyisela umtshokotsho
kaNkulunkulu emzini. Uba ngizathola umusa emehlweni
eNkosi, izangibuyisa ingitshengise wona kanye lendawo
yayo yokuhlala. 26 Kodwa uba isitsho njalo, ithi:
Kangithokozi ngawe; khangela ngilapha, kayenze kimi
njengokuhle emehlweni ayo. 27 Inkosi yasisithi kuZadoki
umpristi: Ungumboni yini? Buyela emzini ngokuthula,
loAhimahazi indodana yakho loJonathani indodana
kaAbhiyatha, amadodana enu womabili elani. 28 Bona,
ngizalinda emazibukweni enkangala, kuze kufike ilizwi
elivela kini lokungibikela. 29 Ngakho uZadoki loAbhiyatha
bawubuyisela umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu eJerusalema,
bahlala khona. 30 UDavida wasesenyuka ngomqanso
wemihlwathi, esenyuka ekhala inyembezi, embomboze
ikhanda lakhe, wahamba engelamanyathela; labo
bonke abantu ababelaye bambomboza, ngulowo lalowo
ikhanda lakhe, benyuka, besenyuka bekhala inyembezi.

31 Kwasekubikwa kuDavida kwathiwa: UAhithofeli
uphakathi kwabakugobe loAbisalomu. UDavida wasesithi:
Nkosi, ake enze icebo likaAhithofeli libe yibuthutha.
32 Kwasekusithi uDavida esefike engqongeni lapho
ayekhonza khona uNkulunkulu, khangela, uHushayi
umArki wamhlangabeza, isembatho sakhe sidatshuliwe,
lenhlabathi isekhanda lakhe. 33 UDavida wasesithi kuye:
Uba usedlula lami, uzakuba ngumthwalo kimi. 34 Kodwa
uba ubuyela emzini uthi kuAbisalomu: Ngizakuba yinceku
yakho, nkosi; kade ngiyinceku kayihlo, kodwa khathesi
sengizakuba yinceku yakho; khona uzangichithela icebo
likaAhithofeli. 35 Njalo kabakho yini kanye lawe lapho
oZadoki loAbhiyatha abapristi? Ngakho kuzakuthi yonke
indaba oyizwayo endlini yenkosi, uyitshele oZadoki
loAbhiyatha abapristi. 36 Khangela, kukhona lapho
kanye labo amadodana abo amabili, uAhimahazi
okaZadoki, loJonathani okaAbhiyatha; njalo uzathumela
ngesandla sabo kimi yonke into ozayizwa. 37 UHushayi
umngane kaDavida wasefika emzini, loAbisalomu wafika
eJerusalema.

16 Kwathi uDavida esedlule kancinyane engqongeni,
khangela, uZiba inceku kaMefiboshethi
wamhlangabeza elabobabhemi ababili belezihlalo,
bethwele izinkwa ezingamakhulu amabili, lamahlukuzo
alikhulu ezithelo ezonyisiweyo zevini, lezithelo
zehlobo ezilikhulu, lomgodla wewayini. 2 Inkosi
yasisithi kuZiba: Uthini ngalezizinto? UZiba wasesithi:
Obabhemi ngabendlu yenkosi ukuthi bagade, lezinkwa
lezithelo zehlobo ngezamajaha ukuthi adle, lewayini
ngelabaphelelwa ngamandla enkangala ukuthi banathe.
3 Inkosi yasisithi: Pho, ingaphi indodana yenkosi
yakho? UZiba wasesithi enkosini: Khangela, uhlezi
eJerusalema, ngoba uthe: Lamuhla uIsrayeli uzabuyisela
kimi umbuso kababa. 4 Inkosi yasisithi kuZiba:
Khangela, ngokwakho konke okukaMefiboshethi. UZiba
wasesithi: Ngiyakhothama; kangithole umusa emehlweni
akho, nkosi yami, nkosi. 5 Kwathi inkosi uDavida
ifika eBahurimi, khangela, kwaphuma khona umuntu
wosendo lwendlu kaSawuli, obizo lakhe linguShimeyi
indodana kaGera; waphuma, ehamba ethuka. 6
Wasejikijela uDavida ngamatshe kanye lenceku zonke
zenkosi uDavida, labo bonke abantu lamaqhawe wonke
ngakwesokunene sakhe langakwesokhohlo sakhe. 7
Wasesitsho njalo uShimeyi ekuthukeni kwakhe: Phuma,
phuma, muntu wegazi, muntu kaBheliyali! 8 INkosi
ibuyisele phezu kwakho lonke igazi lendlu kaSawuli
obubusa esikhundleni sakhe; iNkosi inikele umbuso
esandleni sikaAbisalomu indodana yakho. Khangela,
usebubini bakho, ngoba ungumuntu omele igazi. 9
UAbishayi indodana kaZeruya wasesithi enkosini: Linja
efileyo iyithukelani inkosi yami, inkosi? Ake ngedlule
ngisuse ikhanda layo. 10 Kodwa inkosi yathi: Ngilani
lani, madodana kaZeruya? Ngakho kathuke, ngoba
iNkosi ithe kuye: Thuka uDavida; pho, ngubani ozakuthi:
Wenzeleni njalo? 11 UDavida wasesithi kuAbishayi
lakuzo zonke inceku zakhe: Khangela, indodana yami,
ephume emibilini yami, idinga impilo yami; kangakanani-
ke lumBhenjamini? Myekeleni, athuke, ngoba iNkosi
ikhulumile kuye. 12 Mhlawumbe iNkosi izabona
usizi lwami, iNkosi ingibuyisele okuhle esikhundleni
sokuthuka kwakhe lamuhla. 13 UDavida labantu bakhe
basebehamba ngendlela; loShimeyi ehamba eceleni
kwentaba maqondana laye, ehamba ethuka, emjikijela
ngamatshe, emthela ngothuli. 14 Inkosi labo bonke
abantu ababelayo bafika sebekhathele; yasihlumelela
khona. 15 UAbisalomu labantu bonke, amadoda
akoIsrayeli, basebefika eJerusalema, loAhithofeli
elaye. 16 Kwasekusithi lapho uHushayi umArki,
umngane kaDavida, esefike kuAbisalomu, uHushayi
wathi kuAbisalomu: Kayiphile inkosi! Kayiphile inkosi!
17 UAbisalomu wasesithi kuHushayi: Yiwo umusa
wakho kumngane wakho yini? Kungani ungahambanga
lomngane wakho? 18 UHushayi wasesithi kuAbisalomu:
Hatshi, kodwa lowo emkhethayo iNkosi, lalababantu,
lawo wonke amadoda akoIsrayeli, ngizakuba ngowakhe,
njalo ngihlale laye. 19 Ngokwesibili, mina ngizakhonza
bani? Kungabi phambi kobuso bendodana yakhe na?
Njengoba ngakhonza phambi kukayihlo, ngokunjalo
ngizakuba phambi kwakho. 20 UAbisalomu wasesithi
kuAhithofeli: Phanini iseluleko senu ukuthi sizakwenza
njani? 21 UAhithofeli wasesithi kuAbisalomu: Ngena
kubafazi abancane bakayihlo abatshiye ukulinda indlu;
loIsrayeli wonke uzakuzwa ukuthi ulevumba kuyihlo;
khona izandla zabo bonke abalawe zizaqina. 22
Basebemendlalela uAbisalomu ithente phezu kophahla;
uAbisalomu wasengena kubafazi abancane bakayise
phambi kwamehlo kaIsrayeli wonke. 23 Iseluleko
sikaAhithofeli aseluleka ngalezonsuku sasinjengomuntu
ebuza ilizwi likaNkulunkulu; sasinjalo sonke iseluleko
sikaAhithofeli kubo bobabili uDavida loAbisalomu.

17 UAhithofeli wasesithi kuAbisalomu: Ake ngikhethe
amadoda azinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili,
ngisukume ngixotshane loDavida ngalobubusuku. 2
Ngizamehlela esakhathele ebuthakathaka ezandleni,
ngimethuse; labo bonke abantu abalaye bazabaleka;
ngizatshaya inkosi kuphela. 3 Ngizabuyisela abantu
bonke kuwe. Umuntu omdingayo ufanana lokubuya
kwabo bonke. Bonke abantu bazakuba sekuthuleni. 4
Lalelilizwi lalilungile emehlweni kaAbisalomu lemehlweni
abo bonke abadala bakoIsrayeli. 5 UAbisalomu
wasesithi: Bizani-ke loHushayi umArki, sizwe ukuthi laye
uthini ngomlomo. 6 UHushayi esefikile kuAbisalomu,
uAbisalomu wakhuluma kuye esithi: UAhithofeli ukhulume
ngalindlela: Senze ilizwi lakhe yini? Uba kungenjalo,
khuluma wena. 7 UHushayi wasesithi kuAbisalomu:
Iseluleko uAhithofeli aselulekileyo ngalesisikhathi
kasisihle. 8 UHushayi wathi futhi: Wena uyamazi
uyihlo labantu bakhe ukuthi bangamaqhawe, ukuthi

bathukuthele enhliziyweni, njengebhere elithathelwe
imidlwane egangeni. Futhi uyihlo yindoda yempi;
kayikulala labantu ebusuku. 9 Khangela, khathesinje
ucatshile komunye wemigodi, loba kwenye yezindawo.
Kuzakuthi lapho abanye babo bewile ekuqaleni, kuthi
loba ngubani ozwayo athi: Bekulokubulawa ebantwini
abalandela uAbisalomu. 10 Kuthi laye olobuqhawe,
onhliziyo yakhe injengenhliziyo yesilwane, ancibilike
lokuncibilika; ngoba uIsrayeli wonke uyazi ukuthi uyihlo
uliqhawe, lalabo abalaye balobuqhawe. 11 Ngakho
ngiyeluleka ukuthi uIsrayeli wonke abuthane, abuthane
kuwe kusukela koDani kuze kufike eBherishebha,
ngangetshebetshebe eliselwandle ngobunengi, wena
ngokwakho ubususiya empini. 12 Ngakho sizamehlela
kwenye yezindawo lapho angatholakala khona, simehlele
njengamazolo ewela emhlabathini; njalo kungasali kuye
lebantwini bonke abalaye loyedwa. 13 Uba-ke engena
emzini, uIsrayeli wonke uzaletha amagoda kulowomuzi,
siwuhudulele esifuleni, kungabe kusatholwa lalitshana
khona. 14 UAbisalomu lawo wonke amadoda akoIsrayeli
basebesithi: Iseluleko sikaHushayi umArki singcono
kuleseluleko sikaAhithofeli. Ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu
yayilayile ukuthi kufutshiswe iseluleko esihle sikaAhithofeli
ukuze iNkosi imehlisele okubi uAbisalomu. 15 UHushayi
wasesithi kuZadoki lakuAbhiyatha abapristi: UAhithofeli
weluleke uAbisalomu labadala bakoIsrayeli kanje
lakanje; mina-ke ngeluleka kanje lakanje. 16 Ngakho-
ke thumani masinyane litshele uDavida lithi: Ungalali
emagcekeni enkangala kulobususuku, futhi chapha
lokuchapha, hlezi inkosi iginywe labantu bonke abalayo.
17 OJonathani loAhimahazi babemile-ke eEnirogeli;
incekukazi yeza yabatshela, bona-ke bahamba babikela
inkosi uDavida; ngoba babengelakubonwa bengena
emzini. 18 Kodwa umfana othile wababona, wabikela
uAbisalomu; kodwa bahamba masinyane bobabili,
bayafika endlini yomuntu eBahurimi, owayelomthombo
egumeni lakhe; behlela khona. 19 Owesifazana
wasethatha wendlala isimbombozo phezu komlomo
womthombo, wachaya amabele agigiweyo phezu kwaso;
ngakho linto kayaziwanga. 20 Lapho zifika izinceku
zikaAbisalomu kowesifazana endlini, zathi: Bangaphi
oAhimahazi loJonathani? Owesifazana wasesithi kizo:
Bachaphe isifula samanzi. Sezidingile, zingabatholanga,
zabuyela eJerusalema. 21 Kwasekusithi sezihambile,
benyuka emthonjeni baya bayitshela inkosi uDavida,
bathi kuDavida: Sukani lichaphe amanzi masinyane,
ngoba uAhithofeli weluleke njalo emelene lani. 22
UDavida wasesuka, labo bonke abantu ababelaye,
bachapha iJordani; kuze kube sekukhanyeni kokusa
kwakungasalanga loyedwa, ongayichaphanga iJordani.
23 Lapho uAhithofeli ebona ukuthi iseluleko sakhe
asilandelwanga, wabophela isihlalo kubabhemi, wasuka
waya endlini yakhe emzini wakhe, walaya indlu yakhe,
waziphanyeka, wafa, wangcwatshelwa engcwabeni
likayise. 24 UDavida wasefika eMahanayimi; uAbisalomu
wasechapha iJordani, yena lamadoda wonke akoIsrayeli
kanye laye. 25 UAbisalomu wayebeke-ke uAmasa
phezu kwebutho esikhundleni sikaJowabi. Njalo uAmasa
wayeyindodana yomuntu obizo lakhe lalingulthira
umIsrayeli, owangena kuAbigali indodakazi kaNahashi,
udadewabo kaZeruya, unakaJowabi. 26 Ngakho uIsrayeli
loAbisalomu bamisa inkamba elizweni leGileyadi. 27
Kwasekusithi uDavida esefikile eMahanayimi, uShobi
indodana kaNahashi weRaba yabantwana bakoAmoni,
loMakiri indodana kaAmiyeli weLodebari, loBarizilayi
umGileyadi weRogelimi, 28 baletha amacansi, lemiganu,
lendiwo zebumba, lengqoloyi, lebhali, lempuphu,
lamabele akhanzingiweyo, lendumba, lamalentili, lokunye
okukhanzingiweyo, 29 lenyosi, lamasi, lezimvu, letshizi
yenkomo, kusenzelwa uDavida labantu ababelaye ukuze
badle; ngoba bathi: Abantu balambile badiniwe bomile
enkangala.

18 UDavida wasebala abantu ababelaye, wabeka
phezu kwabo izinduna zezinkulungwane lenduna
zamakhulu. 2 UDavida wasethuma ingxenye yesithathu
yabantu ngaphansi kwesandla sikaJowabi, lengxenye
yesithathu ngaphansi kwesandla sikaAbishayi indodana
kaZeruya, umfowabo kaJowabi, lengxenye yesithathu
ngaphansi kwesandla sikaIthayi umGiti. Inkosi yasisithi
ebantwini: Lami ngizaphuma lokuphuma kanye lani.
3 Kodwa abantu bathi: Kawuyikuphuma. Ngoba uba
sibaleka lokubaleka, kabayikusinaka; kumbe uba
kusifa ingxenye yethu, kabayikuba landaba lathi. Kanti
khathesi wena ulingana lenkulungwane ezilitshumi
zethu; ngakho-ke kungcono ukuthi ube lusizo lwethu
usemzini. 4 Inkosi yasisithi kibo: Lokho okulungileyo
emehlweni enu ngizakwenza. Inkosi yasisima eceleni
kwesango; bonke abantu basebephuma ngamakhulu
langezinkulungwane. 5 Inkosi yasibalaya oJowabi
loAbishayi loIthayi, isithi: Liliphathe kahle ijaha,
uAbisalomu, ngenxa yami. Njalo bonke abantu bezwa
lapho inkosi ilaya zonke izinduna indaba kaAbisalomu. 6
Abantu basebephumela egangeni ukuyakulwa bemelene
loIsrayeli; njalo impi yayiseguswini lakoEfrayimi. 7 Abantu
bakoIsrayeli basebetshaywa lapho phambi kwenceku
zikaDavida, kwasekusiba khona ukubulala okukhulu
ngalolosuku - abayizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amabili. 8 Ngoba impi yahlakazeka khona ebusweni
belizwe lonke, njalo igusu ladla abantu abanengi
ngalolosuku okwedlula labo inkemba eyabadlayo. 9
UAbisalomu wasehlangana lenceku zikaDavida. Njalo
uAbisalomu wayegade imbongolo; kwathi imbongolo ifika
ngaphansi kwengatsha ezihlangeneyo zesihlahla se-
okhi elikhulu, ikhanda lakhe laselibambelela esihlahleni
se-okhi; waselenga phakathi kwamazulu lomhlaba,
njalo imbongolo engaphansi kwakhe yedlula. 10
Umuntu othile wasebona, watshela uJowabi wathi:
Khangela, ngibone uAbisalomu elenga esihlahleni se-

okhi. 11 UJowabi wasesithi kulowomuntu omtshelayo:
Khangela-ke, umbonile, kungani-ke ungamtshayelanga
emhlabathini khonapho? Bengizakunika inhlamvu
ezilitshumi zesiliva lebhanti elilodwa. 12 Kodwa
lowomuntu wathi kuJowabi: Loba bengingemukela
ezandleni zami inhlamvu eziyinkulungwane zesiliva,
bengingayikwelulela isandla sami endodaneni yenkosi,
ngoba ezindlebeni zethu inkosi yakulaya wena loAbishayi
loIthayi isithi: Nanzelelani, loba ngubani, angathinti
ijaha uAbisalomu. 13 Uba bengenze inkohliso ngempilo
yami, ngoba kakulalutho olucatshela inkosi, lawe
ubuzazimisa umelene lami. 14 UJowabi wasesithi:
Kangiyikulibala ngokunjalo lawe. Wasethatha imikhonto
emithathu esandleni sakhe, wamgwaza uAbisalomu
enhliziyweni esaphila, phakathi kwesihlahla se-okhi. 15
Njalo amajaha alitshumi ayethwala izikhali zikaJowabi,
amzingelezela amtshaya uAbisalomu ambulala. 16
UJowabi wasevuthela uphondo, abantu basebebuya
ekuxotshaneni loIsrayeli, ngoba uJowabi wabamisa
abantu. 17 Basebemthatha uAbisalomu, bamphosela
emgodini omkhulu eguswini, babeka phezu kwakhe
inqwaba enkulu kakhulu yamatshe; uIsrayeli wonke
wasebaleka, ngulowo lalowo waya ethenteni lakhe.
18 UAbisalomu esaphila wayethethe wazimisela insika
esesigodini senkosi, ngoba wathi: Angilandodana
yokwenza ukuthi ibizo lami likhunjulwe. Wabiza
leyonsika ngebizo lakhe. Yabizwa ngokuthi, isikhumbuzo
sikaAbisalomu, kuze kube lamuhla. 19 UAhimahazi
indodana kaZadoki wasesithi: Ake ngigijime, ngiyibikele
inkosi ukuthi iNkosi iyiphindisele esandleni sezitha zayo.
20 Kodwa uJowabi wathi kuye: Kawusumbiki wendaba
lamuhla, kodwa uzazibika izindaba ngolunye usuku;
lamuhla kawuyikubika izindaba, ngenxa yokuthi indodana
yenkosi ifile. 21 UJowabi wasesithi kumKhushi: Hamba
uyebikela inkosi okubonileyo. UmKhushi wamkhothamela
uJowabi, wagijima. 22 UAhimahazi indodana kaZadoki
wabuya wasephinda wathi kuJowabi: Loba kunjani, ake
ngigijime lami ngimlandele umKhushi. Kodwa uJowabi
wathi: Uzagijimelani, mntanami, lokhu ungelambiko
ongawuletha? 23 Kodwa loba kunjani, kangigijime.
Wasesithi kuye: Gijima. Wasegijima uAhimahazi
ngendlela yemagcekeni, wamdlula umKhushi. 24 UDavida
wayehlezi-ke phakathi kwamasango womabili; umlindi
wasesiya ephahleni lwesango emdulini, waphakamisa
amehlo akhe, wabona, khangela-ke, umuntu egijima
yedwa. 25 Umlindi wasememeza watshela inkosi.
Yasisithi inkosi: Uba eyedwa ulombiko emlonyeni
wakhe. Wasehamba weza esondela. 26 Umlindi
wasebona omunye umuntu egijima; umlindi wabiza
umlindisango wathi: Khangela, omunye umuntu ugijima
yedwa. Inkosi yasisithi: Laye lo uletha izindaba. 27
Umlindi wasesithi: Ngibona ukugijima kowokuqala
kunjengokugijima kukaAhimahazi indodana kaZadoki.
Inkosi yasisithi: Lo ngumuntu olungileyo, uza lendaba
ezinhle. 28 UAhimahazi wasememeza wathi enkosini:
Ukuthula! Wasekhothamela inkosi ngobuso bakhe
emhlabathini wathi: Kayibusiswe iNkosi, uNkulunkulu
wakho, enikele abantu abaphakamisa isandla sabo
enkosini yami, inkosi. 29 Inkosi yasisithi: Kuhle
yini ngejaha, ngoAbisalomu? UAhimahazi wasesithi:
Ngibone isiphithiphithi esikhulu lapho uJowabi ethuma
inceku yenkosi lenceku yakho, kodwa kangazanga
ukuthi kuyini. 30 Inkosi yasisithi: Buyela eceleni, ume
lapho. Wasebuyela eceleni wema. 31 Khangela-ke,
umKhushi wafika, umKhushi wathi: Yemukela imibiko,
nkosi yami, nkosi! Ngoba iNkosi ikuphindisele lamuhla
esandleni salabo bonke abakuvukelayo. 32 Inkosi
yasisithi kumKhushi: Kuhle yini ngejaha, ngoAbisalomu?
UmKhushi wasesithi: Kungathi izitha zenkosi yami,
inkosi, labo bonke abakuvukelayo ngobubi bangaba
njengalelojaha. 33 Yasikhathazeka kakhulu inkosi,
yenyukela endlini ephezulu yesango, yakhala inyembezi,
isahamba yakhuluma kanje: Ndodana yami Abisalomu,
ndodana yami, ndodana yami, Abisalomu! Kungathi
ngabe kufe mina endaweni yakho, Abisalomu, ndodana
yami, ndodana yami!

19 Kwasekubikwa kuJowabi kwathiwa: Khangela,
inkosi uDavida iyakhala inyembezi, ililela
uAbisalomu. 2 Ukunqoba ngalolosuku kwasekusiba
yisililo ebantwini bonke, ngoba abantu bezwa ngalolosuku
kuthiwa: Inkosi idabukile ngenxa yendodana yayo. 3
Abantu basebengena ngokunyenya emzini ngalolosuku
njengabantu benyenya belenhloni bebaleka empini. 4
Kodwa inkosi yagubuzela ubuso bayo, inkosi yakhala
ngelizwi elikhulu yathi: Ndodana yami Abisalomu,
Abisalomu, ndodana yami, ndodana yami! 5 UJowabi
wasengena endlini enkosini wathi: Lamuhla uyangisile
ubuso benceku zakho zonke ezisindise impilo yakho
lamuhla lempilo yamadodana akho leyamadodakazi akho
lempilo yabomkakho lempilo yabafazi bakho abancane.
6 Uyabathanda abakuzondayo, uzonde abakuthandayo.
Ngoba ukuveze obala lamuhla ukuthi izinduna lezinceku
kazisilutho kuwe; ngoba ngiyananzelela lamuhla
ukuthi uba uAbisalomu ubephila, njalo thina sonke
besifile lamuhla, ukuthi bekungabe kulungile emehlweni
akho. 7 Ngakho-ke sukuma, uphume uyekhuluma
enhliziyweni yezinceku zakho; ngoba ngifunga ngeNkosi,
uba ungaphumi, sibili kakulamuntu ozahlala lawe
ngalobubusuku. Lalokhu kuzakuba kubi kuwe kulakho
konke okubi okukwehlele kusukela ebutsheni bakho
kuze kube khathesi. 8 Inkosi yasisukuma, yahlala
esangweni. Batshela bonke abantu bathi: Khangela,
inkosi ihlezi esangweni; basebesiza abantu bonke
phambi kwenkosi. UIsrayeli wayebaleke-ke, ngulowo
lalowo waya emathenteni akhe. 9 Njalo abantu
bonke babephikisana ezizweni zonke zakoIsrayeli
besithi: Inkosi yasikhulula esandleni sezitha zethu,

njalo yona yasophula esandleni samaFilisti; kodwa
khathesi isibalekile elizweni ngenxa kaAbisalomu. **10**
Kodwa uAbisalomu esamgcoba ukuthi abe phezu kwethu
ufele empini. Pho-ke, lithuleleni ngokubuyisa inkosi?
11 Inkosi uDavida yasithuma kuZadoki lakuAbhiyatha
abapristi, isithi: Khulumani labadala bakoJuda lithi:
Kungani lingabokucina ukubuyisela inkosi endlini yayo?
(Ngoba inkulumo kaIsrayeli wonke ifike enkosini endlini
yayo.) **12** Lingabafowethu, lilithambo lami lenyama yami;
ngakho kungani lingabokucina ukubuyisa inkosi? **13**
Lithi-ke kuAmasa: Angithi ulithambo lami lenyama yami?
UNkulunkulu kenze njalo kimi engezelele ngokunjalo,
uba ungayikuba yinduna yebutho phambi kwami zonke
izinsuku esikhundleni sikaJowabi. **14** Wasethobisa
inhliziyo yabantu bonke bakoJuda, njengamuntu munye;
basebethuma enkosini besithi: Buyela wena lazo zonke
inceku zakho. **15** Inkosi yasibuyela yafika eJordani;
uJuda wasesiza eGiligali ukuyahlangabeza inkosi,
ukuchaphisa inkosi iJordani. **16** UShimeyi indodana
kaGera umBhenjamini, owaseBahurimi, wasephangisa
wehla labantu bakoJuda ukuhlangabeza inkosi uDavida,
17 labantu abayinkulungwane bakoBhenjamini belaye,
loZiba inceku yendlu kaSawuli, lamadodana akhe
alitshumi lanhlanu, lenceku zakhe ezingamatshumi
amabili belaye. Basebephangisa baya eJordani phambi
kwenkosi. **18** Kwasekuchapha isikepe sokuchapha
ukuchaphisa abendlu yenkosi lokwenza okulungileyo
emehlweni ayo. UShimeyi indodana kaGera wasewela
phansi phambi kwenkosi ekuchapheni kwayo iJordani.
19 Wasesithi enkosini: Inkosi yami ingangibaleli
isiphambeko, futhi ungakhumbuli lokho inceku yakho
eyaphambeka ngakho mhla inkosi yami, inkosi, iphuma
eJerusalema, ukuthi inkosi ikubeke enhliziyweni yayo. **20**
Ngoba inceku yakho iyazi ukuthi mina ngonile; khangela-
ke, ngifikile lamuhla ngingowokuqala wendlu yonke
kaJosefa ukwehla ukuhlangabeza inkosi yami, inkosi.
21 Kodwa uAbishayi indodana kaZeruya waphendula
wathi: UShimeyi kayikubulawa yini ngalokhu, ngoba
wathuka ogcotshiweyo weNkosi? **22** UDavida wasesithi:
Ngilani lani, madodana kaZeruya, ukuthi libe yisitha
kimi lamuhla? Kuzabulawa umuntu lamuhla koIsrayeli
yini? Ngoba kangazi yini ukuthi lamuhla ngiyinkosi
phezu kukaIsrayeli? **23** Inkosi yasisithi kuShimeyi:
Kawuyikufa. Inkosi yasifunga kuye. **24** UMefiboshethi
indodana kaSawuli wasesehla ukuhlangabeza inkosi.
Wayengalungisanga inyawo zakhe, engalungisanga
lendevu zakhe, engawatshanga lezigqoko zakhe,
kusukela mhla inkosi ihamba kwaze kwaba mhla ibuya
ngokuthula. **25** Kwasekusithi esefikile eJerusalema
ukuhlangabeza inkosi, inkosi yathi kuye: Kungani
ungahambanga lami, Mefiboshethi? **26** Wasesithi: Nkosi
yami, nkosi, inceku yami yangikhohlisa; ngoba inceku
yakho yathi: Ngizazibophelela isihlalo kubabhemi ukuze
ngimgade, ngihambe lenkosi, ngoba inceku yakho
iyaqhula. **27** Njalo iyihlebile inceku yakho enkosini
yami, inkosi; kodwa inkosi yami, inkosi, injengengilosi
kaNkulunkulu; ngakho yenza okulungileyo emehlweni
akho. **28** Ngoba yonke indlu kababa ibingesilutho
ngaphandle kokuba ngabantu bokufa phambi kwenkosi
yami, inkosi; loba kunjalo wayibeka inceku yakho
phakathi kwabadla etafuleni lakho. Pho, ngiselalungelo
bani ukuthi ngibuye ngikhale enkosini? **29** Inkosi
yasisithi kuye: Usakhulumelani ngendaba zakho?
Ngithe: Wena loZiba lizakwehlukaniselana insimu. **30**
UMefiboshethi wasesithi enkosini: Yebo, kayithathe
yonke, lokhu inkosi yami, inkosi, isibuyile endlini yayo
ngokuthula. **31** UBarizilayi umGileyadi wasesehla
evela eRogelimi, wachapha iJordani kanye lenkosi
ukuyiphelekezela phetsheya kweJordani. **32** UBarizilayi
wayesemdala kakhulu, eleminyaka engamatshumi
ayisificaminwembili; yena wayisekela inkosi ekuhlaleni
kwayo eMahanayimi, ngoba wayengumuntu omkhulu
kakhulu. **33** Inkosi yasisithi kuBarizilayi: Chapha kanye
lami wena, ngizakusekela lami eJerusalema. **34**
Kodwa uBarizilayi wasesithi enkosini: Zingaki insuku
zeminyaka yempilo yami ukuthi ngenyukele eJerusalema
lenkosi? **35** Lamuhla ngileminyaka engamatshumi
ayisificaminwembili; ngingehlukanisa phakathi kokuhle
lokubi yini? Inceku yakho inganambitha engikudlayo
lengikunathayo yini? Ngingabe ngisawezwa yini amazwi
amadoda ahlabelayo lawabesifazana abahlabelayo?
Kungani-ke inceku yakho isizakuba ngumthwalo enkosini
yami, inkosi? **36** Inceku yakho izake ichaphe iJordani
ingcosana nje kanye lenkosi; kungani-ke inkosi
izangenanisa ngomvuzo ongaka? **37** Ngiyakuncenga,
yekela inceku yakho ibuyele, ukuze ngifele emzini
wami eduze lengcwaba likababa lelikamama. Kodwa
khangela, inceku yakho uKhimihamu, kayichaphe
lenkosi yami, inkosi, uyenzele okulungileyo emehlweni
akho. **38** Inkosi yasisithi: UKhimihamu uzachapha lami;
njalo mina ngizamenzela okulungileyo emehlweni ami,
lakho konke okufunayo kimi ngizakwenzela khona.
39 Bonke abantu basebechapha iJordani, lenkosi
yachapha, inkosi yamanga uBarizilayi, yambusisa,
wasebuyela endaweni yakhe. **40** Inkosi yasisedlulela
eGiligali, loKhimihamu wedlula layo; labo bonke abantu
bakoJuda bayidlulisela phambili inkosi, futhi lengxenye
yesizwe sakoIsrayeli. **41** Khangela-ke, bonke abantu
bakoIsrayeli beza enkosini bathi enkosini: Abafowethu,
abantu bakoJuda, bakuntshontsheleni, bachaphisa inkosi
lendlu yayo iJordani labo bonke abantu bakaDavida
belaye? **42** Bonke abantu bakoJuda basebephendula
amadoda akoIsrayeli bathi: Ngoba inkosi iyisihlobo
sethu; pho-ke, lithukuthelelani ngalindaba? Sike sadlani
okwenkosi? Kumbe isinike isipho yini? **43** Njalo
amadoda akoIsrayeli aphendula amadoda akoJuda,
athi: Silengxenye ezilitshumi enkosini, futhi lakuDavida
silelungelo okwedlula lina. Pho, lasidelelelani ukuthi ilizwi

lethu lingabi ngelokuqala ukubuyisa inkosi yethu? Kodwa
ilizwi lamadoda akoJuda lalilukhuni kulelizwi lamadoda
akoIsrayeli.

20 Kwasekusenzakala ukuthi kube khona lapho
umuntu kaBheliyali, obizo lakhe linguShebha
indodana kaBikiri umBhenjamini; wasevuthela uphondo
wathi: Kasilasabelo kuDavida, kasilalifa endodaneni
kaJese; wonke umuntu emathenteni akhe, Israyeli! **2**
Ngakho wonke umuntu wakoIsrayeli wenyuka wasuka
emva kukaDavida, elandela uShebha indodana kaBikiri;
kodwa abantu bakoJuda banamathela enkosini yabo,
kusukela eJordani kwaze kwaba seJerusalema. **3**
UDavida wasefika endlini yakhe eJerusalema; inkosi
yathatha abafazi abalitshumi, abafazi abancane,
eyayibatshiye ukuze balinde indlu, yababeka endlini
elindiweyo, yabanika ukudla, kodwa kayingenanga
kubo. Basebevalelwa kwaze kwaba lusuku lokufa
kwabo, bephila ebufelokazini. **4** Inkosi yasisithi
kuAmasa: Biza abantu bakoJuda babuthane kimi
ngensuku ezintathu, lawe ube khona lapha. **5** UAmasa
wasehamba ukubuthanisa uJuda, kodwa waphuza phezu
kwesikhathi esimisiweyo ayemmisele sona. **6** UDavida
wasesithi kuAbishayi: Khathesi uShebha indodana
kaBikiri uzasenzela okubi okwedlula uAbisalomu;
wena thatha inceku zenkosi yakho, uxotshane
laye, hlezi azitholele imizi ebiyelwe ngemithangala,
asiphunyuke. **7** Kwasekuphuma emva kwakhe
amadoda kaJowabi lamaKerethi lamaPelethi lamaqhawe
wonke, basebephuma eJerusalema ukuxotshana
loShebha indodana kaBikiri. **8** Sebeselitsheni
elikhulu eliseGibeyoni, uAmasa weza phambi kwabo.
UJowabi wayebhince isigqoko ayesigqokile, laphezu
kwaso kulebhanti elilenkemba ebotshelwe ekhalweni
lwakhe isesikhwameni sayo; esaqhubeka inkemba
yawa. **9** UJowabi wasesithi kuAmasa: Uyaphila yini,
mfowethu? UJowabi wasebamba uAmasa ngesilevu
ngesandla sokunene ukuze amange. **10** Kodwa
uAmasa wayengayinanzeleli inkemba eyayisesandleni
sikaJowabi; wasemtshaya ngayo kubambo lwesihlanu,
wathululela imibilini yakhe emhlabathini, kamphindanga,
wafa. UJowabi loAbishayi umfowabo basebexotshana
loShebha indodana kaBikiri. **11** Omunye wamajaha
kaJowabi wema phansi kwakhe, wathi: Omthandayo
uJowabi, longokaDavida, landela uJowabi. **12** UAmasa
wasegiqika egazini phakathi komgwaqo omkhulu. Lapho
lowomuntu ebona ukuthi bonke abantu bayema, wamsusa
uAmasa emgwaqweni omkhulu wamusa egangeni,
waphosela isembatho phezu kwakhe, lapho ebona ukuthi
wonke ofika ngakuye wema. **13** Esesusiwe emgwaqweni
omkhulu, bonke abantu badlula bamlandela uJowabi
ukuze baxotshane loShebha indodana kaBikiri. **14**
Wasedabula kuzo zonke izizwe zakoIsrayeli, waya
eAbeli ngitsho iBeti-Mahaka, lawo wonke amaBeri;
basebebuthana bamlandela labo. **15** Basebefika,
bamgombolozela eAbeli-Beti-Mahaka; babuthelela
idundulu maqondana lomuzi, lema emthangaleni;
bonke abantu ababeloJowabi basebewona umduli
ukuwuwisela phansi. **16** Kwasekumemeza owesifazana
ohlakaniphileyo phakathi komuzi wathi: Zwanini,
zwanini! Ake lithi kuJowabi: Sondela lapha, ukuze
ngikhulume lawe. **17** Esesondele kuye, owesifazana
wathi: Nguwe uJowabi yini? Yena wathi: Nginguye.
Wasesithi kuye: Zwana amazwi encekukazi yakho.
Wasesithi: Ngiyezwa. **18** Wasekhuluma esithi: Endulo
babejwayele ukukhuluma besithi: Kababuze lokubuza
eAbeli; basebeqeda ngokunjalo. **19** Ngingowabokuthula,
owabathembekileyo bakoIsrayeli; udinga ukuchitha
umuzi lonina koIsrayeli. Uginyelani ilifa leNkosi? **20**
UJowabi wasephendula wathi: Kakube khatshana,
kakube khatshana lami ukuthi ngiginye loba ngichithe.
21 Udaba kalunjalo; kodwa umuntu wasentabeni
yakoEfrayimi, nguShebha indodana kaBikiri ibizo lakhe,
uphakamisile isandla sakhe emelene lenkosi, emelene
loDavida; nikelani yena kuphela, ngizasuka emzini.
Owesifazana wasesithi kuJowabi: Khangela, ikhanda
lakhe lizaphoselwa kuwe ngaphezu komduli. **22**
Owesifazana wasesiya ngenhlakanipho yakhe ebantwini
bonke. Basebequma ikhanda likaShebha indodana
kaBikiri, baliphosela kuJowabi. Wasevuthela uphondo,
bahlakazeka besuka kulowomuzi, ngulowo lalowo waya
emathenteni akhe. UJowabi wasebuyela eJerusalema
enkosini. **23** Njalo uJowabi wayephezu kwebutho
lonke lakoIsrayeli; loBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada
wayephezu kwamaKerethi laphezu kwamaPelethi; **24**
loAdoniramu wayephezu kwezibhalwa; loJehoshafathi
indodana kaAhiludi wayengumabhalane; **25** loSheva
wayengumbhali; loZadoki loAbhiyatha babengabapristi;
26 loIra laye umJayiri wayengumpristi kaDavida.

21 Kwasekusiba khona indlala ensukwini zikaDavida
iminyaka emithathu, umnyaka ngomnyaka
ilandelana; uDavida wadinga ubuso beNkosi. INkosi
yasisithi: Kungenxa kaSawuli langenxa yendlu yakhe
yegazi, ngoba wabulala amaGibeyoni. **2** Ngakho
inkosi yabiza amaGibeyoni yathi kuwo: (AmaGibeyoni-
ke ayengeyisiwo awabantwana bakoIsrayeli, kodwa
ayengawensali yamaAmori; njalo abantwana bakoIsrayeli
babefungile kuwo; uSawuli wasedinga ukuwatshaya
ekutshisekeleni kwakhe abantwana bakoIsrayeli loJuda.)
3 Ngakho uDavida wathi kumaGibeyoni: Ngingalenzelani?
Ngingayenza ngani inhlawulo yokuthula ukuze libusise
ilifa leNkosi? **4** AmaGibeyoni asesithi kuye: Kayisindaba
yesiliva kumbe igolide loSawuli lendlu yakhe; futhi
kakusikwethu ukubulala umuntu koIsrayeli. Wasesithi:
Lokho elikutshoyo ngizalenzela khona. **5** Basebesithi
enkosini: Umuntu owasiqedayo, owaceba emelene
lathi ukuthi sichithwe singasali lakuwuphi umngcele

wakoIsrayeli, 6 kasinikwe amadoda ayisikhombisa
emadodaneni akhe, njalo siwaphanyekele iNkosi eGibeya
kaSawuli, okhethiweyo weNkosi. Inkosi yasisithi: Mina
ngizalipha. 7 Kodwa inkosi yamyekela uMefiboshethi
indodana kaJonathani indodana kaSawuli ngenxa
yesifungo seNkosi esasiphakathi kwabo, phakathi
kukaDavida loJonathani indodana kaSawuli. 8 Kodwa
inkosi yathatha amadodana amabili kaRizipa indodakazi
kaAya ayewazalele uSawuli, uArimoni loMefiboshethi,
lamadodana amahlanu kadadewabo kaMikhali indodakazi
kaSawuli ayewazalele uAdriyeli indodana kaBarizilayi
umMehola, 9 yabanikela esandleni samaGibeyoni,
asebaphanyeka entabeni phambi kweNkosi, njalo
abayisikhombisa bawa kanyekanye. Babulawa ensukwini
zokuvuna, ensukwini zakuqala ekuqaleni kokuvunwa
kwebhali. 10 URizipa indodakazi kaAya wasethatha isaka,
wazendlalela lona phezu kwedwala, kusukela ekuqaleni
kokuvuna kwaze kwathonta amanzi phezu kwabo
evela emazulwini; kavumelanga inyoni zamazulu ukuthi
zihlale phezu kwabo emini, lezilo zeganga ebusuku.
11 Kwasekubikelwa uDavida lokho uRizipa indodakazi
kaAya, umfazi omncane kaSawuli, ayekwenzile.
12 UDavida wasehamba wayathatha amathambo
kaSawuli lamathambo kaJonathani indodana yakhe
kubahlali beJabeshi-Gileyadi ababewebile emdangeni
weBeti-Shani, lapho amaFilisti ayebaphanyeke khona
mhla amaFilisti etshaya uSawuli eGilibowa. 13
Wasesenyusa esuka lapho amathambo kaSawuli
lamathambo kaJonathani indodana yakhe; basebeqoqa
amathambo awababephanyekiwe. 14 Basebewangcwaba
amathambo kaSawuli lakaJonathani indodana yakhe
elizweni lakoBhenjamini eZela, engcwabeni likaKishi
uyise. Benza konke inkosi eyayibalaye khona. Njalo
emva kwalokho uNkulunkulu wancengeka ngenxa
yelizwe. 15 AmaFilisti abuye aba lempi futhi loIsrayeli;
uDavida wasesehla lenceku zakhe kanye laye, njalo
balwa lamaFilisti; uDavida wasedinwa. 16 UIshibi-
Benobi owayengowabantwana besiqhwaga, osisindo
somkhonto wakhe sasingamashekeli angamakhulu
amathathu ethusi, wayebhince inkemba entsha, wathi
uzamtshaya uDavida. 17 Kodwa uAbishayi indodana
kaZeruya wamsiza, wamtshaya umFilisti wambulala.
Khona abantu bakaDavida bafunga kuye besithi:
Kawusayikuphuma impi lathi, hlezi ucitshe isibane
sikaIsrayeli. 18 Kwasekusithi emva kwalokhu kwaba
lempi futhi lamaFilisti eGobi; khona uSibekayi umHusha
watshaya uSafi, owayengowabantwana besiqhwaga. 19
Kwasekusiba lempi futhi lamaFilisti eGobi; uElihanani
indodana kaJahari-Oregimi umBhethelehema, watshaya
umfowabo kaGoliyathi umGiti, oluthi lomkhonto wakhe
lwalunjengogodo lomaluki. 20 Njalo kwabuye kwaba lempi
eGathi, lapho okwakulomuntu omude, owayeleminwe
eyisithupha ezandleni zakhe, lamazwane ayisithupha
ezinyaweni zakhe, kungamatshumi amabili lane ngenani;
laye-ke wayezalelwe isiqhwaga. 21 Lapho eseyisa
uIsrayeli, uJonathani indodana kaShimeya, umfowabo
kaDavida, wamtshaya. 22 Laba abane babezalelwe
isiqhwaga eGathi; njalo bawa ngesandla sikaDavida
langesandla senceku zakhe.

22 UDavida wasekhuluma eNkosini amazwi alelihubo
mhla iNkosi imkhulula esandleni sezitha zakhe
zonke lesandleni sikaSawuli. 2 Wasesithi: INkosi ilidwala
lami, lenqaba yami, lomkhululi wami; 3 uNkulunkulu
wedwala lami, ngizaphephela kuye, isihlangu sami,
lophondo losindiso lwami, inqaba yami ephakemeyo,
lesiphephelo sami, umsindisi wami; ungisindisile
odlakeleni. 4 Ngizabiza iNkosi edumisekayo, ngakho
ngizasindiswa ezitheni zami. 5 Ngoba izinsizi zokufa
zingizingelezele, lezikhukhula zobubi zangethusa. 6
Izibopho zesihogo zangigombolozela, imijibila yokufa
yayiphambi kwami. (Sheol h7585) 7 Ekuhluphekeni
kwami ngayibiza iNkosi, ngakhala kuNkulunkulu wami;
waselizwa ilizwi lami esethempelini lakhe, lokukhala
kwami kwafinyelela endlebeni zakhe. 8 Khona umhlaba
wazamazama, wanyikinyeka, izisekelo zamazulu
zaqhaqhazela, zazamazama, ngoba wayethukuthele.
9 Kwenyuka intuthu emakhaleni akhe, lomlilo ophuma
emlonyeni wakhe waqothula; amalahle avuthiswa yiwo.
10 Wasekhothamisa amazulu, wehlela phansi; lomnyama
onzima wawungaphansi kwenyawo zakhe. 11 Wasegada
ikherubhi, waphapha, wabonakala phezu kwempiko
zomoya. 12 Wasemisa umnyama waba ngamadumba
inhlangothi zonke zakhe, lokuqoqana kwamanzi, amayezi
amnyama omkhathi. 13 Ekukhazimuleni okuphambi
kwakhe kwavuthiswa amalahle omlilo. 14 INkosi
yaduma isemazulwini, loPhezukonke walikhupha ilizwi
lakhe. 15 Yathuma imitshoko, yabachitha; imibane,
yabaphaphathekisa. 16 Khona kwabonakala imisele
yolwandle, kwembulwa izisekelo zomhlaba, ekusoleni
kweNkosi, ekuvutheleni komoya wamakhala ayo. 17
Iphezulu yathuma, yangibamba, yangenyula emanzini
amanengi. 18 Yangophula esitheni sami esilamandla,
kwabangizondayo, ngoba babelamandla kulami. 19
Babephambi kwami osukwini lwenhlupheko yami,
kodwa iNkosi yaba yisisekelo sami. 20 Yangikhuphela
endaweni ebanzi, yangikhulula, ngoba yayithokoza
ngami. 21 INkosi yangivuza njengokulunga kwami,
yangibuyisela njengokuhlanzeka kwezandla zami. 22
Ngoba ngizilondolozile indlela zeNkosi, kangisukanga
kuNkulunkulu wami ngenkohlakalo. 23 Ngoba zonke
izahlulelo zayo zaziphambi kwami, lezimiso zayo,
kangiphambukanga kuzo. 24 Njalo ngangiqondile phambi
kwayo, ngizinqandile ebubini bami. 25 Ngakho iNkosi
ingibuyisele njengokulunga kwami, njengokuhlanzeka
kwami phambi kwamehlo ayo. 26 Kolesihawu uzaziveza
ulesihawu; koqotho uzaziveza uqotho; 27 kohlanzekileyo
uzaziveza uhlanzekile; lakophambukileyo uzaziveza
uphambukile. 28 Labantu abahlutshwayo uzabasindisa,

kodwa amehlo akho aphezu kwabaziphakamisayo,
uzabehlisela phansi. 29 Ngoba uyisibane sami,
Nkosi, iNkosi izakhanyisa-ke ubumnyama bami.
30 Ngoba ngawe ngigijimile ngadabula phakathi
kwebutho, ngoNkulunkulu wami ngeqe umthangala.
31 UNkulunkulu; indlela yakhe iphelele; ilizwi leNkosi
lihloliwe; uyisihlangu kubo bonke abaphephela kuye. 32
Ngoba ngubani onguNkulunkulu ngaphandle kweNkosi?
Njalo ngubani olidwala ngaphandle kukaNkulunkulu
wethu? 33 UNkulunkulu uyinqaba yami lamandla,
owenza indlela yami iphelele. 34 Owenza inyawo
zami zibe njengezezimpala, wangimisa ezingqongeni
zami. 35 Ofundisela izandla zami impi, ukuze idandili
lethusi ligotshiswe zingalo zami. 36 Unginikile lesihlangu
sosindiso lwakho, lokuzithoba kwakho kungikhulisile.
37 Wenze laba banzi inyathelo lami ngaphansi kwami,
ukuze inqagala zami zingatsheleli. 38 Ngixotshene lezitha
zami ngazibhubhisa, kangibuyanga ngaze ngaziqeda.
39 Ngaziqeda, ngazigwaza, ukuze zingavuki; kodwa
zawa ngaphansi kwenyawo zami. 40 Ngoba ungibhincise
amandla kusenzelwa impi, wabakhothamisela phansi
kwami abangivukelayo. 41 Unginike intamo yezitha
zami, labo abangizondayo ngababhubhisa. 42
Bakhangela, kodwa engekho umsindisi; eNkosini,
kodwa kayibaphendulanga. 43 Ngasengibacholisisa
njengothuli lomhlaba, ngabagxoba njengodaka
lwezitalada, ngabatsahaza. 44 Wasungikhulula
ekuphikiseni kwabantu bami, wangigcina ngiyinhloko
yezizwe; abantu engangingabazi bangisebenzela. 45
Abezizweni bazazehlisela phansi kimi; bangenela
ukuzwa ngendlebe bazangilalela. 46 Abezizweni
bazabuna, baphume ezinqabeni zabo bethuthumela.
47 INkosi iyaphila; njalo kalibusiswe idwala lami,
kaphakanyiswe uNkulunkulu, idwala losindiso lwami;
48 uNkulunkulu onginika impindiselo, lowehlisela izizwe
ngaphansi kwami; 49 longikhupha ezitheni zami;
laphezu kwabangivukelayo wena wangiphakamisa;
lemuntwini wodlakela wangikhulula. 50 Ngenxa yalokhu
ngizakudumisa, Nkosi, phakathi kwezizwe, ngihubele
ibizo lakho indumiso. 51 Ingumphotshongo wosindiso
kuyo inkosi yayo, isenzela ogcotshiweyo wayo umusa,
kuDavida, lenzalweni yakhe kuze kube nininini.

23 La-ke ngamazwi okucina kaDavida. UDavida
indodana kaJese wathi, lomuntu ophakanyiselwe
phezulu, ogcotshiweyo kaNkulunkulu kaJakobe,
lomhlabeleli omnandi wakoIsrayeli, wathi: 2
UMoya weNkosi wakhuluma ngami, lelizwi lakhe
lisolimini lwami. 3 UNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli wathi,
iDwala likaIsrayeli lakhuluma kimi lathi: Obusa
abantu uzakuba ngolungileyo, ebusa ngokumesaba
uNkulunkulu. 4 Njalo uzakuba njengokukhanya
kwekuseni ekuphumeni kwelanga, ikuseni engelamayezi,
njengohlaza emhlabathini ngokukhanya emva kwezulu.
5 Lanxa indlu yami ingenjalo kuNkulunkulu, kube
kanti wenzile lami isivumelwano esilaphakade,
esimiswe kuhle ezintweni zonke, lesigcinekileyo,
ngoba lonke usindiso lwami lesiloyiso sikuso,
lanxa engasikhulisi. 6 Kodwa abakaBheliyali bonke
banjengameva alahliweyo, ngoba engelakuthathwa
ngesandla; 7 kodwa umuntu owathintayo uzazihlomisa
ngensimbi langoluthi lomkhonto, azatshiswa lokutshiswa
ngomlilo kuleyondawo. 8 La ngamabizo amaqhawe
uDavida ayelawo: UJoshebi-Bashebeti umTahekemoni,
inhloko yezinduna; nguye uAdino umEzini, ngenxa
yabangamakhulu ayisificaminwembili ababulawa
ngasikhathi sinye. 9 Lemva kwakhe kwakuloEleyazare
indodana kaDodo indodana kaAhohi, owamaqhawe
amathathu ayeloDavida, ekudeleleni kwabo amaFilisti
ayebuthanele khona impi, lapho amadoda akoIsrayeli
esenyukile, 10 yena wasukuma watshaya amaFilisti
saze sadinwa isandla sakhe, lesandla sakhe
sanamathela enkembeni. INkosi yasisenza usindiso
olukhulu ngalolosuku; abantu basebebuya emva
kwakhe ukuzaphanga kuphela. 11 Lemva kwakhe
kwakuloShama indodana kaAge umHarari. AmaFilisti
ayebuthene aba lixuku, lapho okwakukhona isiqinti
sensimu sigcwele amalentili; njalo abantu babaleka
ebusweni bamaFilisti, 12 kodwa wajama phakathi
kwesiqinti, wasivikela, wawatshaya amaFilisti.
INkosi yenza-ke usindiso olukhulu. 13 Abathathu
ezinhlokweni ezingamatshumi amathathu basebesehla,
bafika kuDavida ebhalwini lweAdulamu ngesikhathi
sokuvuna; lexuku lamaFilisti lalimise inkamba
esihotsheni seRefayimi. 14 Langalesosikhathi
uDavida wayesenqabeni, lebutho lenqaba lamaFilisti
laliseBhethelehema ngalesosikhathi. 15 UDavida
wasenxwanela, wathi: Hawu, kungathi omunye
ubenganginathisa amanzi omthombo weBhethelehema
ongasesangweni! 16 Lawomaqhawe amathathu
asefohla adabula enkambeni yamaFilisti, akha amanzi
emthonjeni weBhethelehema owawungasesangweni,
awathatha awaletha kuDavida. Kube kanti kathandanga
ukuwanatha, kodwa wawathululela iNkosi. 17
Wasesithi: Kakube khatshana lami, Nkosi, ukuthi
ngenze lokho; kakusigazi yini labantu abahambe
lempilo yabo engozini? Ngalokho kathandanga
ukuwanatha. Lezizinto azenza lamaqhawe amathathu.
18 Njalo uAbishayi, umfowabo kaJowabi indodana
kaZeruya, wayeyinhloko yabathathu. Yena wasegiyela
abangamakhulu amathathu ngomkhonto wakhe,
ababuleweyo, wasesiba lebizo phakathi kwabathathu.
19 Kahlonitshwanga kakhulu yini kulabathathu? Ngakho
waba yinduna yabo; kodwa kafikanga kwabathathu
abokuqala. 20 UBhenaya-ke, indodana kaJehoyada,
indodana yeqhawe, omkhulu ngezenzo, weKabhiseyeli.
Yena watshaya ababili abanjengezilwane bakoMowabi;
futhi wehla watshaya isilwane phakathi komgodi mhla
weliqhwa elikhithikileyo. 21 Yena wasetshaya indoda

engumGibhithe, umuntu obukekayo; njalo umGibhithe
wayelomkhonto esandleni sakhe; kodwa wehlela
kuye elenduku, wawuhluthuna umkhonto esandleni
somGibhithe, wambulala ngomkhonto wakhe. 22
Lezizinto wazenza uBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada,
waba lebizo phakathi kwamaqhawe amathathu. 23
Wayehlonipheka kulabangamatshumi amathathu,
kodwa kafikanga kwabathathu. UDavida wasembeka
phezu kwabalindi bakhe. 24 UAsaheli umfowabo
kaJowabi wayephakathi kwabangamatshumi amathathu,
uElihanani indodana kaDodo weBhethelehema, 25
uShama umHarodi, uElika umHarodi, 26 uHelezi
umPaliti, uIra indodana kaIkheshi umThekhowa, 27
uAbiyezeri umAnethothi, uMebunayi umHusha, 28
uZalimoni umAhohi, uMaharayi umNetofa, 29 uHelebi
indodana kaBahana umNetofa, uIthayi indodana
kaRibayi weGibeya wabantwana bakoBhenjamini, 30
uBhenaya umPirathoni, uHidayi wezifuleni zeGahashi,
31 uAbi-Aliboni umAraba, uAzimavethi umBahurimi, 32
uEliyabha umShahaliboni, wamadodana kaJasheni,
uJonathani, 33 uShama umHarari, uAhiyamu indodana
kaSharari umHarari, 34 uElifeleti indodana kaAhasibayi
indodana yomMahaka, uEliyamu indodana kaAhithofeli
umGilo, 35 uHezirayi umKharmeli, uPaharayi umArabi,
36 uIgali indodana kaNathani weZoba, uBani umGadi,
37 uZeleki umAmoni, uNaharayi umBherothi, umthwali
wezikhali zikaJowabi indodana kaZeruya, 38 uIra
umIthiri, uGarebi umIthiri, 39 uUriya umHethi; bebonke
babengamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa.

24 Lwaselubuya lwamvuthela uIsrayeli ulaka
lukaJehova, wabavusela uDavida, esithi: Hamba
ubale uIsrayeli loJuda. 2 Ngakho inkosi yathi kuJowabi
induna yebutho eyayilaye: Hamba khathesi ubhode
ezizweni zonke zakoIsrayeli, kusukela koDani kuze
kube seBherishebha, libale abantu ukuze ngazi inani
labantu. 3 UJowabi wasesithi enkosini: Aluba iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho ingandisa ebantwini, loba bebanengi
kangakanani, kuphindwe ngokulikhulu, ukuthi amehlo
enkosi yami, inkosi, akubone. Kodwa inkosi yami,
inkosi, ithokozelani kulinto? 4 Kodwa ilizwi lenkosi
lalilamandla phezu kukaJowabi laphezu kwezinduna
zebutho. Ngakho uJowabi lenduna zebutho baphuma
phambi kwenkosi ukuze babale abantu, uIsrayeli. 5
Basebechapha iJordani, bamisa inkamba eAroweri,
ngakwesokunene komuzi ophakathi kwesifula seGadi,
lamaqondana leJazeri. 6 Basebefika eGileyadi lelizweni
leTahetimi-Hodishi; bafika eDani-Jahani, babhoda
ngaseSidoni, 7 bafika enqabeni yeTire lemizini yonke
yamaHivi leyamaKhanani; baphuma baya eningizimu
yakoJuda, eBherishebha. 8 Sebebhode badabula
ilizwe lonke, bafika eJerusalema ekupheleni kwenyanga
eziyisificamunwemunye lensuku ezingamatshumi amabili.
9 UJowabi waseyinika inkosi inani lokubalwa
kwabantu; njalo kwakukhona koIsrayeli amaqhawe
ayizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu ayisificaminwembili
ahwatsha inkemba; lamadoda akoJuda ayengamadoda
ayizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amahlanu. 10 Inhliziyo
kaDavida yasimtshaya emva kokuthi esebale abantu.
UDavida wasesithi eNkosini: Ngonile kakhulu ngalokho
engikwenzileyo. Ngakho-ke, Nkosi, ngiyakuncenga,
susa ububi benceku yakho, ngoba ngenze ngobuthutha
obukhulu. 11 Kwathi uDavida esevukile ekuseni, kwafika
ilizwi leNkosi kuGadi umprofethi, umboni kaDavida,
lisithi: 12 Hamba uthi kuDavida: Itsho njalo iNkosi ithi:
Ngikubekela okuthathu; zikhethele okukodwa kukho,
ukuthi ngikwenze kuwe. 13 UGadi wasefika kuDavida,
wamtshela wathi kuye: Kufike kuwe yini iminyaka
eyisikhombisa yendlala elizweni lakini? Loba ubalekele
izitha zakho inyanga ezintathu zixotshana lawe?
Ingabe kube khona umatshayabhuqe wesifo okwensuku
ezintathu elizweni lakini? Khathesi cabanga, ubone
ukuthi yimpendulo bani engizayibuyisela kongithumileyo.
14 UDavida wasesithi kuGadi: Ngicindezelekile kakhulu;
ake siwele esandleni seNkosi, ngoba izisa zayo zinkulu,
kodwa kangingaweli esandleni somuntu. 15 Ngakho
iNkosi yasibeka umatshayabhuqe wesifo kuIsrayeli,
kusukela ekuseni kwaze kwaba sesikhathini esimisiweyo;
kwasekusifa ebantwini abantu abayizinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa kusukela koDani kwaze
kwaba seBherishebha. 16 Lapho ingilosi iselulela
isandla sayo eJerusalema ukuyibhubhisa, iNkosi yazisola
ngalobobubi, yathi engilosini eyayibhubhisa abantu:
Sekwanele. Khathesi finyeza isandla sakho. Ingilosi
yeNkosi yayisebaleni lokubhulela likaArawuna umJebusi.
17 UDavida wasekhuluma eNkosini lapho ebona
ingilosi eyayitshaya abantu, wathi: Khangela, mina
ngonile, njalo mina ngenze okubi; pho, lezizimvu
zenzeni? Isandla sakho ake simelane lami njalo
simelane lendlu kababa. 18 UGadi wasefika kuDavida
ngalolosuku, wathi kuye: Yenyuka, umisele iNkosi ilathi
ebaleni lokubhulela likaArawuna umJebusi. 19 UDavida
wasesenyuka njengokutsho kukaGadi, njengokulaya
kweNkosi. 20 UArawuna waselunguza, wabona inkosi
lenceku zayo beqhubeka besiza kuye; uArawuna
wasephuma wakhothama phambi kwenkosi ngobuso
bakhe emhlabathini. 21 UArawuna wasesithi: Kungani
inkosi yami, inkosi, ize encekwini yayo? UDavida
wasesithi: Ukuthi ngithenge kuwe ibala lokubhulela,
ukuthi ngakhele iNkosi ilathi, ukuze inhlupheko
ithinteke ingafiki ebantwini. 22 UArawuna wasesithi
kuDavida: Inkosi yami, inkosi, kayithathe inikele lokho
okuhle emehlweni ayo; bona, nanzi inkabi zomnikelo
wokutshiswa, lezimbulo lezinto zenkabi kube zinkuni.
23 Konke lokhu, nkosi, uArawuna wakunika inkosi;
uArawuna wasesithi enkosini: INkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho kayikwemukele. 24 Inkosi yasisithi kuArawuna:
Hatshi, kodwa ngizakuthenga lokukuthenga kuwe
ngentengo; njalo kangiyikunikela iminikelo yokutshiswa

engangibizanga lutho eNkosini uNkulunkulu wami.
UDavida waselithenga ibala lokubhulela lezinkabi
ngamashekeli esiliva angamatshumi amahlanu. **25**
UDavida wasesakhela khona iNkosi ilathi, wanikela
iminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo yokuthula. Ngakho
iNkosi yancengeka ngelizwe, inhlupheko yasithinteka
phezu kukaIsrayeli.

1 Amakhosi

1 Inkosi uDavida yayisindala ilensuku ezinengi;
basebeyembesa ngezembatho, kodwa
kayikhudumalanga. **2** Inceku zayo zasezisithi kuyo: Inkosi
yami, inkosi, kayidingelwe intombazana emsulwa, ukuthi
ime phambi kwenkosi, iyonge, ilale esifubeni sakho,
ukuze inkosi yami, inkosi, ikhudumale. **3** Zasezidinga
intombazana enhle emingceleni yonke yakoIsrayeli,
zathola uAbishagi umShunami, zamletha enkosini. **4**
Intombazana yayinhle kakhulu sibili, yaba ngumongi
wenkosi, yayisebenzela; kodwa inkosi kayiyazanga.
5 UAdonija indodana kaHagithi waseziphakamisa
esithi: Mina ngizakuba yinkosi. Wasezilungisela inqola
labagadi bamabhiza, lamadoda angamatshumi amahlanu
ukugijima phambi kwakhe. **6** Uyise wayengazanga
amdanise lakanye esithi: Wenzeleni kanje? Laye futhi
wayelesimo esihle kakhulu, lonina wamzala emva
kukaAbisalomu. **7** Lamazwi akhe ayeloJowabi indodana
kaZeruya njalo loAbhiyatha umpristi, basebencedisa,
bamlandela uAdonija. **8** Kodwa uZadoki umpristi,
loBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada, loNathani umprofethi,
loShimeyi, loReyi, lamaqhawe uDavida ayelawo,
babengekho kuAdonija. **9** UAdonija wahlaba izimvu
lezinkabi lokunonisiweyo elitsheni leZohelethi eliseceleni
kweEni-Rogeli, wanxusa bonke abafowabo, amadodana
enkosi, lawo wonke amadoda akoJuda, inceku zenkosi;
10 kodwa oNathani umprofethi loBhenaya lamaqhawe
loSolomoni umfowabo kabanxusanga. **11** Ngakho
uNathani wakhuluma kuBathisheba unina kaSolomoni
esithi: Kawuzwanga yini ukuthi uAdonija indodana
kaHagithi uyabusa, lenkosi yethu uDavida kayikwazi? **12**
Ngakho-ke woza, ake ngikuphe iseluleko, ukuze usindise
impilo yakho lempilo yendodana yakho uSolomoni. **13**
Hamba ungene enkosini uDavida uthi kuyo: Wena nkosi
yami, nkosi, kawufunganga yini kuncekukazi yakho
usithi: Qotho, uSolomoni indodana yami uzabusa emva
kwami, njalo yena uzahlala esihlalweni sami sobukhosi?
Pho, kungani kubusa uAdonija? **14** Khangela, ulokhu
usakhuluma lapho lenkosi, ngingene lami emva kwakho,
ngiqinise amazwi akho. **15** UBathisheba wasengena
enkosini ekamelweni. Inkosi yayisindala kakhulu,
loAbishagi umShunami wayeyisebenzela inkosi. **16**
UBathisheba waseguqa wakhothamela inkosi; inkosi
yasisithi: Ulani? **17** Wasesithi kuyo: Nkosi yami, wena
wafunga ngoJehova uNkulunkulu wakho kuncekukazi
yakho usithi: Qotho uSolomoni indodana yakho uzabusa
emva kwami, njalo yena uzahlala esihlalweni sami
sobukhosi. **18** Kodwa khathesi khangela, uAdonija
uyabusa, khathesi-ke, nkosi yami, nkosi, kawukwazi.
19 Usehlabe izinkabi lokunonisiweyo lezimvu ezinengi,
wanxusa wonke amadodana enkosi loAbhiyatha
umpristi loJowabi induna yebutho; kodwa uSolomoni
inceku yakho kamnxusanga. **20** Wena-ke, nkosi
yami, nkosi, amehlo kaIsrayeli wonke aphezu kwakho
ukuthi ubatshele ukuthi ngubani ozahlala esihlalweni
sobukhosi senkosi yami, inkosi, emva kwayo, **21** hlezi
kuzakuthi lapho inkosi yami, inkosi, izalala laboyise,
mina lendodana yami uSolomoni sizakuba yizoni. **22**
Khangela-ke, elokhu esakhuluma lenkosi, loNathani
umprofethi wangena. **23** Basebeyibikela inkosi besithi:
Khangela uNathani umprofethi. Esengene phambi
kwenkosi wakhothama phambi kwenkosi ngobuso
bakhe emhlabathini. **24** UNathani wasesithi: Nkosi
yami, nkosi, wena utshilo yini ukuthi: UAdonija uzabusa
emva kwami, njalo yena uzahlala esihlalweni sami
sobukhosi? **25** Ngoba wehlile lamuhla, uhlabile izinkabi
lokunonisiweyo lezimvu ezinengi, wanxusa wonke
amadodana enkosi, lenduna zebutho, loAbhiyatha
umpristi; khangela-ke, bayadla bayanatha phambi
kwakhe, njalo bathi: Kayiphile inkosi uAdonija! **26** Kodwa
mina, mina inceku yakho loZadoki umpristi loBhenaya
indodana kaJehoyada loSolomoni inceku yakho,
kasinxusanga. **27** Lindaba yenziwe yinkosi yami, inkosi,
yini? Njalo kawazisanga inceku yakho ukuthi ngubani
ozahlala esihlalweni sobukhosi senkosi yami, inkosi,
emva kwayo? **28** Inkosi uDavida yasiphendula yathi:
Ngibizelani uBathisheba. Wasengena phambi kobuso
benkosi, wema phambi kwenkosi. **29** Inkosi yasifunga
yathi: Kuphila kukaJehova ohlenge umphefumulo wami
kuzo zonke inhlupheko, **30** ngitsho, njengoba ngafunga
kuwe ngeNkosi, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, ngisithi: Qotho,
uSolomoni indodana yakho uzabusa emva kwami, njalo
yena uzahlala esihlalweni sami sobukhosi esikhundleni
sami; qotho ngizakwenza njalo lamuhla. **31** UBathisheba
wasekhothama ngobuso emhlabathini, waguqela inkosi
wathi: Kayiphile inkosi yami, inkosi uDavida kuze kube
nininini! **32** Inkosi uDavida yasisithi: Ngibizelani uZadoki
umpristi, loNathani umprofethi, loBhenaya indodana
kaJehoyada. Basebengena phambi kwenkosi. **33** Inkosi
yasisithi kibo: Thathani kanye lani inceku zenkosi yenu,
ligadise uSolomoni indodana yami imbongolo engeyami,
limehlisele eGihoni. **34** Kakuthi-ke uZadoki umpristi
loNathani umprofethi bamgcobe khona abe yinkosi
phezu kukaIsrayeli; beselivuthela uphondo lithi: Kayiphile
inkosi uSolomoni! **35** Beselisenyuka emva kwakhe,
njalo uzakuza ahlale esihlalweni sami sobukhosi,
ngoba uzakuba yinkosi esikhundleni sami, njalo yena
ngimbekile ukuthi abe ngumbusi phezu kukaIsrayeli
laphezu kukaJuda. **36** UBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada
waseyiphendula inkosi wathi: Ameni. Kayitsho njalo
iNkosi, uNkulunkulu wenkosi yami, inkosi! **37** Njengoba
uJehova ubelenkosi yami, inkosi, kabe njalo loSolomoni,
asenze isihlalo sakhe sobukhosi sibe sikhulu kulesihlalo
sobukhosi senkosi yami, inkosi uDavida. **38** Ngakho
uZadoki umpristi, loNathani umprofethi, loBhenaya
indodana kaJehoyada, lamaKerethi, lamaPelethi behla
bamgadisa uSolomoni imbongolo yenkosi uDavida,

bamusa eGihoni. **39** UZadoki umpristi wasethatha
uphondo lwamafutha ethenteni, wamgcoba uSolomoni.
Basebevuthela uphondo, bonke abantu bathi: Kayiphile
inkosi uSolomoni! **40** Bonke abantu basebesenyuka
emva kwakhe, bonke abantu basebevuthela imihlanga
bethokoza ngentokozo enkulu, waze waqhekezeka
umhlaba ngomsindo wabo. **41** UAdonija labo bonke
abanxusiweyo ababelaye basebewuzwa sebeqede
ukudla. Lapho uJowabi esizwa ukukhala kophondo
wathi: Ngowani umsindo womuzi oxokozelayo? **42**
Lapho esakhuluma, khangela, kwafika uJonathani
indodana kaAbhiyatha umpristi; uAdonija wathi:
Ngena, ngoba uliqhawe, uletha imibiko emihle. **43**
UJonathani wasephendula wathi kuAdonija: Qotho,
inkosi yethu, inkosi uDavida, imbekile uSolomoni waba
yinkosi; **44** njalo inkosi ithume kanye laye uZadoki
umpristi, loNathani umprofethi, loBhenaya indodana
kaJehoyada, lamaKerethi, lamaPelethi, bamgadisa
imbongolo yenkosi. **45** Njalo uZadoki umpristi loNathani
umprofethi bamgcobile waba yinkosi eGihoni, benyuka
khona bethokoza; yikho umuzi uxokozela. Yiwo
lowomsindo eliwuzwileyo. **46** Futhi uSolomoni usehlezi
esihlalweni sobukhosi sombuso. **47** Futhi lenceku
zenkosi zifikile ukubusisa inkosi yethu, inkosi uDavida,
zisithi: UNkulunkulu wakho kalenze ibizo likaSolomoni
libe ngcono kulebizo lakho, enze isihlalo sakhe
sobukhosi sibe sikhulu kulesihlalo sakho sobukhosi.
Inkosi yasikhothama embhedeni. **48** Futhi-ke yatsho
njalo inkosi: Kayibusiswe iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli,
enike lamuhla ohlala esihlalweni sami sobukhosi, amehlo
ami ekubona. **49** Bonke abanxusiweyo ababeloAdonija
basebethuthumela, basukuma, bahamba ngulowo
lalowo ngendlela yakhe. **50** UAdonija wasesesaba
ngenxa kaSolomoni, wasukuma wahamba, wabamba
impondo zelathi. **51** Wasebikelwa uSolomoni ukuthi:
Khangela, uAdonija uyayesaba inkosi uSolomoni; ngoba
khangela, usebambe impondo zelathi esithi: Inkosi
uSolomoni kayifunge kimi lamuhla ukuthi kayiyikuyibulala
inceku yayo ngenkemba. **52** USolomoni wasesithi:
Uba eyindoda uqobo, kakuyikuwa okonwele lwakhe
emhlabathini. Kodwa uba ububi butholakala kuye,
uzakufa. **53** Inkosi uSolomoni yasithuma, bamehlisa
elathini. Wasesiza wakhothama enkosini uSolomoni;
uSolomoni wasesithi kuye: Yana endlini yakho.

2 Insuku zikaDavida zokuthi afe zasezisondela,
waselaya uSolomoni indodana yakhe esithi: **2**
Sengihamba indlela yomhlaba wonke. Ngakho qina,
ube yindoda, **3** ugcine imfanelo yeNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho, ukuhamba ngezindlela zayo, ukugcina izimiso
zayo, imithetho yayo, lezahlulelo zayo, lobufakazi
bayo, njengokubhaliweyo emlayweni kaMozisi, ukuze
uphumelele kukho konke okwenzayo, laloba ngaphi lapho
ophendukela khona, **4** ukuze iNkosi iqinise ilizwi layo
eyalikhuluma mayelana lami isithi: Uba amadodana akho
eqaphelisa indlela yawo, ukuhamba ngobuqotho phambi
kwami ngenhliziyo yonke yawo langomphefumulo wonke
wawo, (isithi) kakuyikusweleka kuwe indoda esihlalweni
sobukhosi sikaIsrayeli. **5** Futhi-ke wena uyakwazi
ukuthi uJowabi indodana kaZeruya wenzani kimi, ukuthi
wenzani kuzinduna ezimbili zamabutho akoIsrayeli,
kuAbhineri indodana kaNeri, lakuAmasa indodana
kaJetheri, owababulala wachitha igazi lempi ekuthuleni,
wafaka igazi lempi ebhantini lakhe elalisekhalweni
lwakhe lemanyathelweni asenyaweni zakhe. **6** Ngakho
yenza njengenhlakanipho yakho, ungayekeli ikhanda
lakhe elilezimvu lehlele engcwabeni ngokuthula. **(Sheol
h7585)** **7** Kodwa kumadodana kaBarizilayi umGileyadi
wenze umusa, njalo kawabe phakathi kwabadla etafuleni
lakho, ngoba ngokunjalo asondela kimi ekubalekeleni
kwami ubuso bukaAbisalomu umfowenu. **8** Futhi
khangela, kukhona kuwe uShimeyi indodana kaGera
umBhenjamini weBahurimi, owangithuka ngesethuko
esibuhlungu mhla ngisiya eMahanayimi; kodwa wehla
ukungihlangabeza eJordani, ngasengifunga kuye
ngeNkosi ngathi: Kangiyikukubulala ngenkemba. **9**
Ngakho-ke ungamyekeli abe ngongelacala, ngoba
ungumuntu ohlakaniphileyo, ngoba uyakwazi ozakwenza
kuye, njalo uzakwehlisela ikhanda lakhe eliyimpunga
lilegazi engcwabeni. **(Sheol h7585)** **10** UDavida waselala
laboyise, wangcwatshelwa emzini kaDavida. **11** Njalo
insuku uDavida abusa ngazo phezu kukaIsrayeli
zaziyiminyaka engamatshumi amane; eHebroni wabusa
iminyaka eyisikhombisa, leJerusalema wabusa iminyaka
engamatshumi amathathu lantathu. **12** USolomoni
wasehlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaDavida uyise,
lombuso wakhe waqiniswa kakhulu. **13** UAdonija
indodana kaHagithi wasesiza kuBathisheba unina
kaSolomoni; wasesithi: Ukuza kwakho kuyikuthula
yini? Wasesithi: Ukuthula. **14** Wathi: Ngilelizwi kuwe.
Wasesithi: Khuluma. **15** Wasesithi: Wena uyakwazi
ukuthi umbuso wawungowami, lokuthi uIsrayeli wonke
babebeke ubuso babo kimi ukuthi ngizabusa; kodwa
umbuso waphendulwa, waba ngowomfowethu, ngoba
waba ngowakhe uvela eNkosini. **16** Khathesi-ke,
ngicela isicelo esisodwa kuwe, ungafulathelisi ubuso
bami. Wasesithi kuye: Khuluma. **17** Wasesithi: Ake
ukhulume loSolomoni inkosi (ngoba kayikufulathelisa
ubuso bakho) ukuthi anginike uAbishagi umShunami abe
ngumkami. **18** UBathisheba wasesithi: Kulungile; mina
ngizakukhulumela enkosini. **19** Ngakho uBathisheba
wasesiya enkosini uSolomoni ukukhulumela uAdonija
kuyo. Inkosi yasisukuma ukumhlangabeza, yakhothama
kuye, yahlala esihlalweni sayo sobukhosi, yathi
kubekelwe unina wenkosi isihlalo sobukhosi; wasehlala
ngakwesokunene sayo. **20** Wasesithi: Ngicela isicelo
esisodwa esincinyane kuwe, ungafulathelisi ubuso
bami. Inkosi yasisithi kuye: Cela, mama, ngoba
kangiyikufulathelisa ubuso bakho. **21** Wasesithi:

UAbishagi umShunami kanikwe uAdonija umfowenu
abe ngumkakhe. 22 Inkosi uSolomoni yasiphendula
yathi kunina: Usumcelelelani uAdonija uAbishagi
umShunami? Umcelele lombuso, ngoba ungumfowethu
omdala kulami, yebo yena loAbhiyatha umpristi
loJowabi indodana kaZeruya. 23 Inkosi uSolomoni
yasifunga ngeNkosi isithi: Kenze njalo uNkulunkulu kimi
lokunjalo engezelele, uba uAdonija engakhulumanga
lelilizwi emelene lempilo yakhe. 24 Ngakho-ke,
kuphila kukaJehova ongimisileyo wangibeka esihlalweni
sobukhosi sikaDavida ubaba, wangenzela indlu
njengokukhuluma kwakhe, isibili lamuhla uAdonija
uzabulawa. 25 Inkosi uSolomoni yasithuma ngesandla
sikaBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada, owamsukelayo,
wasesifa. 26 LakuAbhiyatha umpristi inkosi yathi: Yana
eAnathothi emasimini akho, ngoba ungumuntu wokufa;
kodwa lamuhla kangiyikukubulala ngoba wawuthwala
umtshokotsho weNkosi uJehova phambi kukaDavida
ubaba, langoba wahlupheka kukho konke ubaba
ahlupheka ngakho. 27 Ngakho uSolomoni wamxotsha
uAbhiyatha ekubeni ngumpristi weNkosi, ukugcwalisa
ilizwi leNkosi eyalikhuluma mayelana lendlu kaEli
eShilo. 28 Kwathi umbiko ufika kuJowabi, ngoba
uJowabi wayephenduke walandela uAdonija lanxa
wayengaphendukanga walandela uAbisalomu, uJowabi
wabalekela ethenteni leNkosi, wabamba impondo zelathi.
29 Kwasekubikelwa inkosi uSolomoni ukuthi uJowabi
usebalekele ethenteni leNkosi, khangela-ke, useceleni
kwelathi. USolomoni wasethuma uBhenaya indodana
kaJehoyada esithi: Hamba umsukele. 30 Ngakho
uBhenaya waya ethenteni leNkosi, wathi kuye: Itsho
njalo inkosi: Phuma! Kodwa wathi: Hatshi, kodwa
ngizafela lapha. UBhenaya wasebuyisela ilizwi enkosini,
esithi: Utsho njalo uJowabi, ungiphendule njalo. 31
Inkosi yasisithi kuye: Yenza njengokutsho kwakhe,
umsukele, umngcwabe; ukuze ususe kimi lendlini kababa
igazi elingelacala uJowabi alichithayo. 32 Njalo iNkosi
izabuyisela igazi lakhe ekhanda lakhe, owasukela
amadoda amabili ayelungile engcono kulaye, wawabulala
ngenkemba, ubaba uDavida engazi: UAbhineri indodana
kaNeri induna yebutho lakoIsrayeli, loAmasa indodana
kaJetheri induna yebutho lakoJuda. 33 Ngakho
igazi labo lizabuyela ekhanda likaJowabi lekhanda
lenzalo yakhe kuze kube nininini; kodwa kuDavida
lenzalweni yakhe, lendlini yakhe, lembusweni wakhe,
kuzakuba lokuthula kuze kube nininini okuvela eNkosini.
34 UBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada wasesenyuka,
wamsukela wambulala; wasengcwatshelwa endlini
yakhe enkangala. 35 Inkosi yasibeka uBhenaya
indodana kaJehoyada esikhundleni sakhe phezu
kwebutho, loZadoki umpristi inkosi yambeka esikhundleni
sikaAbhiyatha. 36 Inkosi yasithuma yabiza uShimeyi,
yathi kuye: Zakhele indlu eJerusalema, uhlale khona,
ungaphumi lapho uye ngaphi langaphi. 37 Ngoba
kuzakuthi mhla uphumayo, uchaphe isifula iKidroni, yazi
lokwazi ukuthi uzakufa lokufa; igazi lakho lizakuba phezu
kwekhanda lakho. 38 UShimeyi wasesithi enkosini:
Lelolizwi lihle; njengokutsho kwenkosi yami, inkosi,
inceku yakho izakwenza njalo. UShimeyi wasehlala
eJerusalema insuku ezinengi. 39 Kwasekusithi ekupheleni
kweminyaka emithathu inceku ezimbili zikaShimeyi
zabalekela kuAkishi indodana kaMahaka inkosi yeGathi.
Basebebikela uShimeyi besithi: Khangela, inceku zakho
ziseGathi. 40 Wasesukuma uShimeyi, wabophela isihlalo
kubabhemi wakhe, waya eGathi kuAkishi ukudinga
inceku zakhe; uShimeyi wahamba waletha inceku zakhe
zivela eGathi. 41 Kwasekubikelwa uSolomoni ukuthi
uShimeyi wayesukile eJerusalema waya eGathi, njalo
wabuyela. 42 Inkosi yasithuma yabiza uShimeyi yathi
kuye: Kangikufungisanga yini ngeNkosi, ngafakaza kuwe
ngathi: Mhla uphumayo ukuya ngaphi langaphi yazi
lokwazi ukuthi uzakufa lokufa? Wasusithi kimi: Lihle ilizwi
engilizwileyo. 43 Pho, kungani ungasigcinanga isifungo
seNkosi lomlayo engakulaya ngawo? 44 Inkosi yasisithi
kuShimeyi: Wena uyazi bonke ububi inhliziyo yakho
ebaziyo owabenza kuDavida ubaba; ngakho iNkosi
izabuyisela ububi bakho phezu kwekhanda lakho. 45
Kodwa inkosi uSolomoni ibusisiwe, lesihlalo sobukhosi
sikaDavida sizaqiniswa phambi kweNkosi kuze kube
nininini. 46 Ngakho inkosi yalaya uBhenaya indodana
kaJehoyada, owaphuma wamsukela waze wafa. Ngakho
umbuso waqiniswa esandleni sikaSolomoni.

3 USolomoni wasehlangana ngomtshado loFaro inkosi
yeGibhithe, wathatha indodakazi kaFaro, wayiletha
emzini kaDavida waze waqeda ukwakha indlu yakhe
lendlu yeNkosi lomduli weJerusalema ozingelezeleyo.
2 Kube kanti abantu babenikela umhlatshelo
endaweni eziphakemeyo, ngoba kwakungakhelwanga
ibizo leNkosi indlu kwaze kwaba yilezonsuku. 3
USolomoni wayithanda-ke iNkosi, ehamba ezimisweni
zikaDavida uyise; kube kanti wanikela umhlatshelo
watshisa impepha endaweni eziphakemeyo. 4
Inkosi yasisiya eGibeyoni ukuhlaba khona, ngoba
leyo yayiyindawo ephakemeyo enkulu. Iminikelo
yokutshiswa eyinkulungwane uSolomoni wayinikela
phezu kwalelolathi. 5 EGibeyoni iNkosi yabonakala
kuSolomoni ephutsheni ebusuku. UNkulunkulu wathi:
Cela engingakunika khona. 6 USolomoni wasesithi:
Wena wenzele inceku yakho uDavida ubaba umusa
omkhulu, njengokuhamba kwakhe phambi kwakho
eqinisweni lekulungeni lebuqothweni benhliziyo kuwe;
wamgcinela lo umusa omkhulu ukuthi wamnika indodana
ehlezi esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi njengalamuhla.
7 Ngakho-ke, Nkosi Nkulunkulu wami, wena wenzile
inceku yakho yaba yinkosi esikhundleni sikaDavida
ubaba; ngingumntwanyana nje, angikwazi ukuphuma
lokungena. 8 Lenceku yakho iphakathi kwabantu bakho
obakhethileyo, abantu abanengi, abangelakubalwa

labangelakunaniswa ngobunengi. **9** Ngakho nika
inceku yakho inhliziyo eqedisisayo ukwahlulela abantu
bakho, ukuze ngehlukanise phakathi kokuhle lokubi;
ngoba ngubani olamandla ukwahlulela lesisizwe sakho
esikhulu? **10** Laloludaba lwaba luhle emehlweni eNkosi
ukuthi uSolomoni ucele lolulutho. **11** UNkulunkulu
wasesithi kuye: Ngenxa yokuthi ucele lolulutho,
ungazicelelanga insuku ezinengi, ungazicelelanga
inotho, ungacelanga umphefumulo wezitha zakho,
kodwa uzicelele ukuqedisisa ukuzwa ukwahlulela, **12**
khangela, sengenze njengamazwi akho. Khangela,
ngikunike inhliziyo ehlakaniphileyo leqedisisayo, ukuthi
kungabi khona onjengawe ngaphambi kwakho, lemva
kwakho kungaveli onjengawe. **13** Futhi longakucelanga
ngikunikile, ngitsho inotho lodumo, ukuze kungabi
khona umuntu onjengawe emakhosini zonke izinsuku
zakho. **14** Njalo uba uzahamba endleleni zami,
ukugcina izimiso zami lemilayo yami njengoDavida
uyihlo wahamba, ngizakwelula insuku zakho. **15**
USolomoni wasephaphama; khangela-ke kwakuliphupho.
Wasesiza eJerusalema, wema phambi komtshokotsho
wesivumelwano seNkosi, wanikela iminikelo yokutshiswa,
wanikela iminikelo yokuthula, wenzela inceku zakhe
zonke idili. **16** Ngalesosikhathi kwafika abesifazana
ababili, amawule, enkosini, bema phambi kwayo. **17**
Omunye owesifazana wasesithi: Hawu nkosi yami,
mina lalumfazi sihlala ndlunye; ngasengibeletha ngilaye
endlini. **18** Kwasekusithi ngosuku lwesithathu ngibelethile,
laye lumfazi wabeletha; njalo sasindawonye, kungekho
owemzini kanye lathi endlini, ngaphandle kwethu sobabili
endlini. **19** Umntwana walumfazi wasesifa ebusuku,
ngoba walala phezu kwakhe. **20** Wasevuka phakathi
kobusuku, wathatha indodana yami eceleni kwami,
incekukazi yakho isalele, wayilalisa esifubeni sakhe,
lomntanakhe ofileyo wamlalisa esifubeni sami. **21** Lapho
ngivuka ekuseni ukumunyisa umntanami, khangela-
ke wayesefile; sengimkhangelisisa ekuseni, khangela-
ke, kwakungeyisuye umntanami engamzalayo. **22**
Kodwa lowo omunye owesifazana wathi: Hatshi, kodwa
indodana yami ngephilayo, lendodana yakho ngefileyo.
Lalowo wathi: Hatshi, kodwa indodana yakho ngefileyo,
lendodana yami ngephilayo. Batsho njalo phambi
kwenkosi. **23** Inkosi yasisithi: Lo uthi: Le yindodana
yami ephilayo, lendodana yakho ngefileyo; lomunye uthi:
Hatshi, kodwa indodana yakho ngefileyo, lendodana yami
ngephilayo. **24** Inkosi yasisithi: Ngithathelani inkemba.
Basebeyiletha inkemba phambi kwenkosi. **25** Inkosi
yasisithi: Dabulani kabili umntwana ophilayo, linike
omunye ingxenye, lomunye ingxenye. **26** Owesifazana
okwakungowakhe umntwana ophilayo wakhuluma
enkosini, ngoba imibilini yakhe yavutha ngendodana
yakhe, wathi: Hawu nkosi yami, mnikeni yena umntwana
ophilayo, lingambulali loba kunjani. Kodwa omunye wathi:
Kangabi ngowami kumbe ngowakho, dabulani. **27** Inkosi
yasiphendula yathi: Nikani yena umntwana ophilayo,
lingambulali loba kunjani; nguye unina. **28** UIsrayeli
wonke wasesizwa isahlulelo inkosi eyayisahlulele, besaba
phambi kwenkosi, ngoba babona ukuthi inhlakanipho
kaNkulunkulu yayikuye ukwenza isahlulelo.

4 Ngakho inkosi uSolomoni yaba yinkosi phezu
kukaIsrayeli wonke. **2** Lalezi yiziphathamandla
ayelazo: UAzariya indodana kaZadoki wayengumpristi; **3**
uElihorefi loAhiya amadodana kaShisha babengababhali;
uJehoshafathi indodana kaAhiludi wayengumabhalane; **4**
loBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada wayephezu kwebutho;
loZadoki loAbhiyatha babengabapristi; **5** loAzariya
indodana kaNathani wayephezu kwabaphathi; uZabudi
indodana kaNathani wayengumphathi omkhulu, umngane
wenkosi; **6** loAhishari wayengumlawuli wendlu;
loAdoniramu indodana kaAbida wayephezu kwemithelo.
7 USolomoni wayelabaphathi abalitshumi lambili phezu
kukaIsrayeli wonke, ababedingela inkosi lendlu yayo
ukudla, ngulowo lalowo ngenyanga yakhe ngomnyaka
wadinga ukudla. **8** Lala ngamabizo abo: UBeni-
Huri entabeni zakoEfrayimi. **9** UBeni-Dekeri eMakazi
leShahalibimi leBeti-Shemeshi leEloni-Beti-Hanani. **10**
UBeni-Hesedi eArubothi, eleSoko lelizwe lonke leHeferi.
11 UBeni-Abinadaba wayelelizwe lonke leDori; uTafathi
indodakazi kaSolomoni wayengumkakhe. **12** UBahana
indodana kaAhiludi wayeleThahanakhi leMegido layo
yonke iBeti-Sheyani, eseceleni kweZarethani ngaphansi
kweJizereyeli, kusukela eBeti-Sheyani kuze kube seAbeli-
Mehola, kuze kube ngaphetsheya kweJokimeyama. **13**
UBeni-Geberi eRamothi-Gileyadi wayelemizi kaJayiri
indodana kaManase, eseGileyadi, wayelelizwe leArigobi,
eliseBashani, imizi engamatshumi ayisithupha emikhulu
elemiduli lemigoqo yethusi. **14** UAhinadaba indodana
kaIdo eMahanayimi. **15** UAhimahazi wayekoNafithali;
laye wathatha uBasemathi indodakazi kaSolomoni
abe ngumkakhe. **16** UBahana indodana kaHushayi
wayekoAsheri leAlothi. **17** UJehoshafathi indodana
kaParuwa wayekoIsakari. **18** UShimeyi indodana
kaEla wayekoBhenjamini. **19** UGeberi indodana
kaUri wayeselizweni leGileyadi, ilizwe likaSihoni inkosi
yamaAmori, lelikaOgi inkosi yeBashani. Njalo wayenguye
yedwa umphathi kulelolizwe. **20** UJuda loIsrayeli
babebanengi njengetshebetshebe elingaselwandle
ngobunengi, besidla, benatha, bethokoza. **21**
USolomoni wayesebusa phezu kwayo yonke imibuso
kusukela emfuleni kuze kufike elizweni lamaFilisti
kuze kufike emngceleni weGibhithe; babeletha
izipho, babemsebenzela uSolomoni zonke izinsuku
zempilo yakhe. **22** Njalo ukudla kukaSolomoni
ngosuku olulodwa kwakungamakhori angamatshumi
amathathu empuphu ecolekileyo, lamakori angamatshumi
ayisithupha empuphu, **23** inkabi ezilitshumi ezinonisiweyo,
lenkabi ezingamatshumi amabili zemadlelweni, lezimvu
ezilikhulu, ngaphandle kwendluzele, lemiziki, lemiziki

elempondo ezilembaxambaxa, lenyoni ezinonisiweyo.
24 Ngoba wayebusa phezu kwalo lonke nganeno
komfula, kusukela eTifisa kusiya eGaza, laphezu kwawo
wonke amakhosi nganeno komfula, njalo wayelokuthula
kuzo zonke inhlangothi zakhe ezizingelezeleyo. 25
UJuda loIsrayeli bahlala-ke bevikelekile, ngulowo
lalowo ngaphansi kwesivini sakhe langaphansi
komkhiwa wakhe, kusukela koDani kuze kufike
eBherishebha, zonke izinsuku zikaSolomoni. 26
Njalo uSolomoni wayelezindlwana zamabhiza enqola
zakhe ezizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane,
labagadi bamabhiza abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi
lambili. 27 Lalabobaphathi badingela inkosi uSolomoni
ukudla, laye wonke osondela etafuleni lenkosi
uSolomoni, ngulowo lalowo ngenyanga yakhe;
kabatshiyanga kusweleke lutho. 28 Lebhali lamahlanga
awamabhiza lawamabhiza alejubane bakuletha endaweni
lapho eyayifanele kube khona, ngulowo lalowo
njengemfanelo yakhe. 29 UNkulunkulu wasemnika
uSolomoni inhlakanipho lokuqedisisa okukhulu kakhulu,
lobubanzi benhliziyo, njengetshebetshebe elisekhunjini
lolwandle. 30 Lenhlakanipho kaSolomoni yayinkulu
kulenhlakanipho yawo wonke amadodana empumalanga,
lakulenhlakanipho yonke yeGibhithe. 31 Ngoba
wayehlakaniphile kulabo bonke abantu, okwedlula
uEthani umEzira loHemani loKalikoli loDarida amadodana
kaMaholi; lebizo lakhe lalisezizweni zonke inhlangothi
zonke. 32 Waseqamba izaga ezizinkulungwane
ezintathu, lengoma zakhe zaziyinkulungwane lanhlanu.
33 Wasekhuluma ngezihlahla, kusukela esihlahleni
somsedari oseLebhanoni kuze kufike kuhisope emila
iphuma emdulini; wakhuluma langezinyamazana
langezinyoni langezihuquzelayo langezinhlanzi. 34
Kwasekufika abavela ezizweni zonke ukuzwa
inhlakanipho kaSolomoni, bevela emakhosini wonke
omhlaba ayezwe ngenhlakanipho yakhe.

5 UHiramu inkosi yeTire wasethuma inceku zakhe
kuSolomoni, ngoba wayezwile ukuthi bamgcobile
ukuthi abe yinkosi esikhundleni sikayise, ngoba
uHiramu wayemthanda uDavida insuku zonke. 2
USolomoni wasethumela kuHiramu esithi: 3 Wena
uyazi ukuthi uDavida ubaba wayengelakwakhela ibizo
leNkosi uNkulunkulu wakhe indlu ngenxa yezimpi
ezazimzingelezele, iNkosi yaze yazifaka ngaphansi
kwengaphansi yenyawo zakhe. 4 Kodwa khathesi
iNkosi uNkulunkulu inginikile ukuphumula inhlangothi
zonke; kakulasitha, njalo kakulabubi obenzakalayo.
5 Khangela-ke, ngizimisele ukwakhela ibizo leNkosi
uNkulunkulu wami indlu njengokutsho kweNkosi
kuDavida ubaba isithi: Indodana yakho engizayibeka
esihlalweni sakho sobukhosi esikhundleni sakho,
yona izakwakhela ibizo lami indlu. 6 Ngakho-ke laya
ukuthi bangigamulele imisedari eLebhanoni, lenceku
zami zizakuba lenceku zakho; leholo lenceku zakho
ngizakunika njengakho konke okutshoyo. Ngoba wena
uyakwazi ukuthi kakho phakathi kwethu okwaziyo
ukugamula izihlahla njengabeSidoni. 7 Kwasekusithi
uHiramu esizwa amazwi kaSolomoni wathokoza
kakhulu wathi: Kayibusiswe iNkosi lamuhla emnikileyo
uDavida indodana ehlakaniphileyo phezu kwalesisizwe
esikhulu. 8 UHiramu wasethumela kuSolomoni
esithi: Ngizwile lokho ongithumele ngakho; mina
ngizakwenza zonke iziloyiso zakho mayelana lezigodo
zemisedari lamayelana lezigodo zamafiri. 9 Inceku
zami zizazehlisa zisuka eLebhanoni zisiya elwandle;
mina-ke ngizazenza okundendayo olwandle ukuya
endaweni ozayiqamba kimi, ngizithukulule lapho; wena-
ke uzazithathela khona, wena uzakwenza isifiso sami
ngokupha abendlu yami ukudla. 10 Ngakho uHiramu
wamnika uSolomoni izigodo zemisedari lezigodo
zamafiri njengokwezifiso zakhe zonke. 11 LoSolomoni
wanika uHiramu amakhori engqoloyi azinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amathathu lambili, ukudla kwabendlu
yakhe, lamakhori angamatshumi amabili amafutha
akhanyiweyo. Ngokunjalo uSolomoni wamupha uHiramu
iminyaka ngeminyaka. 12 INkosi yasimnika uSolomoni
inhlakanipho njengokutsho kwayo kuye. Kwasekusiba
khona ukuthula phakathi kukaHiramu loSolomoni; benza
isivumelwano bobabili. 13 Inkosi uSolomoni yabutha
izibhalwa kuIsrayeli wonke; lezibhalwa zazingabantu
abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu.
14 Yasibathuma eLebhanoni, abazinkulungwane
ezilitshumi ngenyanga ngamazopho, inyanga
beseLebhanoni, inyanga ezimbili besekhaya.
LoAdoniramu wayephezu kwezibhalwa. 15 Futhi
uSolomoni wayelabayizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
ayisikhombisa abathwala imithwalo, lababazi
abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisificaminwembili
ezintabeni, 16 ngaphandle kwezinduna zabaphathi
bakaSolomoni, ababephethe umsebenzi, izinkulungwane
ezintathu lamakhulu amathathu, ezazibusa abantu
ababesenza umsebenzi. 17 Inkosi yasilaya, baletha
amatshe amakhulu, amatshe aligugu, okubeka isisekelo
sendlu, amatshe abaziweyo. 18 Abakhi bakaSolomoni
labakhi bakaHiramu lamaGebhali basebebaza, balungisa
izigodo lamatshe ukwakha indlu.

6 Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wamakhulu amane
lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili emva kokuphuma
kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli elizweni leGibhithe,
ngomnyaka wesine wokubusa kukaSolomoni koIsrayeli,
ngenyanga kaZivi, eyinyanga yesibili, waqala ukwakha
indlu yeNkosi. 2 Njalo indlu inkosi uSolomoni eyayakhela
uJehova, ubude bayo babuzingalo ezingamatshumi
ayisithupha, lobubanzi bayo babungamatshumi amabili,
lokuphakama kwayo kwakuzingalo ezingamatshumi
amathathu. 3 Lekhulusi phambi kwethempeli lendlu,
ubude balo babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili,
njengobubanzi bendlu, ububanzi balo babuzingalo

ezilitshumi phambi kwendlu. 4 Njalo wayenzela indlu
amawindi abanzi ngaphandle kulangaphakathi. 5 Futhi
emdulini wendlu wakha amakamelo inhlangothi zonke,
imiduli yendlu inhlangothi zonke, esenzela ithempeli
lendawo yelizwi. Wenza lezindlwana eziseceleni
inhlangothi zonke. 6 Ikamelo elingaphansi kwawo wonke,
ububanzi balo babuzingalo ezinhlanu, leliphakathi,
ububanzi balo buzingalo eziyisithupha, lelesithathu,
ububanzi balo buzingalo eziyisikhombisa. Ngoba
ngaphandle kwendlu wenza izinciphiso inhlangothi
zonke, ukuze imijabo ingagxunyekwa emidulwini
yendlu. 7 Njalo indlu, isakhiwa, yakhiwa ngamatshe
ayepheleliswe enkwalini, ukuze kungezwakali isando
lehloka, loba yisiphi isikhali sensimbi endlini nxa
isakhiwa. 8 Umnyango wendlwana eseceleni ephakathi
wawusehlangothini lwesokunene lwendlu; njalo bakhwela
ngesikhwelo esibhodayo ukuya kwengaphakathi,
lokusuka kwengaphakathi kusiya kweyesithathu.
9 Wayakha-ke indlu, wayiqeda; wagubuzela indlu
ngentungo lamapulanka emisedari. 10 Wasesakha
izindlwana eceleni kwendlu yonke, ubude bazo buzingalo
ezinhlanu, wakuxhuma endlini ngezigodo zemisedari. 11
Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kuSolomoni lathi: 12 Mayelana
lale indlu oyakhayo, uba uhamba ngezimiso zami,
usenza izahlulelo zami, njalo ugcina yonke imilayo
yami ukuhamba ngayo, ngizakwenza ilizwi lami kuwe
engalikhuluma kuDavida uyihlo; 13 ngizahlala phakathi
kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli, ngingabatshiyi abantu
bami uIsrayeli. 14 Wayakha-ke uSolomoni indlu,
wayiqeda. 15 Wasesakha imiduli yendlu ngaphakathi
ngamapulanka emisedari, kusukela kuphansi lendlu kuze
kufike emidulwini yophahla, wayembesa ngaphakathi
ngezigodo, wendlala iphansi lendlu ngamapulanka
amafiri. 16 Wasesakha izingalo ezingamatshumi
amabili emaceleni endlu, ngamapulanka emisedari,
kusukela kuphansi kwaze kwafika emidulwini; wayakhela
ngaphakathi, esenzela indawo yelizwi, esenzela ingcwele
yezingcwele. 17 Lendlu, elithempeli, ngaphambili,
yayizingalo ezingamatshumi amane. 18 Njalo umsedari
wendlu ngaphakathi wawubazwe waba zinduku lamaluba
avulekileyo; konke kwakungumsedari, kungabonakali
litshe. 19 Waselungisa indawo yelizwi phakathi
endlini ukubeka khona umtshokotsho wesivumelwano
seNkosi. 20 Lendawo yelizwi ephambili, ubude
babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili, lobubanzi
buzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili, lokuphakama kwayo
kuzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili; wayihuqa ngegolide
elicwengekileyo; wasesembesa ilathi ngomsedari. 21
USolomoni waseyihuqa indlu ngaphakathi ngegolide
elicwengekileyo, wenza isehlukaniso ngamaketane
egolide phambi kwendawo yelizwi, wasesihuqa
ngegolide. 22 Lendlu yonke wayihuqa ngegolide yaze
yaphelela yonke indlu; lelathi lonke elisendaweni
yelizwi walihuqa ngegolide. 23 Endaweni yelizwi
wasesenza amakherubhi amabili ngesihlahla somhlwathi,
ukuphakama kwakuzingalo ezilitshumi ngalinye. 24
Olunye uphiko lwekherubhi lwaluzingalo ezinhlanu,
lolunye uphiko lwekherubhi lwaluzingalo ezinhlanu;
kusukela ekucineni kolunye uphiko kusiya ekucineni
kolunye uphiko kwakuzingalo ezilitshumi. 25 Lelinye
ikherubhi lalizingalo ezilitshumi; womabili amakherubhi
ayeyisilinganiso sinye lesimo sinye. 26 Ukuphakama
kwelinye ikherubhi kwakuzingalo ezilitshumi, lelinye
ikherubhi lalinjalo. 27 Wasewabeka amakherubhi
phakathi kwendlu engaphakathi; njalo amakherubhi
elula impiko, kuze kuthi olunye uphiko lwathinta
umduli, lophiko lwelinye ikherubhi lwathinta omunye
umduli, lempiko zawo zathintana uphiko lophiko
ngaphakathi kwendlu. 28 Wasewahuqa amakherubhi
ngegolide. 29 Wabaza imiduli yonke yendlu inhlangothi
zonke ngemifanekiso ebaziweyo yamakherubhi
lezihlahla zamalala lamaluba avulekileyo ngaphakathi
langaphandle. 30 Iphansi lendlu waselihuqa ngegolide
ngaphakathi langaphandle. 31 Emnyango wendawo
yelizwi wenza izivalo zesihlahla somhlwathi, ikhothamo
lemigubazi kulezinhlangothi ezinhlanu. 32 Lezivalo
zombili zazingezesihlahla somhlwathi, wabaza kuzo
imibazo yamakherubhi lezihlahla zamalala lamaluba
avulekileyo, wazihuqa ngegolide, wakhandela igolide
phezu kwamakherubhi lezihlahla zamalala. 33 Ngokunjalo
wasesenzela umnyango wethempeli imigubazi yesihlahla
somhlwathi, ezinhlangothini ezine. 34 Lezivalo ezimbili
zazingezezihlahla zamafiri; impiko zombili zesivalo
esisodwa zazigoqeka, lezilenge ezimbili zesivalo sesibili
zazigoqeka. 35 Wasebaza kuzo amakherubhi lezihlahla
zamalala lamaluba avulekileyo, wakuhuqa ngegolide
elendlala kuhle phezu kokubaziweyo. 36 Wasesakha
iguma elingaphakathi ngemizila emithathu yamatshe
abaziweyo, lomzila wemijabo yemisedari. 37 Ngomnyaka
wesine isisekelo sendlu yeNkosi sabekwa, ngenyanga
kaZivi. 38 Kwathi ngomnyaka wetshumi lanye, enyangeni
kaBuli, okuyinyanga yesificaminwembili, yaphela indlu
ezintweni zayo zonke lanjengakho konke ukumiswa
kwayo. Ngakho wayakha iminyaka eyisikhombisa.

7 Kodwa indlu yakhe uSolomoni wayakha iminyaka
elitshumi lantathu, wayiqeda yonke indlu yakhe. 2
Wasesakha indlu yegusu leLebhanoni; ubude bayo
babuzingalo ezilikhulu, lobubanzi bayo buzingalo
ezingamatshumi amahlanu, lokuphakama kwayo
kuzingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu, phezu kwemizila
emine yensika zemisedari, lemijabo yemisedari phezu
kwezinsika. 3 Yayifulelwe ngemisedari phezulu, phezu
kwemijabo, eyayiphezu kwensika ezingamatshumi
amane lanhlanu, ezilitshumi lanhlanu emzileni. 4
Njalo kwakulemizila emithathu yamawindi, ukukhanya
kuqondene lokukhanya, kathathu. 5 Layo yonke
iminyango lemigubazi yayilingana inhlangothi zozine,
lamawindi, njalo ukukhanya kuqondene lokukhanya,

kathathu. **6** Wasesenza ikhulusi lezinsika, ubude balo
babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu, lobubanzi
balo buzingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu; lekhulusi
laliphambi kwazo, lezinsika lombundu phambi kwazo.
7 Wasesenza ikhulusi elesihlalo sobukhosi lapho
ahlulela khona, ikhulusi lesahlulelo, lalembeswe
ngemisedari kusukela kuphansi kusiya kuphansi. **8**
Lendlu yakhe lapho ayehlala khona yayilelinye iguma
ngaphakathi kwekhulusi, esetshenzwe ngokufananayo.
Wenzela njalo indodakazi kaFaro, uSolomoni
ayeyithethe, indlu, njengalelikhulusi. **9** Zonke lezi
zazingezamatshe aligugu abazwe ngokwesilinganiso,
asahwe ngesaha ngaphakathi langaphandle, ngitsho
kusukela esisekelweni kusiya ematsheni aphezulu,
njalo ngaphandle kuze kube segumeni elikhulu.
10 Njalo yayisekelwe ngamatshe aligugu, amatshe
amakhulu, amatshe engalo ezilitshumi, lamatshe engalo
eziyisificaminwembili; **11** langaphezulu kwakulamatshe
aligugu, abazwe ngokwesilinganiso, lemisedari.
12 Leguma elikhulu inhlangothi zonke lalilemizila
emithathu yamatshe abaziweyo, lomzila wemijabo
yemisedari. Kwakunjalo ngeguma elingaphakathi lendlu
yeNkosi, langekhulusi lendlu. **13** Inkosi uSolomoni
yasithuma yathatha uHiramu evela eTire. **14** Yena
wayeyindodana yowesifazana umfelokazi, wesizwe
sakoNafithali, loyise wayengumuntu weTire, ingcitshi
ekubazeni ithusi; njalo wayegcwele inhlakanipho
lokuqedisisa elolwazi ukwenza wonke umsebenzi
ngethusi; weza enkosini uSolomoni, wenza wonke
umsebenzi wakhe. **15** Wasebumba insika ezimbili
zethusi; ubude benye insika babuzingalo ezilitshumi
lesificaminwembili, lentambo ezingalo ezilitshumi
lambili yagombolozela insika yesibili. **16** Wenza futhi
iziduku ezimbili zethusi elincibilikisiweyo ukubeka
phezu kwezihloko zezinsika; ukuphakama kwesiduku
esisodwa kwakuzingalo ezinhlanu, lokuphakama
kwesinye isiduku kwakuzingalo ezinhlanu. **17** Amambule
angumsebenzi oyisixhobexhobe, intambo eziphothiweyo
zazingumsebenzi wamaketane, kusenzela iziduku
eziphezu kwezihloko zezinsika; eziyisikhombisa
esidukwini esisodwa, leziyisikhombisa kwesinye
isiduku. **18** Wenza-ke insika zombili, imizila emibili
izingelezela phezu kwembule eyodwa, ukwembesa
iziduku ezisesihlokweni samapomegranati; wenza njalo
lakwesinye isiduku. **19** Leziduku ezazisesihlokweni
sensika zazingumsebenzi womduze ekhulusini, ingalo
ezine. **20** Njalo iziduku zazisezinsikeni ezimbili,
langaphezulu maqondana lesisu, esingasemambuleni;
lamapomegranati angamakhulu amabili ayesemizileni
ezingelezeleyo, phezu kwesinye isiduku. **21** Wasemisa
izinsika ekhulusini lethempeli; esemise insika
yangakwesokunene wabiza ibizo layo ngokuthi
nguJakini; esemise insika yangakwesokhohlo wabiza
ibizo layo ngokuthi nguBhowazi. **22** Laphezu kwesihloko
sezinsika kwakulomsebenzi womduze. Waphela-
ke umsebenzi wezinsika. **23** Wasesenza ulwandle
oluncibilikisiweyo, luzingalo ezilitshumi kusukela
emphethweni kusiya emphethweni, luzingelezele
luyisigombolozi, lokuphakama kwalo luzingalo
ezinhlanu, lomzila ozingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu
waluzingelezela ulugombolozela. **24** Ngaphansi
komphetho walo kwakukhona amaqhaga eluzingelezele
alugombolozela, alitshumi engalweni, ezingelezele
ulwandle alugombolozela; imizila emibili yamaqhaga
yabunjwa ngokuncibilikisa ekubunjweni kwalo
ngokuncibilikisa. **25** Lwema phezu kwenkabi ezilitshumi
lambili; ezintathu zikhangele enyakatho, lezintathu
zikhangele entshonalanga, lezintathu zikhangele
eningizimu, lezintathu zikhangele empumalanga,
lolwandle lwaluphezu kwazo phezulu, lazo zonke
ingemuva zazo zazingaphakathi. **26** Njalo ububanzi
balo babuyibubanzi besandla, lomphetho walo
wawunjengomphetho wenkezo, njengeluba lomduze;
lwalumumethe amabhathi azinkulungwane ezimbili. **27**
Wenza lezisekelo ezilitshumi zethusi; ubude besisekelo
esisodwa babuzingalo ezine, lobubanzi baso buzingalo
ezine, lokuphakama kwaso kuzingalo ezintathu. **28**
Lalokhu kwakungumsebenzi wesisekelo: Zazilemiphetho,
njalo imiphetho yayiphakathi kwezinhlanganiso;
29 lemiphethweni ephakathi kwezinhlanganiso
kwakulezilwane, izinkabi, lamakherubhi. Laphezu
kwezinhlanganiso kwakulesisekelo ngaphezulu, njalo
ngaphansi kwezilwane lezinkabi kwakulezinkatha
zomsebenzi okhandiweyo. **30** Lesisekelo sinye
sasilamavili ethusi amane lamaphini ethusi; lamagumbi
aso amane ayelamahlombe; ngaphansi kwenditshi
yokugezela kwakulamahlombe abunjwe ngokuncibilikisa,
eceleni kwaleyo laleyo inkatha. **31** Lomlomo waso
phakathi kwesiduku langaphezulu wawuyingalo,
lomlomo wawo wawuyisigombolozi, njengomsebenzi
wesisekelo, uyingalo lengxenye; futhi laphezu komlomo
wawo kwakulokubaziweyo; njalo imiphetho yayo
yayizinhlangothi ezine ezilinganayo, hatshi isigombolozi.
32 Lamavili amane ayengaphansi kwemiphetho, lama-
ekseli amavili ayesesisekelweni; lokuphakama kwevili
elilodwa kwakuyingalo lengxenye yengalo. **33** Njalo
umsebenzi wamavili wawunjengomsebenzi wevili
lenqola: Ama-ekseli awo lamasongo awo lezipokisi
zawo lamahabha awo kwakubunjwe ngokuncibilikisa. **34**
Njalo kwakulamahlombe amane emagumbini womane
esisekelo esisodwa; amahlombe aso avela esisekelweni.
35 Laphezu kwesihloko sesisekelo kwakulokuphakama
okuyisigombolozi okuyingxenye yengalo inhlangothi
zonke; laphezu kwesihloko sesisekelo kwakulezisekelo
zaso lemiphetho yaso, kuvela kuso. **36** Laphezu
kwezibhebhe zezisekelo zaso laphezu kwemiphetho
yaso wabaza amakherubhi lezilwane lezihlahla
zamalala, njengendawo yakho yonke engelalutho,

lezinkatha inhlangothi zonke. **37** Wazenza ngokunjalo
izisekelo ezilitshumi; zonke zazilokubunjwa kunye,
isilinganiso sinye, isimo sinye. **38** Wasesenza inditshi
zokugezela zethusi ezilitshumi; inditshi yokugezela
eyodwa yayimumethe amabhathi angamatshumi amane;
inditshi yokugezela eyodwa yayizingalo ezine; inditshi
yokugezela eyodwa yayiphezu kwesisekelo ngasinye
sezisekelo ezilitshumi. **39** Wasebeka izisekelo ezinhlanu
eceleni lokunene lendlu, lezinhlanu eceleni lokhohlo
lendlu; lolwandle walubeka eceleni lokunene lendlu,
ngasempumalanga maqondana leningizimu. **40** UHiramu
wasesenza inditshi zokugezela lamafotsholo lemiganu
yokufafaza. UHiramu waseqeda ukwenza umsebenzi
wonke ayewenzela inkosi uSolomoni endlini kaJehova: **41**
Insika zombili, lenditshi zeziduku ezaziphezu kwezinsika
zombili, lamambule amabili okwembesa inditshi ezimbili
zeziduku eziphezu kwezinsika, **42** lamapomegranati
angamakhulu amane awamambule womabili, imizila
emibili yamapomegranati yembule elilodwa, okwembesa
inditshi ezimbili zeziduku ezaziphezu kwezinsika, **43**
lezisekelo ezilitshumi, lenditshi zokugezela ezilitshumi
phezu kwezisekelo, **44** lolwandle olulodwa, lenkabi
ezilitshumi lambili ngaphansi kolwandle; **45** lezimbiza
lamafotsholo lemiganu yokufafaza, lazo zonke
lezizitsha uHiramu azenzela inkosi uSolomoni endlini
kaJehova, zazingezethusi elikhazimulisiweyo. **46**
Inkosi yazibumbela ngokuncibilikisa emagcekeni
eJordani, emhlabathini webumba phakathi kweSukothi
leZarethani. **47** USolomoni wasetshiya zonke lezizitsha
zingalinganiswanga, ngenxa yobunengi obukhulukazi;
isisindo sethusi kasihlolwanga. **48** USolomoni
wenza-ke zonke izitsha ezazingezendlu yeNkosi;
ilathi legolide, letafula legolide, okwakuphezu kwalo
izinkwa zokubukiswa, **49** lezinti zezibane zegolide
elicwengekileyo, ezinhlanu ngakwesokunene, lezinhlanu
ngakwesokhohlo, phambi kwendawo yelizwi, lamaluba,
lezibane, lezindlawu, kwegolide; **50** lemiganu, lezindlawu,
lemiganu yokufafaza, lezinkezo, lezitsha zokuthwala
umlilo, kwegolide elicwengekileyo; lamabhanti egolide
ezivalo zendlu engaphakathi, zengcwele yezingcwele,
ezivalo zendlu yethempeli. **51** Waphela njalo umsebenzi
wonke inkosi uSolomoni eyawenza endlini yeNkosi.
USolomoni wasengenisa izinto ezingcwelisiweyo
zikaDavida uyise; isiliva legolide lezitsha wakubeka
enothweni yendlu yeNkosi.

8 Khona uSolomoni wabuthanisa abadala bakoIsrayeli,
zonke inhloko zezizwe, iziphathamandla zaboyise
babantwana bakoIsrayeli, ukuya enkosini uSolomoni
eJerusalema, ukuze benyuse umtshokotsho
wesivumelwano sikaJehova bewukhupha emzini
kaDavida, oyiZiyoni. **2** Wonke amadoda akoIsrayeli
asebuthana enkosini uSolomoni emkhosini enyangeni
kaEthanimi eyinyanga yesikhombisa. **3** Labo bonke
abadala bakoIsrayeli beza, abapristi bawuphakamisa
umtshokotsho wesivumelwano, **4** bawenyusa
umtshokotsho weNkosi lethente lenhlangano, lazo
zonke izitsha ezingcwele ezazisethenteni; abapristi
lamaLevi bakwenyusa-ke. **5** Njalo inkosi uSolomoni
lenhlangano yonke yakoIsrayeli eyayibuthene babelayo
phambi komtshokotsho behlaba izimvu lezinkabi
ezingelanani lezingelakubalwa ngobunengi. **6** Abapristi
basebewungenisa umtshokotsho wesivumelwano
seNkosi endaweni yawo endaweni yelizwi yendlu,
engcweleni yezingcwele, ngaphansi kwempiko
zamakherubhi. **7** Ngoba amakherubhi elulela impiko
zawo phezu kwendawo yomtshokotsho, amakherubhi
embesa umtshokotsho lemijabo yawo, kuvela phezulu. **8**
Basebeselula imijabo ukuze izihloko zemijabo zibonakale
endaweni engcwele phambi kwendawo yelizwi, kodwa
yayingabonakali ngaphandle; njalo ikhona lapho kuze
kube lamuhla. **9** Kwakungelalutho emtshokotshweni,
ngaphandle kwezibhebhe zamatshe ezimbili uMozisi
azifaka khona eHorebe mhla iNkosi isenza khona
isivumelwano labantwana bakoIsrayeli ekuphumeni
kwabo elizweni leGibhithe. **10** Kwasekusithi ekuphumeni
kwabapristi endaweni engcwele iyezi layigcwalisa indlu
yeNkosi; **11** ngakho abapristi babengelakho ukuma
ukuthi bakhonze ngenxa yeyezi, ngoba inkazimulo
yeNkosi yayigcwalise indlu yeNkosi. **12** Ngalesosikhathi
uSolomoni wathi: INkosi yathi izahlala emnyameni
onzima. **13** Ngikwakhele lokukwakhela indlu, indawo
yokuhlala, indawo emisiweyo yokuhlala kwakho
laphakade. **14** Inkosi yasitshibilikisa ubuso bayo,
yalibusisa ibandla lonke lakoIsrayeli; lebandla lonke
lakoIsrayeli lalimi. **15** Yasisithi: Kayibusiswe iNkosi,
uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, eyakhuluma ngomlomo wayo
kuDavida ubaba, njalo yagcwalisa ngesandla sayo,
isithi: **16** Kusukela ngosuku engakhupha ngalo abantu
bami uIsrayeli elizweni leGibhithe kangikhethanga
muzi ezizweni zonke zakoIsrayeli ukwakha indlu,
ukuthi ibizo lami libe lapho, kodwa ngakhetha uDavida
ukuthi abe phezu kwabantu bami uIsrayeli. **17** Njalo
kwakusenhliziyweni kaDavida ubaba ukwakhela ibizo
leNkosi uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli indlu. **18** Kodwa iNkosi
yathi kuDavida ubaba: Njengoba kwakusenhliziyweni
yakho ukwakhela ibizo lami indlu, wenze kuhle
ukuthi kwakusenhliziyweni yakho; **19** loba kunjalo
kawuyikuyakha indlu wena, kodwa indodana yakho
ezaphuma ekhalweni lwakho, yona izalakhela ibizo lami
indlu. **20** INkosi isiqinisile ilizwi layo eyalikhulumayo,
ngoba ngivukile esikhundleni sikaDavida ubaba, ngihlala
esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaIsrayeli njengokuba iNkosi
ikhulumile, sengilakhele ibizo leNkosi uNkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli indlu. **21** Njalo ngimisile lapho indawo
yomtshokotsho, lapho okulesivumelwano seNkosi khona,
eyasenza labobaba ekubakhupheni kwayo elizweni
leGibhithe. **22** USolomoni wasesima phambi kwelathi
leNkosi maqondana lebandla lonke lakoIsrayeli, welulela

izandla zakhe emazulwini, **23** wathi: Nkosi, Nkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli, kakho unkulunkulu onjengawe emazulwini
phezulu lemhlabeni phansi ogcina isivumelwano lomusa
ezincekwini zakho ezihamba phambi kwakho ngenhliziyo
yazo yonke. **24** Ogcinele inceku yakho uDavida ubaba
lokho owakutsho kuye; njalo wakhuluma ngomlomo
wakho, wakugcwalisa ngesandla sakho, njengalamuhla.
25 Ngakho-ke, Nkosi, Nkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, gcinela
inceku yakho uDavida ubaba owakukhuluma kuye,
usithi: Kakuyikusweleka muntu kuwe phambi kwami
ozahlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaIsrayeli, kuphela
uba amadodana akho egcina indlela yawo ukuhamba
phambi kwami njengoba uhambile phambi kwami. **26**
Khathesi-ke, Nkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, ake liqiniseke ilizwi
lakho owalikhuluma encekwini yakho uDavida ubaba.
27 Kodwa isibili uNkulunkulu uzahlala yini emhlabeni?
Khangela, amazulu, lamazulu amazulu angekwanele;
incinyane kangakanani-ke lindlu engiyakhileyo? **28**
Kube kanti phendukela emkhulekweni wenceku yakho
lekuncengeni kwayo, Nkosi Nkulunkulu wami, ukuze
uzwe ukukhala lomkhuleko inceku yakho ewukhulekayo
phambi kwakho lamuhla. **29** Ukuthi amehlo akho
avulekele lindlu ebusuku lemini, indawo owatsho ngayo
ukuthi: Ibizo lami lizakuba lapho; ukuze uzwe umkhuleko
wenceku yakho ezawukhuleka kulindawo. **30** Zwana-
ke ukuncenga kwenceku yakho lokwabantu bakho
uIsrayeli lapho bezakhuleka kulindawo; yebo, uzwe
wena, usendaweni yakho yokuhlala emazulwini; lapho
usizwa, uthethelele. **31** Uba loba nguwuphi umuntu one
umakhelwane wakhe, abeke phezu kwakhe isifungo,
amenze afunge, lesifungo size phambi kwelathi lakho
kulindlu, **32** zwana-ke wena usemazulwini, wenze
wahlulele inceku zakho, ulahle omubi, ukunikela
indlela yakhe ekhanda lakhe, ukulungisisa olungileyo,
ukumnika njengokulunga kwakhe. **33** Lapho abantu
bakho uIsrayeli betshaywe phambi kwesitha ngoba
bonile kuwe, babesebephendukela kuwe, balivume ibizo
lakho, bakhuleke bancenge kuwe kulindlu, **34** zwana-ke
wena usemazulwini, uthethelele isono sabantu bakho
uIsrayeli, ubabuyisele elizweni owalinika oyise. **35** Lapho
amazulu evaliwe, kungelazulu ngoba bonile kuwe, uba
bekhuleka kulindawo belivuma ibizo lakho, baphenduke
esonweni sabo lapho ubahluphile, **36** zwana-ke
wena usemazulwini, uthethelele isono senceku zakho
lesabantu bakho uIsrayeli, lapho usubafundisile indlela
elungileyo abangahamba ngayo, unike izulu elizweni
lakho owalinika abantu bakho libe yilifa. **37** Uba kukhona
indlala elizweni, uba kukhona umatshayabhuqe wesifo,
ukutshisa, ingumane, isikhonyane, uba kulemihogoyi;
uba isitha sabo sibavimbezele elizweni lemizi yabo,
loba yiyiphi inhlupheko, loba yiwuphi umkhuhlane, **38**
wonke umkhuleko, konke ukuncenga, okwenziwa yiloba
nguwuphi umuntu, ngabantu bakho bonke bakoIsrayeli,
abazakwazi ngulowo inhlupheko yenhliziyo yakhe,
eselula izandla zakhe kulindlu, **39** zwana-ke wena
usemazulwini, indawo yakho yokuhlala emisiweyo,
uthethelele, wenze, unike ngulowo njengezindlela zakhe
zonke, onhliziyo yakhe uyayazi, ngoba nguwe wedwa
owaziyo inhliziyo yabo bonke abantwana babantu, **40**
ukuze bakwesabe zonke izinsuku abaziphila ebusweni
belizwe owalinika obaba. **41** Futhi-ke mayelana
lowezizweni ongesuye wabantu bakho uIsrayeli kodwa
evela elizweni elikhatshana ngenxa yebizo lakho, **42**
(ngoba bazakuzwa ngebizo lakho elikhulu langesandla
sakho esilamandla langengalo yakho eyeluliweyo) uba
esiza akhuleke kulindlu, **43** zwana wena usemazulwini,
indawo yakho yokuhlala emisiweyo, wenze njengakho
konke owezizweni akubizela khona, ukuze izizwe zonke
zomhlaba zazi ibizo lakho, zikwesabe, njengabantu
bakho uIsrayeli, ukuze zazi ukuthi ibizo lakho libiziwe
phezu kwale indlu engiyakhileyo. **44** Uba abantu
bakho bephuma impi bemelene lesitha sabo ngendlela
obathuma ngayo, babesebekhuleka eNkosini bekhangele
emzini owukhethileyo lendlini engiyakhele ibizo lakho,
45 zwana-ke usemazulwini umkhuleko wabo lokuncenga
kwabo, wenze udaba lwabo. **46** Uba besona kuwe,
ngoba kakulamuntu ongoniyo, ubusubathukuthelela,
ubanikele esitheni, ukuze abathumbi babo babathumbele
elizweni lesitha, khatshana kumbe eduze, **47** kodwa
babuye enhliziyweni yabo elizweni abathunjelwe kilo,
baphenduke, bancenge kuwe elizweni lababathumbileyo,
besithi: Sonile, saphambeka, senza okubi; **48** babuyele
kuwe ngenhliziyo yonke yabo langomphefumulo wonke
wabo elizweni lezitha zabo ezibathumbileyo, bakhuleke
kuwe bekhangele elizweni labo owalinika oyise, umuzi
owawukhethayo, lendlu engiyakhele ibizo lakho, **49**
zwana-ke usemazulwini umkhuleko wabo lokuncenga
kwabo, endaweni yakho yokuhlala, ubamele. **50**
Uthethelele abantu bakho abone kuwe, leziphambeko
zabo zonke, abaphambeke ngazo kuwe, ubaphe isihawu
phambi kwababathumbileyo, ukuthi babe lesihawu kibo,
51 ngoba bayisizwe sakho, lelifa lakho owabakhupha
eGibhithe, phakathi kwesithando sensimbi. **52** Ukuze
amehlo akho avulekele ukuncenga kwenceku yakho
lokuncenga kwabantu bakho uIsrayeli, ukubezwa
kukho konke ukukhala kwabo kuwe. **53** Ngoba wena
wazehlukanisela bona babe yilifa bevela kuzo zonke
izizwe zomhlaba, njengokukhuluma kwakho ngesandla
sikaMozisi, inceku yakho, ekukhupheni kwakho obaba
eGibhithe, Nkosi Jehova. **54** Kwasekusithi eseqedile
uSolomoni ukukhuleka wonke lo umkhuleko lokuncenga
eNkosini, wasukuma esuka ngaphambi kwelathi leNkosi
ekuguqeni ngamadolo akhe lezandla zakhe zelulekele
emazulwini, **55** wasesima wabusisa ibandla lonke
lakoIsrayeli ngelizwi elikhulu esithi: **56** Kayibusiswe iNkosi
enike abantu bayo uIsrayeli ukuphumula njengakho
konke eyakukhulumayo; kakuwanga lelilodwa ilizwi kuwo
wonke amazwi ayo eyawakhuluma ngesandla sikaMozisi

inceku yayo. **57** INkosi uNkulunkulu wethu kayibe lathi
njengalokhu yayilabobaba, ingasitshiyi ingasideli, **58**
ukuze ithobele inhliziyo yethu kuyo, ukuhamba ngazo
zonke indlela zayo, lokugcina imilayo yayo lezimiso zayo
lezahlulelo zayo, eyakulaya obaba. **59** Lala amazwi ami,
engincenga ngawo phambi kweNkosi, abe seduzane
leNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu emini lebusuku, ukuze imele
udaba lwenceku yayo lodaba lwabantu bayo uIsrayeli,
udaba losuku ngosuku lwalo, **60** ukuze izizwe zonke
zomhlaba zazi ukuthi iNkosi inguNkulunkulu, kakho
omunye. **61** Ngakho inhliziyo yenu kayibe ngepheleleyo
kuJehova uNkulunkulu wethu, ukuhamba ezimisweni
zayo, lokugcina imilayo yayo njengalamuhla. **62** Inkosi
loIsrayeli wonke elayo basebehlaba umhlatshelo phambi
kukaJehova. **63** USolomoni wasehlaba umhlatshelo
weminikelo yokuthula awuhlabela uJehova, inkabi
ezizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lambili,
lezimvu ezizinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi amabili.
Ngokunjalo inkosi labo bonke abantwana bakoIsrayeli
bayehlukanisa indlu kaJehova. **64** Ngalona lolosuku
inkosi yangcwelisa iphakathi leguma elalingaphambi
kwendlu kaJehova, ngoba lapho yanikela umnikelo
wokutshiswa lomnikelo wokudla, lamahwahwa eminikelo
yokuthula, ngoba ilathi lethusi elaliphambi kukaJehova
lalilincinyane kakhulu ukwanela umnikelo wokutshiswa
lomnikelo wokudla lamahwahwa eminikelo yokuthula. **65**
Ngalesosikhathi uSolomoni wasesenza idili, loIsrayeli
wonke laye, ibandla elikhulu, kusukela ekungeneni
kweHamathi kusiya esifuleni seGibhithe, phambi
kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu, insuku eziyisikhombisa
lensuku eziyisikhombisa, insuku ezilitshumi lane. **66**
Ngosuku lwesificaminwembili wabayekela abantu
bahamba; bayibusisa inkosi, baya emathenteni abo
bethokoza bejabula enhliziyweni ngakho konke okuhle
iNkosi eyayikwenzele uDavida inceku yayo loIsrayeli
abantu bayo.

9 Kwasekusithi uSolomoni eseqedile ukwakha indlu
kaJehova lendlu yenkosi laso sonke isifiso
sikaSolomoni ayethokoza ukusenza, **2** iNkosi yabonakala
kuSolomoni ngokwesibili njengokubonakala kwayo kuye
eGibeyoni. **3** INkosi yathi kuye: Ngizwile umkhuleko
wakho lokuncenga kwakho okuncenge phambi kwami.
Ngiyingcwelisile lindlu oyakhileyo ukubeka ibizo lami
lapho kuze kube nininini; lamehlo ami lenhliziyo
yami kuzakuba lapho zonke izinsuku. **4** Wena-ke,
uba uhamba phambi kwami, njengoDavida uyihlo
wahamba, ngokuphelela kwenhliziyo langokuqonda,
ukwenza njengakho konke engikulaye khona, ugcine
izimiso zami lezahlulelo zami, **5** khona ngizamisa
isihlalo sobukhosi sombuso wakho phezu kukaIsrayeli
kuze kube nininini, njengokukhuluma kwami kuDavida
uyihlo, ngisithi: Kakuyikusweleka kuwe umuntu phezu
kwesihlalo sobukhosi sikaIsrayeli. **6** Uba lizaphenduka
lokuphenduka, lina labantwana benu, ekungilandeleni,
lingayigcini imilayo yami, izimiso zami, engikubeke
phambi kwenu, kodwa liyekhonza abanye onkulunkulu,
libakhothamele, **7** khona ngizaquma uIsrayeli ebusweni
belizwe engibanike lona, lendlu engiyingcwelisele ibizo
lami ngizayilahla phambi kwami; loIsrayeli uzakuba
yisaga lento yokuhozwa phakathi kwezizwe zonke. **8**
Lalindlu, ephakemeyo, wonke oyedlulayo uzamangala
kakhulu ancife, bathi: INkosi ikwenzeleni okunje
kulelilizwe lakulindlu? **9** Njalo bazakuthi: Ngenxa yokuthi
bayitshiyile iNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo eyakhupha oyise
elizweni leGibhithe, babambelela kwabanye onkulunkulu,
babakhonza babasebenzela; ngalokho iNkosi ibehlisele
bonke lobububi. **10** Kwasekusithi ekupheleni kweminyaka
engamatshumi amabili uSolomoni esakhile izindlu zombili,
indlu kaJehova lendlu yenkosi, **11** (uHiramu inkosi
yeTire wayemsekele uSolomoni ngezigodo zemisedari
langezigodo zamafiri langegolide, njengesiloyiso sakhe
sonke) ngalesosikhathi inkosi uSolomoni yamnika
uHiramu imizi engamatshumi amabili elizweni leGalili. **12**
UHiramu wasephuma eTire ukubona imizi uSolomoni
ayemnike yona, kodwa yayingalunganga emehlweni
akhe. **13** Wasesithi: Yimizi bani le onginike yona,
mfowethu? Waseyibiza ngokuthi ilizwe leKabuli, kuze
kube lamuhla. **14** UHiramu wayethumele enkosini
amathalenta alikhulu lamatshumi amabili egolide.
15 Nantu-ke udaba lwezibhalwa inkosi uSolomoni
eyazibuthela ukwakha indlu yeNkosi, lendlu yayo,
leMilo, lomduli weJerusalema, leHazori, leMegido,
leGezeri: **16** UFaro inkosi yeGibhithe wayenyukile
wathumba iGezeri wayitshisa ngomlilo, wabulala
amaKhanani ayehlala emzini, wakhunga ngayo
indodakazi yakhe, umkaSolomoni. **17** USolomoni
wasesakha iGezeri, leBhethi-Horoni engaphansi, **18**
leBahalathi, leTamari enkangala elizweni, **19** lemizi
yonke yokugcinela impahla uSolomoni ayelayo, lemizi
yezinqola, lemizi yabagadi bamabhiza, lesiloyiso
sikaSolomoni ayeloyisa ngaso ukwakha eJerusalema
leLebhanoni lelizweni lonke lombuso wakhe. **20** Bonke
abantu ababesele kumaAmori, amaHethi, amaPerizi,
amaHivi, lamaJebusi, ababengeyisibo babantwana
bakoIsrayeli, **21** abantwana babo ababesele emva kwabo
elizweni, abantwana bakoIsrayeli abangenelisanga
ukubatshabalalisa, uSolomoni wababutha izibhalwa
eziyizigqili, kuze kube lamuhla. **22** Kodwa ebantwaneni
bakoIsrayeli uSolomoni kenzanga sigqili, kodwa
babengamadoda empi, lenceku zakhe, leziphathamandla
zakhe, lezinduna zakhe, labaphathi bezinqola zakhe,
labagadi bakhe bamabhiza. **23** Laba babezinduna
zabaphathi abaphezu komsebenzi kaSolomoni, amakhulu
amahlanu lamatshumi amahlanu, ababebusa abantu
ababesebenza emsebenzini. **24** Kodwa indodakazi
kaFaro yenyuka iphuma emzini kaDavida isiya endlini
yayo ayeyakhele yona. Ngalesosikhathi wakha iMilo.
25 Njalo kathathu ngomnyaka uSolomoni wanikela

iminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo yokuthula phezu
kwelathi ayelakhele iNkosi, watshisa impepha kulelo
elaliphambi kweNkosi. Waqeda njalo indlu. **26**
Inkosi uSolomoni yasisenza imikhumbi eEziyoni-Geberi
eseElothi ekhunjini loLwandle oluBomvu elizweni
leEdoma. **27** UHiramu wasethuma emikhunjini inceku
zakhe, amadoda emikhumbi, abazi ulwandle, kanye
lenceku zikaSolomoni. **28** Bafika eOfiri, bathatha khona
igolide, amathalenta angamakhulu amane lamatshumi
amabili, baliletha enkosini uSolomoni.

10 Kwathi indlovukazi yeShebha isizwile udumo
lukaSolomoni ngebizo leNkosi yeza ukumhlola
ngemibuzo enzima. **2** Yasifika eJerusalema lodwendwe
olukhulu kakhulu, lamakamela ethwele amakha
legolide elinengi kakhulu lamatshe aligugu; isifikile
kuSolomoni yamtshela konke okwakusenhliziyweni
yayo. **3** USolomoni waseyichasisela zonke indaba
zayo; kwakungelalutho olwayicatshelayo inkosi
engayichasiselanga lona. **4** Indlovukazi yeShebha
isibonile yonke inhlakanipho kaSolomoni, lendlu
ayeyakhile, **5** lokudla kwetafula lakhe, lokuhlala
kwezinceku zakhe, lokuma kwezisebenzi zakhe,
lezigqoko zazo, labaphathinkezo bakhe, lokwenyuka
kwakhe enyuka ngakho endlini yeNkosi, kakusabanga
lamoya kuyo. **6** Yasisithi enkosini: Umbiko
wawuliqiniso engawuzwa elizweni lami ngamazwi akho
langenhlakanipho yakho. **7** Kodwa kangiyikholwanga
leyomibiko ngaze ngafika lamehlo ami abona. Khangela,
bengingatshelwanga ingxenye; wengezelele inhlakanipho
lokulunga embikweni engiwuzwileyo. **8** Bayathokoza
abantu bakho, ziyathokoza lezizinceku zakho ezimi
njalo phambi kwakho zisizwa inhlakanipho yakho! **9**
Kayibusiswe iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho eyathokoza
ngawe, ukukubeka phezu kwesihlalo sobukhosi
sikaIsrayeli. Ngoba iNkosi yamthanda uIsrayeli kuze kube
phakade, ngakho ikubekile waba yinkosi ukuze wenze
isahlulelo lokulunga. **10** Yasinika inkosi amathalenta
alikhulu lamatshumi amabili egolide, lamakha amanengi
kakhulu, lamatshe aligugu. Kakuzange kusabuya amakha
ngobunengi njengalawo indlovukazi yeShebha eyawanika
inkosi uSolomoni. **11** Futhi lemikhumbi kaHiramu
eyayithwala igolide livela eOfiri yaletha izigodo ezinengi
kakhulu zomkampa, lamatshe aligugu, kuvela eOfiri. **12**
Ngezigodo zomkampa inkosi yasisenza insika zendlu
kaJehova lezendlu yenkosi, lamachacho lezigubhu
zezintambo kwabahlabeleli; kakuzanga kulethwe kumbe
kubonwe ngokunjalo izigodo zomkampa kuze kube
lamuhla. **13** Inkosi uSolomoni yasinika indlovukazi
yeShebha sonke isiloyiso sayo, eyakucelayo, ngaphandle
kwalokho eyayinika khona njengokuphana kwenkosi
uSolomoni. Yasiphenduka yaya elizweni layo, yona
lenceku zayo. **14** Njalo isisindo segolide elalifika
kuSolomoni ngomnyaka owodwa sasingamathalenta
angamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi ayisithupha
lesithupha, **15** ngaphandle kokuvela kubathengisi,
lempahleni zabathengisi bezinongo, lemakhosini wonke
eArabhiya, lakubabusi belizwe. **16** Inkosi uSolomoni
yasisenza izihlangu ezinkulu ezingamakhulu amabili
ngegolide elikhandiweyo, amashekeli angamakhulu
ayisithupha egolide esihlangwini esisodwa esikhulu.
17 Lamahawu angamakhulu amathathu egolide
elikhandiweyo; amamane amathathu egolide ehawini
elilodwa. Inkosi yasiwafaka endlini yegusu leLebhanoni.
18 Inkosi yenza lesihlalo sobukhosi esikhulu ngempondo
zendlovu, yasihuqa ngegolide elicwengekileyo. **19**
Isihlalo sobukhosi sasilezikhwelo eziyisithupha,
lesihloko sesihlalo sobukhosi sasiyisigombolozi emuva,
lezeyamelo zengalo ngapha langapha kuze kube
sendaweni yokuhlala, lezilwane ezimbili zimi eceleni
kwezeyamelo zezingalo. **20** Lezilwane ezilitshumi
lambili zazimi lapho ezikhwelweni eziyisithupha,
ngapha langapha. Kakwenziwanga okunjalo kuwo
wonke umbuso. **21** Lazo zonke inkezo zokunatha
zenkosi uSolomoni zazingezegolide, lazo zonke
izitsha zendlu yegusu leLebhanoni zazingezegolide
elicwengekileyo; kwakungelasiliva, lalingabalwa santo
ensukwini zikaSolomoni. **22** Ngoba inkosi yayilemikhumbi
yeThashishi olwandle kanye lemikhumbi kaHiramu; kanye
ngeminyaka emithathu limikhumbi yeThashishi yeza
ithwele igolide lesiliva, impondo zezindlovu lezinkawu
lamaphigaga. **23** Ngakho inkosi uSolomoni yaba
nkulu kulawo wonke amakhosi omhlaba enothweni
lenhlakanipheni. **24** Umhlaba wonke wasudinga
ubuso bukaSolomoni ukuzwa inhlakanipho yakhe
uNkulunkulu ayeyinike enhliziyweni yakhe. **25**
Basebeletha, ngulowo isipho sakhe, izitsha zesiliva,
lezitsha zegolide, lezembatho, lezikhali, lamakha,
amabhiza, lezimbongolo; into yomnyaka ngomnyaka
wayo. **26** USolomoni wasebuthanisa izinqola labagadi
bamabhiza; wayelezinqola ezingamakhulu alitshumi
lane, labagadi bamabhiza abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi
lambili; wakubeka emizini yezinqola njalo kulenkosi
eJerusalema. **27** Inkosi yasisenza isiliva eJerusalema
laba njengamatshe, lemisedari wayenza yaba
njengemikhiwa yesikhamore esesihotsheni, ngobunengi.
28 Wasengenisa ngokuthenga amabhiza avela eGibhithe,
ayengekaSolomoni, lelembu elicolekileyo; labathengi
benkosi babelithatha ilembu elicolekileyo ngentengo. **29**
Inqola yasisenyuka yaphuma eGibhithe ngamashekeli
esiliva angamakhulu ayisithupha, lebhiza ngekhulu
lamatshumi amahlanu. Langokunjalo bawakhuphela
wonke amakhosi amaHethi lamakhosi eSiriya ngesandla
sabo.

11 Inkosi uSolomoni yayithanda-ke abafazi
abanengi bezizweni, kanye lendodakazi kaFaro,
amaMowabikazi, amaAmonikazi, amaEdomikazi,
amaSidonikazi, amaHethikazi, **2** ababevela ezizweni
iNkosi eyayithe ngazo kubantwana bakoIsrayeli:

Kaliyikungena kibo, labo kabayikungena kini; isibili
bazaphendula inhliziyo yenu ilandele onkulunkulu
babo. Bona uSolomoni wabanamathela ngothando.
3 Wayelabafazi abangamakhulu ayisikhombisa,
amakhosazana, labafazi abancane abangamakhulu
amathathu; abafazi bakhe basebephambula inhliziyo
yakhe. 4 Ngoba kwathi esikhathini sokuluphala
kukaSolomoni, abafazi bakhe baphambulela inhliziyo
yakhe ekulandeleni abanye onkulunkulu, lenhliziyo
yakhe yayingaphelelanga kuJehova uNkulunkulu
wakhe, njengenhliziyo kaDavida uyise. 5 Ngoba
uSolomoni wahamba emva kukaAshitarothi unkulunkulu
wamaSidoni lemva kukaMilkomu isinengiso samaAmoni.
6 USolomoni wasesenza okubi emehlweni eNkosi,
kayilandelanga ngokupheleleyo iNkosi njengoDavida
uyise. 7 Ngalesosikhathi uSolomoni wakhela
uKemoshi isinengiso sakoMowabi indawo ephakemeyo
entabeni ephambi kweJerusalema, loMoleki isinengiso
sabantwana bakoAmoni. 8 Langokunjalo wabenzela
bonke abafazi bakhe bezizweni abatshisa impepha
bahlabela onkulunkulu babo. 9 INkosi yasimthukuthelela
uSolomoni, ngoba inhliziyo yakhe yayiphambukile
eNkosini, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, eyayibonakele
kuye kabili, 10 yamlaya mayelana lalinto, ukuthi
angalandeli abanye onkulunkulu; kodwa kagcinanga
lokho iNkosi eyamlaya khona. 11 Ngakho iNkosi
yathi kuSolomoni: Ngenxa yokuthi lokhu kwenziwe
nguwe, ungagcinanga isivumelwano sami lezimiso
zami, engakulaya khona, ngizawudabula lokuwudabula
umbuso kuwe, ngiwunike inceku yakho. 12 Kanti
kangiyikukwenza ensukwini zakho ngenxa kaDavida
uyihlo; ngizawudabula usuke esandleni sendodana
yakho. 13 Loba kunjalo kangiyikudabula wonke
umbuso; ngizanika indodana yakho isizwe esisodwa
ngenxa kaDavida inceku yami langenxa yeJerusalema
engiyikhethileyo. 14 INkosi yasimvusela uSolomoni
isitha, uHadadi umEdoma; wayengowenzalo yenkosi
eEdoma. 15 Ngoba kwathi uDavida eseEdoma, uJowabi
induna yebutho wayenyukele ukungcwaba ababuleweyo,
watshaya wonke owesilisa eEdoma. 16 Ngoba uJowabi
wahlala lapho inyanga eziyisithupha, loIsrayeli wonke,
waze waquma wonke owesilisa eEdoma. 17 Kodwa
uHadadi wabaleka, yena lamaEdoma athile avela
encekwini zikayise kanye laye, ukungena eGibhithe; njalo
uHadadi wayengumfanyana. 18 Basebesuka eMidiyani,
bafika eParani, bathatha amadoda labo eParani, bafika
eGibhithe, kuFaro inkosi yeGibhithe, owamnika indlu,
wammisela ukudla, wamnika umhlabathi. 19 UHadadi
wasethola umusa omkhulu emehlweni kaFaro, waze
wamendisela udadewabo womkakhe, udadewabo
kaTapenesi indlovukazi. 20 Udadewabo kaTapenesi
wasemzalela uGenubathi indodana yakhe, uTapenesi
amlumulela phakathi kwendlu kaFaro; njalo uGenubathi
wayesendlini kaFaro phakathi kwabantwana bakaFaro.
21 Kwathi uHadadi esezwile eseGibhithe ukuthi uDavida
ulele laboyise lokuthi uJowabi induna yebutho usefile,
uHadadi wathi kuFaro: Ngivumela ngisuke ukuthi ngiye
elizweni lakithi. 22 UFaro wasesithi kuye: Kodwa
usweleni ulami ukuthi, khangela, udinge ukuya elizweni
lakini? Wasesithi: Akulalutho, loba kunjalo ngivumela
lokungivumela ngihambe. 23 UNkulunkulu wasemvusela
isitha, uRezoni indodana kaEliyada owayebalekile
enkosini yakhe uHadadezeri inkosi yeZoba. 24
Wasezibuthela amadoda, waba ngumkhokheli weviyo,
lapho uDavida ebabulala; basebesiya eDamaseko,
bahlala kuyo, babusa eDamaseko. 25 Wasesiba
yisitha kuIsrayeli insuku zonke zikaSolomoni, phezu
kobubi uHadadi abenzayo; njalo wanengwa nguIsrayeli,
wabusa phezu kukaSiriya. 26 LoJerobhowamu,
indodana kaNebati, umEfrayimi weZereda, inceku
kaSolomoni, obizo likanina lalinguZeruwa, owesifazana
ongumfelokazi, laye waphakamisa isandla emelene
lenkosi. 27 Yilolu-ke udaba lokuthi aphakamise isandla
emelene lenkosi. USolomoni wakha iMilo, wavala
isikhala somuzi kaDavida uyise. 28 UJerobhowamu
wayeliqhawe elilamandla. Kwathi uSolomoni ebona
lelijaha ukuthi likhuthele emsebenzini, walibeka
phezu kwawo wonke umthwalo wendlu kaJosefa. 29
Kwasekusithi ngalesosikhathi lapho uJerobhowamu
ephuma eJerusalema, uAhiya umShilo umprofethi
wamfica endleleni. Njalo wayezigqokise isigqoko esitsha;
bobabili babebodwa egangeni. 30 UAhiya wasesibamba
isigqoko esitsha esasikuye, wasidabula iziqa ezilitshumi
lambili, 31 wathi kuJerobhowamu: Zithathele iziqa
ezilitshumi, ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli: Khangela, ngizadabula umbuso usuke
esandleni sikaSolomoni, ngikunike izizwe ezilitshumi.
32 Kodwa yena uzakuba lesizwe esisodwa ngenxa
yenceku yami uDavida langenxa yeJerusalema, umuzi
engiwukhethileyo ezizweni zonke zakoIsrayeli. 33
Ngenxa yokuthi bangitshiyile, bakhonza uAshitarothi
unkulunkulu wamaSidoni, uKemoshi unkulunkulu
wamaMowabi, loMilkomu unkulunkulu wabantwana
bakoAmoni, kabahambanga ngendlela zami, ukwenza
okulungileyo emehlweni ami, lokulondoloza izimiso zami
lezahlulelo zami, njengoDavida uyise. 34 Loba kunjalo
kangiyikuwususa umbuso wonke esandleni sakhe; kodwa
ngizamenza abe ngumbusi zonke izinsuku zempilo
yakhe ngenxa kaDavida inceku yami, engamkhethayo,
owagcina imilayo yami lezimiso zami. 35 Kodwa
ngizawususa umbuso esandleni sendodana yakhe,
ngiwunike wena, izizwe ezilitshumi. 36 Lendodana yakhe
ngizayinika isizwe sibe sinye ukuze uDavida inceku yami
abe lesibane zonke izinsuku phambi kwami eJerusalema,
umuzi engizikhethele wona ukuze ngibeke ibizo lami
khona. 37 Wena-ke ngizakuthatha, uzabusa phezu
kwakho konke umphefumulo wakho okuloyisayo, ube
yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli. 38 Kuzakuthi-ke, uba ulalela

konke engikulaya khona, uhambe ngezindlela zami,
wenze okulungileyo emehlweni ami, ukugcina izimiso
zami lemilayo yami, njengokwenza kukaDavida inceku
yami, ngizakuba lawe, ngikwakhele indlu eqinileyo,
njengengayakhela uDavida, ngizakunika uIsrayeli, **39**
njalo ngihluphe inzalo kaDavida ngenxa yalokhu, kodwa
kungabi kokuphela. **40** Ngakho uSolomoni wadinga
ukumbulala uJerobhowamu, kodwa uJerobhowamu
wasuka wabalekela eGibhithe, kuShishaki inkosi
yeGibhithe, wayeseGibhithe waze wafa uSolomoni.
41 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaSolomoni, lakho konke
akwenzayo, lenhlakanipho yakhe, kakubhalwanga yini
egwalweni lwendaba zikaSolomoni? **42** Isikhathi-ke
uSolomoni abusa ngaso eJerusalema phezu kukaIsrayeli
wonke saba yiminyaka engamatshumi amane. **43**
USolomoni waselala laboyise, wangcwatshelwa emzini
kaDavida uyise. URehobhowamu indodana yakhe
wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

12 URehobhowamu wasesiya eShekema ngoba
uIsrayeli wonke wayefike eShekema ukumbeka
abe yinkosi. **2** Kwasekusithi uJerobhowamu indodana
kaNebati, owayelokhu eseGibhithe, ekuzwa lokhu
(ngoba wayebaleke esuka phambi kukaSolomoni inkosi,
uJerobhowamu wahlala eGibhithe), **3** bathuma bambiza.
UJerobhowamu lebandla lonke lakoIsrayeli basebesiza
bakhuluma loRehobhowamu besithi: **4** Uyihlo wenza
ijogwe lethu laba lukhuni; ngakho-ke wena yenza
kube lula umsebenzi olukhuni kayihlo, lejogwe lakhe
elinzima abesithwalise lona, njalo sizakukhonza. **5**
Wasesithi kibo: Hambani futhi okwensuku ezintathu,
libe selibuya kimi. Basebehamba abantu. **6** Inkosi
uRehobhowamu yasicebisana labadala ababesima
phambi kukaSolomoni uyise esaphila, isithi: Licebisa njani
ukubuyisela impendulo kulababantu? **7** Basebekhuluma
kuyo besithi: Uba uzakuba yinceku yalababantu lamuhla
ubasebenzele, ubaphendule, ukhulume kibo amazwi
amahle, khona bezakuba zinceku zakho zonke izinsuku.
8 Kodwa wasitshiya iseluleko sabadala ababemeluleke
ngaso, wacebisana lamajaha ayeyintanga yakhe, ayemi
phambi kwakhe. **9** Wasesithi kuwo: Lipha seluleko bani
ukuthi sibuyisele impendulo kulababantu abakhulume
lami besithi: Yenza libe lulanyana ijogwe uyihlo alibeka
phezu kwethu? **10** Amajaha ayeyintanga yakhe
asekhuluma kuye esithi: Uzakutsho njalo kulababantu
abakhuluma kuwe besithi: Uyihlo wenza ijogwe lethu laba
nzima, kodwa wena yenza libe lulanyana kithi; uzakutsho
njalo kibo: Ucikilicane wami uqatha kulokhalo lukababa.
11 Uba-ke ubaba walethwesa ijogwe elinzima, mina-
ke ngizakwengezelela ejogweni lenu. Ubaba walijezisa
ngeziswepu, kodwa mina ngizalijezisa ngabofezela.
12 Ngakho uJerobhowamu labo bonke abantu beza
kuRehobhowamu ngosuku lwesithathu njengokutsho
kwenkosi isithi: Libuye kimi futhi ngosuku lwesithathu.
13 Inkosi yasibaphendula abantu kalukhuni, yatshiya
iseluleko sabadala ababeyeluleke ngaso. **14** Yakhuluma
kubo njengokweseluleko samajaha isithi: Ubaba wenza
ijogwe lenu laba nzima, kodwa mina ngizakwengezelela
ejogweni lenu; ubaba walijezisa ngeziswepu, kodwa
mina ngizalijezisa ngabofezela. **15** Ngalokho inkosi
kayibalalelanga abantu; ngoba inguquko yayivela
eNkosini ukuze iqinise ilizwi layo, iNkosi eyayilikhulume
ngesandla sikaAhiya umShilo kuJerobhowamu indodana
kaNebati. **16** Lapho uIsrayeli wonke ebona ukuthi
inkosi kayibalalelanga, abantu babuyisela impendulo
enkosini besithi: Silesabelo bani kuDavida? Yebo,
kasilalifa endodaneni kaJese. Emathenteni akho,
Israyeli! Khathesi, zibonele indlu yakho, Davida.
Ngakho uIsrayeli waya emathenteni akhe. **17** Mayelana
labantwana bakoIsrayeli ababehlala emizini yakoJuda,
uRehobhowamu wabusa phezu kwabo. **18** Khona inkosi
uRehobhowamu yathuma uAdoniramu owayephezu
kwezibhalwa; uIsrayeli wonke wasemkhanda ngamatshe
waze wafa. Ngakho inkosi uRehobhowamu yakhwela
masinyane inqola yayo, ukubalekela eJerusalema. **19**
Ngokunjalo uIsrayeli wayihlamukela indlu kaDavida
kuze kube lamuhla. **20** Kwasekusithi uIsrayeli wonke
esezwile ukuthi uJerobhowamu ubuyile, bathuma
bambizela enhlanganweni, bamenza inkosi phezu
kukaIsrayeli wonke; kakubanga khona olandela
indlu kaDavida ngaphandle kwesizwe sakoJuda
sodwa. **21** Kwathi uRehobhowamu esefikile
eJerusalema wabuthanisa yonke indlu yakoJuda lesizwe
sakoBhenjamini, abakhethiweyo abayizinkulungwane
ezilikhulu lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili, abalwa
impi, ukulwa lendlu yakoIsrayeli, ukubuyisela umbuso
kuRehobhowamu indodana kaSolomoni. **22** Kodwa ilizwi
likaNkulunkulu lafika kuShemaya umuntu kaNkulunkulu
lisithi: **23** Khuluma kuRehobhowamu indodana
kaSolomoni, inkosi yakoJuda, lakuyo yonke indlu
yakoJuda leyakoBhenjamini, lensali yabantu, uthi: **24**
Itsho njalo iNkosi: Lingenyuki njalo lingalwi labafowenu,
abantwana bakoIsrayeli. Buyelani, ngulowo lalowo
endlini yakhe; ngoba linto ivela kimi. Basebelilalela
ilizwi leNkosi, babuyela ukuhamba, njengokwelizwi
leNkosi. **25** UJerobhowamu wasesakha iShekema
entabeni yakoEfrayimi, wahlala kuyo; wasephuma
lapho wakha iPenuweli. **26** UJerobhowamu wasesithi
enhliziyweni yakhe: Khathesi umbuso uzabuyela
endlini kaDavida. **27** Uba lesisizwe sisenyukela
ukwenza imihlatshelo endlini yeNkosi eJerusalema,
khona inhliziyo yalesisizwe izabuyela enkosini yabo,
kuRehobhowamu inkosi yakoJuda, njalo bazangibulala
babuyele kuRehobhowamu inkosi yakoJuda. **28**
Ngakho inkosi yathatha icebo, yenza amathole amabili
egolide, yathi kubo: Kunzima kakhulu kini ukwenyukela
eJerusalema; khangela, onkulunkulu bakho, Israyeli,
abakukhuphula elizweni leGibhithe. **29** Wasemisa
elinye eBhetheli, lelinye walifaka eDani. **30** Loludaba

lwaselusiba yisono; ngoba abantu baya phambi kwelinye
kuze kube seDani ukuyakhonza. 31 Wasesenza indlu
yezindawo eziphakemeyo, wenza abapristi ngabaphansi
kakhulu babantu, ababengeyisiwo bamadodana
amaLevi. 32 UJerobhowamu wasesenza umkhosi
ngenyanga yesificaminwembili ngosuku lwetshumi
lanhlanu lwenyanga njengomkhosi owawukoJuda,
wanikela phezu kwelathi. Wenza njalo eBhetheli,
ehlabela amathole ayewenzile. Wabeka eBhetheli
abapristi bezindawo eziphakemeyo ayezenzile. 33
Wasenikela phezu kwelathi ayelenzile eBhetheli ngosuku
lwetshumi lanhlanu enyangeni yesificaminwembili,
enyangeni ayeyiqambile evela enhliziyweni yakhe.
Wenzela abantwana bakoIsrayeli umkhosi, wanikela
phezu kwelathi etshisa impepha.

13 Khangela-ke, kwafika umuntu kaNkulunkulu evela
koJuda ngelizwi leNkosi waya eBhetheli, njalo
uJerobhowamu wayemi eduze lelathi ukutshisa impepha.
2 Wasememeza emelene lelathi ngelizwi leNkosi
wathi: Lathi, lathi, itsho njalo iNkosi: Khangela,
indodana izazalelwa indlu kaDavida, nguJosiya ibizo
layo; izahlabela phezu kwakho abapristi bezindawo
eziphakemeyo abatshisa impepha phezu kwakho,
lamathambo abantu azatshiselwa phezu kwakho.
3 Wasenika isibonakaliso ngalolosuku esithi: Lesi
yisibonakaliso iNkosi esikhulumileyo yathi: Khangela,
ilathi lizadatshulwa lomlotha ophezu kwalo uzachithwa. 4
Kwasekusithi inkosi isizwile ilizwi lomuntu kaNkulunkulu
owamemeza emelene lelathi eBhetheli, uJerobhowamu
welula isandla sakhe wasisusa elathini, esithi: Mbambeni!
Isandla sakhe-ke ayeselulele kuye soma, waze wehluleka
ukusibuyisela kuye. 5 Lelathi ladatshulwa, lomlotha
wachitheka elathini, njengokwesibonakaliso umuntu
kaNkulunkulu ayesinikile ngelizwi leNkosi. 6 Inkosi
yasiphendula yathi emuntwini kaNkulunkulu: Ake
uncenge ubuso bukaJehova uNkulunkulu wakho,
ungikhulekele, ukuthi isandla sami sibuyele kimi.
Umuntu kaNkulunkulu wasencenga ubuso bukaJehova,
lesandla senkosi sabuyela kuyo, saba njengakuqala.
7 Inkosi yasisithi emuntwini kaNkulunkulu: Woza lami
siye ekhaya, uzivuselele, ngizakunika umvuzo. 8
Kodwa umuntu kaNkulunkulu wathi enkosini: Loba
unganginika ingxenye yendlu yakho, kangiyikuhamba
lawe; kangiyikudla isinkwa, njalo kangiyikunatha amanzi
kulindawo; 9 ngoba ngokunjalo yangilaya ngelizwi leNkosi
isithi: Ungadli isinkwa, njalo unganathi amanzi, njalo
ungabuyeli ngendlela oze ngayo. 10 Ngakho wahamba
ngenye indlela, kabuyelanga ngendlela oweza ngayo
eBhetheli. 11 Kwakuhlala-ke umprofethi othile omdala
eBhetheli. Amadodana akhe eza amtshela sonke isenzo
umuntu kaNkulunkulu ayesenzile mhlalokho eBhetheli;
amazwi ayewakhulume enkosini, lawo awatshela uyise.
12 Uyise wasesithi kiwo: Uhambe ngayiphi indlela?
Ngoba amadodana akhe ayebonile indlela umuntu
kaNkulunkulu owayevele koJuda ahambe ngayo. 13
Wasesithi emadodaneni akhe: Ngibophelelani isihlalo
kubabhemi. Basebembophelela isihlalo kubabhemi,
wasegada kuye. 14 Wasemlandela umuntu kaNkulunkulu,
wamfica ehlezi ngaphansi kwesihlahla se-okhi, wathi
kuye: Nguwe umuntu kaNkulunkulu ovele koJuda yini?
Wasesithi: Yimi. 15 Wasesithi kuye: Woza lami siye
ekhaya, udle isinkwa. 16 Wasesithi: Ngingeke ngibuyele
lawe, kumbe ngingene lawe, angiyikudla isinkwa,
njalo angiyikunatha lawe amanzi kulindawo, 17 ngoba
ilizwi lathi kimi ngelizwi leNkosi: Kawuyikudla isinkwa,
unganathi amanzi khona, ungabuyeli uhambe ngendlela
oze ngayo. 18 Wasesithi kuye: Lami ngingumprofethi
njengawe, njalo ingilosi ikhulume kimi ngelizwi leNkosi
isithi: Umbuyise endlini yakho lawe ukuze adle isinkwa
anathe amanzi. Kodwa waqamba amanga kuye. 19
Wasebuyela laye, wadla isinkwa endlini yakhe, wanatha
amanzi. 20 Kwasekusithi behlezi etafuleni, ilizwi leNkosi
lafika kumprofethi owayembuyisile; 21 wasememeza
kulowomuntu kaNkulunkulu owayevela koJuda, esithi:
Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ngenxa yokuthi kawulalelanga umlomo
weNkosi, ungagcinanga umlayo iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho eyakulaya wona, 22 kodwa ubuyile, wadla
isinkwa, wanatha amanzi endaweni eyathi ngayo kuwe:
Ungadli isinkwa, njalo unganathi amanzi; isidumbu sakho
kasiyikuya engcwabeni laboyihlo. 23 Kwasekusithi emva
kokudla kwakhe isinkwa lemva kokunatha kwakhe,
wasembophelela isihlalo kubabhemi lowomprofethi
ayembuyisile. 24 Kwathi esehambile, isilwane samfica
endleleni, sambulala; isidumbu sakhe sasesiphoselwa
endleleni, ubabhemi wema eceleni kwaso, isilwane
laso sema eceleni kwesidumbu. 25 Khangela-ke,
abantu bedlula babona isidumbu siphoselwe endleleni
lesilwane simi eceleni kwesidumbu; bafika bakubika
emzini lapho lowomprofethi omdala ayehlala khona. 26
Kwathi lowomprofethi owayembuyisile esizwa wathi:
Ngumuntu kaNkulunkulu ongalalelanga umlomo weNkosi;
ngakho iNkosi imnikele esilwaneni esimphoqoze
sambulala, njengokwelizwi leNkosi elakhuluma kuye. 27
Wasekhuluma emadodaneni akhe esithi: Ngibophelelani
isihlalo kubabhemi. Basebebophela isihlalo. 28
Wasehamba wathola isidumbu sakhe siphoselwe
endleleni, lobabhemi lesilwane kumi eceleni kwesidumbu.
Isilwane sasingasidlanga isidumbu, singephulanga
ubabhemi. 29 Umprofethi wasesiphakamisa isidumbu
somuntu kaNkulunkulu, wasiphanyeka kubabhemi,
wasibuyisa; umprofethi omdala wafika emzini ukulila
lokumngcwaba. 30 Wasilalisa isidumbu engcwabeni
lakhe, bamlilela bathi: Maye mfowethu! 31 Kwasekusithi
emva kokumngcwaba kwakhe wakhuluma emadodaneni
akhe esithi: Ekufeni kwami lingingcwabe engcwabeni
okungcwatshelwe khona umuntu kaNkulunkulu; lilalise
amathambo ami eceleni kwamathambo akhe. 32 Ngoba
udaba luzakwenzeka sibili, alumemeza ngelizwi leNkosi

emelene lelathi eliseBhetheli, njalo emelene lezindlu
zonke zezindawo eziphakemeyo ezisemizini yeSamariya.
33 Emva kwaloludaba uJerobhowamu kaphendukanga
endleleni yakhe embi, kodwa wabuya wenza abapristi
bezindawo eziphakemeyo ebantwini abaphansi kakhulu;
ofunayo wamehlukanisa waba ngowabapristi bendawo
eziphakemeyo. 34 Langale into kwaba lesono kuyo indlu
kaJerobhowamu, ngitsho ukuyiquma lokuyichitha isuke
ebusweni bomhlaba.

14 Ngalesosikhathi uAbhiya indodana
kaJerobhowamu wagula. 2 UJerobhowamu
wasesithi kumkakhe: Akusuke uzifihle isimo ukuze
bangakwazi ukuthi ungumkaJerobhowamu, uye eShilo;
khangela, kukhona lapho uAhiya umprofethi owangitshela
ukuthi ngizakuba yinkosi phezu kwalababantu. 3 Uthathe
izinkwa ezilitshumi esandleni sakho lamaqebelengwana
alukhuni lodiwo loluju, uye kuye, yena uzakutshela
okuzakwenzeka kulumntwana. 4 UmkaJerobhowamu
wasesenza njalo, wasuka waya eShilo, wafika emzini
kaAhiya. Kodwa uAhiya wayengelakubona ngoba amehlo
akhe ayesenqundekile ngenxa yobudala bakhe. 5 INkosi
yasisithi kuAhiya: Khangela, umkaJerobhowamu uyeza
ukubuza ulutho kuwe ngendodana yakhe, ngoba iyagula.
Uzamtshela ukuthi lokuthi. Ngoba kuzakuthi ekungeneni
kwakhe, uzazitshaya omunye. 6 Kwasekusithi uAhiya
esizwa izisinde zenyawo zakhe lapho engena emnyango
wathi: Ngena mkaJerobhowamu; uzitshayelani omunye?
Ngoba ngithunywe kuwe ngento enzima. 7 Hamba
uthi kuJerobhowamu: Itsho njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli, ithi: Njengoba ngakuphakamisa uphakathi
kwabantu, ngakwenza umbusi phezu kwabantu bami
uIsrayeli, 8 ngadabula umbuso ngawususa endlini
kaDavida, ngawunika wena; kodwa kawubanga
njengenceku yami uDavida, owagcina imilayo yami,
lowangilandela ngenhliziyo yakhe yonke, ukwenza
okuhle kuphela emehlweni ami; 9 kodwa wenzile ububi
okwedlula bonke ababekhona phambi kwakho, kodwa
uhambe wazenzela abanye onkulunkulu lezithombe
ezibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa, ukuze ungithukuthelise,
wangilahla emva komhlana wakho. 10 Ngakho, khangela,
ngizakwehlisela ububi endlini kaJerobhowamu, ngiqume
asuke kuJerobhowamu ochamela emdulini, ovalelweyo
lokhululekileyo koIsrayeli, ngihugule okulandelayo
kwendlu kaJerobhowamu, njengomuntu ehugula
umquba uze uphele. 11 OkaJerobhowamu ofela
phakathi komuzi zizamudla izinja, lofela egangeni
zizamudla inyoni zamazulu; ngoba iNkosi ikhulumile.
12 Ngakho wena suka, uye endlini yakho; ekungeneni
kwenyawo zakho emzini umntwana uzakufa. 13
Njalo uIsrayeli wonke uzamlilela amngcwabe; ngoba
nguye kuphela koJerobhowamu ozakuza engcwabeni,
ngoba kutholakala kuye into elungileyo ngaseNkosini
uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli endlini kaJerobhowamu. 14
Futhi uJehova uzazivusela inkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli,
ezaquma indlu kaJerobhowamu ngalolosuku. Kodwa
kuyini? Lakhathesi. 15 Njalo iNkosi izamtshaya uIsrayeli
njengomhlanga uzunguzeka emanzini, iquphule uIsrayeli
elizweni leli elihle, eyalinika oyise, ibachithachithe
ngaphetsheya komfula, ngenxa yokuthi bazenzela
izixuku, bayithukuthelisa iNkosi. 16 Njalo izanikela
uIsrayeli ngenxa yezono zikaJerobhowamu, owonayo,
wenza uIsrayeli one. 17 UmkaJerobhowamu wasesuka
wahamba, wafika eTiriza. Lapho efika embundwini
wendlu, umfana wafa. 18 Basebemngcwaba; loIsrayeli
wonke wamlilela, njengokwelizwi leNkosi eyalikhuluma
ngesandla senceku yayo uAhiya umprofethi. 19
Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaJerobhowamu, ukuthi walwa
njani, lokuthi wabusa njani, khangela, zibhaliwe
egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoIsrayeli. 20
Lensuku uJerobhowamu abusa ngazo zaziyiminyaka
engamatshumi amabili lambili, walala laboyise, njalo
uNadabi indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni
sakhe. 21 URehobhowamu indodana kaSolomoni
wabusa-ke koJuda. URehobhowamu wayeleminyaka
engamatshumi amane lanye lapho esiba yinkosi,
wabusa iminyaka elitshumi lesikhombisa eJerusalema,
umuzi iNkosi eyayiwukhethile kuzo zonke izizwe
zakoIsrayeli, ukubeka khona ibizo layo. Lebizo likanina
lalinguNahama umAmonikazi. 22 UJuda wasesenza
okubi emehlweni eNkosi; bayivusa ubukhwele, ngezono
zabo abazonayo, okwedlula konke oyise ababekwenzile,
ngezono zabo abazonayo. 23 Ngoba labo bazakhela
izindawo eziphakemeyo, lezinsika eziyizithombe,
lezixuku, phezu kwalo lonke uqaqa oluphakemeyo,
langaphansi kwaso sonke isihlahla esiluhlaza. 24
Kwakukhona-ke elizweni lezinkotshana. Benza
njengokwezinengiso zezizwe iNkosi eyayizixotshile elifeni
phambi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli. 25 Kwasekusithi
ngomnyaka wesihlanu wenkosi uRehobhowamu
uShishaki inkosi yeGibhithe wenyuka wamelana
leJerusalema. 26 Wathatha amagugu endlu kaJehova
lamagugu endlu yenkosi, yebo wakuthatha konke,
wathatha zonke izihlangu zegolide uSolomoni ayezenzile.
27 Inkosi uRehobhowamu yasisenza endaweni yazo
izihlangu zethusi, yazinikela esandleni senduna yabalindi
ababegcina umnyango wendlu yenkosi. 28 Njalo
kwakusithi lapho inkosi ingena endlini kaJehova
abalindi babezithwala, bazibuyisele endlini yabalindi.
29 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaRehobhowamu, lakho
konke akwenzayo, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni
lwemilando yamakhosi akoJuda? 30 Kwakukhona-
ke impi phakathi kukaRehobhowamu loJerobhowamu
zonke izinsuku. 31 URehobhowamu waselala laboyise,
wangcwatshelwa kuboyise emzini kaDavida. Lebizo
likanina lalinguNahama umAmonikazi. UAbhiyamu
indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

15 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lesificaminwembili wenkosi
uJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati uAbhiyamu
wasesiba yinkosi phezu kukaJuda. **2** Wabusa iminyaka
emithathu eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguMahaka
indodakazi kaAbishalomu. **3** Wasehamba ezonweni
zonke zikayise ayezenze phambi kwakhe, lenhliziyo
yakhe yayingaphelelanga kuJehova uNkulunkulu wakhe,
njengenhliziyo kaDavida uyise. **4** Kodwa ngenxa
kaDavida iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakhe yamnika isibane
eJerusalema, ngokubeka indodana yakhe emva kwakhe,
langokuqinisa iJerusalema. **5** Ngoba uDavida wenza
okulungileyo emehlweni eNkosi, kaphambukanga
kukho konke eyamlaya khona insuku zonke zempilo
yakhe, ngaphandle kwedabeni lukaUriya umHethi.
6 Kwakukhona-ke impi phakathi kukaRehobhowamu
loJerobhowamu zonke izinsuku zempilo yakhe. **7** Ezinye-
ke zezindaba zikaAbhiyamu, lakho konke akwenzayo,
kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi
akoJuda? Njalo kwaba lempi phakathi kukaAbhiyamu
loJerobhowamu. **8** UAbhiyamu waselala laboyise,
bamngcwabela emzini kaDavida. UAsa indodana yakhe
wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. **9** Ngomnyaka
wamatshumi amabili kaJerobhowamu inkosi yakoIsrayeli
uAsa wasesiba yinkosi yakoJuda. **10** Wasebusa
iminyaka engamatshumi amane lanye eJerusalema.
Lebizo likanina lalinguMahaka indodakazi kaAbishalomu.
11 UAsa wasesenza okulungileyo emehlweni eNkosi
njengoDavida uyise. **12** Wasusa izinkotshana elizweni,
wasusa zonke izithombe oyise ababezenzile. **13** Laye-
ke uMahaka unina wamsusa ekubeni yindlovukazi,
ngoba wayenze into enengekayo ibe yiAshera; uAsa
waseyigamula into yakhe enengekayo, wayitshisela
esifuleni iKidroni. **14** Kanti indawo eziphakemeyo
kazisuswanga; lanxa kunjalo inhliziyo kaAsa yayiphelele
kuJehova insuku zakhe zonke. **15** Wasengenisa
izinto ezehlukanisiweyo zikayise kanye lezakhe izinto
ezehlukanisiweyo endlini yeNkosi, isiliva legolide
lezitsha. **16** Kwakukhona-ke impi phakathi kukaAsa
loBahasha inkosi yakoIsrayeli zonke izinsuku zabo. **17**
UBahasha inkosi yakoIsrayeli wasesenyuka wamelana
loJuda, wakha iRama, ukuze angavumeli muntu
ukuphuma lokungena kuAsa inkosi yakoJuda. **18**
UAsa wasethatha sonke isiliva legolide okwakusele
emagugwini endlu kaJehova lamagugu endlu yenkosi,
wakunikela esandleni senceku zakhe; inkosi uAsa
yakuthumela kuBenihadadi indodana kaTabirimoni
indodana kaHeziyoni, inkosi yeSiriya, owayehlala
eDamaseko, esithi: **19** Kulesivumelwano phakathi
kwami lawe, phakathi kukababa loyihlo; khangela,
ngikuthumezela isipho, isiliva legolide. Hamba, yephula
isivumelwano sakho loBahasha inkosi yakoIsrayeli,
ukuze enyuke asuke kimi. **20** UBenihadadi waseyilalela
inkosi uAsa, wathuma induna zamabutho ayelawo
emelene lemizi yakoIsrayeli, watshaya iIjoni leDani
leAbeli-Beti-Mahaka layo yonke iKinerothi lelizwe lonke
lakoNafithali. **21** Kwasekusithi uBahasha ekuzwa
wayekela ukwakha iRama, wahlala eTiriza. **22** Inkosi
uAsa yasisenza isimemezelo kuyo yonke iJuda; kakho
owayetshiywe ngaphandle; ukuze basuse amatshe
eRama lezigodo zayo, uBahasha ayesakha ngakho.
Inkosi uAsa wasesakha ngakho iGeba yakoBhenjamini
leMizipa. **23** Ezinye-ke zazo zonke indaba zikaAsa,
lawo wonke amandla akhe, lakho konke akwenzayo,
lemizi ayakhayo, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni
lwemilando yamakhosi akoJuda? Kodwa esikhathini
sobudala bakhe wayelomkhuhlane ezinyaweni. **24** UAsa
waselala laboyise, wangcwatshelwa kuboyise emzini
kaDavida uyise. UJehoshafathi indodana yakhe wasesiba
yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. **25** UNadabi indodana
kaJerobhowamu wasesiba yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli
ngomnyaka wesibili kaAsa inkosi yakoJuda; wabusa
phezu kukaIsrayeli iminyaka emibili. **26** Wasesenza okubi
emehlweni eNkosi, wahamba ngendlela kayise, lesonweni
sakhe, enza uIsrayeli one ngaso. **27** UBahasha indodana
kaAhiya, owendlu kaIsakari, wasemenzela ugobe;
uBahasha wamtshaya eGibethoni engeyamaFilisti, lapho
uNadabi loIsrayeli wonke bevimbezele iGibethoni. **28**
UBahasha wambulala-ke ngomnyaka wesithathu kaAsa
inkosi yakoJuda, wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.
29 Kwasekusithi ekubuseni kwakhe watshaya yonke indlu
kaJerobhowamu, katshiyanga loyedwa ophefumulayo
kuJerobhowamu, waze wamqeda, njengelizwi leNkosi
eyalikhuluma ngesandla senceku yayo uAhiya umShilo.
30 Ngenxa yezono zikaJerobhowamu azonayo, lowenza
uIsrayeli azone, ngentukuthelo yakhe athukuthelisa
ngayo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli. **31** Ezinye-
ke zezindaba zikaNadabi, lakho konke akwenzayo,
kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi
akoIsrayeli? **32** Njalo kwakulempi phakathi kukaAsa
loBahasha inkosi yakoIsrayeli insuku zabo zonke. **33**
Ngomnyaka wesithathu kaAsa inkosi yakoJuda uBahasha
indodana kaAhiya waba yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli
wonke eTiriza; iminyaka engamatshumi amabili lane.
34 Wasesenza okubi emehlweni eNkosi, wahamba
ngendlela kaJerobhowamu, lesonweni sakhe, enza
uIsrayeli one ngaso.

16 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kuJehu indodana kaHanani
limelene loBahasha lisithi: **2** Ngenxa yokuthi
ngakuphakamisa ethulini, ngakwenza umphathi phezu
kwabantu bami uIsrayeli, kodwa uhambe ngendlela
zikaJerobhowamu, wenza ukuthi abantu bami uIsrayeli
bone, ukungithukuthelisa ngezono zabo; **3** khangela,
ngizaqothula inzalo kaBahasha lenzalo yendlu yakhe,
ngenze indlu yakho njengendlu kaJerobhowamu
indodana kaNebati. **4** Ofayo kaBahasha phakathi
komuzi izinja zizamudla, lowakhe ofela egangeni
inyoni zamazulu zizamudla. **5** Ezinye-ke zezindaba
zikaBahasha lakwenzayo lamandla akhe, kakubhalwanga

yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoIsrayeli? **6** UBahasha waselala laboyise, wangcwatshelwa eTiriza.
UEla indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni
sakhe. **7** Njalo ngesandla sikaJehu umprofethi indodana
kaHanani ilizwi leNkosi lafika limelene loBahasha
njalo limelelene lendlu yakhe, langenxa yabo bonke
ububi abenza emehlweni eNkosi, ukuyithukuthelisa
ngomsebenzi wezandla zakhe, ukuba njengendlu
kaJerobhowamu, langenxa yokuthi wambulala. **8**
Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili lesithupha kaAsa
inkosi yakoJuda uEla indodana kaBahasha waba yinkosi
phezu kukaIsrayeli eTiriza, iminyaka emibili. **9** Kodwa
inceku yakhe uZimri, induna yengxenye yezinqola,
yamenzela ugobe, eseTiriza enathe wadakwa endlini
kaAriza, umphathi wendlu eTiriza. **10** UZimri wasengena
wamtshaya wambulala ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili
lesikhombisa kaAsa inkosi yakoJuda, waba yinkosi
esikhundleni sakhe. **11** Kwasekusithi esebe yinkosi
ekuhlaleni kwakhe esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi
wayitshaya indlu yonke kaBahasha; kamtshiyelanga
ochamela emdulini, loba izihlobo zakhe, kumbe
abangane bakhe. **12** Ngakho uZimri wayichitha indlu
yonke kaBahasha, njengokwelizwi leNkosi eyalikhuluma
imelene loBahasha ngesandla sikaJehu umprofethi,
13 ngenxa yazo zonke izono zikaBahasha lezono
zikaEla indodana yakhe, abona ngazo, labenza
ngazo uIsrayeli ukuthi one, ukuthukuthelisa iNkosi
uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli ngezinto zabo eziyize. **14**
Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaEla, lakho konke akwenzayo,
kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi
akoIsrayeli? **15** Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili
lesikhombisa kaAsa inkosi yakoJuda uZimri wabusa
insuku eziyisikhombisa eTiriza. Abantu babemise-ke
inkamba bemelene leGibethoni eyayingeyamaFilisti. **16**
Abantu-ke ababemise inkamba bezwa ukuthi: UZimri
wenzile ugobe futhi watshaya inkosi. Ngakho uIsrayeli
wonke wabeka uOmri induna yebutho ukuba yinkosi
phezu kukaIsrayeli mhlalokho enkambeni. **17** U-Omri
loIsrayeli wonke kanye laye basebesenyuka besuka
eGibethoni, bavimbezela iTiriza. **18** Kwasekusithi
uZimri esebonile ukuthi umuzi usuthunjiwe, wangena
esigodlweni sendlu yenkosi, watshisa indlu yenkosi
phezu kwakhe ngomlilo, wafa. **19** Ngenxa yezono
zakhe azonayo, ngokwenza okubi emehlweni eNkosi,
ngokuhamba ngendlela kaJerobhowamu lesonweni
sakhe asenzayo, ukwenza uIsrayeli ukuthi one. **20** Ezinye-
ke zezindaba zikaZimri, logobe lwakhe alwenzayo,
kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi
akoIsrayeli? **21** Khona abantu bakoIsrayeli badabukana
baba zingxenye ezimbili; ingxenye yabantu yalandela
uTibini indodana kaGinathi ukuze bamenze inkosi,
lengxenye yalandela uOmri. **22** Kodwa abantu abalandela
uOmri babehlula abantu abalandela uTibini indodana
kaGinathi; ngakho uTibini wafa, uOmri wasebusa.
23 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lanye kaAsa
inkosi yakoJuda uOmri wabusa phezu kukaIsrayeli,
iminyaka elitshumi lambili; eTiriza wabusa iminyaka
eyisithupha. **24** Wathenga intaba yeSamariya kuShemeri
ngamathalenta esiliva amabili, wakha entabeni, wabiza
ibizo lomuzi awakhayo ngebizo likaShemeri umnikazi
wentaba, wathi yiSamariya. **25** Kodwa uOmri wenza
okubi emehlweni eNkosi, wenza okubi okwedlula bonke
ababengaphambi kwakhe. **26** Ngoba wahamba ngayo
yonke indlela kaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati,
lesonweni sakhe, enza ngaso ukuthi uIsrayeli one,
ukuyithukuthelisa iNkosi uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli ngezinto
zabo eziyize. **27** Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaOmri azenzayo
lamandla akhe awenzayo, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni
lwemilando yamakhosi akoIsrayeli? **28** U-Omri waselala
laboyise, wangcwatshelwa eSamariya. UAhabi indodana
yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. **29** UAhabi
indodana kaOmri wasesiba yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli
ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lesificaminwembili
kaAsa inkosi yakoJuda; uAhabi indodana kaOmri wabusa
phezu kukaIsrayeli eSamariya iminyaka engamatshumi
amabili lambili. **30** UAhabi indodana kaOmri wasesenza
okubi emehlweni eNkosi okwedlula bonke ababekhona
phambi kwakhe. **31** Kwasekusithi, njengokungathi kuyinto
elula ukuhamba ezonweni zikaJerobhowamu indodana
kaNebati, wathatha uJezebeli indodakazi kaEthibali inkosi
yamaSidoni waba ngumkakhe. Wasehamba wakhonza
uBhali, wamkhothamela. **32** Wasemisela uBhali ilathi
endlini kaBhali ayeyakhile eSamariya. **33** UAhabi
wasesenza isixuku. UAhabi wenza okwengezelelweyo
ukuyithukuthelisa iNkosi uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, kulawo
wonke amakhosi akoIsrayeli ayengaphambi kwakhe.
34 Ensukwini zakhe uHiyeli umBhetheli wakha iJeriko;
wabeka isisekelo sayo ngoAbiramu izibulo lakhe,
wamisa amasango ayo ngoSegubi icinathunjana
lakhe, njengokwelizwi leNkosi eyalikhuluma ngesandla
sikaJoshuwa indodana kaNuni.

17 UElija umTishibi wabahlali beGileyadi wasesithi
kuAhabi: Kuphila kukaJehova, uNkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli, engimi phambi kwakhe, kakuyikuba khona
lamazolo lezulu kuliminyaka, kuphela njengokwelizwi
lami. **2** Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kuye lisithi: **3** Suka
lapha, wena uphendukele empumalanga, uzicatshise
esifuleni iKerithi, esiphambi kweJordani. **4** Kuzakuthi-
ke unathe esifuleni; sengilaye amawabayi ukuthi
akondle khona. **5** Wasehamba wenza njengokwelizwi
leNkosi, ngoba wayahlala esifuleni iKerithi esiphambi
kweJordani. **6** Amawabayi asemlethela isinkwa
lenyama ekuseni, lesinkwa lenyama ntambama;
wanatha esifuleni. **7** Kwasekusithi emva kwesikhathi
isifula satsha, ngoba kwakungelazulu elizweni. **8**
Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kuye lisithi: **9** Sukuma uye
eZarefathi engeyeSidoni, uhlale khona. Khangela,
ngilayile owesifazana ongumfelokazi khona ukuthi

akondle. **10** Wasukuma-ke waya eZarefathi. Lapho efika
esangweni lomuzi, khangela, owesifazana ongumfelokazi
wayelapho etheza inkuni; wasembiza wathi: Ake
ungikhele amanzi amalutshwana ngenkezo ukuze
nginathe. **11** Kwathi esahamba ukuyawathatha, wambiza
wathi: Ake ungiphathele ucezu lwesinkwa esandleni
sakho. **12** Wasesithi: Kuphila kukaJehova uNkulunkulu
wakho, kangilaqebelengwana, kuphela impuphu egcwala
isandla embizeni lamafutha ayingcosana esiphisweni;
khangela-ke ngitheza izinkuni ezimbili ukuze ngingene
ngizilungisele khona mina lendodana yami, ukuze
sidle sife. **13** UElija wasesithi kuye: Ungesabi; hamba
wenze njengokwelizwi lakho, kodwa ngenzela kuqala
iqebelengwana elincinyane ngakho, ulilethe lapha
kimi, ngemva kwalokho-ke wenzele wena lendodana
yakho. **14** Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakoIsrayeli: Imbiza yempuphu kayiyikuphela, lesiphiso
samafutha kasiyikuswela, kuze kube lusuku iNkosi
ezanisa ngalo izulu ebusweni bomhlaba. **15** Wasehamba
wenza njengokwelizwi likaElija. Njalo yena kanye
laye lendlu yakhe badla okwensuku ezinengi. **16**
Imbiza yempuphu kayiphelanga lesiphiso samafutha
kasiswelanga, njengokwelizwi leNkosi eyalikhuluma
ngesandla sikaElija. **17** Kwasekusithi emva kwalezizinto,
indodana yowesifazana, inkosikazi yendlu, yagula;
lomkhuhlane wayo wawulamandla kangangokuthi
akwaze kwasala umphefumulo kuyo. **18** Wasesithi
kuElija: Ngilani lawe, muntu kaNkulunkulu? Uze kimi
ukuze kukhumbuleke isono sami lokubulala indodana
yami na? **19** Wasesithi kuye: Nginika indodana
yakho. Waseyithatha esifubeni sakhe, wayenyusela
endlini ephezulu lapho ayehlala khona, wayilalisa
embhedeni wakhe. **20** Wasekhala eNkosini wathi: Nkosi
Nkulunkulu wami, umehlisele ububi lalo umfelokazi
engingenise kwakhe ngokubulala indodana yakhe na?
21 Wasezelulela phezu komntwana kathathu, wakhala
eNkosini wathi: Nkosi Nkulunkulu wami, ake ubuyele
umphefumulo walumntwana phakathi kwakhe. **22** INkosi
yasilizwa ilizwi likaElija, umphefumulo womntwana
wasubuyela phakathi kwakhe, wasebuya ephila. **23**
UElija wasemthatha umntwana, wamehlisa esuka endlini
ephezulu waya endlini, wamnika unina; uElija wasesithi:
Bona, indodana yakho iyaphila. **24** Owesifazana wasesithi
kuElija: Khathesi sengisazi lokhu, ukuthi ungumuntu
kaNkulunkulu, ukuthi ilizwi leNkosi elisemlonyeni wakho
liliqiniso.

18 Kwasekusithi emva kwensuku ezinengi ilizwi
leNkosi lafika kuElija ngomnyaka wesithathu lisithi:
Hamba, uziveze kuAhabi, sengizanisa izulu ebusweni
bomhlaba. **2** UElija wasesiya ukuziveza kuAhabi. Njalo
indlala yayilamandla eSamariya. **3** UAhabi wasebiza
uObhadiya owayephezu kwendlu yakhe. UObhadiya
wayeyesaba-ke kakhulu iNkosi. **4** Ngoba kwathi lapho
uJezebeli ebhubhisa abaprofethi beNkosi, uObhadiya
wathatha abaprofethi abalikhulu, wabafihla ngamadoda
angamatshumi amahlanu ebhalwini, wabondla ngesinkwa
langamanzi. **5** UAhabi wasesithi kuObhadiya: Hamba
elizweni uye emithonjeni yonke yamanzi lezifuleni zonke;
mhlawumbe singathola utshani, silondoloze amabhiza
lezimbongolo kuphila, ukuze singabhubhisi okwezifuyo.
6 Basebesehlukaniselana ilizwe ukuthi badabule phakathi
kwalo; uAhabi wahamba ngenye indlela yedwa,
uObhadiya laye wahamba ngenye indlela yedwa. **7**
Kwasekusithi uObhadiya esendleleni, khangela-ke, uElija
wamhlangabeza; wamnanzelela, wawa ngobuso bakhe
wathi: Nguwe yini, nkosi yami, Elija? **8** Wasesithi kuye:
Yimi. Hamba uyetshela inkosi yakho ukuthi: Khangela,
uElija ulapha. **9** Wasesithi: Ngoneni ukuthi unikele
inceku yakho esandleni sikaAhabi ukuthi angibulale? **10**
Kuphila kukaJehova uNkulunkulu wakho, kakulasizwe
lombuso inkosi yami engathumelanga kukho ukukudinga.
Lapho besithi: Kakho; yafungisa lowombuso lalesosizwe
ukuthi kabakutholanga. **11** Khathesi-ke uthi: Hamba
utshele inkosi yakho ukuthi: Khangela, uElija ulapha.
12 Kuzakuthi-ke sengisukile kuwe, uMoya weNkosi
akuthwale akuse lapho engingazi khona; lapho sengifike
ngatshela uAhabi, angakutholi, uzangibulala; kodwa mina
inceku yakho ngiyayesaba iNkosi kusukela ebutsheni
bami. **13** Kakutshelwanga inkosi yami yini engakwenzayo
lapho uJezebeli ebulala abaprofethi beNkosi, ukuthi
ngafihla amadoda alikhulu kubaprofethi beNkosi,
ngamadoda angamatshumi amahlanu ebhalwini,
ngabondla ngesinkwa langamanzi? **14** Khathesi-ke uthi:
Hamba uyetshela inkosi yakho ukuthi: Khangela uElija
ulapha. Abesengibulala. **15** UElija wasesithi: Kuphila
kukaJehova wamabandla engimi phambi kwakhe, oqotho
lamuhla ngizaziveza kuye. **16** Ngakho uObhadiya
wahamba ukuhlangabeza uAhabi, wamtshela; loAhabi
wayahlangabeza uElija. **17** Kwasekusithi uAhabi ebona
uElija, uAhabi wathi kuye: Nguwe yini ongumhluphi
kaIsrayeli? **18** Wasesithi: Kangimhluphanga uIsrayeli,
kodwa nguwe lendlu kayihlo, ngokuyitshiya kwenu
imilayo yeNkosi, lalandela oBhali. **19** Ngakho-ke
thuma, ubuthanisele kimi uIsrayeli wonke entabeni
iKharmeli, labaprofethi bakaBhali abangamakhulu
amane lamatshumi amahlanu labaprofethi bezixuku
abangamakhulu amane abadla etafuleni likaJezebeli.
20 Ngakho uAhabi wathuma phakathi kwabo bonke
abantwana bakoIsrayeli, wabuthanisa abaprofethi
entabeni iKharmeli. **21** UElija wasesondela ebantwini
bonke wathi: Koze kube nini liqhula emicabangweni
emibili? Uba iNkosi inguNkulunkulu, landelani yona;
kodwa uba kunguBhali, mlandeleni. Kodwa abantu
kabamphendulanga ngalizwi. **22** UElija wasesithi
ebantwini: Mina ngedwa ngingumprofethi weNkosi
oseleyo; kodwa abaprofethi bakaBhali ngamadoda
angamakhulu amane lamatshumi amahlanu. **23** Ngakho

kabasinike amajongosi amabili, bazikhethele ijongosi
elilodwa, baliqume iziqa, bazibeke phezu kwenkuni,
bangafaki mlilo; lami ngizalungisa elinye ijongosi,
ngilibeke phezu kwenkuni, ngingafaki mlilo. **24** Njalo bizani
ibizo likankulunkulu wenu, lami ngizabiza ibizo leNkosi;
uNkulunkulu ozaphendula ngomlilo nguye uNkulunkulu.
Bonke abantu basebephendula bathi: Lelilizwi lilungile.
25 UElija wasesithi kubaprofethi bakaBhali: Zikhetheleni
ijongosi elilodwa, lililungise kuqala, ngoba libanengi,
libize ibizo likankulunkulu wenu, kodwa lingafaki mlilo.
26 Basebethatha ijongosi ababelinikiwe, balilungisa,
babiza ibizo likaBhali kusukela ekuseni kwaze kwaba
semini, besithi: Bhali, siphendule! Kodwa kakubanga
lalizwi, kakubanga lophendulayo. Basebeseqa phezu
kwelathi elalenziwe. **27** Kwasekusithi emini uElija
wadlala ngabo wathi: Memezani ngelizwi elikhulu, ngoba
ungunkulunkulu; ngoba uyanakana, loba umonyukile,
kumbe usekuhambeni, mhlawumbe ulele, njalo
kudingeka ukuthi avuswe. **28** Basebememeza ngelizwi
elikhulu, bazisika njengokomkhuba wabo ngezinkemba
langemikhonto, kwaze kwantshaza igazi kubo. **29**
Kwasekusithi sekwedlulile imini, baprofetha kwaze
kwaba sekunikelweni komnikelo, kakubanga lelizwi, njalo
kakubanga lophendulayo, njalo kakubanga lonakekelayo.
30 UElija wasesithi ebantwini bonke: Sondelani kimi.
Bonke abantu basebesondela kuye. Waselungisa ilathi
leNkosi elaselidilikile. **31** UElija wasethatha amatshe
alitshumi lambili, ngokwenani lezizwe zamadodana
kaJakobe, okwafika kuye ilizwi leNkosi lisithi: Ibizo lakho
lizakuba nguIsrayeli. **32** Ngalawomatshe wasesakha
ilathi ebizweni leNkosi, wenza umgelo ozingelezela ilathi,
ngokwesilinganiso samaseya amabili enhlanyelo. **33**
Waselungisa inkuni, waliquma iziqa ijongosi, walibeka
phezu kwenkuni, wasesithi: Gcwalisani izimbiza ezine
ngamanzi, liwathele phezu komnikelo wokutshiswa
laphezu kwenkuni. **34** Wasesithi: Kwenzeni okwesibili.
Bakwenza okwesibili. Wathi: Kwenzeni okwesithathu.
Basebekwenza okwesithathu. **35** Amanzi asehamba
azingelezela ilathi, lomgelo lawo wawugcwalisa
ngamanzi. **36** Kwasekusithi ekunikelweni komnikelo
uElija umprofethi wasondela wathi: Nkosi, Nkulunkulu
kaAbrahama, uIsaka, loIsrayeli, kakwaziwe lamuhla
ukuthi unguNkulunkulu koIsrayeli, lami ngiyinceku yakho,
lokuthi ngizenzile zonke lezizinto njengokwelizwi lakho. **37**
Ngiphendule, Nkosi, ungiphendule, ukuze lababantu bazi
ukuthi wena uyiNkosi uNkulunkulu, lokuthi uyiphendulile
futhi inhliziyo yabo. **38** Wasusehla umlilo weNkosi,
waqothula umnikelo wokutshiswa lenkuni lamatshe lothuli,
wakhotha lamanzi asemgelweni. **39** Kwathi abantu bonke
bekubona bathi mbo ngobuso babo, bathi: UJehova nguye
onguNkulunkulu; uJehova nguye onguNkulunkulu. **40**
UElija wasesithi kibo: Babambeni abaprofethi bakaBhali,
kungaphunyuki lamunye wabo. Basebebabamba.
UElija wasebehlisela esifuleni iKishoni, wababulalela
khona. **41** UElija wasesithi kuAhabi: Yenyuka, udle
unathe, ngoba kulomsindo wobunengi bezulu. **42**
UAhabi wasesenyuka ukuyakudla lokunatha. UElija
wasesenyukela engqongeni yeKharmeli; wakhothamela
phansi emhlabathini, wafaka ubuso bakhe phakathi
kwamadolo akhe. **43** Wasesithi encekwini yakhe: Yenyuka
khathesi, ukhangele ngaselwandle. Yasisenyuka,
yakhangela, yathi: Kakulalutho. Wasesithi: Buyela,
kasikhombisa. **44** Kwasekusithi ngesikhathi sesikhombisa
yathi: Khangela, iyezana elingangesandla somuntu
lisenyuka olwandle. Wasesithi: Yenyuka uyetshela
uAhabi: Bophela inqola, wehle, hlezi izulu likuvalele. **45**
Kwasekusithi kungakafiki lesosikhathi isibhakabhaka
sasesisiba mnyama ngamayezi langomoya, kwaba
lezulu elikhulu. UAhabi wasegada, waya eJizereyeli.
46 Lesandla seNkosi sasiphezu kukaElija; wabopha
ukhalo lwakhe, wagijima phambi kukaAhabi, uze ufike
eJizereyeli.

19 UAhabi wasetshela uJezebeli konke uElija
ayekwenzile, labo bonke ababulalayo, bonke
abaprofethi, ngenkemba. **2** Khona uJezebeli wathuma
isithunywa kuElija esithi: Kabenze njalo onkulunkulu,
bengezelele njalo, uba ngalesisikhathi kusasa ngingenzi
impilo yakho ibe njengempilo yomunye wabo. **3**
Esekubonile, wasukuma, wahamba ngenxa yempilo
yakhe, wafika eBherishebha engeyakoJuda, watshiya
khona inceku yakhe. **4** Kodwa yena wahamba uhambo
losuku enkangala, wafika wahlala ngaphansi kwesihlahla
serotemu, wacela ukuthi umphefumulo wakhe ufe,
wathi: Kwanele, khathesi, Nkosi, thatha impilo yami,
ngoba kangingcono kulabobaba. **5** Esecambalele elele
ngaphansi kwesihlahla esithile serotemu, khangela-
ke, khonokho ingilosi yamthinta, yathi kuye: Vuka
udle. **6** Wasethalaza, khangela-ke, ekhanda lakhe
iqebelengwana losiwe emalahleni, lesigxingi samanzi;
wasesidla wanatha, waphinda walala. **7** Ingilosi
yeNkosi yasifika ngokwesibili, yamthinta yathi: Vuka
udle; ngoba uhambo lwakho lukhulu kakhulu kuwe.
8 Wasevuka wadla wanatha, wahamba ngamandla
alokhokudla insuku ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku
obungamatshumi amane, waze wafika eHorebe intaba
kaNkulunkulu. **9** Wasengena lapho ebhalwini, walala
khona ubusuku. Khangela-ke, ilizwi leNkosi lafika kuye
lathi kuye: Wenzani lapha, Elija? **10** Wathi: Bengitshiseka
lokutshisekela iNkosi, uNkulunkulu wamabandla, ngoba
abantwana bakoIsrayeli basitshiyile isivumelwano sakho,
badiliza amalathi akho, babulala abaprofethi bakho
ngenkemba; yimi ngedwa engiseleyo, njalo badinga impilo
yami ukuyisusa. **11** Wasesithi: Phuma ume entabeni
phambi kweNkosi. Khangela-ke, iNkosi yadlula. Umoya
omkhulu olamandla wasudabula izintaba, waqhekeza
amadwala phambi kweNkosi; kodwa iNkosi yayingekho
emoyeni. Lemva komoya ukunyikinyeka komhlaba;
kodwa iNkosi yayingekho ekunyikinyekeni komhlaba.

12 Lemva kokunyikinyeka komhlaba umlilo; kodwa
iNkosi yayingekho emlilweni. Njalo emva komlilo ilizwi
elincinyane elinyenyezayo. 13 Kwasekuthi uElija elizwa,
wathandela ubuso bakhe ngesembatho sakhe, waphuma
wema emlonyeni wobhalu. Khangela-ke, leza kuye ilizwi
lathi: Wenzani lapha, Elija? 14 Wathi: Bengitshisekela
lokutshisekela iNkosi, uNkulunkulu wamabandla, ngoba
abantwana bakoIsrayeli basitshiyile isivumelwano sakho,
badiliza amalathi akho, babulala abaprofethi bakho
ngenkemba; yimi ngedwa engiseleyo, njalo badinga
impilo yami ukuyisusa. 15 INkosi yasisithi kuye: Hamba,
ubuyele ngendlela yakho uye enkangala yeDamaseko;
lapho usufikile ugcobe uHazayeli abe yinkosi phezu
kweSiriya, 16 loJehu indodana kaNimshi umgcobe
abe yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli, loElisha indodana
kaShafati weAbeli-Mehola umgcobe abe ngumprofethi
esikhundleni sakho. 17 Kuzakuthi-ke ozaphepha
enkembeni kaHazayeli uJehu uzambulala, lozaphepha
enkembeni kaJehu uElisha uzambulala. 18 Kodwa
ngitshiyile koIsrayeli abazinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa,
wonke amadolo angazanga aguqe kuBhali, lawo wonke
umlomo ongazanga umange. 19 Wasesuka lapho,
wafica uElisha indodana kaShafati; wayelima ngezipani
zenkabi zamajogwe alitshumi lambili phambi kwakhe,
yena wayelesetshumi lambili. UElija wesesedlula eceleni
kwakhe, waphosela isembatho sakhe phezu kwakhe. 20
Wasetshiya izinkabi, wagijima elandela uElija, wathi: Ake
ngange ubaba lomama, besengikulandela. Wasesithi
kuye: Hamba ubuyele, ngoba ngenzeni kuwe? 21
Wasebuyela ekumlandeleni, wathatha isipani senkabi,
wasihlaba, langezikhali zenkabi wapheka inyama yazo,
wayinika abantu, bayidla. Wasesuka elandela uElija,
wamsebenzela.

20 UBenihadadi inkosi yeSiriya wasebutha ibutho
lakhe lonke, elamakhosi angamatshumi amathathu
lambili, lamabhiza lezinqola. Wenyuka wayavimbezela
iSamariya, walwa layo. 2 Wathuma izithunywa kuAhabi
inkosi yakoIsrayeli, emzini, wathi kuye: Utsho njalo
uBenihadadi: 3 Isiliva sakho legolide lakho ngokwami,
labafazi bakho labantwana bakho abahle ngabami. 4
Inkosi yakoIsrayeli yasiphendula yathi: Njengokwelizwi
lakho, nkosi yami, nkosi, ngingowakho, lakho konke
engilakho. 5 Izithunywa zasezibuyela zathi: Utsho njalo
uBenihadadi uthi: Lanxa ngithumele kuwe ngisithi: Isiliva
sakho legolide lakho labafazi bakho labantwana bakho,
kunike mina; 6 kube kanti phose ngalesisikhathi kusasa
ngizathuma kuwe izinceku zami, zizaguduza indlu yakho
lezindlu zezinceku zakho; kuzakuthi-ke, yonke into
ethandekayo emehlweni akho, zizayifaka esandleni sazo
ziyithathe. 7 Ngakho inkosi yakoIsrayeli yabiza bonke
abadala belizwe yathi: Ake linanzelele libone ukuthi
lo udinga ububi, ngoba uthumele kimi ngabafazi bami
langabantwana bami langesiliva sami langegolide lami,
njalo kangimalelanga. 8 Bonke abadala labo bonke
abantu basebesithi kuyo: Ungalaleli, njalo ungavumi.
9 Wasesithi kuzo izithunywa zikaBenihadadi: Tshelani
inkosi yami, inkosi ukuthi: Konke eyakuthumela encekwini
yayo kuqala ngizakwenza; kodwa linto kangilamandla
okuyenza. Izithunywa zasezihamba, zayibuyisela ilizwi.
10 UBenihadadi wasethumela kuye wathi: Kabenze
njalo onkulunkulu kimi, bengezelele njalo, uba ubhuqu
lweSamariya lungenela izandla ezigcweleyo zabo
bonke abantu abangilandelayo. 11 Inkosi yakoIsrayeli
yasiphendula yathi: Mtsheleni: Lowo obhinca izikhali
kangaziqakisi njengozikhululayo. 12 Kwasekusithi esizwa
lelilizwi esanatha, yena lamakhosi emadumbeni, wathi
ezincekwini zakhe: Zimiseni! Zasezizimisa ukumelana
lomuzi. 13 Khangela-ke, umprofethi othile wasondela
kuAhabi inkosi yakoIsrayeli, wathi: Itsho njalo iNkosi:
Uyalibona lelixuku lonke elikhulu yini? Khangela,
ngizalinikela esandleni sakho lamuhla, njalo uzakwazi
ukuthi mina ngiyiNkosi. 14 UAhabi wasesithi: Ngobani?
Wasesithi: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ngamajaha abaphathi
bezabelo. Wasesithi: Ngubani ozaqalisa impi? Wasesithi:
Wena. 15 Wasebala amajaha abaphathi bezabelo,
ayengamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amathathu lambili;
lemva kwawo wabala bonke abantu, bonke abantwana
bakoIsrayeli, izinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa. 16
Basebephuma emini, uBenihadadi esenathe wadakwa
emadumbeni, yena lamakhosi, amakhosi angamatshumi
amathathu lambili ayemsiza. 17 Amajaha abaphathi
bezabelo asephuma kuqala. UBenihadadi wasethuma,
basebemtshela besithi: Kuphume amadoda eSamariya.
18 Wasesithi: Loba ephumele ukuthula, abambeni ephila;
loba-ke ephumele impi, abambeni ephila. 19 Lala
aphuma emzini, amajaha abaphathi bezabelo, lebutho
elawalandelayo. 20 Babulala, ngulowo lalowo umuntu
wakhe. AmaSamariya asebaleka, ulsrayeli wasexotshana
lawo, kodwa uBenihadadi inkosi yeSiriya waphunyuka
ngebhiza kanye labagadi bamabhiza. 21 Inkosi
yakoIsrayeli yasiphuma, yatshaya amabhiza lenqola,
yatshaya phakathi kwamaSiriya ngokubulala okukhulu.
22 Lowomprofethi wasesondela enkosini yakoIsrayeli
wathi kuyo: Hamba, uziqinise, unanzelele njalo ubone
okwenzayo; ngoba ekuthwaseni komnyaka inkosi yeSiriya
izakwenyuka imelane lawe. 23 Lezinceku zenkosi
yeSiriya zathi kuyo: Onkulunkulu babo bangonkulunkulu
bezintaba, yikho belamandla kulathi; kube kanti asilwe
labo emagcekeni, sibili sizabehlula. 24 Ngakho yenza
linto: Susa amakhosi, ngulowo lalowo endaweni yakhe,
ubeke izinduna esikhundleni sawo; 25 njalo wena
zibalele ibutho njengebutho eliwileyo kuwe, lebhiza
njengebhiza, lenqola njengenqola; njalo sizakulwa labo
emagcekeni, isibili sizabehlula. Yasilalela ilizwi labo,
yenza njalo. 26 Kwasekusithi ekuthwaseni komnyaka
uBenihadadi wabala amaSiriya, wenyukela eAfeki
ekulweni loIsrayeli. 27 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli babalwa-
ke, banikwa imiphako, basebephuma ukumelana

lawo; abantwana bakoIsrayeli bamisa inkamba phambi
kwawo njengemihlanjana yembuzi emibili, kodwa
amaSiriya agcwala ilizwe. 28 Kwasekusondela umuntu
kaNkulunkulu, wakhuluma enkosini yakoIsrayeli wathi:
Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ngenxa yokuthi amaSiriya athe:
INkosi inguNkulunkulu wezintaba, kodwa kayisuye
uNkulunkulu wezihotsha, ngakho ngizanikela esandleni
sakho lelixuku lonke elikhulu, njalo lizakwazi ukuthi mina
ngiyiNkosi. 29 Basebemisa inkamba, enye iqondene
lenye, insuku eziyisikhombisa. Kwasekusithi ngosuku
lwesikhombisa impi yadibana; abantwana bakoIsrayeli
basebetshaya ngosuku lunye amaSiriya azinkulungwane
ezilikhulu ahamba ngenyawo. 30 Labaseleyo babalekela
eAfeki emzini; lomduli wawela phezu kwamadoda
ayizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa
ayesele. UBenihadadi laye wabaleka, wangena emzini
ekamelweni elingaphakathi. 31 Lezinceku zakhe
zathi kuye: Khangela-ke, sizwile ukuthi amakhosi
endlu yakoIsrayeli angamakhosi alesihawu; ake sifake
amasaka enkalweni zethu, lamagoda emakhanda
ethu, siphumele enkosini yakoIsrayeli; mhlawumbe
izagcina umphefumulo wakho uphile. 32 Basebethandela
amasaka enkalweni zabo, lamagoda emakhanda abo,
bafika enkosini yakoIsrayeli, bathi: Inceku yakho
uBenihadadi ithi: Ake ungiyekele ngiphile. Yasisithi:
Usaphila yini? Ungumfowethu. 33 Lamadoda aqaphela
ngokukhuthala aphangisa ukukuhluthuna kuyo, athi:
Umfowenu uBenihadadi. Yasisithi: Hambani liyemthatha.
UBenihadadi wasephumela kuyo, yamkhweza enqoleni.
34 Wasesithi kuyo: Imizi ubaba ayithatha kuyihlo
ngizayibuyisela; futhi ungazenzela izitalada eDamaseko
njengokwenza kukababa eSamariya. Khona uAhabi
wathi: Mina ngizakuyekela uhambe ngalesisivumelwano.
Yasisenza laye isivumelwano yamyekela ehamba.
35 Umuntu othile wamadodana abaprofethi wasesithi
kumakhelwane wakhe ngelizwi leNkosi uNkulunkulu:
Ake ungitshaye. Kodwa lowomuntu wala ukumtshaya.
36 Wasesithi kuye: Ngenxa yokuthi ungalilalelanga ilizwi
leNkosi, khangela, ekusukeni kwakho kimi isilwane
sizakutshaya. Wasesuka kuye, lesilwane samfica,
sambulala. 37 Wasethola omunye umuntu wathi: Ake
ungitshaye. Lalowomuntu wamtshaya lokumtshaya
emlimaza. 38 Ngakho umprofethi wasuka, wamelela
inkosi endleleni, ezifihle isimo ngelembu emehlweni. 39
Kwasekusithi inkosi idlula, yena wamemeza enkosini
wathi: Inceku yakho yaphuma phakathi kwempi;
khangela-ke, umuntu waphambuka, waletha umuntu
kimi, wathi: Londoloza lumuntu; uba elahleka lokulahleka,
khona impilo yakho izakuba sesikhundleni sempilo yakhe,
kumbe uhlawule ngethalenta lesiliva. 40 Kwasekusithi
inceku yakho isaphathekile lapha lalaphaya, yena
wayengekho. Inkosi yakoIsrayeli yasisithi kuye: Sinjalo
isahlulelo sakho, ususiqumile wena. 41 Wasephangisa
walisusa ilembu emehlweni akhe. Inkosi yakoIsrayeli
yasimazi ukuthi ungowabaprofethi. 42 Wasesithi kuyo:
Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ngoba umyekele ukuthi aphume
esandleni umuntu engimmisele ukumtshabalalisa, ngakho
impilo yakho izakuba sesikhundleni sempilo yakhe,
labantu bakho esikhundleni sabantu bakhe. 43 Inkosi
yakoIsrayeli yasisiya endlini yayo inyukumele, ithukuthele,
yafika eSamariya.

21 Kwasekusithi emva kwalezizinto uNabothi
umJizereyeli wayelesivini esasiseJizereyeli phansi
kwesigodlo sikaAhabi inkosi yeSamariya. 2 UAhabi
wasekhuluma loNabothi esithi: Ngipha isivini sakho
ukuze sibe kimi yisivande semibhida, ngoba siseduze
phansi kwendlu yami; ngizakunika isivini esingcono
kulaso esikhundleni saso; uba kukuhle emehlweni
akho, ngizakunika imali ngentengo yaso. 3 Kodwa
uNabothi wathi kuAhabi: Kakube khatshana lami
ngeNkosi ukuthi ngikunike ilifa labababa. 4 UAhabi
wasengena endlini yakhe enyukumele ethukuthele
ngenxa yelizwi uNabothi umJizereyeli ayelikhulume
kuye, ngoba wayethe: Kangiyikukunika ilifa labababa.
Wasecambalala embhedeni wakhe, waphendula ubuso
bakhe, kadlanga ukudla. 5 UJezebeli umkakhe wasesiza
kuye wathi kuye: Kungani umoya wakho usineme ukuze
ungadli ukudla? 6 Wasesithi kuye: Ngoba ngikhulume
loNabothi umJizereyeli ngithe kuye: Nginike isivini
sakho ngemali, loba uba uthanda ngizakunika isivini
esikhundleni saso; wasesithi: Kangiyikukunika isivini
sami. 7 UJezebeli umkakhe wasesithi kuye: Khathesi
nguwe obusa umbuso wakoIsrayeli? Vuka udle isinkwa,
lenhliziyo yakho ithokoze; ngizakunika mina isivini
sikaNabothi umJizereyeli. 8 Wasebhala izincwadi ngebizo
likaAhabi, wazidinda ngophawu lwakhe, wazithumela
izincwadi ebadaleni lakuzikhulu, ababesemzini wakhe,
behlala loNabothi. 9 Wasebhala ezincwadini esithi:
Memezelani izilo lokudla, limhlalise uNabothi ngaphezulu
kwabantu; 10 beselihlalisa amadoda amabili, amadodana
kaBheliyali, maqondana laye ukuthi afakaze emelene
laye esithi: Uthuke uNkulunkulu lenkosi. Beselimkhuphela
phandle limkhande ngamatshe aze afe. 11 Lamadoda
alumuzi wakhe, abadala lezikhulu ababehlala emzini
wakhe, benza njengokuthumela kukaJezebeli kuwo,
njengokubhalwe ezincwadini ayewathumele zona. 12
Amemezela izilo lokudla, ahlalisa uNabothi phezulu
kwabantu. 13 Asengena amadoda amabili, amadodana
kaBheliyali, ahlala maqondana laye; lamadoda kaBheliyali
afakaza emelene laye, emelene loNabothi, phambi
kwabantu, esithi: UNabothi uthuke uNkulunkulu lenkosi.
Basebemkhuphela ngaphandle komuzi, bamkhanda
ngamatshe waze wafa. 14 Basebethumela kuJezebeli
besithi: UNabothi usekhandwe ngamatshe wafa. 15
Kwasekusithi uJezebeli esezwile ukuthi uNabothi
usekhandwe ngamatshe wafa, uJezebeli wathi kuAhabi:
Vuka uthathe isivini sikaNabothi umJizereyeli sibe
ngesakho, ala ukukunika sona ngemali, ngoba uNabothi

kaphili, kodwa ufile. 16 Kwasekusithi uAhabi esezwile
ukuthi uNabothi ufile, uAhabi wasukuma ukwehlela
esivinini sikaNabothi umJizereyeli, ukusithatha sibe
ngesakhe. 17 Kwasekufika ilizwi leNkosi kuElija
umTishibi lisithi: 18 Sukuma wehle ukuhlangabeza
uAhabi inkosi yakoIsrayeli, oseSamariya; khangela,
usesivinini sikaNabothi, ehlele khona ukuze asithathe
sibe ngesakhe. 19 Uzakhuluma kuye uthi: Itsho njalo
iNkosi: Ubulele futhi wathatha yini kwaba ngokwakho?
Njalo uzakhuluma kuye uthi: Itsho njalo iNkosi:
Endaweni lapho izinja ezikhothe khona igazi likaNabothi,
izinja zizakhotha igazi lakho, ngitsho elakho. 20
UAhabi wasesithi kuElija: Ungificile yini, sitha sami?
Wasesithi: Ngikutholile, ngoba uzithengisile ukwenza
okubi emehlweni eNkosi. 21 Khangela, ngizakwehlisela
ububi, ngiqothule inzalo yakho, ngiqume asuke kuAhabi
ochamela emdulini, lovalelweyo lokhululekileyo koIsrayeli.
22 Njalo ngizakwenza indlu yakho ibe njengendlu
kaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati lanjengendlu
kaBahasha indodana kaAhiya, ngenxa yesicunulo
ongicunule ngaso, wenza uIsrayeli one. 23 LangoJezebeli
laye iNkosi yakhuluma isithi: Izinja zizamudla uJezebeli
emthangaleni weJizereyeli. 24 OkaAhabi ofela phakathi
komuzi zizamudla izinja, lofela egangeni zizamudla inyoni
zamazulu. 25 Kodwa kakubanga khona onjengoAhabi
owazithengisa ukwenza okubi emehlweni eNkosi,
uJezebeli umkakhe amkhuthazayo. 26 Wenza amanyala
kakhulu ngokulandela izithombe, njengakho konke
amaAmori akwenzayo, iNkosi eyawaxotsha elifeni phambi
kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli. 27 Kwasekusithi uAhabi
esizwa lamazwi wadabula izigqoko zakhe, wafaka isaka
phezu komzimba wakhe, wazila ukudla, walala ngesaka,
wahamba buthakathaka. 28 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika
kuElija umTishibi lisithi: 29 Ubonile yini ukuthi uAhabi
uzithobe phambi kwami? Ngenxa yokuthi ezithobile
phambi kwami kangiyikuletha ububi ensukwini zakhe;
ensukwini zendodana yakhe ngizaletha lobububi endlini
yakhe.

22 Bahlala-ke iminyaka emithathu kungekho impi
phakathi kweSiriya loIsrayeli. 2 Kwasekusithi
ngomnyaka wesithathu uJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda
wehlela enkosini yakoIsrayeli. 3 Inkosi yakoIsrayeli
yasisithi encekwini zayo: Liyazi yini ukuthi iRamothi-
Gileyadi ingeyethu? Kodwa sithule, singayithathi
esandleni senkosi yeSiriya. 4 Yasisithi kuJehoshafathi:
Uzahamba lami empini eRamothi-Gileyadi yini?
UJehoshafathi wasesithi enkosini yakoIsrayeli:
Nginjengawe, njengabantu bami banjalo abantu
bakho, njengamabhiza ami anjalo amabhiza akho. 5
UJehoshafathi wasesithi enkosini yakoIsrayeli: Akubuze
lamuhla ilizwi leNkosi. 6 Inkosi yakoIsrayeli yasibuthanisa
abaprofethi abangaba ngamadoda angamakhulu amane,
yathi kubo: Ngihambe yini ukuyamelana leRamothi-
Gileyadi empini kumbe ngiyekele? Basebesithi:
Yenyuka, ngoba iNkosi izayinikela esandleni senkosi.
7 UJehoshafathi wasesithi: Kakusekho yini lapha
umprofethi weNkosi esingambuza? 8 Inkosi yakoIsrayeli
yasisithi kuJehoshafathi: Kusekhona indoda eyodwa,
uMikhaya indodana kaImla, esingabuza ngaye eNkosini,
kodwa mina ngiyamzonda, ngoba kaprofethi okuhle
ngami, kodwa okubi. UJehoshafathi wasesithi: Inkosi
ingatsho njalo. 9 Inkosi yakoIsrayeli yasibiza induna yathi:
Landa masinyane uMikhaya indodana kaImla. 10 Inkosi
yakoIsrayeli loJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda babehlezi,
ngulowo lalowo esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi, begqoke
izembatho zabo, besebaleni lokubhulela ekungeneni
kwesango leSamariya, njalo bonke abaprofethi
babeprofetha phambi kwabo. 11 UZedekhiya indodana
kaKhenahana wasezenzela izimpondo zensimbi, wathi:
Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ngalezi uzahlaba amaSiriya uze
uwaqede. 12 Labo bonke abaprofethi baprofetha njalo,
besithi: Yenyukela eRamothi-Gileyadi, uphumelele;
ngoba uJehova uzayinikela esandleni senkosi. 13
Isithunywa esasiyebiza uMikhaya sakhuluma laye sathi:
Khangela-ke, amazwi abaprofethi ngamlomo munye
mahle enkosini; ake ilizwi lakho lifanane lelizwi lomunye
wabo, ukhulume okuhle. 14 Kodwa uMikhaya wathi:
Kuphila kukaJehova, lokho iNkosi ekutshoyo kimi lokho
ngizakukhuluma. 15 Esefikile enkosini, inkosi yathi kuye:
Mikhaya, siye eRamothi-Gileyadi empini kumbe siyekele?
Wasesithi kuyo: Yenyuka, uphumelele; ngoba uJehova
uzayinikela esandleni senkosi. 16 Inkosi yasisithi kuye:
Ngizakufungisa kuze kube kangaki ukuthi ungangitsheli
lutho ngaphandle kweqiniso ebizweni leNkosi? 17
Wasesithi: Ngabona uIsrayeli wonke ehlakazekile phezu
kwezintaba njengezimvu ezingelamelusi; uJehova
wathi: Laba kabalankosi, kababuyele, ngulowo lalowo
endlini yakhe ngokuthula. 18 Inkosi yakoIsrayeli
yasisithi kuJehoshafathi: Kangikutshelanga yini ukuthi
kayikuprofetha okuhle ngami kodwa okubi? 19
Wasesithi: Ngakho zwana ilizwi leNkosi: Ngibone iNkosi
ihlezi esihlalweni sayo sobukhosi, lamabutho wonke
amazulu emi phansi kwayo ngakwesokunene sayo
langakwesokhohlo sayo. 20 INkosi yasisithi: Ngubani
ozahuga uAhabi ukuthi enyuke ayewela eRamothi-
Gileyadi? Omunye-ke watsho njalo, lomunye watsho
njalo. 21 Kwasekuphuma umoya, wema phambi
kweNkosi wathi: Mina ngizamhuga. 22 INkosi yasisithi
kuye: Ngani? Wasesithi: Ngizaphuma ngibe ngumoya
wamanga emlonyeni wabo bonke abaprofethi bakhe.
Yasisithi: Uzamhuga, njalo uzaphumelela; phuma wenze
njalo. 23 Ngakho-ke, khangela, iNkosi ifake umoya
wamanga emlonyeni walababaprofethi bakho bonke,
njalo iNkosi ikhulume okubi ngawe. 24 UZedekhiya
indodana kaKhenahana wasesondela, watshaya
uMikhaya esihlathini, wathi: UMoya weNkosi wedlula
ngani esuka kimi ukuyakhuluma lawe? 25 UMikhaya

wasesithi: Khangela, uzakubona mhlalokho lapho
uzangena ekamelweni elingaphakathi ukuyacatsha.
26 Inkosi yakoIsrayeli yasisithi: Thatha uMikhaya,
mbuyisele kuAmoni umbusi womuzi lakuJowashi
indodana yenkosi, **27** uthi: Itsho njalo inkosi: Fakani
lo entolongweni, limdlise isinkwa sohlupho lamanzi
ohlupho ngize ngibuye ngokuthula. **28** UMikhaya
wasesithi: Uba uphenduka isibili ngokuthula, iNkosi
kayikhulumanga ngami. Wasesithi: Zwanini, bantu,
lina lonke. **29** Inkosi yakoIsrayeli loJehoshafathi inkosi
yakoJuda basebesenyukela eRamothi-Gileyadi. **30**
Inkosi yakoIsrayeli yasisithi kuJehoshafathi: Ngizazifihla
isimo, ngingene empini, kodwa wena gqoka izembatho
zakho. Inkosi yakoIsrayeli yasizifihla isimo, yangena
empini. **31** Inkosi yeSiriya yayilaye induna zezinqola
ezingamatshumi amathathu lambili ayelazo, esithi:
Lingalwi lomncinyane loba lomkhulu, kodwa lenkosi
yakoIsrayeli kuphela. **32** Kwasekusithi induna zezinqola
zibona uJehoshafathi zona zathi: Isibili yiyo inkosi
yakoIsrayeli. Zaseziphambuka ukulwa zimelene
layo; uJehoshafathi waseklabalala. **33** Kwasekusithi
induna zezinqola zibona ukuthi kwakungeyisiyo inkosi
yakoIsrayeli, zaphenduka ekuyilandeleni. **34** Umuntu
othile wasedonsa idandili lakhe enganan zeleli, wahlaba
inkosi yakoIsrayeli phakathi kwenhlangano lebhatshi
lensimbi; yasisithi kumtshayeli wenqola yayo: Phendula
isandla sakho, ungikhuphe phakathi kwebutho, ngoba
ngilimele kakhulu. **35** Impi yasikhula mhlalokho; njalo
inkosi yayisekelwe enqoleni yayo iqondene lamaSiriya,
yafa ntambama; igazi lenxeba lagelezela ngaphansi
kwenqola. **36** Ekutshoneni kwelanga kwadabula
isimemezelo ebuthweni sisithi: Wonke kaye emzini
wakibo, laye wonke elizweni lakibo. **37** Ngakho
inkosi yafa, yalethwa eSamariya; basebeyingcwaba
inkosi eSamariya. **38** Omunye wasegezisa inqola
echibini leSamariya, lezinja zakhotha igazi layo, lapho
amawule ayegeza khona, njengokwelizwi leNkosi
eyalikhulumayo. **39** Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaAhabi,
lakho konke akwenzayo, lendlu yempondo zendlovu
ayakhayo, lemizi yonke ayakhayo, kakubhalwanga
yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoIsrayeli? **40**
UAhabi waselala laboyise. UAhaziya indodana yakhe
wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. **41** UJehoshafathi
indodana kaAsa waba-ke yinkosi phezu kukaJuda
ngomnyaka wesine kaAhabi inkosi yakoIsrayeli. **42** Njalo
uJehoshafathi wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu
lanhlanu lapho esiba yinkosi; wabusa eJerusalema
iminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu. Lebizo likanina
lalinguAzuba indodakazi kaShilehi. **43** Njalo wahamba
ngayo yonke indlela kaAsa uyise, kaphambukanga
kuyo, ukwenza okulungileyo emehlweni eNkosi. Loba
kunjalo indawo eziphakemeyo kazisuswanga; abantu
babelokhu benikela imihlatshelo, betshisa impepha
endaweni eziphakemeyo. **44** UJehoshafathi wasesenza
ukuthula lenkosi yakoIsrayeli. **45** Ezinye-ke zezindaba
zikaJehoshafathi, lobuqhawe abenzayo, lokuthi walwa
njani, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando
yamakhosi akoJuda? **46** Lensali yezinkotshana ezazisele
ensukwini zikaAsa uyise wayikhupha elizweni. **47** Njalo
eEdoma kwakungelankosi, umbambeli wayeyinkosi. **48**
UJehoshafathi wenza imikhumbi yeThashishi ukuya eOfiri
ukulanda igolide; kodwa kayiyanga, ngoba imikhumbi
yephukela eEziyoni-Geberi. **49** Ngalesosikhathi
uAhaziya indodana kaAhabi wathi kuJehoshafathi:
Inceku zami kazihambe lenceku zakho emikhunjini.
Kodwa uJehoshafathi kafunanga. **50** UJehoshafathi
waselala laboyise, wangcwatshelwa kuboyise emzini
kaDavida uyise. UJoramu indodana yakhe wasesiba
yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. **51** UAhaziya indodana
kaAhabi waba yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli eSamariya
ngomnyaka wetshumi lesikhombisa kaJehoshafathi
inkosi yakoJuda; wabusa phezu kukaIsrayeli iminyaka
emibili. **52** Wasesenza okubi emehlweni eNkosi,
wahamba ngendlela kayise, langendlela kanina,
langendlela kaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati owenza
uIsrayeli one. **53** Wasekhonza uBhali, wakhothamela
kuye, wayithukuthelisa iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli,
njengakho konke ayekwenzile uyise.

2 Amakhosi

1 UMowabi wasevukela uIsrayeli emva kokufa
kukaAhabi. **2** UAhaziya wasesiwa eminxibeni
yewindi ekamelweni lakhe eliphezulu eliseSamariya,
wagula. Wathuma izithunywa, wathi kuzo: Hambani
liyebuza kuBhali-Zebhubi unkulunkulu weEkhironi
ukuthi ngizasila yini emkhuhlaneni lo. **3** Kodwa
ingilosi yeNkosi yathi kuElija umTishibi: Sukuma,
wenyuke ukuhlangabeza izithunywa zenkosi yeSamariya,
uthi kizo: Kungenxa yokuthi kakulaNkulunkulu yini
koIsrayeli ukuthi lihambe liyebuza kuBhali-Zebhubi
unkulunkulu weEkhironi? **4** Ngakho-ke itsho njalo
iNkosi: Umbheda owenyukele kuwo kawuyikwehla
kuwo, ngoba uzakufa lokufa. UElija wasehamba. **5**
Lapho izithunywa sezibuyele kuyo, wathi kuzo: Kungani
selibuyile? **6** Zasezisithi kuyo: Umuntu wenyukile
ukusihlangabeza, wathi kithi: Hambani libuyele enkosini
elithumileyo, lithi kuyo: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Kungenxa
yokuthi kakulaNkulunkulu koIsrayeli yini ukuthi uthumele
ukubuza kuBhali-Zebhubi unkulunkulu weEkhironi?
Ngakho umbheda owenyukele kuwo kawuyikwehla kuwo,
ngoba sibili uzakufa. **7** Yasisithi kuzo: Besinjani isimo
salowomuntu owenyukele ukulihlangabeza, wakhuluma
kini lamazwi? **8** Basebesithi kuyo: Ubeyindoda eloboya,
ebophe ngozwezwe lwesikhumba ekhalweni lwayo.
Yasisithi: NguElija umTishibi. **9** Inkosi yasithuma kuye
induna yabangamatshumi amahlanu labangamatshumi
amahlanu bayo. Yasisenyukela kuye; khangela-ke,
wayehlezi engqongeni yentaba; yathi kuye: Muntu
kaNkulunkulu, inkosi ithe: Yehla. **10** UElija wasephendula
wathi enduneni yabangamatshumi amahlanu: Uba-
ke ngingumuntu kaNkulunkulu, kakwehle umlilo ovela
emazulwini uqothule wena labangamatshumi amahlanu
bakho. Wasusehla umlilo uvela emazulwini, wayiqothula
yona labangamatshumi amahlanu bayo. **11** Yasibuya
ithuma kuye enye induna yabangamatshumi amahlanu
labangamatshumi amahlanu bayo. Yasiphendula yathi
kuye: Muntu kaNkulunkulu, itsho njalo inkosi: Yehla
masinyane. **12** UElija wasephendula wathi kubo: Uba
ngingumuntu kaNkulunkulu, kakwehle umlilo ovela
emazulwini uqothule wena labangamatshumi amahlanu
bakho. Wasusehla umlilo kaNkulunkulu uvela emazulwini,
wayiqothula yona labangamatshumi amahlanu bayo.
13 Yasithuma futhi induna yabangamatshumi amahlanu
besithathu labangamatshumi amahlanu bayo. Leyonduna
yesithathu yabangamatshumi amahlanu yasisenyuka
yeza yawa ngamadolo ayo phambi kukaElija, yamncenga
yathi kuye: Muntu kaNkulunkulu, ake ibe ligugu impilo
yami lempilo yalezi inceku zakho ezingamatshumi
amahlanu emehlweni akho. **14** Khangela, wehla
umlilo uvela emazulwini, waqothula induna ezimbili
zabangamatshumi amahlanu zokuqala labangamatshumi
amahlanu azo; ngakho-ke kayibe ligugu impilo yami
emehlweni akho. **15** Ingilosi yeNkosi yasisithi kuElija:
Yehla laye, ungamesabi. Wasesukuma, wehla laye
waya enkosini; **16** wathi kuyo: Itsho njalo iNkosi:
Ngenxa yokuthi uthume izithunywa ukuyabuza kuBhali-
Zebhubi, unkulunkulu weEkhironi, kungenxa yokuthi
kakulaNkulunkulu koIsrayeli yini, ukubuza ilizwi lakhe?
Ngakho-ke umbheda owenyukele kuwo kawuyikwehla
kuwo, ngoba uzakufa lokufa. **17** Wasesifa njengokwelizwi
leNkosi uElija ayelikhulumile. UJehoramu wasesiba
yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe, ngomnyaka wesibili
kaJoramu indodana kaJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda,
ngoba wayengelandodana. **18** Ezinye-ke zezindaba
zikaAhaziya, azenzayo, kazibhalwanga yini egwalweni
lwemilando yamakhosi akoIsrayeli?

2 Kwasekusithi iNkosi isizamenyusela uElija emazulwini
ngesivunguzane, uElija wahamba loElisha bevela
eGiligali. **2** UElija wasesithi kuElisha: Akuhlale lapha,
ngoba iNkosi ingithumile eBhetheli. Kodwa uElisha
wathi: Kuphila kukaJehova lokuphila komphefumulo
wakho, kangiyikukutshiya. Basebesehlela eBhetheli. **3**
Lamadodana abaprofethi ayeseBhetheli aphuma eza
kuElisha, athi kuye: Uyazi yini ukuthi iNkosi izayisusa
inkosi yakho lamuhla ekhanda lakho? Wasesithi: Yebo,
mina ngiyazi; thulani. **4** UElija wasesithi kuye: Elisha,
akuhlale lapha, ngoba iNkosi ingithumile eJeriko. Kodwa
wathi: Kuphila kukaJehova lokuphila komphefumulo
wakho, kangiyikukutshiya. Basebefika eJeriko. **5**
Amadodana abaprofethi aseJeriko asesondela kuElisha,
athi kuye: Uyazi yini ukuthi lamuhla iNkosi izasusa
inkosi yakho ekhanda lakho? Wasesithi: Yebo, mina
ngiyazi; thulani. **6** UElija wasesithi kuye: Akuhlale
lapha, ngoba iNkosi ingithumile eJordani. Kodwa wathi:
Kuphila kukaJehova lokuphila komphefumulo wakho,
kangiyikukutshiya. Basebehamba bobabili. **7** Amadoda
angamatshumi amahlanu awamadodana abaprofethi
asesiyakuma khatshana maqondana labo; bona bobabili
basebesima eJordani. **8** UElija wasethatha isembatho
sakhe, wasigoqa, watshaya amanzi, asedabuka
ngapha langapha; bobabili basebechapha emhlabathini
owomileyo. **9** Kwasekusithi sebechaphile uElija wathi
kuElisha: Cela engizakwenzela khona ngingakasuswa
kuwe. UElisha wathi: Ake kuthi isabelo esiphindwe
kabili somoya wakho sibe phezu kwami. **10** Wasesithi:
Ucele ulutho olulukhuni; uba ungibona lapha ngisuswa
kuwe, kuzakuba njalo kuwe; kodwa uba kungenjalo,
kakuyikuba njalo. **11** Kwasekusithi besahamba,
behamba bekhuluma, khangela-ke, kwaba lenqola
yomlilo lamabhiza omlilo, kwabehlukanisa bobabili.
UElija wasesenyukela emazulwini ngesivunguzane. **12**
UElisha wasekubona wamemeza wathi: Baba wami!
Baba wami! Inqola yakoIsrayeli labamabhiza ayo!
Njalo kazabe esambona. Wasebamba izigqoko zakhe,
wazidabula zaba yiziqa ezimbili. **13** Wasedobha

isembatho sikaElija esawa kuye, wabuyela, wema
ekhunjini lweJordani. **14** Wasethatha isembatho sikaElija
esawa kuye, watshaya amanzi esithi: Ingaphi iNkosi,
uNkulunkulu kaElija? Yena-ke esewatshayile amanzi,
ehlukana ngapha langapha; uElisha wasechapha. **15**
Kwathi amadodana abaprofethi ayeseJeriko maqondana
laye embona athi: Umoya kaElija uhlezi phezu
kukaElisha. Asesiza ukumhlangabeza, akhothamela
emhlabathini phambi kwakhe. **16** Asesithi kuye:
Khangela khathesi, kulamadoda aqinileyo angamatshumi
amahlanu kanye lenceku zakho; akuwayekele ahambe
adinge inkosi yakho; mhlawumbe uMoya weNkosi
uyenyusile wayiphosela kwenye yezintaba, loba kwesinye
sezihotsha. Wasesithi: Lingathumi. **17** Sebemphikelele
waze waba lenhloni, wathi: Thumani. Basebethuma
amadoda angamatshumi amahlanu; adinga insuku
ezintathu, kodwa awamtholanga. **18** Asebuyela kuye
ehlezi eJeriko, wathi kuwo: Kangitshongo yini kini ukuthi:
Lingahambi? **19** Amadoda omuzi asesithi kuElisha: Ake
ukhangele, indawo yalumuzi inhle njengoba inkosi yami
ibona; kodwa amanzi mabi, lomhlabathi kawuvundanga.
20 Wasesithi: Ngilethelani umganu omutsha, lifake
itshwayi kuwo. Basebewuletha kuye. **21** Wasephuma
waya emthonjeni wamanzi, waphosela itshwayi kuwo,
wathi: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ngiwelaphile amanzi la;
kakusayikuba khona ukufa lokungatheli okuvela lapho.
22 Amanzi aseselatshwa kuze kube lamuhla, njengelizwi
likaElisha alikhulumayo. **23** Wasesenyuka esuka
lapho waya eBhetheli; kwathi esenyuka endleleni
kwaphuma abantwanyana emzini, bamklolodela bathi
kuye: Yenyuka, mpabanga ndini! Yenyuka, mpabanga
ndini! **24** Wasenyemukula, wababona wabaqalekisa
ngebizo leNkosi. Kwaphuma amabhere amabili amasikazi
ehlathini, adabula abafana abangamatshumi amane
lambili kubo. **25** Wasesuka lapho, waya entabeni
iKharmeli, esuka lapho wabuyela eSamariya.

3 UJehoramu indodana kaAhabi waba-ke yinkosi
phezu kukaIsrayeli eSamariya ngomnyaka wetshumi
lesificaminwembili kaJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda;
wabusa iminyaka elitshumi lambili. **2** Wasesenza
okubi emehlweni eNkosi, kodwa kungenjengoyise
lanjengonina, ngoba wasusa insika kaBhali eyisithombe
uyise ayeyenzile. **3** Loba kunjalo wanamathela
ezonweni zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati owenza
uIsrayeli one, kasukanga kukho. **4** Njalo uMesha
inkosi yakoMowabi wayengumfuyi wezimvu, wayethela
enkosini yakoIsrayeli amawundlu azinkulungwane
ezilikhulu, lezinqama ezizinkulungwane ezilikhulu, loboya
bezimvu. **5** Kodwa kwathi uAhabi esefile, inkosi
yakoMowabi yavukela inkosi yakoIsrayeli. **6** Inkosi
uJehoramu yasiphuma ngalesosikhathi eSamariya,
yabala uIsrayeli wonke. **7** Yasihamba yathumela
kuJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda isithi: Inkosi yakoMowabi
isingivukele; uzahamba lami yini siye koMowabi empini?
Wasesithi: Ngizakwenyuka. Nginjengawe, njengabantu
bami banjalo abantu bakho, njengamabhiza ami
anjalo amabhiza akho. **8** Yasisithi: Sizakwenyuka
ngayiphi indlela? Wasesithi: Ngendlela yenkangala
yeEdoma. **9** Yasihamba inkosi yakoIsrayeli, lenkosi
yakoJuda, lenkosi yeEdoma; sebebhode uhambo
lwensuku eziyisikhombisa, kwakungelamanzi ebutho
lawezifuyo ezibalandelayo. **10** Inkosi yakoIsrayeli
yasisithi: Maye, ngoba uJehova ubize la amakhosi
amathathu ukuwanikela esandleni sikaMowabi! **11**
Kodwa uJehoshafathi wathi: Kakulamprofethi weNkosi
lapha yini esingabuza ngaye iNkosi? Enye yenceku
zenkosi yakoIsrayeli yasiphendula yathi: Kukhona
lapha uElisha indodana kaShafati owathela amanzi
ezandleni zikaElija. **12** UJehoshafathi wasesithi:
Ilizwi leNkosi likuye. Ngakho inkosi yakoIsrayeli
loJehoshafathi lenkosi yeEdoma behlela kuye. **13**
UElisha wasesithi enkosini yakoIsrayeli: Ngilani lawe?
Hamba kubaprofethi bakayihlo lakubaprofethi bakanyoko.
Kodwa inkosi yakoIsrayeli yathi kuye: Hatshi, ngoba
iNkosi ibize lamakhosi amathathu ukuwanikela esandleni
sikaMowabi. **14** UElisha wasesithi: Kuphila kukaJehova
wamabandla engimi phambi kwakhe, sibili, uba
bengingaphakamisi ubukhona bukaJehoshafathi inkosi
yakoJuda, bengingayikukukhangela njalo ngingakuboni.
15 Ngakho-ke ngilethelani umtshayi wechacho. Kwathi
umtshayi wechacho eselitshaya, isandla seNkosi saba
phezu kwakhe. **16** Wasesithi: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Yenzani
lesisihotsha sibe yimigelogelo. **17** Ngoba itsho njalo
iNkosi: Kaliyikubona umoya njalo kaliyikubona izulu,
kodwa lesisihotsha sizagcwaliswa ngamanzi, ukuze
linathe lina, lenkomo zenu lezifuyo zenu. **18** Kodwa
lokhu kulula emehlweni eNkosi: Izanikela lamaMowabi
esandleni senu. **19** Njalo lizatshaya wonke umuzi
obiyelweyo, lawo wonke umuzi okhethekileyo, ligamule
sonke isihlahla esihle, ligqibele yonke imithombo yamanzi,
lone yonke insimu enhle ngamatshe. **20** Kwasekusithi
ekuseni ekunikelweni komnikelo wokudla, khangela-
ke, kwafika amanzi evelela endleleni yeEdoma, ilizwe
laseligcwaliswa ngamanzi. **21** Wonke amaMowabi
esezwile ukuthi amakhosi enyukile ukulwa emelene
lawo, abizelwa ndawonye, kusukela kuye wonke obhinca
izikhali kusiya phezulu, asesima emngceleni. **22**
Asevuka ekuseni kakhulu; ilanga selikhanya phezu
kwamanzi, amaMowabi abona amanzi emaqondana
lawo ebomvu njengegazi. **23** Asesithi: Ligazi leli;
amakhosi achithiwe lokuchithwa, asetshayene. Ngakho-
ke, empangweni, Mowabi! **24** Kwathi efika enkambeni
yakoIsrayeli, amaIsrayeli asukuma atshaya amaMowabi,
aze abaleka esuka phambi kwawo; kodwa angena
elizweni atshaya amaMowabi. **25** Asediliza imizi; ngulowo
wasephosa ilitshe lakhe kuyo yonke insimu enhle,
ayigcwalisa, agqibela yonke imithombo yamanzi, agamula
zonke izihlahla ezinhle, kwaze kwasala amatshe ayo

eKiri-Haresethi kuphela; kodwa abaphosa ngezavutha
bayigombolozela, bayitshaya. 26 Inkosi yakoMowabi
isibonile ukuthi impi ilukhuni kakhulu kuyo, yathatha
abantu abangamakhulu ayisikhombisa abahwatsha
inkemba kanye layo, ukuze ifohlele enkosini yeEdoma,
kodwa behluleka. 27 Yasithatha indodana yayo elizibulo
eyayizakuba yinkosi esikhundleni sayo, yayinikela yaba
ngumnikelo wokutshiswa phezu komduli. Kwasekusiba
lolaka olukhulu olumelene loIsrayeli; basebesuka kuyo
babuyela elizweni lakibo.

4 Kwasekukhala kuElisha umfazi othile wabafazi
bamadodana abaprofethi esithi: Inceku yakho
umkami sewafa; lawe uyazi ukuthi inceku yakho
yayiyesaba iNkosi; sekufikile umkweledisi ukuzithathela
abantwana bami ababili babe yizigqili. 2 UElisha
wasesithi kuye: Ngingakwenzelani? Ngitshela, ulani
endlini? Wasesithi: Incekukazi yakho kayilalutho endlini,
ngaphandle kwesiphiso samafutha. 3 Wasesithi: Hamba
uyezebolekela izitsha ezivela phandle, kubomakhelwane
bakho bonke, izitsha ezingelalutho, zingabi nlutshwana.
4 Nxa usungenile uzivalele wena lamadodana akho
umnyango, uthele kulezizitsha zonke; lokugcweleyo
ukubeke eceleni. 5 Wasesuka-ke kuye wazivalela
yena lamadodana akhe umnyango; bazisondeza
kuye, wathulula. 6 Kwasekusithi izitsha sezigcwele
wathi endodaneni yakhe: Ngilethela njalo isitsha.
Yasisithi kuye: Kakuselasitsha. Amafutha asesima. 7
Wasesiza wamazisa umuntu kaNkulunkulu; wasesithi:
Hamba uyethengisa amafutha, uhlawule isikwelede
sakho; wena-ke lamadodana akho liphile ngaseleyo.
8 Kwasekusithi ngolunye usuku uElisha wedlulela
eShunemi lapho okwakulowesifazana oyisikhulu
owamcindezela ukuthi adle isinkwa. Kwakusithi-ke lanini
esedlula, aphambukele khona ukuthi adle isinkwa.
9 Wasesithi kumkakhe: Khangela-ke, ngiyazi ukuthi
lo ungumuntu ongcwele kaNkulunkulu, owedlula kithi
njalonjalo. 10 Ake senze ikamelo elincinyane eliphezulu
emdulini, simfakele lapho umbheda letafula lesihlalo
lesiqobane sesibane; kuzakuthi-ke lapho efika kithi
aphambukele khona. 11 Kwasekusithi ngolunye usuku
wafika khona, waphambukela ekamelweni eliphezulu,
walala khona. 12 Wasesithi kuGehazi inceku yakhe:
Biza lo umShunamikazi. Esembizile, wema phambi
kwakhe. 13 Wasesithi kuyo: Tshono kuye-ke uthi:
Khangela, usinakekele ngakho konke lokhukunaka;
kuyini ongakwenzelwa? Kukhona ongakukhulunyelwa
enkosini kumbe enduneni yebutho yini? Wasesithi:
Ngihlala phakathi kwabantu bakithi. 14 Wasesithi:
Kuyini-ke angakwenzelwa? UGehazi wasesithi: Qiniso,
kalamntwana, lomkakhe usemdala. 15 Wasesithi:
Mbize. Esembizile, wema emnyango. 16 Wasesithi:
Ngalesisikhathi esimisiweyo njengokwesikhathi sempilo
uzagona umntwana. Kodwa wathi: Hatshi, nkosi
yami, muntu kaNkulunkulu, ungayiqambeli amanga
incekukazi yakho. 17 Owesifazana wasekhulelwa,
wabeletha umntwana ngalesosikhathi esimisiweyo
njengokwesikhathi sempilo uElisha ayesitshilo kuye.
18 Esekhulile umntwana, kwathi ngosuku oluthile
waphuma waya kuyise kubavuni. 19 Wasesithi kuyise:
Ikhanda lami! Ikhanda lami! Wasesithi encekwini:
Mthwale umuse kunina. 20 Isimthwele yamusa kunina,
wahlala emadolweni akhe kwaze kwaba semini,
wasesifa. 21 Wasesenyuka, wamlalisa embhedeni
womuntu kaNkulunkulu, wamvalela, waphuma. 22
Wasememeza umkakhe wathi: Ake uthume kimi enye
yezinceku lomunye wabobabhemi, ukuze ngigijime
ngiye emuntwini kaNkulunkulu, ngibuye futhi. 23
Wasesithi. Uyelani kuye lamuhla? Kakusikuthwasa
kwenyanga njalo kakusisabatha. Owesifazana wasesithi:
Kulungile. 24 Esembophelele isihlalo ubabhemi, wathi
encekwini yakhe: Tshaya uhambe, ungangibambeleli
ekuhambeni, ngaphandle ngikutshele. 25 Wahamba-
ke, weza emuntwini kaNkulunkulu entabeni iKharmeli.
Kwasekusithi umuntu kaNkulunkulu embona esiza,
wathi kuGehazi inceku yakhe: Khangela, nanguyana
umShunamikazi. 26 Khathesi akugijime umhlangabeze,
uthi kuye: Kulungile yini kuwe? Kulungile yini
ngomkakho? Kulungile yini ngomntwana? Wasesithi:
Kulungile. 27 Esefikile entabeni kumuntu kaNkulunkulu
wabamba inyawo zakhe. Kodwa uGehazi wasondela
ukumsunduza asuke. Kodwa umuntu kaNkulunkulu
wathi: Myekele, ngoba umphefumulo wakhe umunyu
kuye, leNkosi ingifihlele lokhu, kayingitshelanga. 28
Wasesithi: Ngangicelile indodana enkosini yami yini?
Kangitshongo yini ukuthi: Ungangikhohlisi? 29 UElisha
wasesithi kuGehazi: Bopha ukhalo lwakho, uthathe
udondolo lwami esandleni sakho, uhambe. Uba
uhlangana lomuntu ungambingeleli, njalo uba umuntu
ekubingelela ungamphenduli; ubeke udondolo lwami
ebusweni bomntwana. 30 Unina womntwana wasesithi:
Kuphila kukaJehova lokuphila komphefumulo wakho,
kangiyikukutshiya. Wasesukuma wamlandela. 31
UGehazi wedlulela phambi kwabo, walubeka udondolo
ebusweni bomntwana, kodwa kakubanga khona ilizwi
njalo kwakungelakunaka. Wasebuyela ukumhlangabeza,
wamtshela esithi: Umntwana kavukanga. 32 UElisha
esengenile endlini, khangela, umntwana wayefile,
elaliswe embhedeni wakhe. 33 Wasengena, wavala
umnyango emva kwabo bobabili, wakhuleka eNkosini.
34 Wenyuka walala phezu komntwana, wabeka umlomo
wakhe phezu komlomo wakhe lamehlo akhe phezu
kwamehlo akhe lezandla zakhe phezu kwezandla
zakhe, wacambalala phezu kwakhe; inyama yomntwana
yasikhudumala. 35 Wasebuyela, wahambahamba
endlini waya kanye ngapha lakanye le, wasesenyuka
wacambalala phezu kwakhe; umntwana wasethimula
kwaze kwaba kasikhombisa, umntwana wasevula
amehlo akhe. 36 Wasebiza uGehazi wathi: Mbize lo

umShunamikazi. Wasembiza. Esefikile kuye, wathi kuye:
Thatha umntanakho. 37 Wasengena, wawela ezinyaweni
zakhe, wakhothamela emhlabathini, waphakamisa
umntanakhe, waphuma. 38 UElisha wasebuyela
eGiligali, njalo kwakukhona indlala elizweni, amadodana
abaprofethi ayehlezi-ke phambi kwakhe, wathi encekwini
yakhe: Beka imbiza enkulu eziko, uphekele abaprofethi
ukudla okuphekiweyo. 39 Omunye wasephuma waya
egangeni ukukha imibhida, wathola intandela yeganga,
wakha amajodwana ayo eganga, isembatho sakhe
sagcwala, weza wawaqobelela embizeni yokudla
okuphekiweyo, ngoba ayengawazi. 40 Basebethululela
abantu ukuze badle; kwasekusithi besadla okokudla
okuphekiweyo bona bamemeza bathi: Ukufa embizeni,
muntu kaNkulunkulu! Njalo babengelakukudla. 41
Wasesithi: Lethani-ke impuphu. Waseyithela embizeni
wathi: Thululela abantu, ukuze badle. Kwakungaselalutho
oluyingozi embizeni. 42 Kwasekufika umuntu evela
eBhali-Shalisha, walethela umuntu kaNkulunkulu ukudla
kwezithelo zokuqala, izinkwa zebhali ezingamatshumi
amabili, lezikhwebu zamabele amatsha emgodleni
wakhe. Wasesithi: Banike abantu ukuze badle. 43 Kodwa
inceku yakhe yathi: Ini, ngibeke lokhu phambi kwabantu
abalikhulu? Wasesithi: Banike abantu ukuze badle, ngoba
itsho njalo iNkosi: Bazakudla, batshiye. 44 Yasikubeka
phambi kwabo, badla, batshiya, njengokwelizwi leNkosi.

5 Njalo uNamani induna yebutho lenkosi yeSiriya
wayengumuntu omkhulu phambi kwenkosi yakhe,
lohloniphekayo, ngoba ngaye uJehova wayenikile iSiriya
ukukhululwa. Njalo lindoda yayiliqhawe elilamandla,
kodwayayingumlephero. 2 Njalo amaSiriya ayephumile
ngamaviyo athumba intombazana elizweni lakoIsrayeli,
eyayisima phambi komkaNamani. 3 Yasisithi enkosikazini
yayo: Sengathi inkosi yami ingaba phambi komprofethi
oseSamariya; khona ubezayiphilisa kubulephero bayo. 4
Wasengena watshela inkosi yakhe esithi: Intombazana
evela elizweni lakoIsrayeli itsho ukuthi lokuthi. 5 Inkosi
yeSiriya yasisithi: Suka, uhambe, ngizathumela incwadi
enkosini yakoIsrayeli. Wasehamba wathatha esandleni
sakhe amathalenta esiliva alitshumi lenhlamvu zegolide
ezizinkulungwane eziyisithupha lezigqoko zokuntshintsha
ezilitshumi. 6 Waseletha incwadi enkosini yakoIsrayeli
isithi: Khathesi-ke, lapho le incwadi isifikile kuwe,
khangela, ngithume kuwe uNamani inceku yami ukuze
umphilise kubulephero bakhe. 7 Kwasekusithi inkosi
yakoIsrayeli isiyibalile leyoncwadi yadabula izigqoko
zayo yathi: NginguNkulunkulu yini ukuthi ngibulale loba
ngiphilise, ukuthi lo athumele kimi ukuthi ngiphilise umuntu
kubulephero bakhe? Ngakho-ke, ake linanzelele libone
ukuthi udinga ithuba lokumelana lami. 8 Kwasekusithi
lapho uElisha umuntu kaNkulunkulu esizwa ukuthi inkosi
yakoIsrayeli idabule izigqoko zayo, wathumela enkosini
esithi: Udabuleleni izigqoko zakho? Akeze kimi ukuze
azi ukuthi kukhona umprofethi koIsrayeli. 9 Ngakho
uNamani weza lamabhiza akhe lenqola yakhe, wema
emnyango wendlu kaElisha. 10 UElisha wasethuma
isithunywa kuye esithi: Hamba uyegeza kasikhombisa
eJordani, inyama yakho izabuyela kuwe, uhlambuluke.
11 Kodwa uNamani wathukuthela, wahamba, wathi:
Khangela, bengisithi uzaphuma sibili eze kimi, eme,
abize ibizo leNkosi uNkulunkulu wakhe, ahambahambise
isandla sakhe phezu kwendawo, aphilise umlephero.
12 IAbana leFaripari imifula yeDamaseko kayingcono
yini kulawo wonke amanzi akoIsrayeli? Bengingegeze
kiyo ngihlambuluke yini? Wasetshibilika wahamba
ngolaka oluvuthayo. 13 Kodwa inceku zakhe zasondela
zakhuluma laye zathi: Baba, aluba umprofethi
ubekhulume lawe ulutho olukhulu, ubungayikulwenza
yini? Pho, kakhulu kangakanani uba ethe kuwe: Geza
uhlambuluke? 14 Wasesehla, wazigxamuza eJordani
kasikhombisa njengokwelizwi lomuntu kaNkulunkulu,
lenyama yakhe yabuyela yafanana lenyama yomntwana
omncinyane, wahlambuluka-ke. 15 Wasebuyela kumuntu
kaNkulunkulu, yena lalo lonke ixuku lakhe, wafika
wema phambi kwakhe, wathi: Khangela sengisazi
ukuthi kakulaNkulunkulu emhlabeni wonke, ngaphandle
kwakoIsrayeli; khathesi-ke ake wemukele isipho
encekwini yakho. 16 Kodwa wathi: Kuphila kukaJehova
engimi phambi kwakhe, kangiyikuthatha lutho.
Wasemncenga ukuthi athathe, kodwa wala. 17 UNamani
wasesithi: Uba kungenjalo, akunikwe inceku yakho
umthwalo wembongolo ezimbili wenhlabathi. Ngoba
inceku yakho kayisayikwenza umnikelo wokutshiswa
lomhlatshelo kwabanye onkulunkulu, kodwa eNkosini.
18 Kulinto iNkosi kayithethelele inceku yakho: Nxa inkosi
yami ingena endlini kaRimoni ukukhonza lapho, yeyame
esandleni sami, lami ngikhonze endlini kaRimoni, lapho
ngikhonza endlini kaRimoni, iNkosi ake ithethelele inceku
yakho kulinto. 19 Wasesithi kuye: Hamba ngokuthula.
Wasesuka kuye ummango omfitshane. 20 Kodwa
uGehazi inceku kaElisha umuntu kaNkulunkulu wathi:
Khangela, inkosi yami imyekele uNamani umSiriya lo
ngokungemukeli esandleni sakhe lokho akulethileyo.
Kuphila kukaJehova, ngizagijima ngimlandele, ngithathe
kuye okuthile. 21 UGehazi wasegijima wamlandela
uNamani. Kwathi uNamani ebona ogijimayo emva
kwakhe, wehla enqoleni ukuze amhlangabeze, wathi:
Kulungile yini? 22 Wasesithi: Kulungile. Inkosi yami
ingithumile, isithi: Khangela, ngitsho khathesi kufikile
kimi amajaha amabili evela entabeni yakoEfrayimi
awamadodana abaprofethi; ake uwanike ithalenta lesiliva
lezigqoko ezimbili zokuntshintsha. 23 UNamani wasesithi:
Vuma, uthathe amathalenta amabili. Wasemcindezela,
wabophela amathalenta amabili emigodleni emibili,
lezembatho zokuntshintsha ezimbili, wakunika ababili
benceku zakhe, bakuthwala phambi kwakhe. 24
Esefike oqaqeni, wakuthatha esandleni sazo, wakubeka
endlini; waseyekela amadoda ahamba, asesuka. 25

Yena wasengena wema phambi kwenkosi yakhe;
uElisha wasesithi kuye: Uvela ngaphi, Gehazi?
Wasesithi: Inceku yakho ibingayanga le lale. **26**
Wasesithi kuye: Inhliziyo yami ayihambanga yini lapho
lowomuntu etshibilika enqoleni yakhe ukukuhlangabeza?
Kuyisikhathi sokwemukela imali yini, lokwemukela
izigqoko, lezivande zemihlwathi, lezivini, lezimvu,
lezinkabi, lezinceku, lezincekukazi? **27** Ngakho
ubulephero bukaNamani buzanamathela kuwe lenzalweni
yakho kuze kube nininini. Wasephuma ebukhoneni bakhe
engumlephero emhlophe njengeliqhwa elikhithikileyo.

6 Amadodana abaprofethi asesithi kuElisha: Khangela-
ke, indawo esihlala kiyo lawe iminyene kakhulu
kithi. **2** Akusiyekele sihambe siye eJordani, sithathe
khona, ngulowo lalowo isigodo esisodwa, sizenzele
khona indawo yokuhlala kiyo. Wasesithi: Hambani.
3 Omunye wasesithi: Akuvume, uhambe lenceku
zakho. Wasesithi: Mina ngizahamba. **4** Wasehamba
labo; sebefikile eJordani bagamula izihlahla. **5**
Kodwa omunye esagamula ugodo, insimbi yawela
emanzini. Wasememeza esithi: Maye, nkosi yami!
Ngoba belebolekiwe. **6** Umuntu kaNkulunkulu wasesithi:
Iwele ngaphi? Wasemtshengisa indawo. Wasegamula
uswazi, waluphosela khona, wenza insimbi yandenda. **7**
Wasesithi: Zenyulele yona. Waseselula isandla sakhe,
wayithatha. **8** Kwathi inkosi yeSiriya isilwa loIsrayeli
yacebisana lenceku zayo isithi: Ekuthanathaneni
izakuba yinkamba yami. **9** Umuntu kaNkulunkulu
wasethumela enkosini yakoIsrayeli esithi: Qaphela
ungedluli kulindawo, ngoba amaSiriya ehlele khona. **10**
Inkosi yakoIsrayeli yasithumela kuleyondawo umuntu
kaNkulunkulu ayitshela yona wayixwayisa ngayo.
Yasizilondoloza khona, kungekanye, njalo kungekabili. **11**
Inhliziyo yenkosi yeSiriya yasikhathazeka kakhulu ngenxa
yalinto. Yasibiza inceku zayo yathi kuzo: Kaliyikungitshela
yini ukuthi ngubani kithi ongowenkosi yakoIsrayeli?
12 Omunye wenceku zakhe wasesithi: Hatshi, nkosi
yami, nkosi; kodwa uElisha umprofethi okoIsrayeli
uyayitshela inkosi yakoIsrayeli amazwi owakhuluma
phakathi kwekamelo lakho lokulala. **13** Yasisithi: Hambani
liyebona lapho akhona, ukuze ngithume ngimthathe.
Wasetshelwa kwathiwa: Khangela, useDothani. **14**
Yasithuma khona amabhiza lezinqola lebutho elinzima;
basebefika ebusuku, bawuzingelezela umuzi. **15** Kwathi
inceku yomuntu kaNkulunkulu isivukile ngovivi yaphuma,
khangela-ke, ibutho lizingelezele umuzi kanye lamabhiza
lezinqola. Inceku yakhe yasisithi kuye: Maye, nkosi yami!
Sizakwenza njani? **16** Wasesithi: Ungesabi, ngoba labo
abalathi banengi okwedlula labo abalabo. **17** UElisha
wasekhuleka wathi: Nkosi, akuvule amehlo ayo ukuze
ibone. INkosi yasiwavula amehlo alelojaha, laselibona,
khangela-ke, intaba igcwele amabhiza lenqola zomlilo
zihanqe uElisha. **18** Sebehlele kuye, uElisha wakhuleka
eNkosini wathi: Akutshaye lababantu ngobuphofu.
Yasibatshaya ngobuphofu njengokwelizwi likaElisha.
19 UElisha wasesithi kibo: Kayisiyo le indlela, futhi
kayisiwo lo umuzi; ngilandelani, ngizalisa kulowomuntu
elimdingayo. Kodwa wabasa eSamariya. **20** Kwasekusithi
sebengene eSamariya, uElisha wathi: Nkosi, vula amehlo
alaba ukuze babone. INkosi yasivula amehlo abo,
basebebona; khangela-ke, babephakathi kweSamariya.
21 Inkosi yakoIsrayeli yasisithi kuElisha ibabona: Baba,
ngibatshaye, ngibatshaye yini? **22** Wasesithi: Ungatshayi.
Ungatshaya yini labo obathumbe ngenkemba yakho
langedandili lakho? Beka isinkwa lamanzi phambi
kwabo ukuze badle banathe, baye enkosini yabo.
23 Yasibalungisela idili elikhulu; sebedlile banatha,
yabayekela bahamba, baya enkosini yabo. Ngakho
amaviyo amaSiriya kawabesaphinda ukubuya elizweni
lakoIsrayeli. **24** Kwasekusithi emva kwalokho uBenihadadi
inkosi yeSiriya wabutha ibutho lakhe lonke, wenyuka
wavimbezela iSamariya. **25** Kwasekusiba lendlala enkulu
eSamariya; khangela-ke, bayivimbela, kwaze kwathi
inhloko kababhemi yathengiswa ngenhlamvu zesiliva
ezingamatshumi ayisificaminwembili, lengxenye eyodwa
kwezine yegajana lobudolilo bejuba ngenhlamvu zesiliva
ezinhlanu. **26** Kwasekusithi inkosi yakoIsrayeli idlula
phezu komduli, owesifazana wamemeza kiyo esithi: Siza,
nkosi yami, nkosi! **27** Yasisithi: Uba iNkosi ingakusizi,
ngikusize ngokuvela ngaphi? Ebaleni lokubhulela kumbe
esikhamelweni sewayini yini? **28** Inkosi yasisithi kuye:
Ulani? Wasesithi: Lo owesifazana uthe: Letha indodana
yakho ukuze siyidle lamuhla; kusasa-ke sizakudla
indodana yami. **29** Sasesiyipheka indodana yami,
sayidla. Ngasengisithi kuye ngosuku olulandelayo: Letha
indodana yakho ukuze siyidle. Kodwa wayifihla indodana
yakhe. **30** Kwasekusithi inkosi isizwa amazwi alowo
owesifazana yadabula izigqoko zayo. Yedlula phezu
komduli; abantu basebebona, khangela-ke, kwakulesaka
emzimbeni wayo, ngaphakathi. **31** Yasisithi: UNkulunkulu
kenze njalo kimi langokunjalo engezelele, uba ikhanda
likaElisha indodana kaShafati lizahlala kuye lamuhla.
32 Kodwa uElisha wayehlezi endlini yakhe labadala
babehlezi laye. Inkosi yasithuma umuntu esuka phambi
kwayo; isithunywa singakafiki kuye, yena wathi kubadala:
Liyabona yini ukuthi indodana le yombulali ithume
ukususa ikhanda lami? Bonani, lapho isithunywa sifika,
livale umnyango, lisibandezele emnyango. Kakusizisinde
zenkosi yaso yini emva kwaso? **33** Kwathi esakhuluma
labo, khangela-ke, inkosi yehlela kuye, yathi: Khangela,
lobububi buvela eNkosini. Ngingabe ngisayilindelelani
iNkosi?

7 UElisha wasesithi: Zwanini ilizwi leNkosi; itsho
njalo iNkosi: Ngalesisikhathi kusasa iseya lempuphu
ecolekileyo lizathengiswa ngeshekeli, lamaseya amabili
ebhali ngeshekeli, esangweni leSamariya. **2** Induna
inkosi eyayeyeme esandleni sayo yasiphendula

umuntu kaNkulunkulu, yathi: Khangela, uba iNkosi
ibingenza amawindi emazulwini, kungenzeka linto
yini? Wasesithi: Khangela, uzakubona ngamehlo akho,
kodwa kawuyikudla okwakho. 3 Njalo kwakulamadoda
amane ayengamalephero ekungeneni kwesango, athi
omunye komunye: Sihlaleleni lapha size sife? 4
Uba sisithi: Sizangena emzini, lendlala isemzini,
sizafela khona. Njalo uba sihlala lapha, sizakufa futhi.
Ngakho-ke, wozani, siyewela enkambeni yamaSiriya;
uba esiyekela siphile, sizaphila; uba-ke esibulala,
sizakufa nje. 5 Asesukuma kusahwalala ukuya
enkambeni yamaSiriya; esefike ekucineni kwenkamba
yamaSiriya, khangela-ke, kwakungelamuntu khona. 6
Ngoba iNkosi yenza ibutho lamaSiriya lizwe umsindo
wezinqola, umsindo wamabhiza, umsindo webutho
elikhulu; athi omunye komunye: Khangela, inkosi
yakoIsrayeli isisiqhatshele amakhosi amaHethi lamakhosi
amaGibhithe ukuzamelana lathi. 7 Asesukuma abaleka
kusahwalala, atshiya amathente awo lamabhiza awo
labobabhemi bawo, inkamba njengoba injalo, abaleka
ngenxa yempilo yawo. 8 Amalephero la esefike ekucineni
kwenkamba, angena kwelinye ithente, adla anatha,
athatha lapho isiliva legolide lezigqoko, ayakufihla;
abuyela angena kwelinye ithente, athatha lapho,
ayakufihla. 9 Asesithi omunye komunye: Kasenzi
kuhle. Lolusuku lusuku lwemibiko emihle, kodwa
sizithulele thina. Uba silinda kuze kube yikukhanya
kwekuseni, isijeziso sizasifica. Khathesi-ke, wozani
siyebikela indlu yenkosi. 10 Asesiza, amemeza
kumlindi wesango womuzi, abatshela esithi: Sifike
enkambeni yamaSiriya, khangela-ke, bekungelamuntu
khona kumbe ilizwi lomuntu, kodwa amabhiza ebotshelwe
labobabhemi bebotshelwe, lamathente enjengoba enjalo.
11 Wasebiza abalindi bamasango, basebebikela indlu
yenkosi phakathi. 12 Inkosi yasivuka ebusuku, yathi
encekwini zayo: Sengizalitshela ukuthi amaSiriya
enzeni kithi. Ayazi ukuthi silambile, ngakho aphumile
enkambeni ukuyacatsha egangeni esithi: Nxa bephuma
emzini, sizababamba bephila, besesingena emzini.
13 Enye yenceku zayo yasiphendula yathi: Ake
bathathe amahlanu emabhizeni aseleyo, aseleyo
phakathi komuzi, (khangela, afanana lexuku lonke
lakoIsrayeli elitshiywe kuwo, khangela, afanana lexuku
lonke lakoIsrayeli eliqothuliweyo), kasithume, sibone.
14 Basebethatha amabhiza amabili enqola; inkosi
yasithuma emva kwebutho lamaSiriya isithi: Hambani,
libone. 15 Basebewalandela kwaze kwaba seJordani;
khangela-ke, indlela yonke yayigcwele izembatho
lempahla amaSiriya ayekulahlile ekuphangiseni kwawo.
Izithunywa zasezibuyela, zayibikela inkosi. 16
Abantu basebephuma bayiphanga inkamba yamaSiriya.
Ngakho iseya lempuphu ecolekileyo laselithengiswa
ngeshekeli, lamaseya amabili ebhali ngeshekeli,
njengokwelizwi leNkosi. 17 Inkosi yasibeka induna
eyayeyeme esandleni sayo ukuba ngumlindi phezu
kwesango. Abantu bayinyathela esangweni yaze yafa,
njengokutsho komuntu kaNkulunkulu owakhuluma
ekufikeni kwenkosi kuye. 18 Kwasekusithi njengokutsho
komuntu kaNkulunkulu enkosini esithi: Amaseya
amabili ebhali ngeshekeli, leseya lempuphu ecolekileyo
ngeshekeli phose ngalesisikhathi kusasa azakuba
sesangweni leSamariya. 19 Induna yasimphendula
umuntu kaNkulunkulu yathi: Khangela-ke, uba iNkosi
ibingenza amawindi emazulwini, kungenzeka linto yini?
Kodwa wathi: Khangela, uzakubona ngamehlo akho,
kodwa kawuyikudla okwakho. 20 Kwaba njalo-ke kuye,
ngoba abantu bamnyathela esangweni waze wafa.

8 UElisha wasekhuluma kowesifazana ondodana
yakhe ayeyenze yaphila, esithi: Sukuma, uhambe
wena lendlu yakho, uyehlala njengowezizwe lapho
ongahlala khona njengowezizwe, ngoba iNkosi ibize
indlala, ezafika njalo elizweni iminyaka eyisikhombisa.
2 Owesifazana wasukuma-ke, wenza njengokutsho
komuntu kaNkulunkulu; wahamba yena lendlu yakhe,
wahlala njengowezizwe elizweni lamaFilisti iminyaka
eyisikhombisa. 3 Kwasekusithi ekupheleni kweminyaka
eyisikhombisa, owesifazana waphenduka evela elizweni
lamaFilisti; waphuma ukuyakhala enkosini ngendlu
yakhe langensimu yakhe. 4 Inkosi yayikhuluma-
ke loGehazi inceku yomuntu kaNkulunkulu isithi:
Akungilandisele izinto zonke ezinkulu uElisha asezenzile.
5 Kwasekusithi esatshela inkosi ukuthi wavusa njani
ofileyo, khangela-ke, owesifazana ondodana yakhe
ayeyivuse ekufeni wakhala enkosini ngendlu yakhe
langensimu yakhe. UGehazi wasesithi: Nkosi yami,
nkosi, nguye lo owesifazana, njalo yiyo le indodana
yakhe uElisha ayiphilisayo. 6 Lapho inkosi ibuza
owesifazana, wayilandisela. Inkosi yasimmisela induna
ethile, isithi: Buyisela konke okwakungokwakhe, laso
sonke isivuno sensimu kusukela mhla esuka elizweni
kuze kube lamuhla. 7 UElisha wasefika eDamaseko, njalo
uBenihadadi inkosi yeSiriya wayegula. Wasetshelwa
kwathiwa: Umuntu kaNkulunkulu ufikile lapha. 8
Inkosi yasisithi kuHazayeli: Thatha esandleni sakho
isipho, uyehlangabeza umuntu kaNkulunkulu, ubusubuza
eNkosini ngaye usithi: Ngizasila yini kulumkhuhlane?
9 UHazayeli wasesiyamhlangabeza, wathatha isipho
esandleni sakhe, ngitsho esakho konke okuhle
kweDamaseko, imithwalo yamakamela engamatshumi
amane, weza wema phambi kwakhe, wathi: Indodana
yakho uBenihadadi inkosi yeSiriya ingithumile kuwe isithi:
Ngizasila yini kulumkhuhlane? 10 UElisha wasesithi
kuye: Hamba uthi kuye: Ungasila lokusila, kodwa iNkosi
ingibonisile ukuthi uzakufa lokufa. 11 Wasemjolozela
waze waba lenhloni. Umuntu kaNkulunkulu waselila. 12
UHazayeli wasesithi: Inkosi yami ililelani? Wasesithi:
Ngoba ngiyazi ububi ozabenza ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli;
uzathungela inqaba zabo ngomlilo, ubulale amajaha

abo ngenkemba, uphahlaze abantwanyana babo,
uqhaqhe abesifazana babo abakhulelweyo. 13 Kodwa
uHazayeli wathi: Kodwa iyini inceku yakho eyinja nje,
ukuthi yenze linto enkulu? UElisha wasesithi: INkosi
ingibonisile ukuthi uzakuba yinkosi phezu kweSiriya.
14 Wasesuka kuElisha weza enkosini yakhe eyathi
kuye: UElisha utheni kuwe? Wasesithi: Ungitshele
ukuthi uzasila lokusila. 15 Kwasekusithi kusisa wathatha
ingubo, wayigxamuza emanzini, wayendlala phezu
kobuso bakhe waze wafa. UHazayeli wasesiba yinkosi
esikhundleni sakhe. 16 Njalo ngomnyaka wesihlanu
kaJoramu indodana kaAhabi inkosi yakoIsrayeli, lapho
uJehoshafathi eyinkosi yakoJuda, uJehoramu indodana
kaJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda waba yinkosi. 17
Wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lambili lapho
esiba yinkosi, wabusa iminyaka eyisificaminwembili
eJerusalema. 18 Wasehamba ezindleleni zamakhosi
akoIsrayeli njengokwenza kwendlu kaAhabi, ngoba
indodakazi kaAhabi yayingumkakhe; wenza okubi
emehlweni eNkosi. 19 Kodwa iNkosi kayithandanga
ukuchitha uJuda ngenxa kaDavida inceku yayo,
njengokuthembisa kwayo kuye ukuthi izanika isibane
kuye zonke izinsuku, lemadodaneni akhe. 20 Ensukwini
zakhe iEdoma yahlamuka isuka phansi kwesandla
sakoJuda, yabeka inkosi phezu kwayo. 21 UJoramu
wasewelela eZayiri lazo zonke inqola zilaye; yena
wavuka ebusuku watshaya amaEdoma ayemzingelezele,
lenduna zezinqola; labantu babalekela emathenteni
abo. 22 Ngakho iEdoma yahlamuka isuka phansi
kwesandla sakoJuda kuze kube lamuhla. Khona iLibhina
yahlamuka ngalesosikhathi. 23 Ezinye-ke zezindaba
zikaJoramu, lakho konke akwenzayo, kakubhalwanga
yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoJuda?
24 UJoramu waselala laboyise, wangcwatshelwa
kuboyise emzini kaDavida. UAhaziya indodana yakhe
wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. 25 Ngomnyaka
wetshumi lambili kaJoramu indodana kaAhabi inkosi
yakoIsrayeli uAhaziya indodana kaJehoramu, inkosi
yakoJuda, waba yinkosi. 26 UAhaziya wayeleminyaka
engamatshumi amabili lambili lapho esiba yinkosi,
wabusa umnyaka owodwa eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina
lalinguAthaliya, indodakazi kaOmri inkosi yakoIsrayeli.
27 Wasehamba ngendlela yendlu kaAhabi, wenza
okubi emehlweni eNkosi, njengendlu kaAhabi, ngoba
wayengumkhwenyana wendlu kaAhabi. 28 Wasehamba
loJoramu indodana kaAhabi ukulwa loHazayeli inkosi
yeSiriya eRamothi-Gileyadi; amaSiriya aselimaza
uJoramu. 29 UJoramu inkosi wabuyela ukwelatshwa
eJizereyeli amanxeba amaSiriya ayemtshaye wona
eRama ekulweni kwakhe loHazayeli inkosi yeSiriya.
UAhaziya indodana kaJehoramu inkosi yakoJuda
wasesehla ukubona uJoramu indodana kaAhabi
eJizereyeli, ngoba wayegula.

9 UElisha umprofethi wasebiza omunye wamadodana
abaprofethi wathi kuye: Bopha ukhalo lwakho,
uthathe lumfuma wamafutha esandleni sakho, uye
eRamothi-Gileyadi. 2 Nxa ufika khona udinge lapho
uJehu indodana kaJehoshafathi indodana kaNimshi,
ungene, umsukumise phakathi kwabafowabo, umngenise
ekamelweni elingaphakathi. 3 Ubusuthatha umfuma
wamafutha, uwathele ekhanda lakhe uthi: Itsho njalo
iNkosi: Ngikugcobile ube yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli.
Ubusuvula umnyango, ubaleke, ungaphuzi. 4 Lahamba-
ke ijaha lelo, ijaha umprofethi, laya eRamothi-
Gileyadi. 5 Ekufikeni kwalo, khangela, induna
zebutho zazihlezi, lathi: Ngilombiko kuwe, nduna.
UJehu wasesithi: Kubani phakathi kwethu sonke?
Laselisithi: Kuwe, nduna. 6 Wasesukuma, wangena
endlini; laselithela amafutha ekhanda lakhe, lathi
kuye: Itsho njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli:
Ngikugcobile ukuthi ube yinkosi phezu kwabantu
beNkosi, phezu kukaIsrayeli. 7 Njalo uzatshaya indlu
kaAhabi inkosi yakho, ukuze ngiphindisele igazi lenceku
zami abaprofethi, legazi lazo zonke inceku zeNkosi,
esandleni sikaJezebeli. 8 Yonke-ke indlu kaAhabi
izabhubha; njalo ngizaquma asuke kuAhabi ochamela
emdulini, lovalelweyo lokhululekileyo koIsrayeli. 9 Njalo
ngizakwenza indlu kaAhabi njengendlu kaJerobhowamu
indodana kaNebati lanjengendlu kaBahasha indodana
kaAhiya. 10 Lezinja zizakudla uJezebeli esabelweni
seJizereyeli, njalo kakuyikuba lomngcwabayo. Laselivula
umnyango, labaleka. 11 Kwathi uJehu esephumele
encekwini zenkosi yakhe, omunye wathi kuye: Kulungile
yini? Luzeleni loluhlanya kuwe? Wasesithi kuzo: Liyamazi
lumuntu lenkulumo yakhe. 12 Zasezisithi: Manga!
Sitshele khathesi. Wasesithi: Ukhulume ukuthi lokuthi
kimi esithi: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ngikugcobile ube yinkosi
phezu kukaIsrayeli. 13 Zaseziphangisa, zathatha,
ngulowo lalowo isembatho sakhe, zazibeka ngaphansi
kwakhe engqongeni yezikhwelo, zavuthela uphondo,
zathi: UJehu uyinkosi! 14 Ngokunjalo uJehu indodana
kaJehoshafathi indodana kaNimshi wamenzela ugobe
uJoramu. (UJoramu wagcina-ke iRamothi-Gileyadi, yena
loIsrayeli wonke, ngenxa kaHazayeli inkosi yeSiriya; 15
kodwa uJehoramu inkosi wayesebuyelele ukwelatshwa
eJizereyeli ngamanxeba amaSiriya ayemtshaye wona
ekulweni kwakhe loHazayeli inkosi yeSiriya.) UJehu
wasesithi: Aluba kuyintando yenu, kakungaphumi
ophunyukileyo emzini ukuyabika lokhu eJizereyeli. 16
UJehu wasekhwela inqola, waya eJizereyeli, ngoba
uJoramu wayelele khona, loAhaziya inkosi yakoJuda
wayehle ukuthi abone uJoramu. 17 Umlindi wayemi-ke
emphotshongweni eJizereyeli, wabona ixuku likaJehu,
yena esiza, wathi: Ngibona ixuku. UJehoramu wathi:
Thatha umgadi webhiza umthume ukubahlangabeza,
athi: Yikuthula yini? 18 Wasehamba umgadi webhiza
ukumhlangabeza, wathi: Itsho njalo inkosi: Yikuthula

yini? UJehu wasesithi: Ulani lokuthula? Phendukela
ngemva kwami. Umlindi wasebika esithi: Isithunywa
sesifikile kibo, kodwa kasiphenduki. 19 Yasithuma
umgadi webhiza wesibili, wafika kibo wathi: Itsho
njalo inkosi: Yikuthula yini? UJehu wasesithi: Ulani
lokuthula? Phendukela ngemva kwami. 20 Umlindi
wasebika wathi: Usefikile kibo, kodwa kaphenduki.
Lokutshayela kufanana lokutshayela kukaJehu indodana
kaNimshi, ngoba utshayela okohlanya. 21 UJehoramu
wasesithi: Bophelani. Basebebophela inqola yakhe.
UJehoramu inkosi yakoIsrayeli loAhaziya inkosi yakoJuda
basebephuma, ngulowo lalowo enqoleni yakhe,
baphuma ukuhlangabeza uJehu, bamthola esiqintini
sikaNabothi umJizereyeli. 22 Kwasekusithi uJehoramu
ebona uJehu wathi: Yikuthula yini, Jehu? Wasesithi:
Ukuthula bani, selokhu ukuwula kukaJezebeli unyoko
lokuthakatha kwakhe kukunengi kangaka? 23 UJehoramu
wasephendula izandla zakhe wabaleka, wathi kuAhaziya:
Yinkohliso, Ahaziya! 24 UJehu wasedonsisisa idandili,
watshaya uJehoramu phakathi kweziphanga zakhe,
lomtshoko waphuma enhliziyweni yakhe, wasekhothama
enqoleni yakhe. 25 Wasesithi kuBidikari induna yakhe:
Mphakamise, umphosele esiqintini sensimu kaNabothi
umJizereyeli; ngoba khumbula mina lawe sigade
sobabili ngemva kukaAhabi uyise, iNkosi yamethesa
lumthwalo: 26 Ngibonile isibili izolo igazi likaNabothi
legazi lamadodana akhe, itsho iNkosi, ngizaphindisela
kuwe kulesisiqinti, itsho iNkosi. Ngakho-ke mphakamise
umphosele kulesisiqinti, njengokwelizwi leNkosi. 27
UAhaziya inkosi yakoJuda esebonile lokhu wabaleka,
ngendlela yendlu yesivande. UJehu wasexotshana
laye, wathi: Mtshayeni laye enqoleni, emqansweni
weGuri elingaseIbileyamu. Wasebalekela eMegido,
wafela khona. 28 Inceku zakhe zasezimthwala zamusa
eJerusalema, zamngcwaba engcwabeni lakhe kuboyise
emzini kaDavida. 29 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lanye
kaJoramu indodana kaAhabi, uAhaziya waba yinkosi
phezu kukaJuda. 30 UJehu esefikile eJizereyeli,
uJezebeli wakuzwa. Wasecomba amehlo akhe, wacecisa
ikhanda lakhe, walunguza ngewindi. 31 Lapho-ke uJehu
engena esangweni, wasesithi: Yikuthula yini, Zimri,
mbulali wenkosi yakho? 32 Wasephakamisela ubuso
bakhe ewindini, wathi: Ngubani ongakimi? Ngubani?
Kwasekulunguza kuye abathenwa ababili, abathathu. 33
Wasesithi: Mphoseleni phansi. Basebemphosela phansi;
lelinye legazi lakhe lachaphakela emdulini lemabhizeni;
wasemnyathelela phansi. 34 Wasengena wadla wanatha,
wathi: Ake libone lo umqalekiswakazi limngcwabe, ngoba
uyindodakazi yenkosi. 35 Basebesiyamngcwaba, kodwa
kabaficanga lutho olwakhe ngaphandle kokhakhayi
lenyawo lempama zezandla. 36 Ngakho babuyela
bamtshela; wasesithi: Leli yilizwi leNkosi eyalikhuluma
ngesandla senceku yayo uElija umTishibi lisithi: Esiqintini
seJizereyeli izinja zizakudla inyama kaJezebeli; 37
lesidumbu sikaJezebeli sizakuba njengomquba ebusweni
bomhlabathi esiqintini seJizereyeli, ukuze bangathi: Lo
nguJezebeli.

10 Njalo uAhabi wayelamadodana angamatshumi
ayisikhombisa eSamariya. UJehu wasebhala
izincwadi, wazithumela eSamariya kubabusi beJizereyeli,
abadala, lakubondli bamadodana kaAhabi, esithi: 2
Ngakho-ke nxa lincwadi ifika kini, lokhu amadodana
enkosi yenu akini, futhi izinqola lamabhiza kukini,
lomuzi obiyelweyo, lezikhali, 3 ziboneleni-ke ongcono
kakhulu lofaneleyo kulabo bonke ebantwaneni benkosi
yenu, limbeke esihlalweni sobukhosi sikayise, lilwele
indlu yenkosi yenu. 4 Kodwa besaba kakhulukazi
bathi: Khangelani, amakhosi amabili kawemanga
phambi kwakhe; thina-ke sizakuma njani? 5 Umphathi
wendlu lomphathi womuzi labadala labondli babantwana
bathumela kuJehu besithi: Siyizinceku zakho, sizakwenza
konke okutshoyo kithi. Kasiyikubeka muntu abe yinkosi.
Yenza okuhle emehlweni akho. 6 Wasebabhalela
incwadi okwesibili esithi: Uba lingabami, lilalela ilizwi
lami, thathani amakhanda alawomadoda, amadodana
enkosi yenu, lize kimi eJizereyeli ngalesisikhathi
kusasa. Lamadodana enkosi, abantu abangamatshumi
ayisikhombisa, ayelezikhulu zomuzi ezaziwakhulisa.
7 Kwasekusithi ekufikeni kwencwadi kubo, bathatha
amadodana enkosi, babulala abantu abangamatshumi
ayisikhombisa, bafaka amakhanda awo ezitsheni, bawesa
kuye eJizereyeli. 8 Kwasekusiza isithunywa sambikela
sisithi: Sebewalethile amakhanda amadodana enkosi.
Wasesithi: Abekeni abe zinqumbi ezimbili ekungeneni
kwesango kuze kube sekuseni. 9 Kwasekusithi
ekuseni waphuma wema wathi ebantwini bonke:
Lina lilungile. Khangelani, mina ngenzela inkosi yami
ugobe, ngayibulala; pho, ngubani obulele bonke
laba? 10 Yazini khathesi ukuthi kakuyikuwela lutho
emhlabathini okwelizwi leNkosi, iNkosi eyalikhuluma
ngendlu kaAhabi, ngoba iNkosi yenzile eyakukhulumayo
ngesandla senceku yayo uElija. 11 UJehu wasetshaya
bonke ababesele endlini kaAhabi eJizereyeli, lazo
zonke izikhulu zakhe, labazana laye, labapristi
bakhe, akaze amtshiyela oseleyo. 12 Wasesukuma
wahamba waya eSamariya. Endlini yokugunda yabelusi
endleleni, 13 uJehu wahlangana labafowabo bakaAhaziya
inkosi yakoJuda, wathi: Lingobani? Basebesithi:
Singabafowabo bakaAhaziya, sehlela ukubingelela
abantwana benkosi, labantwana bendlovukazi. 14
Wasesithi: Babambeni bephila. Basebebabamba
bephila, bababulalela emgodini weBeti-Ekedi, amadoda
angamatshumi amane lambili, katshiyanga loyedwa
wabo. 15 Esesukile lapho wahlangana loJehonadabi
indodana kaRekabi ezemhlangabeza; wambingelela
wathi kuye: Inhliziyo yakho iqondile yini, njengoba
inhliziyo yami ikanye lenhliziyo yakho? UJehonadabi

wasesithi: Injalo. Uba kunjalo, ngipha isandla sakho.
Wasemnika isandla sakhe; wasemkhweza enqoleni kuye.
16 Wasesithi: Hamba lami, ubone ukuyitshisekela kwami
iNkosi. Basebemgadisa enqoleni yakhe. 17 Ekufikeni
kwakhe eSamariya wabatshaya bonke ababesele
kuAhabi eSamariya waze wamqeda, njengokwelizwi
leNkosi eyalikhuluma kuElija. 18 UJehu wasebuthanisa
bonke abantu, wathi kibo: UAhabi wakhonza kancinyane
uBhali: UJehu uzamkhonza kakhulu. 19 Ngakho-
ke ngibizelani abaprofethi bakaBhali bonke, izinceku
zakhe zonke labo bonke abapristi bakhe, kungabi
lamuntu ongekho, ngoba ngilomhlatshelo omkhulu
kuBhali; loba ngubani ongayikuba khona kayikuphila.
Kodwa uJehu wakwenza ngobuqili ukuze abulale
izinceku zikaBhali. 20 UJehu wasesithi: Mehlukaniseleni
umhlangano onzulu uBhali. Basebewumemezela. 21
UJehu wasethumela kuye wonke uIsrayeli; zonke
izinceku zikaBhali zasezisiza, kakwaze kwasala loyedwa
ongabuyanga. Bangena endlini kaBhali, yaze yagcwala
indlu kaBhali kusukela emsamo kusiya emnyango.
22 Wasesithi kulowo owayephethe indlu yezembatho:
Khuphela bonke abakhonzi bakaBhali izembatho.
Wasebakhuphela izembatho. 23 Wasengena uJehu
eloJehonadabi indodana kaRekabi endlini kaBhali, wathi
kuzinceku zikaBhali: Hlolani libone ukuthi kakukho kini
abezinceku zeNkosi lapha, kodwa izinceku zikaBhali
kuphela. 24 Sebengene ukwenza imihlatshelo leminikelo
yokutshiswa, uJehu wazimisela amadoda angamatshumi
ayisificaminwembili ngaphandle, wasesithi: Umuntu
oyekela enye kumadoda engiwabeka ezandleni
zenu iphunyuke, impilo yakhe izakuba sendaweni
yempilo yayo. 25 Kwasekusithi eseqedile ukwenza
iminikelo yokutshiswa, uJehu wasesithi kubalindi
lezinduneni: Ngenani libatshaye, kungaphumi muntu.
Basebebatshaya ngobukhali benkemba; abalindi
lezinduna basebebaphosela phandle, baya emzini
wendlu kaBhali. 26 Bakhupha endlini kaBhali insika
eziyizithombe, bazitshisa. 27 Badiliza insika kaBhali
eyisithombe, badiliza indlu kaBhali, bayenza yaba yindlu
yokuyela ngaphandle kuze kube lamuhla. 28 Ngokunjalo
uJehu wachitha uBhali wamkhupha koIsrayeli. 29 Kodwa
ezonweni zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati owenza
uIsrayeli one, uJehu kasukanga ekuzilandeleni, amathole
egolide ayeseBhetheli lawayekoDani. 30 INkosi yasisithi
kuJehu: Ngoba wenze kuhle ngokwenza okulungileyo
emehlweni ami, wenza endlini kaAhabi njengakho konke
okwakusenhliziyweni yami, amadodana akho kuze kube
sesizukulwaneni sesine azahlala esihlalweni sobukhosi
sakoIsrayeli. 31 Kodwa uJehu kaqaphelisanga ukuhamba
emlayweni weNkosi, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, ngenhliziyo
yakhe yonke; kasukanga ezonweni zikaJerobhowamu
owenza uIsrayeli one. 32 Ngalezonsuku iNkosi yaqala
ukuquma isusa koIsrayeli. UHazayeli wasebatshaya
kuyo yonke imingcele yakoIsrayeli, 33 kusukela eJordani
empumalanga, ilizwe lonke leGileyadi, abakoGadi
labakoRubeni labakoManase, kusukela eAroweri
engasesifuleni seArinoni, leGileyadi leBashani. 34
Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaJehu, lakho konke akwenzayo,
lamandla akhe wonke, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni
lwemilando yamakhosi akoIsrayeli? 35 UJehu waselala
laboyise, bamngcwabela eSamariya. UJehowahazi
indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.
36 Lesikhathi uJehu abusa ngaso phezu kukaIsrayeli
eSamariya sasiyiminyaka engamatshumi amabili
lesificaminwembili.

11 UAthaliya unina kaAhaziya esebonile ukuthi
indodana yakhe ifile, wasukuma wachitha yonke
inzalo yesikhosini. 2 Kodwa uJehosheba indodakazi
yenkosi uJoramu, udadewabo kaAhaziya, wathatha
uJowashi indodana kaAhaziya, wameba phakathi
kwamadodana enkosi abulawayo, yena lomlizane
wakhe ekamelweni lokulala. Basebemfihla ebusweni
bukaAthaliya ukuze angabulawa. 3 Wayelaye-ke efihliwe
endlini yeNkosi iminyaka eyisithupha; uAthaliya wasebusa
phezu kwelizwe. 4 Ngomnyaka wesikhombisa uJehoyada
wasethuma wathatha izinduna zamakhulu, lamaKariti
kanye labalindi, wabaletha kuye endlini yeNkosi.
Wenza isivumelwano labo, wabafungisa endlini yeNkosi,
wabatshengisa indodana yenkosi. 5 Wasebalaya esithi:
Nansi into elizayenza: Ingxenye eyodwa kwezintathu
yenu elingena ngesabatha izakuba ngabalindi bomlindo
wendlu yenkosi, 6 lengxenye eyodwa kwezintathu izakuba
sesangweni leSuri, lengxenye eyodwa kwezintathu
esangweni ngemva kwabalindi; ngokunjalo lizalinda
umlindo wendlu, ingafohlelwa. 7 Lengxenye ezimbili zenu
lonke eliphuma ngesabatha, bona bazagcina umlindo
wendlu yeNkosi mayelana lenkosi. 8 Lizazingelezela
inkosi inhlangothi zonke, ngulowo lalowo elezikhali
esandleni sakhe; lozangena kokuhleliweyo uzabulawa.
Libe lenkosi ekuphumeni kwayo lekungeneni kwayo.
9 Induna zamakhulu zasezisenza njengakho konke
uJehoyada umpristi akulayayo; zathatha, yileyo laleyo
abantu bayo abangena ngesabatha lalabo abaphuma
ngesabatha, zafika kuJehoyada umpristi. 10 Umpristi
wasenika izinduna zamakhulu imikhonto lezihlangu
ezazingezenkosi uDavida ezazisendlini yeNkosi. 11
Abalindi basebesima, ngulowo lalowo elezikhali
esandleni sakhe, kusukela kwesokunene sendlu
kusiya kwesokhohlo sendlu, ngaselathini langasendlini,
enkosini inhlangothi zonke. 12 Waseyikhupha indodana
yenkosi, wayethesa umqhele, wayinika ubufakazi;
bayibeka yaba yinkosi, bayigcoba, batshaya izandla,
basebesithi: Kayiphile inkosi! 13 UAthaliya esizwa
umsindo wabalindi lowabantu waya ebantwini endlini
yeNkosi; 14 wabona, khangela-ke, inkosi yayimi
ngasensikeni njengomkhuba, lezinduna labavutheli
bezimpondo bengasenkosini, labantu bonke belizwe

bethokoza bavuthela izimpondo. UAthaliya wasedabula izigqoko zakhe, wamemeza wathi: Ugobe! Ugobe! **15** UJehoyada umpristi waselaya induna zamakhulu, abaphathi bebutho, wathi kubo: Mkhupheleni ngaphandle kokuhleliweyo, lomlandelayo limbulale ngenkemba. Ngoba umpristi wathi: Kangabulawelwa endlini kaJehova. **16** Basebembamba ngezandla, wasehamba ngendlela yokungena kwamabhiza endlini yenkosi, wabulawelwa khonapho. **17** UJehoyada wasesenza isivumelwano phakathi kukaJehova lenkosi labantu ukuthi babe ngabantu bakaJehova; laphakathi kwenkosi labantu. **18** Bonke abantu belizwe basebengena endlini kaBhali, bayidilizela phansi; amalathi akhe lezithombe zakhe baziphahlaza ngokupheleleyo, loMathani umpristi kaBhali bambulala phambi kwamalathi. Umpristi wasebeka abaphathi phezu kwendlu yeNkosi. **19** Wasethatha izinduna zamakhulu lamaKariti labalindi labo bonke abantu belizwe, bayehlisa inkosi isuka endlini kaJehova, beza ngendlela yesango labalindi endlini yenkosi. Yasihlala esihlalweni sobukhosi samakhosi. **20** Bonke abantu belizwe basebethokoza. Umuzi wasusiba lokuthula, sebembulele uAthaliya ngenkemba ngasendlini yenkosi. **21** UJehowashi wayeleminyaka eyisikhombisa lapho esiba yinkosi.

12 Ngomnyaka wesikhombisa kaJehu uJehowashi waba yinkosi; wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi amane eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguZibiya weBherishebha. **2** UJehowashi wasesenza okulungileyo emehlweni eNkosi zonke izinsuku zakhe uJehoyada umpristi amfundisa ngazo. **3** Kodwa indawo eziphakemeyo kazisuswanga; abantu babelokhu benikela imihlatshelo betshisa impepha endaweni eziphakemeyo. **4** UJehowashi wasesithi kubapristi: Yonke imali yezinto ezehlukanisiweyo elethwa endlini kaJehova, imali yalowo lalowo odlulayo kwababaliweyo, imali yalowo lalowo umuntu ayilinganisileyo, yonke imali, okuvela enhliziyweni yaloba nguwuphi umuntu ukuyiletha endlini yeNkosi; **5** abapristi kabayithathe kubo, ngulowo lalowo komejwayeleyo, balungise izikhala zendlu, loba kungaphi lapho okutholwa khona izikhala. **6** Kodwa kwathi ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili lantathu wenkosi uJehowashi abapristi babengakalungisi izikhala zendlu. **7** Inkosi uJehowashi yasibiza uJehoyada umpristi labapristi, yathi kibo: Kungani lingalungisi izikhala zendlu? Ngakho-ke lingathathi imali kwelibejwayeleyo kodwa liyinikele izikhala zendlu. **8** Abapristi basebevuma ukuthi kabasayikuthatha imali ebantwini lokuthi kabayikulungisa izikhala zendlu. **9** UJehoyada umpristi wasethatha ibhokisi elilodwa, wabhoboza isikhala esivalweni salo, walibeka eceleni kwelathi ngakwesokunene nxa umuntu engena endlini yeNkosi. Abapristi-ke abalinda umbundu bafaka kulo yonke imali eyalethwa endlini yeNkosi. **10** Kwakusithi sebebona ukuthi imali isinengi ebhokisini, umabhalane wenkosi, lompristi omkhulu benyuke, bayibophe bayibale imali eyatholwa endlini yeNkosi. **11** Basebenikela imali elinganisiweyo ezandleni zabenzi bomsebenzi, zababonisi bendlu yeNkosi, bayikhuphela kubabazi bezigodo lakubakhi ababesebenza endlini yeNkosi, **12** lakwabakha ngamatshe lakubabazi bamatshe, lokuthenga izigodo lamatshe abaziweyo ukulungisa izikhala zendlu yeNkosi, lakukho konke okwakhutshelwa indlu ukuyilungisa. **13** Kodwa kayenzelwanga indlu yeNkosi imiganu yesiliva, izindlawu, imiganu yokufafaza, izimpondo zokukhaliswa, laziphi izitsha zegolide lezitsha zesiliva zemali eyalethwa endlini yeNkosi, **14** kodwa bayinika abenzi bomsebenzi, basebelungisa ngayo indlu yeNkosi. **15** Njalo kababalelananga labantu abanikela imali esandleni sabo, ukupha abenzi bomsebenzi, ngoba benza ngokuthembeka. **16** Imali yomnikelo wecala lemali yeminikelo yesono kayilethwanga endlini yeNkosi; yayingeyabapristi. **17** Ngalesosikhathi uHazayeli inkosi yeSiriya wenyuka walwa emelene leGathi, wayithumba. UHazayeli wasekhangelisa ubuso bakhe ukwenyuka amelane leJerusalema. **18** Kodwa uJehowashi inkosi yakoJuda wathatha zonke izinto ezingcwelisiweyo uJehoshafathi loJoramu loAhaziya oyise, amakhosi akoJuda, ababezingcwelisile, lezakhe izinto ezingcwelisiweyo, legolide lonke elatholwa enothweni yendlu kaJehova lendlu yenkosi, wakuthumela kuHazayeli inkosi yeSiriya. Wasesenyuka wasuka eJerusalema. **19** Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaJowashi, lakho konke akwenzayo, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoJuda? **20** Inceku zakhe zasezisukuma zenza ugobe, zamtshaya uJowashi endlini yeMilo eyehlela eSila. **21** Ngoba oJozakari indodana kaShimeyathi loJehozabadi indodana kaShomeri, inceku zakhe, bamtshaya, wafa; basebemngcwaba kuboyise emzini kaDavida. UAmaziya indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

13 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili lantathu kaJowashi indodana kaAhaziya inkosi yakoJuda uJehowahazi indodana kaJehu waba yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli eSamariya, wabusa iminyaka elitshumi lesikhombisa. **2** Wenza okubi emehlweni eNkosi, walandela izono zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati owenza uIsrayeli one, kasukanga kuzo. **3** Ulaka lweNkosi lwaselumvuthela uIsrayeli, yabanikela esandleni sikaHazayeli inkosi yeSiriya lesandleni sikaBenihadadi indodana kaHazayeli, zonke lezonsuku. **4** UJehowahazi wasencenga ubuso beNkosi, iNkosi yamuzwa, ngoba yabona incindezelo kaIsrayeli, ngoba inkosi yeSiriya yabacindezela. **5** (INkosi yasisipha uIsrayeli umsindisi ukuze baphume ngaphansi kwesandla samaSiriya; abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebehlala emathenteni abo njengakuqala. **6** Loba kunjalo kabasukanga ezonweni zendlu kaJerobhowamu owenza uIsrayeli one, bahamba kuzo; lesixuku laso sasilokhu siseSamariya.) **7**

Ngoba kayimtshiyelanga uJehowahazi abantu, kuphela
abagadi bamabhiza abangamatshumi amahlanu, lenqola
ezilitshumi, labahamba ngenyawo abazinkulungwane
ezilitshumi; ngoba inkosi yeSiriya yayibabhubhisile,
yabenza baba njengothuli ngokubhula. 8 Ezinye-ke
zezindaba zikaJehowahazi, lakho konke akwenzayo,
lamandla akhe, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni
lwemilando yamakhosi akoIsrayeli? 9 UJehowahazi
waselala laboyise, bamngcwabela eSamariya; uJowashi
indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.
10 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa
kaJowashi inkosi yakoJuda uJehowashi indodana
kaJehowahazi waba yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli
eSamariya; wabusa iminyaka elitshumi lesithupha.
11 Laye wenza okubi emehlweni eNkosi, kasukanga
ezonweni zonke zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati
owenza uIsrayeli one; wahamba kuzo. 12 Ezinye-
ke zezindaba zikaJowashi, lakho konke akwenzayo,
lamandla akhe alwa ngawo loAmaziya inkosi
yakoJuda, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando
yamakhosi akoIsrayeli? 13 UJowashi waselala laboyise,
uJerobhowamu wasehlala esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi.
UJowashi wangcwatshelwa eSamariya lamakhosi
akoIsrayeli. 14 UElisha wasegula umkhuhlane wakhe afa
ngawo; uJowashi inkosi yakoIsrayeli wasesehlela kuye,
wakhala inyembezi phezu kobuso bakhe, wathi: Baba
wami! Baba wami! Nqola yakoIsrayeli lamabhiza ayo!
15 UElisha wasesithi kuye: Thatha idandili lemitshoko.
Wasezithathela idandili lemitshoko. 16 Wasesithi
enkosini yakoIsrayeli: Beka isandla sakho edandilini.
Wasesibeka isandla sakhe. UElisha wasebeka izandla
zakhe phezu kwezandla zenkosi. 17 Wasesithi: Vula
iwindi ngempumalanga. Yasilivula. UElisha wasesithi:
Tshoka! Yasitshoka. Wasesithi: Umtshoko wenkululeko
yeNkosi, lomtshoko wenkululeko kuSiriya. Ngoba
uzatshaya amaSiriya eAfeki uze uwaqede. 18 Wasesithi:
Thatha imitshoko. Yasiyithatha. Wasesithi enkosini
yakoIsrayeli: Tshaya emhlabathini. Yasitshaya kathathu,
yasisima. 19 Umuntu kaNkulunkulu waseyithukuthelela,
wathi: Ngabe utshaye kahlanu kumbe kasithupha,
ngakho ubuzayitshaya iSiriya uze uyiqede; khathesi-ke
uzatshaya iSiriya kathathu kuphela. 20 UElisha wasesifa,
basebemngcwaba. Amaviyo amaMowabi asengena
elizweni ekuthwaseni komnyaka. 21 Kwasekusithi
bengcwaba umuntu, khangela-ke, babona iviyo,
baphosela lowomuntu engcwabeni likaElisha. Kwathi
umuntu esiyathinta amathambo kaElisha waphila,
wasukuma wema ngenyawo. 22 UHazayeli inkosi yeSiriya
wasecindezela uIsrayeli insuku zonke zikaJehowahazi.
23 INkosi yasisiba lomusa kibo, yaba lesihawu
kubo, yaphendukela kibo ngenxa yesivumelwano
sayo loAbrahama, uIsaka, loJakobe, kayithandanga
ukubabhubhisa, kayibaxotshanga ebusweni bayo
kuze kube khathesi. 24 UHazayeli inkosi yeSiriya
wasesifa; uBenihadadi indodana yakhe wasesiba
yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. 25 UJehowashi indodana
kaJehowahazi wasebuya wathatha imizi esandleni
sikaBenihadadi indodana kaHazayeli owayeyithethe
esandleni sikaJehowahazi uyise ngempi. UJowashi
wamtshaya kathathu, waseyibuyisela imizi yakoIsrayeli.

14 Ngomnyaka wesibili kaJowashi indodana
kaJehowazi, inkosi yakoIsrayeli, uAmaziya
indodana kaJowashi inkosi yakoJuda waba yinkosi.
2 Wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu
lapho esiba yinkosi; wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi
amabili lesificamunwemunye eJerusalema. Lebizo
likanina lalinguJehowadani weJerusalema. 3
Wasesenza okulungileyo emehlweni eNkosi, kodwa
kungenjengoDavida uyise; wenza njengakho konke
uJowashi uyise akwenzayo. 4 Loba kunjalo indawo
eziphakemeyo kazisuswanga; abantu babelokhu benikela
imihlatshelo betshisa impepha endaweni eziphakemeyo.
5 Kwasekusithi umbuso wakhe usuqinisiwe esandleni
sakhe, watshaya inceku zakhe ezazitshaye inkosi
uyise. 6 Kodwa abantwana bababulali kababulalanga,
njengokubhaliweyo ogwalweni lomlayo kaMozisi lapho
iNkosi eyalaya khona isithi: Oyise kabayikubulawa
ngenxa yabantwana, labantwana kabayikubulawa ngenxa
yaboyise, kodwa wonke umuntu uzabulawelwa isono
sakhe. 7 Yena wasetshaya amaEdoma azinkulungwane
ezilitshumi esihotsheni setshwayi, wathumba iSela
ngempi, wabiza ibizo layo ngokuthi yiJokhitheyeli,
kuze kube lamuhla. 8 Khona uAmaziya wathuma
izithunywa kuJehowashi indodana kaJehowahazi
indodana kaJehu, inkosi yakoIsrayeli, esithi: Woza
sikhangelane ubuso ngobuso. 9 UJehowashi inkosi
yakoIsrayeli wasethumela kuAmaziya inkosi yakoJuda
esithi: Ukhula oluhlabayo oluseLebhanoni lwathumela
emsedarini oseLebhanoni lusithi: Nika indodakazi yakho
endodaneni yami ibe ngumkayo; kwasekusedlula isilo
seganga esiseLebhanoni, salugxoba ukhula oluhlabayo.
10 Uyitshayile lokuyitshaya iEdoma, inhliziyo yakho
isikuphakamisile; dumiseka, uhlale endlini yakho;
ngoba kungani uzivusela ububi ukuze uwe wena
loJuda kanye lawe? 11 Kodwa uAmaziya kezwanga.
Ngakho uJehowashi inkosi yakoIsrayeli wenyuka,
yena-ke loAmaziya inkosi yakoJuda bakhangelana
ubuso ngobuso eBeti-Shemeshi eyakoJuda. 12 UJuda
wasetshaywa phambi kukaIsrayeli; basebebaleka,
ngulowo lalowo waya ethenteni lakhe. 13 UJehowashi
inkosi yakoIsrayeli wasembamba uAmaziya inkosi
yakoJuda, indodana kaJehowashi indodana kaAhaziya,
eBeti-Shemeshi; wafika eJerusalema, wadilizela phansi
umduli weJerusalema, kusukela esangweni lakoEfrayimi
kusiya esangweni lengonsi, ingalo ezingamakhulu
amane. 14 Wasethatha lonke igolide lesiliva, lezitsha
zonke ezatholakala endlini kaJehova lezendlini zenotho

zendlu yenkosi, kanye labayisibambiso, wasebuyela
eSamariya. 15 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaJehowashi
azenzayo, lamandla akhe, lokuthi walwa njani loAmaziya
inkosi yakoJuda, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni
lwemilando yamakhosi akoIsrayeli? 16 UJehowashi
waselala laboyise, wangcwatshelwa eSamariya
emakhosini akoIsrayeli. UJerobhowamu indodana yakhe
wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. 17 UAmaziya
indodana kaJowashi, inkosi yakoJuda, wasephila
iminyaka elitshumi lanhlanu emva kokufa kukaJehowashi
indodana kaJehowahazi inkosi yakoIsrayeli. 18 Ezinye-ke
zezindaba zikaAmaziya, kazibhalwanga yini egwalweni
lwemilando yamakhosi akoJuda? 19 Basebemenzela
ugobe eJerusalema, wabalekela eLakishi; kodwa
bathuma bamlandela eLakishi, bambulalela khona.
20 Basebemthwala ngamabhiza, wangcwatshelwa
eJerusalema kuboyise emzini kaDavida. 21 Bonke abantu
bakoJuda basebethatha uAzariya, owayeleminyaka
elitshumi lesithupha, bambeka waba yinkosi esikhundleni
sikayise uAmaziya. 22 Yena wakha iElathi, wayibuyisela
koJuda emva kokulala kwenkosi laboyise. 23
Ngomnyaka wetshumi lanhlanu kaAmaziya indodana
kaJowashi inkosi yakoJuda uJerobhowamu indodana
kaJowashi inkosi yakoIsrayeli waba yinkosi eSamariya;
wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi amane lanye. 24
Wasesenza okubi emehlweni eNkosi; kasukanga
ezonweni zonke zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati
owenza uIsrayeli one. 25 Yena wabuyisela umngcele
wakoIsrayeli kusukela ekungeneni kweHamathi kuze
kufike elwandle lwamagceke, njengokwelizwi leNkosi,
uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, eyalikhuluma ngesandla
senceku yayo uJona indodana kaAmithayi umprofethi,
owayevela eGathi-Heferi. 26 Ngoba iNkosi yabona
ukuhlupheka kukaIsrayeli, kwakubaba kakhulu,
ngoba kwakungekho ovalelweyo, njalo engekho
okhululekileyo, njalo kungelamsizi kaIsrayeli. 27 INkosi
yayingatshongo-ke ukuthi izalesula ibizo likaIsrayeli
ngaphansi kwamazulu; kodwa yabasindisa ngesandla
sikaJerobhowamu indodana kaJowashi. 28 Ezinye-ke
zezindaba zikaJerobhowamu, lakho konke akwenzayo,
lamandla akhe, ukuthi walwa njani, lokuthi wayibuyisela
njani koIsrayeli iDamaseko leHamathi, engeyeJuda,
kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi
akoIsrayeli? 29 UJerobhowamu waselala laboyise,
emakhosini akoIsrayeli. UZekhariya indodana yakhe
wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

15 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa
kaJerobhowamu, inkosi yakoIsrayeli, uAzariya
indodana kaAmaziya, inkosi yakoJuda, waba yinkosi.
2 Wayeleminyaka elitshumi lesithupha lapho esiba
yinkosi; wasebusa iminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu
lambili eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguJekoliya
weJerusalema. 3 Wasesenza okulungileyo emehlweni
eNkosi njengakho konke uAmaziya uyise akwenzayo. 4
Kodwa indawo eziphakemeyo kazisuswanga; abantu
babelokhu benikela imihlatshelo betshisa impepha
endaweni eziphakemeyo. 5 UJehova wayitshaya inkosi,
yasisiba ngumlephero kwaze kwaba lusuku lokufa
kwayo. Yahlala endlini eyehlukanisiweyo. UJothamu
indodana yenkosi wasephatha indlu, esahlulela abantu
belizwe. 6 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaAzariya, lakho
konke akwenzayo, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni
lwemilando yamakhosi akoJuda? 7 UAzariya waselala
laboyise, bamngcwaba kuboyise emzini kaDavida.
UJothamu indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni
sakhe. 8 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu
lesificaminwembili kaAzariya inkosi yakoJuda uZekhariya
indodana kaJerobhowamu wabusa phezu kukaIsrayeli
eSamariya inyanga eziyisithupha. 9 Wasesenza okubi
emehlweni eNkosi njengokwenza kwaboyise; kasukanga
ezonweni zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati owenza
uIsrayeli one. 10 UShaluma indodana kaJabeshi
wasemenzela ugobe, wamtshaya phambi kwabantu
wambulala, wasebusa esikhundleni sakhe. 11 Ezinye-
ke zezindaba zikaZekhariya, khangela, zibhaliwe
egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoIsrayeli. 12 Leli
yilizwi leNkosi eyalikhuluma kuJehu isithi: Amadodana
akho azahlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaIsrayeli kuze
kube sesizukulwaneni sesine. Kwaba njalo-ke. 13
UShaluma indodana kaJabeshi waba yinkosi ngomnyaka
wamatshumi amathathu lesificamunwemunye kaUziya
inkosi yakoJuda; wabusa inyanga egcweleyo eSamariya.
14 Ngoba uMenahema indodana kaGadi wenyuka esuka
eTiriza, weza eSamariya, wamtshaya uShaluma indodana
kaJabeshi eSamariya wambulala; wabusa esikhundleni
sakhe. 15 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaShaluma, logobe
lwakhe alwenzayo, khangela, kubhaliwe egwalweni
lwemilando yamakhosi akoIsrayeli. 16 Khona uMenahema
wasetshaya iThifisa, lakho konke okwakukiyo, lemingcele
yayo kusukela eTiriza, ngoba bengamvulelanga. Ngakho
wayitshaya; bonke abesifazana bayo abakhulelweyo
wabaqhaqha. 17 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu
lesificamunwemunye kaAzariya inkosi yakoJuda
uMenahema indodana kaGadi waba yinkosi phezu
kukaIsrayeli; wabusa iminyaka elitshumi eSamariya.
18 Wasesenza okubi emehlweni eNkosi; kasukanga
ezonweni zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati owenza
uIsrayeli one, insuku zakhe zonke. 19 UPhuli inkosi
yeAsiriya weza wamelana lelizwe; uMenahema wasenika
uPhuli amathalenta esiliva ayinkulungwane ukuze isandla
sakhe sibe laye ukuqinisa umbuso esandleni sakhe. 20
UMenahema wasekhuphisa uIsrayeli imali, yabo bonke
abantu abalamandla enothweni, ukupha inkosi yeAsiriya;
amashekeli esiliva angamatshumi amahlanu kuleyo
laleyondoda. Inkosi yeAsiriya yasibuyela, kayaze yahlala
lapho elizweni. 21 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaMenahema,
lakho konke akwenzayo, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni

lwemilando yamakhosi akoIsrayeli? 22 UMenahema
waselala laboyise; uPhekahiya indodana yakhe
wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. 23 Ngomnyaka
wamatshumi amahlanu kaAzariya inkosi yakoJuda
uPhekahiya indodana kaMenahema waba yinkosi
phezu kukaIsrayeli eSamariya, wabusa iminyaka emibili.
24 Wasesenza okubi emehlweni eNkosi; kasukanga
ezonweni zikaJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati owenza
uIsrayeli one. 25 Kodwa uPheka indodana kaRemaliya,
induna yakhe, wamenzela ugobe wamtshaya eSamariya
enqabeni yendlu yenkosi, kanye loArigobi loAriye,
njalo kanye laye abantu abangamatshumi amahlanu
bamaGileyadi. Wambulala, waba yinkosi esikhundleni
sakhe. 26 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaPhekahiya, lakho
konke akwenzayo, khangela, kubhaliwe egwalweni
lwemilando yamakhosi akoIsrayeli. 27 Ngomnyaka
wamatshumi amahlanu lambili kaAzariya inkosi yakoJuda
uPheka indodana kaRemaliya waba yinkosi phezu
kukaIsrayeli eSamariya; wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi
amabili. 28 Wasesenza okubi emehlweni eNkosi;
kasukanga ezonweni zikaJerobhowamu indodana
kaNebati owenza uIsrayeli one. 29 Ensukwini zikaPheka
inkosi yakoIsrayeli kwafika uTigilathi Pileseri inkosi
yeAsiriya, wathatha iIjoni, leAbeli-Beti-Mahaka, leJanowa,
leKedeshi, leHazori, leGileyadi, leGalili, ilizwe lonke
lakoNafithali; wabathumbela eAsiriya. 30 UHosheya
indodana kaEla wasesenza ugobe emelene loPheka
indodana kaRemaliya, wamtshaya wambulala, waba
yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe ngomnyaka wamatshumi
amabili kaJothamu, indodana kaUziya. 31 Ezinye-ke
zezindaba zikaPheka, lakho konke akwenzayo, khangela,
kubhaliwe egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoIsrayeli.
32 Ngomnyaka wesibili kaPheka indodana kaRemaliya
inkosi yakoIsrayeli uJothamu indodana kaUziya
inkosi yakoJuda waba yinkosi. 33 Wayeleminyaka
engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu lapho esiba yinkosi;
wabusa iminyaka elitshumi lesithupha eJerusalema.
Lebizo likanina lalinguJerusha indodakazi kaZadoki.
34 Wasesenza okulungileyo emehlweni eNkosi; wenza
njengakho konke uUziya uyise ayekwenzile. 35 Kodwa
indawo eziphakemeyo kazisuswanga; abantu babelokhu
benikela imihlatshelo betshisa impepha endaweni
eziphakemeyo. Yena wakha isango elingaphezulu
endlini yeNkosi. 36 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaJothamu,
azenzayo, kazibhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando
yamakhosi akoJuda? 37 Ngalezonsuku iNkosi yaqala
ukuthumela koJuda uRezini inkosi yeSiriya loPheka
indodana kaRemaliya. 38 UJothamu waselala laboyise,
wangcwatshelwa kuboyise emzini kaDavida uyise.
UAhazi indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni
sakhe.

16 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lesikhombisa kaPheka
indodana kaRemaliya uAhazi indodana kaJothamu
inkosi yakoJuda waba yinkosi. 2 UAhazi wayeleminyaka
engamatshumi amabili lapho esiba yinkosi; wabusa
iminyaka elitshumi lesithupha eJerusalema. Kenzanga-
ke okulungileyo emehlweni eNkosi uNkulunkulu wakhe,
njengoDavida uyise. 3 Kodwa wahamba ngendlela
yamakhosi akoIsrayeli, yebo, futhi wenza indodana
yakhe idabule emlilweni, njengezinengiso zezizwe iNkosi
eyazixotsha elifeni phambi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli.
4 Wanikela imihlatshelo watshisa impepha endaweni
eziphakemeyo laphezu kwamaqaqa langaphansi kwaso
sonke isihlahla esiluhlaza. 5 Khona uRezini inkosi yeSiriya
loPheka indodana kaRemaliya, inkosi yakoIsrayeli,
benyukela eJerusalema ukulwa, bamvimbezela uAhazi
kodwa kababanga lakho ukunqoba. 6 Ngalesosikhathi
uRezini inkosi yeSiriya wabuyisela iElathi eSiriya,
waxotsha amaJuda eElathi; amaSiriya asesiza eElathi
ahlala khona kuze kube lamuhla. 7 UAhazi
wasethuma izithunywa kuTigilathi Pileseri inkosi yeAsiriya
esithi: Ngiyinceku yakho lendodana yakho; yenyuka
ungisindise esandleni senkosi yeSiriya lesandleni senkosi
yakoIsrayeli abangivukelayo. 8 UAhazi wasethatha isiliva
legolide okwakutholwa endlini kaJehova lenothweni
yendlu yenkosi, wathumela isipho enkosini yeAsiriya.
9 Inkosi yeAsiriya yasimlalela, ngoba inkosi yeAsiriya
yenyuka imelene leDamaseko yayithumba, yabathumbela
eKiri abantu bayo, yabulala uRezini. 10 Inkosi uAhazi
yasisiya eDamaseko ukuhlangana loTigilathi Pileseri
inkosi yeAsiriya, yabona ilathi elaliseDamaseko. Inkosi
uAhazi yasithumela kuUriya umpristi isimo selathi
lomfanekiso walo njengokwenziwa kwalo konke. 11 U-
Uriya umpristi wasesakha ilathi njengakho konke uAhazi
akuthumela kuvela eDamaseko; uUriya umpristi wenza
njalo, yaze yafika inkosi uAhazi ivela eDamaseko. 12
Inkosi isibuyile eDamaseko inkosi yalibona ilathi. Inkosi
yasondela elathini, yanikela phezu kwalo. 13 Yasitshisa
umnikelo wayo wokutshiswa lomnikelo wayo wokudla,
yathela umnikelo wayo wokunathwayo, yafafaza igazi
leminikelo yokuthula eyayilayo phezu kwelathi. 14
Kodwa ilathi lethusi elaliphambi kweNkosi yaliletha
lisuka phambi kwendlu, lisuka phakathi kwelathi lendlu
yeNkosi, yalifaka ehlangothini lwenyakatho lwelathi.
15 Inkosi uAhazi yasimlaya uUriya umpristi isithi:
Phezu kwelathi elikhulu tshisa umnikelo wokutshiswa
wekuseni, lomnikelo wokudla wantambama, lomnikelo
wokutshiswa wenkosi, lomnikelo wayo wokudla, lomnikelo
wokutshiswa wabo bonke abantu belizwe, lomnikelo
wabo wokudla, leminikelo yabo yokunathwayo; ufafaze
phezu kwalo lonke igazi lomnikelo wokutshiswa lalo
lonke igazi lomhlatshelo. Kodwa ilathi lethusi lizakuba
ngelami ukubuza ngalo. 16 U-Uriya umpristi wasesenza
njengakho konke inkosi uAhazi eyayikulayile. 17
Inkosi uAhazi yasiquma imiphetho yezisekelo, yasusa
inditshi yokugezela kuzo, yethula ulwandle phezu
kwenkabi zethusi ezazingaphansi kwalo, yalubeka

phezu kokugandelwe ngamatshe. 18 Lokwembesiweyo
kwesabatha ababekwakhe endlini, lentuba yenkosi
phandle, yakususa endlini yeNkosi, ngenxa yenkosi
yeAsiriya. 19 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaAhazi azenzayo,
kazibhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi
akoJuda? 20 UAhazi waselala laboyise, wangcwatshelwa
kuboyise emzini kaDavida. UHezekhiya indodana yakhe
wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

17 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lambili kaAhazi inkosi
yakoJuda uHosheya indodana kaEla waba yinkosi
eSamariya phezu kukaIsrayeli; wabusa iminyaka
eyisificamunwemunye. 2 Wasesenza okubi emehlweni
eNkosi, loba kunjalo kungenjengamakhosi akoIsrayeli
ayengaphambi kwakhe. 3 UShalimaneseri inkosi
yeAsiriya wenyuka wamelana laye; uHosheya wasesiba
yinceku yakhe, wathela umthelo kuye. 4 Kodwa inkosi
yeAsiriya yafica ugobe kuHosheya, ngoba wayethume
izithunywa kuSo inkosi yeGibhithe, kazabe esenyusa
umthelo enkosini yeAsiriya umnyaka ngomnyaka. Ngakho
inkosi yeAsiriya yamvalela yambopha entolongweni.
5 Inkosi yeAsiriya yasisenyukela kulo lonke ilizwe,
yenyukela eSamariya, yayivimbezela iminyaka emithathu.
6 Ngomnyaka wesificamunwemunye kaHosheya, inkosi
yeAsiriya yathumba iSamariya yathumbela uIsrayeli
eAsiriya, yabahlalisa eHala leHabori, umfula weGozani,
lemizini yamaMede. 7 Lokhu-ke kwenzeka ngoba
abantwana bakoIsrayeli babonile eNkosini uNkulunkulu
wabo eyayibenyuse elizweni leGibhithe ibasusa
ngaphansi kwesandla sikaFaro inkosi yeGibhithe,
babesabe abanye onkulunkulu, 8 bahamba ezimisweni
zezizwe iNkosi eyayizixotshe elifeni phambi kwabantwana
bakoIsrayeli, lezamakhosi akoIsrayeli, ayezenzile.
9 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli benza ensitha izinto
ezingalunganga bemelene leNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo.
Babezakhele indawo eziphakemeyo kuyo yonke imizi
yabo, kusukela enqabeni yabalindi kuze kube semzini
obiyelweyo. 10 Basebezimisela insika eziyizithombe
lezixuku phezu kwawo wonke amaqaqa aphakemeyo
langaphansi kwaso sonke isihlahla esiluhlaza. 11
Basebetshisa lapho impepha endaweni zonke
eziphakemeyo, njengezizwe iNkosi eyazikhokhelela
ekuthunjweni phambi kwabo; benza izinto ezimbi
ukuyithukuthelisa iNkosi. 12 Ngoba bakhonza izithombe,
iNkosi eyayithe ngazo kubo: Kaliyikuyenza linto. 13 Kanti
iNkosi yafakaza imelene loIsrayeli njalo imelene loJuda
ngesandla sabo bonke abaprofethi lababoni bonke isithi:
Phendukani endleleni zenu ezimbi, ligcine imithetho
yami, izimiso zami, njengokomlayo wonke engawulaya
oyihlo lengawuthumela kini ngesandla senceku zami
abaprofethi. 14 Loba kunjalo kabalalelanga, kodwa
benza lukhuni intamo yabo, njengentamo yaboyise,
abangakholwanga eNkosini uNkulunkulu wabo. 15 Njalo
bala izimiso zayo lesivumelwano sayo eyasenza laboyise
lezifakazelo zayo eyazifakaza imelene labo, balandela
ize, baba yize, balandela izizwe ezazibahanqile,
iNkosi eyayibalaye ngazo ukuthi bangenzi njengazo.
16 Bayitshiya yonke imilayo yeNkosi uNkulunkulu
wabo, bazenzela izithombe ezibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa,
amathole amabili, benza isixuku, bakhothamela lonke
ibutho lamazulu, bakhonza uBhali. 17 Benza amadodana
abo lamadodakazi abo adabule emlilweni, benza
ukuvumisa, benza imilingo, bazithengisela ukwenza okubi
emehlweni eNkosi ukuyithukuthelisa. 18 Ngakho iNkosi
yamthukuthelela kakhulu uIsrayeli, yabasusa ebusweni
bayo; kakusalanga loyedwa ngaphandle kwesizwe
sakoJuda kuphela. 19 Laye uJuda kayigcinanga imilayo
yeNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo, kodwa bahamba ngezimiso
zikaIsrayeli abazenzayo. 20 INkosi yasiyala yonke
inzalo yakoIsrayeli, yayihlupha, yayinikela esandleni
sabaphangi, yaze yabalahla yabasusa phambi kwayo.
21 Ngoba yamdabula uIsrayeli imsusa endlini kaDavida,
basebebeka uJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati ukuthi
abe yinkosi. UJerobhowamu wamqhuba wamphambula
uIsrayeli ekulandeleni iNkosi, wabenza bona isono
esikhulu. 22 Ngoba abantwana bakoIsrayeli bahamba
ngazo zonke izono zikaJerobhowamu azenzayo,
kabasukanga kuzo, 23 iNkosi yaze yamsusa uIsrayeli
phambi kwayo njengokutsho kwayo ngesandla sazo
zonke inceku zayo abaprofethi. Ngakho uIsrayeli
wathunjwa wasuswa elizweni lakhe wasiwa eAsiriya
kuze kube lamuhla. 24 Inkosi yeAsiriya yasiletha
abantu abavela eBhabhiloni labavela eKutha labavela
eAva labavela eHamathi labavela eSefavayimi,
yabahlalisa emizini yeSamariya esikhundleni sabantwana
bakoIsrayeli, badla ilifa leSamariya, bahlala emizini
yayo. 25 Kwasekusithi ekuqaleni kokuhlala kwabo
khona kabayesabanga iNkosi; ngakho iNkosi yathumela
izilwane phakathi kwabo ezabulala abanye babo.
26 Ngakho bakhuluma enkosini yeAsiriya besithi:
Izizwe owazisusayo wazihlalisa emizini yeSamariya
kaziwazi umkhuba kaNkulunkulu walelolizwe; ngakho
uthumele izilwane phakathi kwazo, khangela-ke
ziyazibulala, ngoba kaziwazi umkhuba kaNkulunkulu
walelolizwe. 27 Inkosi yeAsiriya yasilaya isithi: Yisani
khona omunye wabapristi elabathumbayo besuka
lapho; kabayehlala khona, kabafundise umkhuba
kaNkulunkulu walelolizwe. 28 Ngakho omunye wabapristi
ababebathumbe besuka eSamariya weza wahlala
eBhetheli, wabafundisa ukuthi bangayesaba njani iNkosi.
29 Loba kunjalo zonke izizwe zenza onkulunkulu
bazo, zabafaka ezindlini zezindawo eziphakemeyo
amaSamariya azenzayo, yileso laleso isizwe emizini
yazo ezihlala kuyo. 30 Labantu beBhabhiloni benza
uSukothi-Benothi, labantu beKuthi benza uNerigali,
labantu beHamathi benza uAshima, 31 lamaAvi
enza uNibazi loTaritaki, lamaSefavayimi ayetshisa
abantwana bawo emlilweni esenzela uAdrameleki
loAnameleki onkulunkulu beSefavayimi. 32 Babeyesaba

leNkosi, bazenzela abapristi bezindawo eziphakemeyo
kwabaphansi kakhulu babo, ababebasebenzela ezindlini
zezindawo eziphakemeyo. 33 Babeyesaba iNkosi,
njalo babekhonza onkulunkulu babo njengomkhuba
wezizwe ezabathumbayo besuka lapho. 34 Kuze kube
lamuhla benza njengemikhuba yakuqala. Kabayesabi
iNkosi, kabenzi njengezimiso zabo lanjengezimiselo
zabo lanjengomlayo lanjengomthetho iNkosi eyakulaya
abantwana bakaJakobe, owamutha ibizo elithi uIsrayeli.
35 INkosi eyenza isivumelwano labo, yabalaya isithi:
Kaliyikwesaba abanye onkulunkulu, lingabakhothameli,
lingabasebenzeli, lingabahlabeli. 36 Kodwa iNkosi
eyalenyusa elizweni leGibhithe ngamandla amakhulu
langengalo eyeluliweyo, yona lizayesaba njalo yona
lizayikhothamela njalo yona lizayihlabela. 37 Lezimiso
lezimiselo lomlayo lomthetho eyalibhalela khona,
lizaqaphelisa ukukwenza zonke izinsuku, lingesabi
abanye onkulunkulu. 38 Lesivumelwano engasenza
lani lingasikhohlwa, lingesabi abanye onkulunkulu. 39
Kodwa iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu lizayesaba; yona-ke
izalikhulula esandleni sezitha zenu zonke. 40 Loba
kunjalo kabalalelanga, kodwa benza njengomkhuba
wabo wakuqala. 41 Lezizizwe zayesaba-ke iNkosi,
kodwa zakhonza izithombe zazo ezibaziweyo; bobabili
abantwana bazo labantwana babantwana bazo,
njengokwenza kwaboyise benza labo kuze kube lamuhla.

18 Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wesithathu kaHosheya
indodana kaEla, inkosi yakoIsrayeli, uHezekhiya
indodana kaAhazi inkosi yakoJuda waba yinkosi. 2
Wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu lapho
esiba yinkosi; wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi amabili
lesificamunwemunye eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina
lalinguAbhi indodakazi kaZekhariya. 3 Wasesenza
okulungileyo emehlweni eNkosi njengakho konke
uDavida uyise akwenzayo. 4 Yena wasusa indawo
eziphakemeyo, wabhidliza insika eziyizithombe,
wagamula izixuku, wachoboza inyoka yethusi uMozisi
ayeyenzile, ngoba kuze kube yilezonsuku abantwana
bakoIsrayeli babeyitshisela impepha; wayibiza
ngokuthi nguNehushitani. 5 Wathembela eNkosini,
uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli; okwathi emva kwakhe kakubanga
khona onjengaye emakhosini wonke akoJuda, loba
ayengaphambi kwakhe. 6 Ngoba wanamathela eNkosini,
kaphambukanga ekuyilandeleni, kodwa wagcina imilayo
yayo iNkosi eyayilaya uMozisi. 7 LeNkosi yaba laye;
loba ngaphi lapho aphumela khona waphumelela.
Wavukela inkosi yeAsiriya, kayisebenzelanga. 8 Yena
watshaya amaFilisti waze wafika eGaza lemingcele
yayo, kusukela emphotshongweni wabalindi kuze
kube semzini obiyelweyo. 9 Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka
wesine wenkosi uHezekhiya, owawungumnyaka
wesikhombisa kaHosheya indodana kaEla, inkosi
yakoIsrayeli, uShalimaneseri inkosi yeAsiriya
wenyuka wamelana leSamariya, wayivimbezela. 10
Basebeyithumba ekupheleni kweminyaka emithathu.
Ngomnyaka wesithupha kaHezekhiya, owawungumnyaka
wesificamunwemunye kaHosheya inkosi yakoIsrayeli,
iSamariya yathunjwa. 11 Inkosi yeAsiriya yathumbela
uIsrayeli eAsiriya, yababeka eHala leHabori
umfula weGozani, lemizini yamaMede. 12 Ngoba
bengalilalelanga ilizwi leNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo, kodwa
baseqa isivumelwano sayo, konke uMozisi inceku
yeNkosi eyayikulayile; kabalalelanga, kabenzanga. 13
Langomnyaka wetshumi lane wenkosi uHezekhiya,
uSenakheribi inkosi yeAsiriya wenyuka wamelana layo
yonke imizi yakoJuda ebiyelweyo, wayithumba. 14
UHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda wasethumela enkosini
yeAsiriya eLakishi esithi: Ngonile; buyela usuke
kimi; okubeka phezu kwami ngizakuthwala. Inkosi
yeAsiriya yasibeka phezu kukaHezekhiya inkosi
yakoJuda amathalenta esiliva angamakhulu amathathu,
lamathalenta angamatshumi amathathu egolide. 15
UHezekhiya wasemnika sonke isiliva esatholakala endlini
kaJehova lenothweni yendlu yenkosi. 16 Ngalesosikhathi
uHezekhiya waquma igolide ezivalweni zethempeli
leNkosi, lemigubazini uHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda
ayekunamathisele, walinika inkosi yeAsiriya. 17 Inkosi
yeAsiriya yasithuma uTharithani loRabi-Sarisi loRabi-
Shake besuka eLakishi besiya enkosini uHezekhiya
belebutho elinzima eJerusalema. Benyuka-ke bafika
eJerusalema. Sebenyuke bafika bema emgelweni
wechibi eliphezulu, elisemgwaqweni omkhulu wensimu
yomwatshi. 18 Sebebize inkosi, kwaphumela kibo
uEliyakhimi indodana kaHilikhiya owayengumphathi
wendlu, loShebina umbhali, loJowa indodana kaAsafi
umabhalane. 19 URabi-Shake wasesithi kibo: Khulumani
khathesi kuHezekhiya: Itsho njalo inkosi enkulu, inkosi
yeAsiriya ithi: Yisibindi bani lesi, othembela kuso? 20
Uthi, kodwa yilizwi lendebe nje: Kulecebo lamandla empi.
Usuthembe bani ukuthi ungivukele? 21 Khangela-ke,
wena uthembele odondolweni lomhlanga owephukileyo,
oluyiGibhithe, uba umuntu eseyama phezu kwalo,
luzangena esandleni sakhe lusihlabe. Unjalo uFaro inkosi
yeGibhithe kubo bonke abathembela kuye. 22 Kodwa
uba lisithi kimi: ENkosini uNkulunkulu wethu siyathemba;
angithi yiyo elezindawo zayo eziphakemeyo lamalathi ayo
uHezekhiya awasusileyo, wathi kuJuda leJerusalema:
Phambi kwalelilathi lizakhonza eJerusalema? 23
Ngakho-ke, akunike isibambiso enkosini yami, inkosi
yeAsiriya, njalo ngizakunika amabhiza azinkulungwane
ezimbili, uba wena ulakho ukunika abagadi bawo. 24
Pho, uzabuyisela emuva njani ubuso benduna eyodwa
yabancinyane nje benceku zenkosi yami; wena-ke
uthembele eGibhithe ngezinqola labagadi bamabhiza?
25 Kambe ngenyukile yini ukumelana lalindawo
ngingelaJehova ukuyichitha? UJehova uthe kimi:
Yenyuka umelane lalelilizwe, ulichithe. 26 UEliyakhimi
indodana kaHilikhiya loShebina loJowa basebesithi

kuRabi-Shake: Akukhulume lenceku zakho ngesiSiriya,
ngoba siyasizwa; ungakhulumi lathi ngesiJuda endlebeni
zabantu abasemdulini. 27 Kodwa uRabi-Shake wathi
kubo: Inkosi yami ingithumile yini enkosini yakho lakuwe
ukukhuluma lamazwi? Kakusebantwini yini abahlezi
phezu komduli ukuze badle ubulongwe babo, banathe
umchamo wabo kanye lani? 28 URabi-Shake wasesima
wamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu ngesiJuda, wakhuluma
esithi: Zwanini ilizwi lenkosi enkulu, inkosi yeAsiriya.
29 Itsho njalo inkosi: UHezekhiya kangalikhohlisi,
ngoba kayikuba lakho ukulikhulula esandleni sayo.
30 Njalo uHezekhiya angalenzi lithembele eNkosini
esithi: INkosi izasikhulula lokusikhulula, lalumuzi
kawuyikunikelwa esandleni senkosi yeAsiriya. 31
Lingamlaleli uHezekhiya, ngoba itsho njalo inkosi
yeAsiriya: Yenzani isivumelwano sokuthula lami,
liphume lize kimi; dlanini-ke, ngulowo lalowo okwevini
lakhe langulowo lalowo okomkhiwa wakhe, linathe,
ngulowo lalowo amanzi omthombo wakhe; 32 ngize
ngifike ngilithathe ngilise elizweni elifanana lelizwe
lakini, ilizwe lamabele lewayini elitsha, ilizwe lesinkwa
lezivini, ilizwe lamafutha emihlwathi loluju, ukuze liphile
lingafi. Lingamlaleli uHezekhiya ngoba eliyenga esithi:
INkosi izasikhulula. 33 Onkulunkulu bezizwe sebake
bawakhulula yini ngulowo lalowo ilizwe lakhe esandleni
senkosi yeAsiriya? 34 Bangaphi onkulunkulu beHamathi
leArpadi? Bangaphi onkulunkulu beSefavayimi, beHena,
leIva? Kambe bayikhulule yini iSamariya esandleni sami?
35 Ngobani kubo bonke onkulunkulu balawomazwe
abakhulule ilizwe labo esandleni sami, ukuthi iNkosi
ikhulule iJerusalema esandleni sami? 36 Kodwa
abantu bathula, kabaze bamphendula lalizwi, ngoba
umlayo wenkosi wawuyikuthi: Lingamphenduli. 37
UEliyakhimi indodana kaHilikhiya owayengumphathi
wendlu, loShebina umbhali, loJowa indodana kaAsafi
umabhalane, basebesiza kuHezekhiya izigqoko
zidatshuliwe, bamtshela amazwi kaRabi-Shake.

19 Kwasekusithi lapho inkosi uHezekhiya isizwile,
yadabula izigqoko zayo, yazembesa ngesaka,
yangena endlini yeNkosi. 2 Yasithuma uEliyakhimi
owayephezu kwendlu, loShebina umabhalane, labadala
babapristi, bembeswe ngamasaka kuIsaya umprofethi
indodana kaAmozi. 3 Basebesithi kuye: Utsho njalo
uHezekhiya: Lolusuku lusuku lohlupho lolokusolwa
lolokweyiswa; ngoba abantwana sebefikile emlonyeni
wesizalo, kanti kakulamandla okubeletha. 4
Mhlawumbe iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho izakuzwa
wonke amazwi kaRabi-Shake, inkosi yeAsiriya inkosi
yakhe eyamthumayo, ukuthi aklolodele uNkulunkulu
ophilayo; njalo izasola amazwi iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho
ewezwileyo: Ngakho phakamiselani insali etholakeleyo
umkhuleko. 5 Izinceku zenkosi uHezekhiya zasezifika
kuIsaya. 6 UIsaya wasesithi kuzo: Lizakutsho njalo
enkosini yenu: Utsho njalo uJehova: Ungesabi amazwi
owezwileyo inceku zenkosi yeAsiriya ezingithuke
ngawo. 7 Khangela, ngizafaka umoya kuyo, njalo
izakuzwa ihungahunga, ibuyele elizweni layo; ngizayenza
ukuthi iwe ngenkemba elizweni layo. 8 URabi-Shake
wasebuyela, wafica inkosi yeAsiriya isilwa imelene
leLibhina; ngoba wayezwile ukuthi isisukile eLakishi.
9 Kwathi isizwa ngoTirihaka inkosi yeEthiyophiya
kuthiwa: Khangela, uphumile ukuyakulwa emelene lawe,
yabuya yathuma izithunywa kuHezekhiya, isithi: 10
Lizakhuluma kanje kuHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda, lithi:
UNkulunkulu wakho omthembileyo kangakukhohlisi esithi:
IJerusalema kayiyikunikelwa esandleni senkosi yeAsiriya.
11 Khangela, wena usuzwile ukuthi amakhosi eAsiriya
enzeni kuwo wonke amazwe, ngokuwatshabalalisa.
Wena-ke uzakhululwa yini? 12 Onkulunkulu bezizwe
bazikhululile yini, obaba abazichithayo, iGozani leHarani
leRezefi labantwana bakaEdeni ababeseTelasari? 13
Ingaphi inkosi yeHamathi, lenkosi yeArpadi, lenkosi
yomuzi weSefavayimi, iHena, leIva? 14 UHezekhiya
waseyemukela incwadi esandleni sezithunywa, wayibala,
wasesenyukela endlini yeNkosi, uHezekhiya wayichaya
phambi kweNkosi. 15 UHezekhiya wasekhuleka
phambi kweNkosi, wathi: Nkosi, Nkulunkulu kaIsrayeli,
ohlala phakathi kwamakherubhi, wena unguNkulunkulu,
wena wedwa, wayo yonke imibuso yomhlaba; wena
wenze amazulu lomhlaba. 16 Nkosi, thoba indlebe
yakho, uzwe, Nkosi, vula amehlo akho, ubone; uzwe
amazwi kaSenakheribi amthume ngawo ukuklolodela
uNkulunkulu ophilayo. 17 Qiniso, Nkosi, amakhosi
eAsiriya azichithile izizwe lelizwe lazo, 18 aphosela
onkulunkulu bazo emlilweni; ngoba babengeyisibo
onkulunkulu, kodwa umsebenzi wezandla zabantu,
izigodo lamatshe; ngakho bababhubhisa. 19 Ngakho-ke,
Nkosi Nkulunkulu wethu, ngicela usisindise esandleni
sakhe, ukuze yonke imibuso yomhlaba yazi ukuthi
wena uyiNkosi uNkulunkulu, wena wedwa. 20 UIsaya
indodana kaAmozi wasethumela kuHezekhiya esithi:
Itsho njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu wakoIsrayeli: Lokho
okukhuleke kimi mayelana loSenakheribi inkosi yeAsiriya
ngikuzwile. 21 Yileli ilizwi iNkosi elikhulume mayelana
laye: Intombi emsulwa, indodakazi yeZiyoni, iyakudelela,
iyakuklolodela; indodakazi yeJerusalema inikina ikhanda
ngemva kwakho. 22 Ngubani omeyisileyo wamhlambaza?
Njalo uphakamisele bani ilizwi, waphakamisela amehlo
akho phezulu? Umelene loNgcwele kaIsrayeli. 23
Ngesandla sezithunywa zakho uyeyisile iNkosi, wathi:
Ngobunengi bezinqola zami ngenyuke indawo ephezulu
yezintaba, inhlangothi zeLebhanoni. Ngizagamula
imisedari yayo emide, lamafiri ayo akhethekileyo.
Ngizangena endaweni yokuhlala yamaphethelo ayo,
igusu eliminyeneyo. 24 Mina ngagebha nganatha amanzi
angaziwayo, langengaphansi yenyawo zami ngomisa
yonke imifula yezindawo ezivinjelweyo. 25 Kawuzwanga
yini ukuthi ngakwenza endulo, ngakubumba ensukwini

zendulo. Khathesi ngikufikisile, ukuthi ube ngowokudiliza
imizi evikelweyo ibe zinqumbi zamanxiwa. 26 Ngakho
abahlali bayo babelesandla esifitshane, besaba babe
lenhloni, baba njengotshani beganga lemibhida eluhlaza,
utshani bempahla, lamabele ahanguliweyo engakami.
27 Kodwa ngiyakwazi ukuhlala kwakho lokuphuma
kwakho lokungena kwakho lokungithukuthelela kwakho.
28 Ngenxa yokungithukuthelela kwakho, lokuthi
umsindo wakho wenyukele endlebeni zami, ngizafaka
umkhala wami emakhaleni akho, letomu lami
endebeni zakho, ngikwenze ubuyele ngendlela
oweza ngayo. 29 Lokhu-ke kuzakuba yisibonakaliso
kuwe; lonyaka uzakudla okuzikhulelayo, langomnyaka
wesibili umkhukhuzela, kuthi ngomnyaka wesithathu
lihlanyele livune, lihlanyele izivini lidle izithelo zazo.
30 Lokuphephileyo kwendlu yakoJuda okuseleyo
kuzaphinda kugxumeke impande phansi, kuthele izithelo
ngaphezulu. 31 Ngoba kuzaphuma eJerusalema insali,
lokuphephileyo entabeni yeZiyoni. Ukutshiseka kweNkosi
yamabandla kuzakwenza lokhu. 32 Ngakho utsho
njalo uJehova ngenkosi yeAsiriya: Kayiyikungena
kulumuzi, kayiyikutshoka umtshoko khona, kayiyikuza
phambi kwawo ilesihlangu, kayiyikubuthelela idundulu
maqondana lawo. 33 Ngendlela eyeza ngayo, ngayo
izabuyela, kayiyikungena kulo umuzi, itsho iNkosi. 34
Ngoba ngizawuvikela lumuzi ukuwusindisa, ngenxa
yami, langenxa kaDavida inceku yami. 35 Kwasekusithi
ngalobobusuku ingilosi yeNkosi yaphuma yatshaya
enkambeni yamaAsiriya izinkulungwane ezilikhulu
lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lanhlanu. Lapho bevuka
ekuseni kakhulu, khangela, bonke babeyizidumbu
ezifileyo. 36 Ngakho uSenakheribi inkosi yeAsiriya
wasuka wahamba wabuyela, wahlala eNineve. 37
Kwasekusithi ekhonza endlini kaNisiroki unkulunkulu
wakhe, oAdrameleki loSharezeri amadodana akhe
bamtshaya ngenkemba, bona baphephela elizweni
leArarathi. UEsarihadoni indodana yakhe wasebusa
esikhundleni sakhe.

20 Ngalezonsuku uHezekhiya wagula okokufa. UIsaya
indodana kaAmozi umprofethi wasefika kuye wathi
kuye: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Laya indlu yakho, ngoba
uzakufa, kawuyikuphila. 2 Wasephendulela ubuso bakhe
emdulini, wakhuleka eNkosini esithi: 3 Ngiyakuncenga
Nkosi, ake ukhumbule ukuthi ngihambe phambi
kwakho ngobuqotho langenhliziyo ephelelelyo, ngenza
okulungileyo emehlweni akho. UHezekhiya wasekhala
inyembezi ngokukhala okukhulu. 4 Kwasekusithi
uIsaya engakaphumi egumeni elingaphakathi, ilizwi
leNkosi lafika kuye lisithi: 5 Buyela uthi kuHezekhiya
umbusi wabantu bami: Itsho njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu
kaDavida uyihlo: Ngiwuzwile umkhuleko wakho, ngabona
inyembezi zakho; khangela, ngizakusilisa; ngosuku
lwesithathu uzakwenyukela endlini yeNkosi. 6 Njalo
ngizakwengezelela iminyaka elitshumi lanhlanu ensukwini
zakho; ngikukhulule wena lalumuzi esandleni senkosi
yeAsiriya; ngiwuvikele lumuzi ngenxa yami langenxa
yenceku yami uDavida. 7 UIsaya wasesithi: Thathani
isigaqa somkhiwa. Basebesithatha, basifaka phezu
kwethumba, yasisila. 8 UHezekhiya wasesithi kuIsaya:
Yisiphi isibonakaliso sokuthi iNkosi izangisilisa, lokuthi
ngizakwenyukela endlini yeNkosi ngosuku lwesithathu?
9 UIsaya wasesithi: Lesi yisibonakaliso kuwe esivela
eNkosini esokuthi iNkosi izayenza into eyikhulumileyo:
Isithunzi sizakuya phambili izinyathelo ezilitshumi, loba
siye emuva izinyathelo ezilitshumi yini? 10 UHezekhiya
wasesithi: Kulula esithunzini ukuthi selule izinyathelo
ezilitshumi; hatshi, kodwa isithunzi kasibuyele emuva
izinyathelo ezilitshumi. 11 UIsaya umprofethi wasekhala
eNkosini, yasibuyisela emuva isithunzi, ngezinyathelo
esasehle ngazo esikhwelweni sikaAhazi, izinyathelo
ezilitshumi emuva. 12 Ngalesosikhathi uMerodaki-
Baladani indodana kaBaladani, inkosi yeBhabhiloni,
wathumela izincwadi lesipho kuHezekhiya, ngoba
wayezwile ukuthi uHezekhiya ubekade egula. 13
UHezekhiya wabalalela, wabatshengisa yonke indlu
yakhe yezinto eziligugu, isiliva legolide lamakha
lamafutha amahle lendlu yezikhali zakhe, lakho
konke okwakutholakala endlini yakhe yokuligugu;
kakulalutho endlini yakhe lembusweni wonke wakhe
uHezekhiya angabatshengisanga lona. 14 UIsaya
umprofethi wasesiza enkosini uHezekhiya wathi kiyo:
Batheni lababantu? Futhi bebevela ngaphi besiza
kuwe? UHezekhiya wasesithi: Bebevela elizweni
elikhatshana, eBhabhiloni. 15 Wasesithi: Baboneni
endlini yakho? UHezekhiya wasesithi: Babone konke
okusendlini yami; kakulalutho phakathi kokuligugu kwami
engingabatshengisanga khona. 16 UIsaya wasesithi
kuHezekhiya: Zwana ilizwi leNkosi. 17 Khangela, insuku
ziyeza lapho konke okusendlini yakho lalokho oyihlo
abakubekelelayo kuze kube lamuhla kuzathwalelwa
eBhabhiloni; kakuyikusala lutho, itsho iNkosi. 18
Njalo bazathatha emadodaneni akho azaphuma kuwe,
ozawazala, abe ngabathenwa esigodlweni senkosi
yeBhabhiloni. 19 UHezekhiya wasesithi kuIsaya: Lihle
ilizwi leNkosi olikhulumileyo. Wasesithi: Kakunjalo yini,
uba kuzakuba khona ukuthula lokuvikeleka ensukwini
zami? 20 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaHezekhiya, lawo
wonke amandla akhe, lokuthi wenza ichibi, lomgelo,
wangenisa amanzi phakathi komuzi, kakubhalwanga
yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi akoJuda? 21
UHezekhiya waselala laboyise. UManase indodana
yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

21 UManase wayeleminyaka elitshumi lambili lapho
esiba yinkosi; wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi
amahlanu lanhlanu eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina
lalinguHefiziba. 2 Wasesenza okubi emehlweni
eNkosi njengokwamanyala ezizwe iNkosi eyazixotsha

elifeni phambi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli. 3 Ngoba
wabuya wakha indawo eziphakemeyo uyise uHezekhiya
ayezichithile, wamisela uBhali amalathi, wenza
isixuku, njengokwenza kukaAhabi inkosi yakoIsrayeli,
wakhothamela ibutho lonke lamazulu, walikhonza. 4
Wasesakha amalathi endlini yeNkosi, iNkosi eyathi ngayo:
EJerusalema ngizabeka ibizo lami. 5 Wasesakhela ibutho
lonke lamazulu amalathi emagumeni womabili endlini
yeNkosi. 6 Wasedabulisa indodana yakhe emlilweni,
wachasisa ngemibono, wenza imilingo, wasebenza
labalamadlozi labalumbayo. Wenza okubi kakhulu
emehlweni eNkosi ukuyithukuthelisa. 7 Wasemisa
isithombe esibaziweyo sesixuku ayesenzile endlini, iNkosi
eyakhuluma ngayo kuDavida lakuSolomoni indodana
yakhe yathi: Kulindlu, leJerusalema engiyikhethe kuzo
zonke izizwe zakoIsrayeli, ngizabeka ibizo lami kuze
kube nininini. 8 Kangisayikuzulisa unyawo lukaIsrayeli
luphume futhi elizweni engalinika oyise, kuphela uba
bezananzelela ukwenza njengakho konke engabalaya
khona langokomlayo wonke inceku yami uMozisi
eyabalaya wona. 9 Kodwa kabalalelanga; uManase
wasebaphambukisa ukuthi benze okubi okwedlula izizwe
iNkosi eyazichitha phambi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli.
10 INkosi yasikhuluma ngezinceku zayo abaprofethi
isithi: 11 Ngenxa yokuthi uManase inkosi yakoJuda
wenzile lamanyala, wenze okubi okwedlula konke
amaAmori akwenzayo, ayephambi kwakhe, wonisa
loJuda ngezithombe zakhe. 12 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi,
uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Khangela, ngiletha okubi phezu
kweJerusalema loJuda kuthi laye wonke ozwayo indlebe
zakhe zombili zizakhenceza ngakho. 13 Ngizakwelula
phezu kweJerusalema intambo yeSamariya, lentambo
yokulinganisa yendlu kaAhabi, ngiyesule iJerusalema
njengowesula umganu, awesule awumbokothe. 14 Njalo
ngizatshiya insali yelifa lami, ngibanikele esandleni
sezitha zabo, babe ngokubanjiweyo lempango kwezitha
zabo zonke, 15 ngenxa yokuthi benzile okubi emehlweni
ami, bayangithukuthelisa, kusukela osukwini oyise
abaphuma ngalo eGibhithe ngitsho kuze kube lamuhla.
16 Futhi-ke uManase uchithile igazi elinengi kakhulu
elingelacala waze wayigcwalisa iJerusalema kusukela
ekuqaleni kuze kube sekucineni, ngaphandle kwesono
sakhe enza ngaso uJuda ukuthi one, ukwenza
okubi emehlweni eNkosi. 17 Ezinye-ke zezindaba
zikaManase, lakho konke akwenzayo, lesono sakhe
asonayo, kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando
yamakhosi akoJuda? 18 UManase waselala laboyise,
wangcwatshelwa esivandeni sendlu yakhe, esivandeni
sikaUza. UAmoni indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi
esikhundleni sakhe. 19 UAmoni wayeleminyaka
engamatshumi amabili lambili lapho esiba yinkosi;
wabusa iminyaka emibili eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina
lalinguMeshulemethi indodakazi kaHaruzi weJotiba. 20
Wasesenza okubi emehlweni eNkosi njengokwenza
kukaManase uyise. 21 Wahamba ngendlela yonke uyise
ahamba ngayo, wakhonza izithombe uyise azikhonzayo,
wakhothama kuzo. 22 Wayidela iNkosi, uNkulunkulu
waboyise, kahambanga ngendlela yeNkosi. 23 Izinceku
zikaAmoni zasezimenzela ugobe, zabulala inkosi endlini
yayo. 24 Kodwa abantu belizwe babatshaya bonke
labo ababenzele inkosi uAmoni ugobe; abantu belizwe
basebebeka uJosiya indodana yakhe ukuba yinkosi
esikhundleni sakhe. 25 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaAmoni
azenzayo kazibhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando
yamakhosi akoJuda? 26 Wasengcwatshelwa engcwabeni
lakhe esivandeni sikaUza. UJosiya indodana yakhe
wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

22 UJosiya wayeleminyaka eyisificaminwembili lapho
esiba yinkosi; wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi
amathathu lanye eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina
lalinguJedida indodakazi kaAdaya weBhozikhathi. 2
Wasesenza okulungileyo emehlweni eNkosi, wahamba
ngayo yonke indlela kaDavida uyise, kaze aphambukela
ngakwesokunene langakwesokhohlo. 3 Kwasekusithi
ngomnyaka wetshumi lesificaminwembili wenkosi
uJosiya, inkosi yathuma uShafani indodana kaAzaliya
indodana kaMeshulamu, umabhalane, endlini yeNkosi,
esithi: 4 Yenyukela kuHilikhiya umpristi omkhulu ukuthi
ahlanganise imali elethwe endlini yeNkosi, abalindi
bombundu womnyango ababeyiqoqe ebantwini. 5
Kabayinikele esandleni sabenzi bomsebenzi abamiswe
phezu kwendlu yeNkosi, kabayinike abenzi bomsebenzi
osendlini yeNkosi, ukulungisa izikhala zendlu, 6 kubabazi,
lakubakhi, lakubabazi bamatshe, lokuthenga amapulanka
lamatshe abaziweyo ukulungisa indlu. 7 Kodwa
akubalelwananga labo imali eyayinikelwe esandleni
sabo ngoba benza ngokuthembeka. 8 UHilikhiya
umpristi omkhulu wasesithi kuShafani umabhalane:
Sengifice ugwalo lomlayo endlini yeNkosi. UHilikhiya
wasenika uShafani ugwalo, waselufunda. 9 UShafani
umabhalane wasefika enkosini, wabuyisela ilizwi enkosini
wathi: Izinceku zakho seziyithulule imali eficwe endlini,
zayinikela esandleni sabenzi bomsebenzi abamiswe
phezu kwendlu yeNkosi. 10 UShafani umabhalane
wasebika enkosini esithi: UHilikhiya umpristi unginike
ugwalo. UShafani waselufunda phambi kwenkosi. 11
Kwasekusithi inkosi isizwile amazwi ogwalo lomlayo,
yadabula izigqoko zayo. 12 Inkosi yasilaya uHilikhiya
umpristi loAhikhamu indodana kaShafani loAkhibhori
indodana kaMikhaya loShafani umabhalane loAsaya
inceku yenkosi, isithi: 13 Hambani liyengibuzela
eNkosini mina labantu loJuda wonke mayelana lamazwi
alolugwalo oluficiweyo; ngoba yinkulu intukuthelo
yeNkosi esesiyibaselwe, ngoba obaba kabawalalelanga
amazwi alolugwalo, ukwenza konke okubhaliweyo
mayelana lathi. 14 Ngakho uHilikhiya umpristi
loAhikhamu loAkhibhori loShafani loAsaya baya kuHulida
umprofethikazi umkaShaluma indodana kaTikiva

indodana kaHarihasi, umgcini wezigqoko. Wayehlala-
ke eJerusalema esiGabeni seSibili. Basebekhuluma
laye. 15 Wasesithi kibo: Itsho njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli: Mtsheleni lowomuntu olithume kimi: 16
Itsho njalo iNkosi: Khangela, ngizakwehlisela okubi
kulindawo laphezu kwabakhileyo bayo, wonke amazwi
ogwalo inkosi yakoJuda elufundileyo. 17 Ngenxa
yokuthi bangidelile, batshisela abanye onkulunkulu
impepha, ukuze bangithukuthelise ngawo wonke
umsebenzi wezandla zabo. Ngakho intukuthelo yami
izavutha imelene lale indawo, ingacitshwa. 18 Kodwa
enkosini yakoJuda elithumileyo ukubuza eNkosini,
lizakutsho njalo kuyo: Itsho njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli: Mayelana lamazwi eliwezwileyo: 19
Ngoba inhliziyo yakho ibithambile, wazithoba phambi
kweNkosi, lapho usizwa engikukhulume ngimelene
lalindawo labakhileyo bayo, ukuthi bazakuba yincithakalo
lesiqalekiso, wadabula izigqoko zakho, wakhala
inyembezi phambi kwami, lami-ke ngizwile, kutsho iNkosi.
20 Ngakho, khangela, ngizakubuthela kuboyihlo, njalo
uzabuthelwa engcwabeni lakho ngokuthula, lamehlo
akho kawayikubona bonke ububi engizabehlisela phezu
kwalindawo. Basebebuyisela ilizwi enkosini.

23 Inkosi yasithumela, basebebuthanisa kuye bonke
abadala bakoJuda labeJerusalema. 2 Inkosi
yasisenyukela endlini kaJehova, lawo wonke amadoda
akoJuda labo bonke abahlali beJerusalema kanye laye,
labapristi labaprofethi, labo bonke abantu kusukela
komncinyane kusiya komkhulu, yasifunda endlebeni
zabo wonke amazwi ogwalo lwesivumelwano olwaficwa
endlini yeNkosi. 3 Inkosi yema-ke ngasensikeni, yenza
isivumelwano phambi kweNkosi, sokuhamba emva
kweNkosi, lokugcina imilayo yayo lemithetho yayo
lezimiso zayo ngenhliziyo yonke langomphefumulo
wonke, ukuqinisa amazwi alesisivumelwano abhaliweyo
kulolugwalo. Bonke abantu basebesima esivumelwaneni.
4 Inkosi yasilaya uHilikhiya umpristi omkhulu labapristi
besigaba sesibili labalindi bombundu womnyango ukuthi
bakhuphe ethempelini leNkosi zonke izitsha ezazenzelwe
uBhali lesixuku lebutho lonke lamazulu, wazitshisela
ngaphandle kweJerusalema eziqintini zeKidroni,
wathwalela umlotha wazo eBhetheli. 5 Wasesusa
abapristi bezithombe amakhosi akoJuda ayebabekile
ukuthi batshise impepha endaweni eziphakemeyo,
emizini yakoJuda, lendawo ezizingelezele iJerusalema,
lalabo ababetshisa impepha kuBhali, elangeni,
lenyangeni, lezinkanyezini, lebuthweni lonke lamazulu.
6 Wakhupha isixuku endlini yeNkosi, ngaphandle
kweJerusalema, wasisa esifuleni iKidroni, wasitshisa
esifuleni iKidroni, wasichola saba luthuli, waphosela
uthuli lwaso emangcwabeni abantwana babantu.
7 Wadiliza izindlu zezinkotshana ezazingasendlini
yeNkosi lapho abesifazana ababeselukela khona
amaveyili esixuku. 8 Wakhupha bonke abapristi
emizini yakoJuda, wangcolisa indawo eziphakemeyo
lapho abapristi ababetshisela khona impepha,
kusukela eGeba kusiya eBherishebha. Wadiliza indawo
eziphakemeyo zamasango ezisekungeneni kwesango
likaJoshuwa umbusi womuzi, ezazingakwesokhohlo
somuntu esangweni lomuzi. 9 Loba kunjalo abapristi
bendawo eziphakemeyo kabenyukelanga elathini leNkosi
eJerusalema, kodwa badla izinkwa ezingelamvubelo
phakathi kwabafowabo. 10 Wasengcolisa iTofethi
elisesihotsheni sendodana kaHinomu ukuze kungabi
khona umuntu odabulisa indodana yakhe kumbe
indodakazi yakhe emlilweni kuMoleki. 11 Wasesusa
amabhiza amakhosi akoJuda ayewanikele elangeni
ekungeneni kwendlu yeNkosi, ngasekamelweni
likaNathani-Meleki umthenwa elalisekhulusini, wazitshisa
inqola zelanga ngomlilo. 12 Lamalathi ayesephahleni
lwendlu kaAhazi engaphezulu awenzayo amakhosi
akoJuda, lamalathi uManase ayewenzile emagumeni
womabili endlu yeNkosi, inkosi yawadiliza yawachoboza
iwasusa lapho, yaluphosela uthuli lwawo esifuleni iKidroni.
13 Lendawo eziphakemeyo, ezaziphambi kweJerusalema,
ezazingakwesokunene sentaba yokubola, uSolomoni
inkosi yakoIsrayeli eyayizakhele uAshitarothi isinengiso
samaSidoni, loKemoshi isinengiso samaMowabi,
loMilkomu isinengiso sabantwana bakoAmoni, inkosi
yazingcolisa. 14 Wasephahlaza insika eziyizithombe,
wagamula izixuku, wagcwalisa izindawo zazo
ngamathambo abantu. 15 Lelathi lalo elaliseBhetheli,
lendawo ephakemeyo, ayenzayo uJerobhowamu
indodana kaNebati owenza uIsrayeli ukuthi one,
kokubili lelolathi lendawo ephakemeyo wakudiliza,
watshisa indawo ephakemeyo, wayichoboza yaba
luthuli, watshisa isixuku. 16 Lapho uJosiya ephenduka
wabona amangcwaba ayelapho entabeni, wathuma
wasekhupha amathambo emangcwabeni, wawatshisela
phezu kwelathi, walingcolisa, njengelizwi leNkosi
umuntu kaNkulunkulu ayelimemezele, owamemezela
lamazwi. 17 Wasesithi: Yisikhumbuzo sani lesiyana
engisibonayo? Abantu bomuzi basebesithi kuye:
Lingcwaba lomuntu kaNkulunkulu owavela koJuda
wamemezela lezizinto ozenzileyo umelene lelathi
leBhetheli. 18 Wasesithi: Myekeleni, kakungabi
lamuntu othinta amathambo akhe. Basebewayekela
amathambo akhe kanye lamathambo omprofethi owavela
eSamariya. 19 Njalo lazo zonke izindlu zezindawo
eziphakemeyo ezisemizini yeSamariya, amakhosi
akoIsrayeli ayezenzile ukuthukuthelisa, uJosiya wazisusa,
wenza kizo njengayo yonke imisebenzi ayeyenze
eBhetheli. 20 Wasebulala bonke abapristi bezindawo
eziphakemeyo, ababekhonapho, phezu kwamalathi,
watshisa amathambo abantu phezu kwawo. Wasebuyela
eJerusalema. 21 Inkosi yasilaya bonke abantu
isithi: Gcinani iphasika eNkosini uNkulunkulu wenu,
njengalokhu kubhaliwe kulolugwalo lwesivumelwano.

22 Ngoba kwakungagcinwanga elinjengaleli iphasika
kusukela ensukwini zabehluleli abehlulela uIsrayeli,
kumbe kuzo zonke izinsuku zamakhosi akoIsrayeli,
kumbe zamakhosi akoJuda. 23 Kodwa ngomnyaka
wetshumi lesificaminwembili wenkosi uJosiya lagcinwa
leliphasika eNkosini eJerusalema. 24 Ngaphezu
kwalokho-ke abalamadlozi, labalumbayo, lamatherafi,
lezithombe, lawo wonke amanyala abonakala elizweni
lakoJuda leJerusalema, uJosiya wakususa, ukuze
aqinise amazwi omlayo ayebhalwe ogwalweni uHilikhiya
umpristi alufica endlini yeNkosi. 25 Langaphambi kwakhe
kakubanga khona inkosi eyafanana laye eyaphendukela
eNkosini ngenhliziyo yayo yonke langomphefumulo wayo
wonke langamandla ayo wonke, njengokomlayo wonke
kaMozisi. Futhi emva kwakhe kakuvelanga eyafanana
laye. 26 Kanti iNkosi kayiphendukanga ekuvutheni
kolaka lwayo olukhulu, olaka lwayo eyavuthela ngalo
uJuda, ngenxa yazo zonke intukutheliso uManase
ayithukuthelisa ngazo. 27 INkosi yasisithi: Ngizamsusa
loJuda phambi kwami, njengoba ngasusa uIsrayeli,
ngiwulahle lumuzi weJerusalema engawukhethayo,
lendlu engathi ngayo: Ibizo lami lizakuba lapho. 28
Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaJosiya, lakho konke akwenzayo,
kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi
akoJuda? 29 Ensukwini zakhe uFaro Neko inkosi
yeGibhithe wenyuka wamelana lenkosi yeAsiriya emfuleni
iYufrathi. Inkosi uJosiya yasisiyahlangabezana laye;
wayibulalela eMegido eseyibonile. 30 Inceku zakhe
zasezimthwala efile ngenqola, zisuka eMegido, zamusa
eJerusalema, zamngcwaba engcwabeni lakhe. Abantu
belizwe basebethatha uJehowahazi indodana kaJosiya,
bamgcoba, bambeka waba yinkosi esikhundleni sikayise.
31 UJehowahazi wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili
lantathu lapho esiba yinkosi; wabusa inyanga ezintathu
eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguHamuthali indodakazi
kaJeremiya weLibhina. 32 Wasesenza okubi emehlweni
eNkosi njengakho konke oyise abakwenzayo. 33 UFaro
Neko wasembopha eRibila elizweni leHamathi ukuthi
angabusi eJerusalema, wahlawulisa ilizwe amathalenta
esiliva alikhulu lethalenta legolide. 34 UFaro Neko
wasebeka uEliyakhimi indodana kaJosiya ukuthi abe
yinkosi esikhundleni sikaJosiya uyise, waphendula ibizo
lakhe wathi nguJehoyakhimi. Wasethatha uJehowahazi;
wasesiza eGibhithe, wafela khona. 35 UJehoyakhimi
wasemnika uFaro isiliva legolide, kodwa wathelisa
ilizwe ukuze anike leyomali njengokomlayo kaFaro.
Wakhuphisa abantu belizwe isiliva legolide, ngulowo
lalowo ngokomthelo wakhe, yokunika uFaro Neko. 36
UJehoyakhimi wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili
lanhlanu lapho esiba yinkosi; wabusa iminyaka elitshumi
lanye eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguZebida
indodakazi kaPhedaya weRuma. 37 Wasesenza okubi
emehlweni eNkosi njengakho konke oyise abakwenzayo.

24 Ngensuku zakhe uNebhukadinezari inkosi
yeBhabhiloni wenyuka, njalo uJehoyakhimi waba
yisikhonzi sakhe iminyaka emithathu; wasephenduka
wamvukela. 2 INkosi yasithuma ukumelana laye amaviyo
amaKhaladiya lamaviyo amaSiriya lamaviyo amaMowabi
lamaviyo abantwana bakoAmoni, yasiwathuma
ukumelana loJuda ukumchitha, njengokwelizwi
leNkosi eyalikhuluma ngesandla sezinceku zayo
abaprofethi. 3 Sibili ngokomlayo weNkosi lokho
kwehlela koJuda ukubasusa ebusweni bayo ngenxa
yezono zikaManase, njengakho konke akwenzayo,
4 njalo langegazi elingelacala alichithayo; ngoba
wagcwalisa iJerusalema ngegazi elingelacala,
iNkosi engavumanga ukulithethelela. 5 Ezinye-ke
zezindaba zikaJehoyakhimi, lakho konke akwenzayo,
kakubhalwanga yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi
akoJuda? 6 UJehoyakhimi waselala laboyise.
UJehoyakhini indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi
esikhundleni sakhe. 7 Inkosi yeGibhithe kayisaphindanga
futhi ukuphuma elizweni layo, ngoba inkosi yeBhabhiloni
yayithethe kusukela emfuleni weGibhithe kusiya
emfuleni iYufrathi, konke okwakungokwenkosi
yeGibhithe. 8 UJehoyakhini wayeleminyaka elitshumi
lesificaminwembili lapho esiba yinkosi; wabusa inyanga
ezintathu eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguNehushita
indodakazi kaElinathani weJerusalema. 9 Wasesenza
okubi emehlweni eNkosi njengokwenza konke kukayise.
10 Ngalesosikhathi izinceku zikaNebhukadinezari
inkosi yeBhabhiloni zenyukela eJerusalema, umuzi
wasungena ekuvinjezelweni. 11 UNebhukadinezari
inkosi yeBhabhiloni wasefika wamelana lomuzi, izinceku
zakhe zisawuvimbezela. 12 UJehoyakhini inkosi
yakoJuda wasephuma waya enkosini yeBhabhiloni,
yena lonina lenceku zakhe lenduna zakhe labathenwa
bakhe. Inkosi yeBhabhiloni yasimthatha ngomnyaka
wesificaminwembili wokubusa kwakhe. 13 Yasikhupha
lapho wonke amagugu endlu kaJehova lamagugu
endlu yenkosi; yaquma zonke izitsha zegolide
uSolomoni inkosi yakoIsrayeli ayezenzile ethempelini
likaJehova, njengokutsho kweNkosi. 14 Yasithumba
iJerusalema yonke, leziphathamandla zonke, lawo wonke
amaqhawe alamandla, abathunjwa abazinkulungwane
ezilitshumi, lazo zonke ingcitshi zemisebenzi
labakhandi; kakusalanga loyedwa ngaphandle
kwabantukazana ebantwini belizwe. 15 Yasimthumbela
uJehoyakhini eBhabhiloni; lonina wenkosi, lamakhosikazi
enkosi, labathenwa bakhe, lamaqhawe elizwe,
yabathumbela eBhabhiloni besuka eJerusalema. 16
Lawo wonke amadoda angamaqhawe, azinkulungwane
eziyisikhombisa, lezingcitshi zemisebenzi labakhandi,
abayinkulungwane, bonke abaqinileyo abangaphuma
impi, inkosi yeBhabhiloni yasibaletha bengabathunjwa
eBhabhiloni. 17 Inkosi yeBhabhiloni yasibeka uMathaniya
uyise omncinyane ukuba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe,

yaguqula ibizo lakhe yathi nguZedekhiya. 18 UZedekhiya
wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanye lapho
esiba yinkosi; wabusa iminyaka elitshumi lanye
eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguHamutali indodakazi
kaJeremiya weLibhina. 19 Wasesenza okubi emehlweni
eNkosi njengokwenza konke kukaJehoyakhimi. 20
Ngoba ngenxa yentukuthelo yeNkosi lokhu kwenzeka
eJerusalema lakoJuda yaze yabaxotsha phambi kwayo.
UZedekhiya waseyivukela inkosi yeBhabhiloni.

25 Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wesificamunwemunye
wokubusa kwakhe, ngenyanga yetshumi,
ngolwetshumi lwenyanga, uNebhukadinezari inkosi
yeBhabhiloni wafika, yena lebutho lakhe lonke
emelene leJerusalema, wamisa inkamba maqondana
layo; bayakhela imiduli yokuvimbezela emelene
layo inhlangothi zonke. 2 Umuzi wangena
ekuvinjezelweni kwaze kwaba ngumnyaka wetshumi
lanye wenkosi uZedekhiya. 3 Ngolwesificamunwemunye
lwenyanga yesine indlala yasisiba lamandla phakathi
komuzi, njalo kwakungelakudla kwabantu belizwe.
4 Umuzi wasufohlelwa. Wonke amadoda empi
asebaleka ebusuku ngendlela yesango phakathi
kwemiduli emibili eyayiseduze lesivande senkosi,
(amaKhaladiya ayemelene-ke lomuzi inhlangothi
zonke); inkosi yasihamba ngendlela yamagceke. 5
Ibutho lamaKhaladiya laselixotshana lenkosi, layifica
emagcekeni eJeriko; ibutho layo lonke laselihlakazeka
lisuka kuyo. 6 Aseyibamba inkosi, ayenyusela
enkosini yeBhabhiloni eRibila, akhuluma ukwahlulela
kwayo. 7 Abulala amadodana kaZedekhiya phambi
kwamehlo akhe, akhupha amehlo kaZedekhiya, ambopha
ngamaketane ethusi amabili, amusa eBhabhiloni. 8
Langenyanga yesihlanu ngolwesikhombisa lwenyanga
(okungumnyaka wetshumi lesificamunwemunye wenkosi
uNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni) kwafika
uNebuzaradani induna yabalindi, inceku yenkosi
yeBhabhiloni, eJerusalema. 9 Wasetshisa indlu kaJehova
lendlu yenkosi lazo zonke izindlu zeJerusalema; layo
yonke indlu yesikhulu wayitshisa ngomlilo. 10 Lebutho
lonke lamaKhaladiya elalilenduna yabalindi ladilizela
phansi imiduli yeJerusalema inhlangothi zonke. 11
Njalo insali yabantu ababesele emzini, labahlamuki
ababehlamukele enkosini yeBhabhiloni, lensali yexuku,
uNebuzaradani induna yabalindi yabathumba. 12 Kodwa
induna yabalindi yatshiya ebayangeni belizwe ukuba
ngabaphathi bezivini labalimi. 13 Lensika zethusi
ezazisendlini yeNkosi, lezisekelo, lolwandle lwethusi
olwalusendlini yeNkosi, amaKhaladiya akuphahlaza,
athwalela ithusi lakho eBhabhiloni. 14 Lezimbiza,
lamafotsholo, lezindlawu, lenkezo, lezitsha zonke zethusi,
abasebenza ngazo, akuthatha. 15 Lezitsha zokuthwala
umlilo lemiganu yokufafaza, okwakuligolide golide
lokwakuyisiliva siliva, induna yabalindi yakuthatha. 16
Insika zombili, ulwandle olulodwa, lezisekelo, uSolomoni
ayekwenzele indlu yeNkosi, ithusi lazo zonke lezizitsha
lalingelakulinganiswa ngesisindo. 17 Ubude bensika
eyodwa babuzingalo ezilitshumi lesificaminwembili,
lesiduku phezu kwayo sasilithusi, lokuphakama
kwesiduku kuzingalo ezintathu, lomsebenzi ophothiweyo,
lamapomegranati phezu kwesiduku inhlangothi zonke,
konke kungokwethusi. Lensika yesibili yayilokunje,
ilomsebenzi ophothiweyo. 18 Induna yabalindi yasithatha
uSeraya umpristi oyinhloko loZefaniya umpristi wesibili,
labalindi bombundu womnyango abathathu. 19 Lemzini
yasithatha induna eyayimiswe phezu kwamadoda empi,
lamadoda amahlanu ayesebusweni benkosi ayeficwe
emzini, lomabhalane omkhulu webutho eyayibuthela
abantu belizwe emabuthweni, lamadoda angamatshumi
ayisithupha abantu belizwe ayeficwe phakathi komuzi.
20 UNebuzaradani induna yabalindi wasebathatha
laba wabasa enkosini yeBhabhiloni eRibila. 21 Inkosi
yeBhabhiloni yasibatshaya yababulalela eRibila elizweni
leHamathi. Ngokunjalo uJuda wathunjwa esuswa elizweni
lakhe. 22 Abantu abasala-ke elizweni lakoJuda,
uNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni owayebatshiyile,
wabeka phezu kwabo uGedaliya indodana kaAhikhamu
indodana kaShafani. 23 Kwathi zonke induna zamabutho,
zona labantu bazo, sezizwile ukuthi inkosi yeBhabhiloni
ibeke uGedaliya abe ngumbusi, zeza kuGedaliya eMizipa:
Ngitsho oIshmayeli indodana kaNethaniya loJohanani
indodana kaKareya loSeraya indodana kaTanihumethi
umNetofa loJahazaniya indodana yomMahakathi,
zona labantu bazo. 24 UGedaliya wasefunga kuzo
lakubantu bazo wathi kuzo: Lingesabi ukuba zinceku
zamaKhaladiya; hlalani elizweni, likhonze inkosi
yeBhabhiloni, njalo kuzakuba kuhle kini. 25 Kodwa
kwathi ngenyanga yesikhombisa, kwafika uIshmayeli
indodana kaNethaniya indodana kaElishama, owenzalo
yesikhosini, lamadoda alitshumi elaye, basebemtshaya
uGedaliya waze wafa, lamaJuda lamaKhaladiya ayelaye
eMizipa. 26 Abantu bonke-ke, kusukela komncinyane
kuze kuye komkhulu, lenduna zamabutho, basebesuka
baya eGibhithe, ngoba besaba amaKhaladiya. 27
Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu
lesikhombisa wokuthunjwa kukaJehoyakhini inkosi
yakoJuda, ngenyanga yetshumi lambili, ngolwamatshumi
amabili lesikhombisa lwenyanga, uEvili Merodaki
inkosi yeBhabhiloni, ngomnyaka aba yinkosi ngawo,
waphakamisa ikhanda likaJehoyakhini inkosi yakoJuda
emkhupha entolongweni. 28 Wasekhuluma kuhle
laye, wamisa isihlalo sakhe sobukhosi phezu
kwesihlalo sobukhosi samakhosi ayelaye eBhabhiloni.
29 Wasentshintsha izigqoko zokubotshwa kwakhe;
wasesidla isinkwa njalonjalo phambi kwakhe insuku
zonke zempilo yakhe. 30 Lesabelo esimiyo, isabelo
esimiyo esiqhubekayo sanikwa yena yinkosi, into yosuku
ngosuku lwayo, zonke izinsuku zempilo yakhe.

1 Imilando

1 UAdamu, uSeti, uEnosi, **2** uKenani, uMahalaleli,
uJaredi, **3** uEnoki, uMethusela, uLameki, **4**
uNowa, uShemu, uHamu, loJafethi. **5** Amadodana
kaJafethi: OGomeri loMagogi loMadayi loJavani
loThubhali loMesheki loTirasi. **6** Lamadodana kaGomeri:
OAshikenazi loRifathi loTogarma. **7** Lamadodana
kaJavani: OElisha loTarshishi, amaKiti lamaDodani.
8 Amadodana kaHamu: OKushi loMizirayimi, uPuti
loKhanani. **9** Lamadodana kaKushi: OSeba loHavila
loSabitha loRahama loSabitheka. Lamadodana
kaRahama: OShebha loDedani. **10** UKushi wasezala
uNimrodi; yena waqala ukuba liqhawe emhlabeni. **11**
UMizirayimi wasezala amaLudi lamaAnami lamaLehabi
lamaNafethuhi **12** lamaPatrusi lamaKaseluhi (okwaphuma
kiwo amaFilisti), lamaKafitori. **13** UKhanani wasezala
uSidoni izibulo lakhe, loHethi, **14** lomJebusi lomAmori
lomGirigashi **15** lomHivi lomArki lomSini **16** lomArvadi
lomZemari lomHamathi. **17** Amadodana kaShemu:
OElamu loAshuri loArpakishadi loLudi loAramu loUzi
loHuli loGetheri loMesheki. **18** UArpakishadi wasezala
uShela; uShela wasezala uEberi. **19** UEberi wasezalelwa
amadodana amabili. Ibizo lenye lalinguPelegi, ngoba
ensukwini zayo umhlaba wadatshulwa; lebizo lomfowabo
lalinguJokithani. **20** UJokithani wasezala oAlimodadi
loShelefi loHazamavethi loJera **21** loHadoramu loUzali
loDikila **22** loEbhali loAbhimayeli loShebha **23** loOfiri
loHavila loJobabi. Bonke labo babengamadodana
kaJokithani. **24** UShemu, uArpakishadi, uShela, **25**
uEberi, uPelegi, uRewu, **26** uSerugi, uNahori, uTera, **27**
uAbrama; onguAbrahama. **28** Amadodana kaAbrahama:
OIsaka loIshmayeli. **29** Laba yizizukulwana zabo:
Izibulo likaIshmayeli, uNebayothi, loKedari, loAdibeli,
loMibisama, **30** uMishima, loDuma, uMasa, uHadadi,
loTema, **31** uJeturi, uNafishi, loKedema; la ngamadodana
kaIshmayeli. **32** Njalo amadodana kaKetura, umfazi
omncinyane kaAbrahama: Wazala oZimrani loJokishani
loMedani loMidiyani loIshibaki loShuwa. Amadodana-
ke kaJokishani: OShebha loDedani. **33** Lamadodana
kaMidiyani: OEfa loEferi loHanoki loAbida loElidaha.
Bonke laba ngamadodana kaKetura. **34** UAbrahama
wasezala uIsaka. Amadodana kaIsaka: OEsawu
loIsrayeli. **35** Amadodana kaEsawu: OElifazi, uRehuweli,
loJewushi, loJalamu, loKora. **36** Amadodana kaElifazi:
OThemani, loOmari, uZefi, loGatama, uKenazi, loTimina,
loAmaleki. **37** Amadodana kaRehuweli: ONahathi,
uZera, uShama, loMiza. **38** Lamadodana kaSeyiri:
OLotani loShobhali loZibeyoni loAna loDishoni loEzeri
loDishani. **39** Lamadodana kaLotani: OHori loHomama;
lodadewabo kaLotani wayenguTimina. **40** Amadodana
kaShobhali: OAliyani, loManahathi, loEbhali, uShefi,
loOnama. Lamadodana kaZibeyoni: OAya loAna. **41**
Amadodana kaAna: UDishoni. Lamadodana kaDishoni:
OHamrani loEshibhani loJitirani loKerani. **42** Amadodana
kaEzeri: OBilihani loZahavana, uJahakhani. Amadodana
kaDishani: OUzi loArani. **43** Njalo la ngamakhosi
abusa elizweni leEdoma, kungakabusi inkosi phezu
kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli: UBhela indodana kaBeyori;
lebizo lomuzi wakhe laliyiDinihaba. **44** UBhela
wasesifa, uJobabi indodana kaZera weBhozira wasesiba
yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. **45** UJobabi wasesifa,
uHushama owelizweni lamaThemani wasesiba yinkosi
esikhundleni sakhe. **46** UHushama wasesifa, uHadadi
indodana kaBedadi, owatshaya amaMidiyani emagcekeni
akoMowabi, wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe;
lebizo lomuzi wakhe laliyiAvithi. **47** UHadadi wasesifa,
uSamila weMasireka wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni
sakhe. **48** USamila wasesifa, uShawuli weRehobothi
emfuleni wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. **49**
UShawuli wasesifa, uBhali-Hanani indodana kaAkhibhori
wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. **50** UBhali-
Hanani wasesifa, uHadadi wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni
sakhe; lebizo lomuzi wakhe laliyiPhayi; lebizo lomkakhe
lalinguMehethabheli indodakazi kaMatiredi indodakazi
kaMezahabhi. **51** UHadadi wasesifa. Lezinduna zeEdoma
zaziyilezi: Induna uTimina, induna uAliya, induna
uJethethi, **52** induna uAholibama, induna uEla, induna
uPinoni, **53** induna uKenazi, induna uThemani, induna
uMibhizari, **54** induna uMagidiyeli, induna uIrama; lezi
yizinduna zeEdoma.

2 La ngamadodana kaIsrayeli: ORubeni, uSimeyoni,
uLevi, loJuda, uIsakari, loZebuluni, **2** uDani, uJosefa,
loBhenjamini, uNafithali, uGadi, loAsheri. **3** Amadodana
kaJuda: OEri loOnani loShela; amathathu wawazalelwa
yindodakazi kaShuwa umKhananikazi. Kodwa uEri izibulo
likaJuda wayemubi emehlweni eNkosi; yasimbulala. **4**
UTamari, umalokozana wakhe, wasemzalela uPerezi
loZera. Wonke amadodana kaJuda ayemahlanu. **5**
Amadodana kaPerezi: OHezironi loHamuli. **6** Njalo
amadodana kaZera: OZimri loEthani loHemani loKalikoli
loDara; wonke ayemahlanu. **7** Njalo amadodana kaKarimi:
UAkari, umhluphi kaIsrayeli, owenza isiphambeko
ngokuqalekisiweyo. **8** Njalo amadodana kaEthani:
UAzariya. **9** Njalo amadodana kaHezironi awazalelwayo:
OJerameli loRamu loKalebi. **10** URamu wasezala
uAminadaba; uAminadaba wasezala uNahishoni induna
yabantwana bakoJuda. **11** UNahishoni wasezala uSalima;
uSalima wasezala uBhowazi; **12** uBhowazi wasezala
uObedi; uObedi wasezala uJese. **13** UJese wasezala
izibulo lakhe uEliyabi, loAbinadaba owesibili, loShimeya
owesithathu, **14** uNethaneli owesine, uRadayi owesihlanu,
15 uOzema owesithupha, uDavida owesikhombisa. **16**
Odadewabo babengoZeruya loAbigayili. Lamadodana
kaZeruya: OAbishayi loJowabi loAsaheli; abathathu.
17 UAbigayili wasezala uAmasa; loyise kaAmasa
wayenguJetheri umIshmayeli. **18** UKalebi indodana

kaHezironi wasezala kuAzuba umkakhe lakuJeriyothi; lala
ngamadodana akhe: OJesheri loShobabi loAridoni. **19**
UAzuba esefile uKalebi wazithathela uEfrathi owamzalela
uHuri. **20** UHuri wasezala uUri; uUri wasezala uBhezaleli.
21 Emva kwalokho uHezironi wasengena kundodakazi
kaMakiri uyise kaGileyadi; wayithatha eseleminyaka
engamatshumi ayisithupha. Yasimzalela uSegubi. **22**
USegubi wasezala uJayiri owayelemizi engamatshumi
amabili lantathu elizweni leGileyadi. **23** Wasethatha
kibo iGeshuri leAramu kanye lemizana yeJayiri,
kanye leKenathi lemizana yayo; imizi engamatshumi
ayisithupha. Bonke labo babengamadodana kaMakiri
uyise kaGileyadi. **24** Lemva kokufa kukaHezironi
eKalebi-Efratha, uAbhiya umkaHezironi wamzalela
uAshuri uyise kaThekhowa. **25** Njalo amadodana
kaJerameli izibulo likaHezironi ayengoRamu izibulo,
loBuna, loOreni, loOzema, uAhiya. **26** UJerameli
laye wayelomunye umfazi obizo lakhe lalinguAthara;
wayengunina kaOnama. **27** Njalo amadodana kaRamu
izibulo likaJerameli ayengoMahazi loJamini loEkeri.
28 Lamadodana kaOnama ayengoShamayi loJada.
Lamadodana kaShamayi: ONadabi loAbhishuri. **29** Lebizo
lomkaAbhishuri lalinguAbihayili, owamzalela oAhibani
loMolidi. **30** Njalo amadodana kaNadabi: OSeledi
loAphayimi; kodwa uSeledi wafa engelabantwana. **31**
Njalo amadodana kaAphayimi: UIshi. Lamadodana kaIshi:
USheshani. Lamadodana kaSheshani: UAhilayi. **32** Njalo
amadodana kaJada umfowabo kaShamayi: OJetheri
loJonathani; kodwa uJetheri wafa engelabantwana.
33 Njalo amadodana kaJonathani: OPelethi loZaza.
Laba babengabantwana bakaJerameli. **34** Njalo
uSheshani wayengelamadodana, kodwa amadodakazi;
njalo uSheshani wayelenceku, umGibhithe, obizo layo
lalinguJariha. **35** USheshani wasenika uJariha inceku
yakhe indodakazi yakhe yaba ngumkakhe; yasimzalela
uAthayi. **36** UAthayi wasezala uNathani, uNathani
wasezala uZabadi, **37** uZabadi wasezala uEfilali, uEfilali
wasezala uObedi, **38** uObedi wasezala uJehu, uJehu
wasezala uAzariya, **39** uAzariya wasezala uHelezi,
uHelezi wasezala uEleyasa, **40** uEleyasa wasezala
uSisimayi, uSisimayi wasezala uShaluma, **41** uShaluma
wasezala uJekamiya, uJekamiya wasezala uElishama.
42 Njalo amadodana kaKalebi umfowabo kaJerameli:
OMesha, izibulo lakhe, onguyise kaZifi, lamadodana
kaMaresha uyise kaHebroni. **43** Njalo amadodana
kaHebroni: OKora loTapuwa loRekemi loShema. **44**
UShema wasezala uRahama uyise kaJorikeyamu;
uRekemi wasezala uShamayi. **45** Lendodana kaShamayi:
UMawoni; loMawoni wayenguyise kaBeti-Zuri. **46**
UEfa umfazi omncinyane kaKalebi wasezala oHarani
loMoza loGazezi; uHarani wasezala uGazezi. **47** Njalo
amadodana kaJahidayi: ORegema loJothamu loGeshani
loPeleti loEfa loShahafi. **48** UMahaka umfazi omncinyane
kaKalebi wazala oSheberi loTirihana. **49** Wasezala
uShahafi uyise kaMadimana, uSheva uyise kaMakibena,
loyise kaGibeya. Lendodakazi kaKalebi yayinguAkisa.
50 Laba babengabantwana bakaKalebi, indodana kaHuri,
izibulo likaEfratha: OShobhali, uyise kaKiriyathi-Jeyarimi,
51 uSalima uyise kaBhethelehema, uHarefi uyise
kaBeti-Gaderi. **52** UShobhali uyise kaKiriyathi-Jeyarimi
wayelamadodana: UHarowe, ingxenye yamaMenuhothi.
53 Njalo insendo zikaKiriyathi-Jeyarimi: AmaIthiri
lamaPuti lamaShumathi lamaMishrayi; kwaphuma
kuwo amaZorathi lamaEshitawoli. **54** Amadodana
kaSalima: OBhethelehema, lamaNetofa, uAtarothi,
uBeti-Jowabi, lengxenye yamaManahethi, amaZori. **55**
Lensendo zababhali ababehlala eJabezi, amaTirathi,
amaShimeyathi, amaSukathi. Labo babengamaKeni
avela kuHamathi uyise wendlu kaRekabi.

3 Njalo la ayengamadodana kaDavida awazalelwa
eHebroni: Izibulo nguAmnoni kuAhinowama
umJizereyelikazi; eyesibili nguDaniyeli kuAbigayili
umKharmelikazi; **2** eyesithathu nguAbisalomu indodana
kaMahaka indodakazi kaTalimayi inkosi yeGeshuri;
eyesine nguAdonija indodana kaHagithi; **3** eyesihlanu
nguShefathiya kuAbithali; eyesithupha nguIthereyamu
kuEgila umkakhe. **4** Abayisithupha bazalelwa yena
eHebroni, lapho abusa khona iminyaka eyisikhombisa
lezinyanga eziyisithupha; leJerusalema wabusa iminyaka
engamatshumi amathathu lantathu. **5** Lalaba
bazalelwa yena eJerusalema: OShimeya loShobabi
loNathani loSolomoni, bobane, kuBathishuwa indodakazi
kaAmiyeli; **6** loIbihari loElishama loElifelethi **7** loNoga
loNefegi loJafiya **8** loElishama loEliyada loElifelethi,
abayisificamunwemunye. **9** Bonke babengamadodana
kaDavida, ngaphandle kwamadodana abafazi abancane,
loTamari udadewabo. **10** Lendodana kaSolomoni
yayinguRehobhowamu, uAbhiya indodana yakhe, uAsa
indodana yakhe, uJehoshafathi indodana yakhe, **11**
uJoramu indodana yakhe, uAhaziya indodana yakhe,
uJowashi indodana yakhe, **12** uAmaziya indodana
yakhe, uAzariya indodana yakhe, uJothamu indodana
yakhe, **13** uAhazi indodana yakhe, uHezekhiya indodana
yakhe, uManase indodana yakhe, **14** uAmoni indodana
yakhe, uJosiya indodana yakhe. **15** Njalo amadodana
kaJosiya: Izibulo uJohanani, eyesibili uJehoyakhimi,
eyesithathu uZedekhiya, eyesine uShaluma. **16**
Lamadodana kaJehoyakhimi: UJekoniya indodana yakhe,
uZedekhiya indodana yakhe. **17** Njalo amadodana
kaJekoniya: UAsiri, uSheyalitiyeli indodana yakhe,
18 loMalikiramu, loPhedaya, loShenazari, uJekamiya,
uHoshama, loNedabiya. **19** Njalo amadodana kaPhedaya:
OZerubhabheli loShimeyi. Lamadodana kaZerubhabheli:
OMeshulamu, loHananiya, loShelomithi udadewabo; **20**
loHashuba, loOheli, loBerekiya, loHasadiya, uJushabi-
Hesedi, amahlanu. **21** Lamadodana kaHananiya:
OPelatiya loJeshaya; amadodana kaRefaya, amadodana
kaArinani, amadodana kaObhadiya, amadodana

kaShekaniya. 22 Lamadodana kaShekaniya: UShemaya.
Lamadodana kaShemaya: OHathushi loIgali loBariya
loNeyariya loShafati, ayisithupha. 23 Njalo amadodana
kaNeyariya: OEliyohenayi loHizikiya loAzirikamu,
amathathu. 24 Njalo amadodana kaEliyohenayi:
OHodaviya loEliyashibi loPelaya loAkubi loJohanani
loDelaya loAnani, ayisikhombisa.

4 Amadodana kaJuda: OPerezi, uHezironi, loKarmi,
loHuri, loShobhali. 2 UReyaya indodana kaShobhali
wasezala uJahathi; uJahathi wasezala uAhumayi
loLahadi. Laba babezinsendo zamaZorathi. 3
Laba babengabakayise kaEtamu: OJizereyeli loIshma
loIdibhashi; lebizo likadadewabo lalinguHazeleliponi. 4
LoPenuweli uyise kaGedori, loEzeri uyise kaHusha. Laba
babengamadodana kaHuri, izibulo likaEfratha, uyise
kaBhethelehema. 5 Njalo uAshuri uyise kaThekhowa
wayelabafazi ababili, oHela loNahara. 6 UNahara
wasemzalela uAhuzama loHeferi loTemeni loHahashitari.
Laba babengamadodana kaNahara. 7 Lamadodana
kaHela: OZerethi loIzohari loEthinani. 8 UKhozi
wasezala uAnubi loZobeba, lensendo zikaAhariheli
indodana kaHarumi. 9 Njalo uJabezi wayelodumo
kulabafowabo; unina wasemutha ibizo wathi nguJabezi,
esithi: Ngoba ngamzala ngisosizini. 10 UJabezi wasebiza
uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli esithi: Kungathi ungangibusisa
lokungibusisa, uqhelise umngcele wami, lesandla sakho
sibe lami, ungivikele ebubini ukuze bungangidabuli!
UNkulunkulu wenza kwenzakala lokho akucelayo.
11 UKelubi umfowabo kaShuha wasezala uMehiri,
onguyise kaEshitoni. 12 UEshitoni wasezala uBeti-
Rafa loPhaseya loTehina uyise kaIri-Nahashi. Laba
babengabantu bakaReka. 13 Lamadodana kaKenazi:
O-Othiniyeli loSeraya. Lamadodana kaOthiniyeli:
UHathathi. 14 UMeyonothayi wasezala uOfira. USeraya
wasezala uJowabi uyise wesigodi seHarashi, ngoba
babezingcitshi. 15 Lamadodana kaKalebi indodana
kaJefune: OIru, uEla, loNahamu; lamadodana kaEla,
ngitsho uKenazi. 16 Lamadodana kaJehaleleli: OZifi,
loZifa, uTiriya, loAsareli. 17 Lamadodana kaEzra:
OJetheri loMeredi loEferi loJaloni. Wasezala oMiriyamu
loShamayi loIshiba uyise kaEshithemowa. 18 Umkakhe
umJudakazi wasezala uJeredi uyise kaGedori, loHeberi
uyise kaSoko, loJekuthiyeli uyise kaZanowa. Lalabo
babengamadodana kaBithiya indodakazi kaFaro, uMeredi
amthathayo. 19 Lamadodana omkaHodiya, udadewabo
kaNahama, uyise kaKeyila umGarmi, loEshithemowa
umMahakathi. 20 Njalo amadodana kaShimoni: OAmnoni,
loRina, uBheni-Hanani, loThiloni. Lamadodana kaIshi:
OZohethi loBheni-Zohethi. 21 Amadodana kaShela
indodana kaJuda: OEri uyise kaLeka, loLahada
uyise kaMaresha, lensendo zendlu yabenzi belembu
elicolekileyo bendlu kaAshibeya, 22 loJokimi, lamadoda
akoKhozeba, loJowashi, loSarafi ababebusa amaMowabi,
loJashubi-Lehema. Lalezizindaba zindala. 23 Labo
babengababumbi, labakhileyo ezilimeni lezintangweni;
bahlala lapho lenkosi emsebenzini wayo. 24
Amadodana kaSimeyoni: ONemuweli, loJamini, loJaribi,
uZera, uShawuli, 25 uShaluma indodana yakhe,
uMibhisamu indodana yakhe, uMishima indodana
yakhe. 26 Lamadodana kaMishima: UHamuweli
indodana yakhe, uZakuri indodana yakhe, uShimeyi
indodana yakhe. 27 Njalo uShimeyi wayelamadodana
alitshumi lesithupha lamadodakazi ayisithupha; kodwa
abafowabo babengelabantwana abanengi, losendo
lonke lwabo kalwandanga njengabantwana bakoJuda.
28 Basebehlala eBherishebha leMolada leHazari-
Shuwali 29 leBiliha leEzema leToladi 30 leBethuweli
leHorma leZikilagi 31 leBeti-Marikabothi leHazari-
Susimi leBeti-Biri leShaharayimi. Le yayiyimizi yabo
kwaze kwaba sekubuseni kukaDavida. 32 Lemizana
yabo: IEtamu, leAyini, iRimoni, leTokeni, leAshani,
imizi emihlanu, 33 layo yonke imizana yayo,
eyayiyizingelezele leyomizi, kuze kube seBahali.
Lezi zindawo zabo zokuhlala, njalo baba lombhalo
wosendo lwabo. 34 LoMeshobabi loJamileki loJosha
indodana kaAmaziya, 35 loJoweli loJehu indodana
kaJoshibhiya indodana kaSeraya indodana kaAsiyeli, 36
loEliyohenayi loJahakoba loJeshohaya loAsaya loAdiyeli
loJesimiyeli loBhenaya, 37 loZiza indodana kaShifi
indodana kaAloni indodana kaJedaya indodana kaShimiri
indodana kaShemaya. 38 Laba abaqanjwe ngamabizo
babeyizikhulu ensendweni zabo, lezindlu zaboyise
zanda kakhulu ngobunengi. 39 Basebesiya ekungeneni
kweGedori, baya ngempumalanga kwesihotsha,
ukudingela imihlambi yabo idlelo. 40 Bafica idlelo
elivundileyo lelihle, lommango obanzi emaceleni,
lolokuzola, lolokuthula; ngoba abakoHamu babehlala
khona endulo. 41 Lalabo ababebhalwe ngamabizo bafika
ensukwini zikaHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda, batshaya
amathente lendawo zokuhlala ezazitholakala khona,
babatshabalalisa kuze kube lamuhla; bahlala endaweni
zabo, ngoba kwakukhona lapho idlelo lezimvu zabo.
42 Kwasekuphuma kubo, ebantwaneni bakoSimeyoni,
amadoda angamakhulu amahlanu, aya entabeni yeSeyiri.
LoPelatiya loNeyariya loRefaya loUziyeli amadodana
kaIshi babezinhloko zabo. 43 Basebetshaya insali
yabaphephayo bamaAmaleki, bahlala khona kuze kube
lamuhla.

5 Njalo amadodana kaRubeni, izibulo likaIsrayeli
(ngoba wayelizibulo, kodwa njengoba wayengcolise
umbheda kayise, ubuzibulo bakhe banikwa amadodana
kaJosefa indodana kaIsrayeli; futhi wayengabhalwanga
njengezibulo; 2 ngoba uJuda wayelamandla
kulabafowabo, lowayengumbusi wavela kuye, kodwa
ubuzibulo babungobukaJosefa). 3 Amadodana
kaRubeni, izibulo likaIsrayeli: OHanoki, loPalu,
uHezironi, loKarmi. 4 Amadodana kaJoweli: UShemaya
indodana yakhe, uGogi indodana yakhe, uShimeyi

indodana yakhe, **5** uMika indodana yakhe, uReyaya
indodana yakhe, uBhali indodana yakhe, **6** uBehera
indodana yakhe, uTiligathi-Pilineseri inkosi yeAsiriya
eyamthumbayo; wayeyisiphathamandla sabakoRubeni.
7 Njalo abafowabo ngensendo zabo, lapho bebhalwa
ngokwezizukulwana zabo, bayizinhloko: OJeyiyeli,
loZekhariya, **8** loBhela indodana kaAzazi indodana
kaShema indodana kaJoweli, owayehlala eAroweri,
njalo kwaze kwaba seNebo leBhali-Meyoni. **9**
Langempumalanga wahlala kwaze kwaba sekungeneni
kwenkangala kusukela emfuleni iYufrathi, ngoba
izifuyo zabo zasezandile elizweni leGileyadi. **10**
Ensukwini zikaSawuli balawula-ke impi lamaHagari, awa
ngesandla sabo; bahlala emathenteni awo elizweni lonke
lempumalanga yeGileyadi. **11** Labantwana bakoGadi
bahlala maqondana labo elizweni leBashani kwaze
kwaba seSaleka. **12** UJoweli inhloko, loShafamu
owesibili, loJanayi loShafati eBashani. **13** Labafowabo
ngendlu yaboyise: OMikayeli loMeshulamu loShebha
loJorayi loJakani loZiya loEberi, beyisikhombisa. **14**
Laba babengamadodana kaAbihayili indodana kaHuri
indodana kaJarowa indodana kaGileyadi indodana
kaMikayeli indodana kaJeshishayi indodana kaJahido
indodana kaBuzi. **15** UAhi indodana kaAbidiyeli indodana
kaGuni wayeyinhloko yendlu yaboyise. **16** Basebehlala
eGileyadi, eBashani, lemizaneni yayo, lakuwo wonke
amadlelo eSharoni, kwaze kwaba sekuphumeni
kwawo. **17** Bonke laba babhalwa ngezizukulwana
zabo ezinsukwini zikaJothamu inkosi yakoJuda
lensukwini zikaJerobhowamu inkosi yakoIsrayeli.
18 Amadodana kaRubeni labakoGadi lengxenye
yesizwe sakoManase, emadodeni angamaqhawe,
athwala isihlangu lenkemba, anyathela idandili,
lezingcitshi empini, ayeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amane lane lamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi
ayisithupha, ephumela ebuthweni. **19** Basebelawula
impi lamaHagari loJeturi loNafishi loNodabi. **20**
Bancediswa bemelene labo, amaHagari asenikelwa
esandleni sabo, labo bonke ababelawo; ngoba bakhala
kuNkulunkulu besempini, wasencengeka ngabo, ngoba
bamthemba. **21** Bathumba izifuyo zabo, amakamela
azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu, lezimvu
ezizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amabili lamatshumi
amahlanu, labobabhemi abazinkulungwane ezimbili,
lemiphefumulo yabantu ezinkulungwane ezilikhulu.
22 Ngoba kwawa abanengi ababuleweyo, ngoba
impi yayingekaNkulunkulu. Basebehlala ezindaweni
zabo kwaze kwafika ukuthunjwa. **23** Abantwana
bengxenye yesizwe sakoManase basebehlala elizweni;
kusukela eBashani kusiya eBhali-Hermoni leSeniri
lentabeni yeHermoni bona banda. **24** Lalezi zinhloko
zendlu yaboyise, ngitsho oEferi loIshi loEliyeli
loAziriyeli loJeremiya loHodaviya loJahidiyeli, amadoda
angamaqhawe alamandla, amadoda alamabizo, inhloko
zendlu yaboyise. **25** Kodwa bona kuNkulunkulu
waboyise, baphinga ngokulandela onkulunkulu babantu
balelolizwe, uNkulunkulu abachithayo phambi kwabo. **26**
Ngakho uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli wavusa umoya kaPhuli
inkosi yeAsiriya, lomoya kaTiligathi-Pilineseri inkosi
yeAsiriya, wabathumba, ngitsho abakoRubeni labakoGadi
lengxenye yesizwe sakoManase, wabasa eHala leHabori
leHara lemfuleni iGozani, kuze kube lamuhla.

6 Amadodana kaLevi: OGerishoni, uKohathi, loMerari.
2 Lamadodana kaKohathi: OAmramu, uIzihari,
loHebroni, loUziyeli. **3** Labantwana bakaAmramu:
OAroni loMozisi loMiriyamu. Lamadodana kaAroni:
ONadabi, loAbihu, uEleyazare, loIthamari. **4** UEleyazare
wazala uPhinehasi; uPhinehasi wazala uAbishuwa; **5**
uAbishuwa wasezala uBuki; uBuki wasezala uUzi; **6** uUzi
wasezala uZerahiya; uZerahiya wasezala uMerayothi;
7 uMerayothi wazala uAmariya; uAmariya wasezala
uAhitubi; **8** uAhitubi wasezala uZadoki; uZadoki
wasezala uAhimahazi; **9** uAhimahazi wasezala uAzariya;
uAzariya wasezala uJohanani; **10** uJohanani wasezala
uAzariya (nguye owasebenza njengompristi endlini
uSolomoni ayakha eJerusalema); **11** uAzariya wasezala
uAmariya; uAmariya wasezala uAhitubi; **12** uAhitubi
wasezala uZadoki; uZadoki wasezala uShaluma; **13**
uShaluma wasezala uHilikhiya; uHilikhiya wasezala
uAzariya; **14** uAzariya wasezala uSeraya; uSeraya
wasezala uJehozadaki. **15** UJehozadaki laye wahamba
lapho iNkosi yathumba uJuda leJerusalema ngesandla
sikaNebhukadinezari. **16** Amadodana kaLevi: OGerishoni,
uKohathi, loMerari. **17** Lala ngamabizo amadodana
kaGerishoni: OLibini loShimeyi. **18** Njalo amadodana
kaKohathi: OAmramu loIzihari loHebroni loUziyeli. **19**
Amadodana kaMerari: OMahli loMushi. Lalezi zinsendo
zamaLevi njengokwaboyise. **20** KoGerishoni: ULibini
indodana yakhe, uJahathi indodana yakhe, uZima
indodana yakhe, **21** uJowa indodana yakhe, uIdo
indodana yakhe, uZera indodana yakhe, uJeyatherayi
indodana yakhe. **22** Amadodana kaKohathi: UAminadaba
indodana yakhe, uKora indodana yakhe, uAsiri indodana
yakhe, **23** uElkana indodana yakhe, loEbiyasafi
indodana yakhe, loAsiri indodana yakhe, **24** uTahathi
indodana yakhe, uUriyeli indodana yakhe, uUziya
indodana yakhe, loShawuli indodana yakhe. **25** Njalo
amadodana kaElkana: OAmasayi loAhimothi. **26**
UElkana; amadodana kaElkana: UZofayi indodana yakhe,
loNahathi indodana yakhe, **27** uEliyabi indodana yakhe,
uJerohamu indodana yakhe, uElkana indodana yakhe.
28 Amadodana kaSamuweli: Izibulo uVashini, loAbhiya.
29 Amadodana kaMerari: UMahli, uLibini indodana yakhe,
uShimeyi indodana yakhe, uUza indodana yakhe, **30**
uShimeya indodana yakhe, uHagiya indodana yakhe,
uAsaya indodana yakhe. **31** Lalaba yibo uDavida
abamisayo phezu kwenkonzo yengoma endlini yeNkosi
umtshokotsho usuphumule. **32** Njalo babekhonza phambi

kwethabhanekele lethente lenhlangano ngengoma,
uSolomoni waze wakha indlu yeNkosi eJerusalema.
Bema ngokwesimiso sabo enkonzweni yabo. **33** Lalaba
yibo abema lamadodana abo: Kumadodana amaKohathi:
UHemani umhlabeleli indodana kaJoweli indodana
kaSamuweli **34** indodana kaElkana indodana kaJerohamu
indodana kaEliyeli indodana kaTowa **35** indodana
kaZufi indodana kaElkana indodana kaMahathi indodana
kaAmasayi **36** indodana kaElkana indodana kaJoweli
indodana kaAzariya indodana kaZefaniya **37** indodana
kaTahathi indodana kaAsiri indodana kaEbhiyasafi
indodana kaKora **38** indodana kaIzihari indodana
kaKohathi indodana kaLevi indodana kaIsrayeli. **39**
Lomfowabo uAsafi owema ngakwesokunene sakhe:
UAsafi indodana kaBerekiya indodana kaShimeya **40**
indodana kaMikayeli indodana kaBahaseya indodana
kaMalikiya **41** indodana kaEthini indodana kaZera
indodana kaAdaya **42** indodana kaEthani indodana
kaZima indodana kaShimeyi **43** indodana kaJahathi
indodana kaGerishoni indodana kaLevi. **44** Lamadodana
kaMerari, abafowabo, ema ngakwesokhohlo: UEthani
indodana kaKishi indodana kaAbidi indodana kaMaluki **45**
indodana kaHashabhiya indodana kaAmaziya indodana
kaHilikhiya **46** indodana kaAmizi indodana kaBani
indodana kaShemeri **47** indodana kaMahli indodana
kaMushi indodana kaMerari indodana kaLevi. **48**
Labafowabo, amaLevi, bamiswa kuyo yonke inkonzo
yethabhanekele lendlu kaNkulunkulu. **49** Kodwa
uAroni lamadodana akhe banikela phezu kwelathi
lomnikelo wokutshiswa laphezu kwelathi lempepha,
kusenzelwa wonke umsebenzi wengcwele yezingcwele,
lokwenzela uIsrayeli inhlawulo yokuthula, njengakho
konke uMozisi inceku kaNkulunkulu eyakulayayo. **50**
Lala ngamadodana kaAroni: OEleyazare indodana
yakhe, uPhinehasi indodana yakhe, uAbishuwa indodana
yakhe, **51** uBuki indodana yakhe, uUzi indodana
yakhe, uZerahiya indodana yakhe, **52** uMerayothi
indodana yakhe, uAmariya indodana yakhe, uAhitubi
indodana yakhe, **53** uZadoki indodana yakhe, uAhimahazi
indodana yakhe. **54** Lezi-ke zindawo zawo zokuhlala
ezinqabeni zawo emingceleni yawo, zamadodana
kaAroni, zezinsendo zamaKohathi; ngoba inkatho
yayingeyawo. **55** Basebewanika iHebroni elizweni
lakoJuda, lamadlelo ayo ayizingelezeleyo. **56** Kodwa
amasimu omuzi lemizana yawo bakunika uKalebi
indodana kaJefune. **57** Basebenika amadodana kaAroni
imizi yokuphephela: IHebroni, leLibhina lamadlelo
ayo, leJathiri, leEshithemowa lamadlelo ayo, **58**
leHileni lamadlelo ayo, iDebiri lamadlelo ayo, **59**
leAshani lamadlelo ayo, leBeti-Shemeshi lamadlelo
ayo. **60** Lesizweni sakoBhenjamini: IGeba lamadlelo
ayo, leAlemethi lamadlelo ayo, leAnathothi lamadlelo
ayo. Yonke imizi yawo, ngensendo zawo, yayiyimizi
elitshumi lantathu. **61** Lamadodana kaKohathi, aseleyo
kusendo lwesizwe, avela kungxenye yesizwe, ingxenye
yakoManase, aba lemizi elitshumi, ngenkatho. **62** Njalo
amadodana kaGerishoni, ngensendo zawo, esizweni
sakoIsakari lesizweni sakoAsheri lesizweni sakoNafithali
lesizweni sakoManase eBashani, aba lemizi elitshumi
lantathu. **63** Amadodana kaMerari, ngensendo zawo,
esizweni sakoRubeni lesizweni sakoGadi lesizweni
sakoZebuluni, aba lemizi elitshumi lambili, ngenkatho.
64 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebenika amaLevi limizi
kanye lamadlelo ayo. **65** Basebenika le imizi ngenkatho
esizweni sabantwana bakoJuda lesizweni sabantwana
bakoSimeyoni lesizweni sabantwana bakoBhenjamini,
abayibiza ngamabizo. **66** Lezinye zensendo zamadodana
kaKohathi zaba lemizi yemingcele yazo esizweni
sakoEfrayimi. **67** Basebewanika imizi yokuphephela,
iShekema lamadlelo ayo entabeni yakoEfrayimi, leGezeri
lamadlelo ayo, **68** leJokimeyamu lamadlelo ayo, leBhethi-
Horoni lamadlelo ayo, **69** leAjaloni lamadlelo ayo,
leGathi-Rimoni lamadlelo ayo. **70** Lengxenyeni eyodwa
kwezimbili yesizwe sakoManase: IAneri lamadlelo ayo,
leBileyamu lamadlelo ayo, yosendo lwamadodana
kaKohathi aseleyo. **71** Amadodana kaGerishoni
ensendweni zengxenye yesizwe sakoManase aba
leGolani eBashani lamadlelo ayo, leAshitarothi lamadlelo
ayo. **72** Lesizweni sakoIsakari: IKedeshi lamadlelo ayo,
leDaberathi lamadlelo ayo, **73** leRamothi lamadlelo
ayo, leAnema lamadlelo ayo. **74** Lesizweni sakoAsheri:
IMashali lamadlelo ayo, leAbidoni lamadlelo ayo, **75**
leHukoki lamadlelo ayo, leRehobi lamadlelo ayo. **76**
Lesizweni sakoNafithali: IKedeshi eGalili lamadlelo
ayo, leHamoni lamadlelo ayo, leKiriyathayimi lamadlelo
ayo. **77** Njalo amadodana kaMerari aseleyo, esizweni
sakoZebuluni, aba leRimono lamadlelo ayo, leThabhori
lamadlelo ayo; **78** langaphetsheya kweJordani, eJeriko,
ngempumalanga kweJordani, esizweni sakoRubeni:
IBezeri enkangala lamadlelo ayo, leJahaza lamadlelo ayo,
79 leKedemothi lamadlelo ayo, leMefahathi lamadlelo ayo;
80 lesizweni sakoGadi: IRamothi eGileyadi lamadlelo ayo,
leMahanayimi lamadlelo ayo, **81** leHeshiboni lamadlelo
ayo, leJazeri lamadlelo ayo.

7 Lemadodaneni kaIsakari: OThola, loPhuwa, uJashubi,
loShimroni; bebane. **2** Njalo amadodana
kaThola: OUzi, loRefaya, loJeriyeli, loJahimayi,
loIbisamu, loShemuweli, izinhloko zendlu yaboyise,
abakoThola, amaqhawe alamandla ezizukulwaneni zabo;
inani labo ensukwini zikaDavida laliyizinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amabili lambili lamakhulu ayisithupha.
3 Lamadodana kaUzi: UIzrahiya. Lamadodana
kaIzrahiya: OMikayeli, loObhadiya, loJoweli, uIshiya,
bebahlanu; beyizinhloko bonke. **4** Kanye labo-ke,
ngensendo zabo, ngendlu yaboyise, kwakukhona
amaviyo ebutho lempi, izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amathathu lesithupha, ngoba babelabafazi labantwana
abanengi. **5** Labafowabo, phakathi kwensendo zonke

zakoIsakari, amaqhawe alamandla, izinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lesikhombisa,
bebhalwe bonke ngezizukulwana. 6 Amadodana
kaBhenjamini: OBhela, loBekeri loJediyayeli, bebathathu.
7 Lamadodana kaBhela: OEziboni, loUzi, loUziyeli,
loJerimothi, loIri, bebahlanu; izinhloko zendlu zaboyise,
amaqhawe alamandla; bebhalwe ngezizukulwana,
babeyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lambili
lamatshumi amathathu lane. 8 Njalo amadodana
kaBekeri: OZemira, loJowashi, loEliyezeri, loEliyohenayi,
loOmri, loJeremothi, loAbhiya, loAnathothi, loAlemethi;
bonke laba babengamadodana kaBekeri. 9 Bebhalwe
ngensendo ngezizukulwana zabo, izinhloko zezindlu
zaboyise, amaqhawe alamandla, babezinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amabili lamakhulu amabili. 10 Njalo
amadodana kaJediyayeli: UBilihani. Lamadodana
kaBilihani: OJewushi, loBhenjamini, loEhudi, loKenahana,
loZethani, loTarshishi, loAhishahari. 11 Bonke
laba babengamadodana kaJediyayeli, ngezinhloko
zaboyise, amaqhawe alamandla; babeyizinkulungwane
ezilitshumi lesikhombisa lamakhulu amabili, angaphuma
ebuthweni ukuya empini. 12 LoShupimi loHupimi
babengamadodana kaIri, loHushimi amadodana kaAheri.
13 Amadodana kaNafithali: OJahaziyeli, loGuni, loJezeri,
loShaluma, amadodana kaBiliha. 14 Amadodana
kaManase: UAsiriyeli umkakhe amzalayo. (Umfazi
wakhe omncinyane umAramukazi wazala uMakiri
uyise kaGileyadi. 15 UMakiri wathatha udadewabo
kaHupimi loShupimi, waba ngumkakhe, obizo lakhe
nguMahaka.) Lebizo leyesibili lalinguZelofehadi; njalo
uZelofehadi wayelamadodakazi. 16 UMahaka umkaMakiri
wasezala indodana, wayitha ibizo wathi nguPereshi;
lebizo lomfowabo lalinguShereshi, lamadodana akhe
ayengoUlamu loRakema. 17 Njalo amadodana
kaUlamu: UBedani. La ayengamadodana kaGileyadi
indodana kaMakiri indodana kaManase. 18 Udadewabo
uHamolekethi wasezala oIshodi loAbiyezeri loMahla.
19 Lamadodana kaShemida ayengoAhiyani loShekema
loLikhi loAniyamu. 20 Njalo amadodana kaEfrayimi:
OShuthela, loBeredi indodana yakhe, loTahathi indodana
yakhe, loEleyada indodana yakhe, loTahathi indodana
yakhe, 21 loZabadi indodana yakhe, loShuthela indodana
yakhe, loEzeri loEleyadi, amadoda eGathi azalelwa
kulelolizwe abababulalayo, ngoba behlela ukuthatha
izifuyo zabo. 22 UEfrayimi uyise walila insuku ezinengi;
abafowabo basebesiza ukuzamduduza. 23 Wasengena
kumkakhe; wathatha isisu, wazala indodana; waseyitha
ibizo wathi nguBeriya, ngoba wayesebubini endlini yakhe.
24 Lendodakazi yakhe yayinguShera, owakha iBethi-
Horoni engaphansi lengaphezulu, leUzeni-Shera. 25 Njalo
uRefa wayeyindodana yakhe, loReshefi, loTela indodana
yakhe, loTahani indodana yakhe, 26 uLadani indodana
yakhe, uAmihudi indodana yakhe, uElishama indodana
yakhe, 27 uNoni indodana yakhe, uJoshuwa indodana
yakhe. 28 Lemfuyo yawo lendawo zawo zokuhlala
kwakuyiBhetheli lemizana yayo, langempumalanga
iNaharani, langentshonalanga iGezeri lemizana yayo,
leShekema lemizana yayo, kwaze kwaba seAya lemizana
yayo. 29 Lasemingceleni yabantwana bakoManase,
iBeti-Sheyani lemizana yayo, iThahanakhi lemizana
yayo, iMegido lemizana yayo, iDori lemizana yayo. Kule
kwahlala abantwana bakoJosefa indodana kaIsrayeli.
30 Abantwana bakaAsheri: OImina, loIshiva, loIshivi,
loBeriya, loSera udadewabo. 31 Njalo amadodana
kaBeriya: OHeberi, loMalikiyeli onguyise kaBirizayithi.
32 UHeberi wasezala oJafilethi loShomeri loHothamu
loShuwa udadewabo. 33 Lamadodana kaJafilethi:
OPasaki loBimihali loAshivathi; la ngamadodana
kaJafilethi. 34 Lamadodana kaShemeri: OAhi, loRohiga,
uJehuba, loAramu. 35 Njalo amadodana kaHelemu
umfowabo: OZofa loImina loSheleshi loAmali. 36 Njalo
amadodana kaZofa: OSuwa, loHarineferi, loShuwali,
loBeri, loImra, 37 uBezeri, loHodi, loShama, loShilisha,
loIthirani, loBehera. 38 Njalo amadodana kaJetheri:
OJefune loPisipa loAra. 39 Njalo amadodana kaUla: OAra
loHaniyeli loRiziya. 40 Bonke laba babengabantwana
bakaAsheri, izinhloko zendlu yaboyise, abakhethiweyo,
amaqhawe alamandla, izinhloko zeziphathamandla.
Basebebhalwa ngezizukulwana ebuthweni empini; inani
labo lalingamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amabili lesithupha.

8 UBhenjamini wasezala uBhela izibulo lakhe, uAshibeli
owesibili, loAhara owesithathu, 2 uNoha owesine,
loRafa owesihlanu. 3 Njalo uBhela wayelamadodana:
OAdari loGera loAbhihudi 4 loAbishuwa loNamani
loAhowa 5 loGera loShefufani loHuramu. 6 Lala
ngamadodana kaEhudi; lezi zinhloko zaboyise zabahlali
beGeba; wasebathumbela eManahathi; 7 loNamani,
loAhiya, loGera; yena wabathumba; wasezala oUza
loAhihudi. 8 UShaharayimi wasezala abantwana
elizweni lakoMowabi, esebaxotshile; oHushimi loBahara
babengomkakhe. 9 Wasezala kuHodeshi umkakhe
oJobabi loZibiya loMesha loMalikamu 10 loJewuzi
loSakiya loMirima. Laba babengamadodana akhe,
izinhloko zaboyise. 11 KuHushimi wasezala oAbitubi
loEliphahali. 12 Amadodana kaEliphahali: OEberi,
loMishamu, loShemedi owakha iOno leLodi lemizana
yayo, 13 loBeriya, loShema, ababezinhloko zaboyise
zabahlali beAjaloni, ababexotshe abahlali beGathi,
14 loAhiyo, uShashaki, loJeremothi, 15 loZebhadiya,
loAradi, loEderi, 16 loMikayeli, loIshipa, loJoha,
amadodana kaBeriya. 17 LoZebhadiya, loMeshulamu,
loHiziki, loHeberi, 18 loIshmerayi, loIziliya, loJobabi,
amadodana kaEliphahali. 19 LoJakimi, loZikiri, loZabidi,
20 loEliyenayi, loZilethayi, loEliyeli, 21 loAdaya, loBeraya,
loShimirathi, amadodana kaShimeyi. 22 LoIshipani,
loEberi, loEliyeli, 23 loAbidoni, loZikiri, loHanani,

24 loHananiya, loElamu, loAnithothiya, 25 loIfideya,
loPenuweli, amadodana kaShashaki. 26 LoShamisherayi,
loShekariya, loAthaliya, 27 loJahareshiya, loEliya,
loZikiri, amadodana kaJerohamu. 28 Laba babezinhloko
zaboyise, izinhloko ngezizukulwana zabo; laba bahlala
eJerusalema. 29 EGibeyoni kwasekuhlala uyise
kaGibeyoni; lebizo lomkakhe lalinguMahaka. 30
Lendodana yakhe, izibulo lakhe, nguAbhidoni, loZuri,
loKishi, loBhali, loNadabi, 31 loGedori, loAhiyo,
loZekeri. 32 UMikilothi wasezala uShimeya. Lalaba
babehlala maqondana labafowabo eJerusalema, kanye
labafowabo. 33 UNeri wasezala uKishi; uKishi
wasezala uSawuli; uSawuli wasezala oJonathani
loMaliki-Shuwa loAbinadaba loEshibhali. 34 Njalo
indodana kaJonathani yayinguMeribi-Bhali; uMeribi-
Bhali wasezala uMika. 35 Njalo amadodana kaMika:
OPithoni loMeleki loTareya loAhazi. 36 UAhazi wasezala
uJehoyada; uJehoyada wasezala oAlemethi loAzimavethi
loZimri; uZimri wasezala uMoza; 37 uMoza wasezala
uBineya; uRafa wayeyindodana yakhe, uEleyasa
indodana yakhe, uAzeli indodana yakhe. 38 Njalo
uAzeli wayelamadodana ayisithupha; lala ngamabizo
awo: OAzirikamu, uBhokeru, loIshmayeli, loSheyariya,
loObhadiya, loHanani. Wonke la ngamadodana kaAzeli.
39 Njalo amadodana kaEsheki umfowabo: OUlamu izibulo
lakhe, uJewushi eyesibili, loElifeleti eyesithathu. 40
Njalo amadodana kaUlamu ayengamadoda, amaqhawe
alamandla, anyathela idandili, elamadodana amanengi
lamadodana amadodana, ikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu.
Bonke laba babengabantwana bakoBhenjamini.

9 UIsrayeli wonke wasebalwa ngezizukulwana;
khangela-ke, zibhaliwe egwalweni lwamakhosi
akoIsrayeli; kodwa abakoJuda bathunjelwa eBhabhiloni
ngenxa yeziphambeko zabo. 2 Njalo abahlali bokuqala
ababeselizweni labo emizini yabo kwakunguIsrayeli,
abapristi, amaLevi, lamaNethini. 3 Njalo eJerusalema
kwahlala ababantwana bakoJuda lababantwana
bakoBhenjamini lababantwana bakoEfrayimi loManase:
4 U-Uthayi indodana kaAmihudi indodana kaOmri
indodana kaImri indodana kaBani, wabantwana
bakaPerezi indodana kaJuda. 5 LakumaShiloni:
UAsaya izibulo, lamadodana akhe. 6 Lakumadodana
kaZera: UJeyuweli labafowabo, amakhulu ayisithupha
lamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye. 7 Lakumadodana
akoBhenjamini: USalu indodana kaMeshulamu indodana
kaHodaviya indodana kaHasenuwa; 8 loIbineya
indodana kaJerohamu, loEla indodana kaUzi indodana
kaMikiri, loMeshulamu indodana kaShefathiya indodana
kaRehuweli indodana kaIbiniya; 9 labafowabo
ngezizukulwana zabo, amakhulu ayisificamunwemunye
lamatshumi amahlanu lesithupha. Wonke lamadoda
ayeyizinhloko zaboyise endlini yaboyise. 10 Lakubapristi:
OJedaya, loJehoyaribi, loJakini, 11 loAzariya
indodana kaHilikhiya indodana kaMeshulamu indodana
kaZadoki indodana kaMerayothi indodana kaAhitubi,
umphathi wendlu kaNkulunkulu, 12 loAdaya indodana
kaJerohamu indodana kaPashuri indodana kaMalikiya,
loMahasayi indodana kaAdiyeli indodana kaJahizera
indodana kaMeshulamu indodana kaMeshilemithi
indodana kaImeri, 13 labafowabo, izinhloko zendlu
yaboyise, inkulungwane lamakhulu ayisikhombisa
lamatshumi ayisithupha, abalamandla ngobungcwethi
emsebenzini wenkonzo yendlu kaNkulunkulu. 14
LakumaLevi: UShemaya indodana kaHashubi indodana
kaAzirikamu indodana kaHashabhiya, owamadodana
kaMerari, 15 loBakibakari, uHereshi, loGalali,
loMathaniya indodana kaMika indodana kaZikiri
indodana kaAsafi, 16 loObhadiya indodana kaShemaya
indodana kaGalali indodana kaJeduthuni, loBerekiya
indodana kaAsa indodana kaElkana owahlala emizini
yamaNetofa. 17 Labagcini bamasango oShaluma
loAkubi loTalimoni loAhimani; lomfowabo uShaluma
wayeyinhloko; 18 njalo kuze kube yilesisikhathi,
babesesangweni lenkosi ngempumalanga, laba
babengabagcini bamasango enkambeni yabantwana
bakoLevi. 19 UShaluma indodana kaKore indodana
kaEbiyasafi indodana kaKora, labafowabo, abendlu
kayise, amaKora, basebephatha umsebenzi wenkonzo,
abalindi beminyango yethente; laboyise baphatha ibandla
leNkosi, abalindi bentuba. 20 UPhinehasi indodana
kaEleyazare wayengumbusi phezu kwabo ngaphambili;
iNkosi yayilaye. 21 UZekhariya indodana kaMeshelemiya
wayengumgcinisango emnyango wethente lenhlangano.
22 Bonke labo abakhethwayo babangabagcinimasango
emibundwini, babengamakhulu amabili letshumi lambili;
babhalwa ngezizukulwana zabo emizini yabo; oDavida
loSamuweli umboni ababamisa esikhundleni sabo. 23
Ngakho bona lamadodana abo baphatha amasango
endlini yeNkosi, indlu yethente, ngemilindo. 24
Abalindi bamasango babekhona emimoyeni yomine,
empumalanga, entshonalanga, enyakatho, leningizimu.
25 Labafowabo ababesemizini yabo babefanele beze
okwensuku eziyisikhombisa izikhathi ngezikhathi
kanye labo. 26 Ngoba amaLevi la, abagcini
bamasango abakhulu bobane, babesesikhundleni,
babephethe amakamelo bephezu kwezindlu zenotho
zendlu kaNkulunkulu. 27 Njalo babehlala ebusuku
bezingelezele indlu kaNkulunkulu, ngoba umlindo
wawuphezu kwabo, njalo bephethe ukuvulwa kwayo,
ngitsho ikuseni ngekuseni. 28 Njalo abanye
babo babephethe izitsha zenkonzo, ngoba ngenani
bazingenisa, langenani bazikhupha. 29 Labanye
babo babemiswe phezu kwezitsha, laphezu kwazo
zonke izitsha ezingcwele, laphezu kwempuphu
ecolekileyo lewayini lamafutha lempepha lamakha.
30 Abanye emadodaneni abapristi babehlanganisa-
ke amafutha amakha. 31 LoMathithiya kumaLevi,

owayelizibulo likaShaluma umKora, wayephathiswe
umsebenzi wamaqebelengwana abhakwe emapanini.
32 Labanye babantwana bamaKohathi kubafowabo
babephethe isinkwa sokubukiswa ukusilungisa isabatha
ngesabatha. 33 Lalaba ngabahlabeleli, izinhloko zaboyise
bamaLevi, emakamelweni, bekhululekile, ngoba emini
lebusuku kwakuphezu kwabo ukuba semsebenzini.
34 Laba bazinhloko zaboyise bamaLevi, izinhloko
ngezizukulwana zabo; laba bahlala eJerusalema. 35
EGibeyoni kwakuhlala-ke uyise kaGibeyoni, uJehiyeli;
lebizo lomkakhe lalinguMahaka. 36 Lendodana
yakhe elizibulo uAbidoni, loZuri loKishi loBhali loNeri
loNadabi 37 loGedori loAhiyo loZekhariya loMikilothi.
38 UMikilothi wasezala uShimeyamu; laba labo
bahlala eJerusalema maqondana labafowabo kanye
labafowabo. 39 UNeri wasezala uKishi; uKishi wasezala
uSawuli; uSawuli wasezala oJonathani loMaliki-Shuwa
loAbinadaba loEshibhali. 40 Njalo indodana kaJonathani
yayinguMeribi-Bhali; uMeribi-Bhali wasezala uMika. 41
Njalo amadodana kaMika: OPithoni loMeleki loTareya.
42 UAhazi wasezala uJara; uJara wasezala oAlemethi
loAzimavethi loZimri. UZimri wasezala uMoza. 43 UMoza
wasezala uBineya, loRefaya indodana yakhe, uEleyasa
indodana yakhe, uAzeli indodana yakhe. 44 Njalo
uAzeli wayelamadodana ayisithupha; lala ngamabizo
awo: OAzirikamu, uBhokeru, loIshmayeli, loSheyariya,
loObhadiya, loHanani. La ayengamadodana kaAzeli.

10 AmaFilisti asesilwa emelene loIsrayeli; lamadoda
akoIsrayeli abaleka phambi kwamaFilisti, awa
abulawa entabeni yeGilibowa. 2 AmaFilisti asenamathela
ngemva kukaSawuli langemva kwamadodana akhe;
amaFilisti atshaya uJonathani loAbinadaba loMaliki-
Shuwa, amadodana kaSawuli. 3 Impi yasisiba nzima
imelene loSawuli; abatshoka ngamadandili basebemfica;
waselinyazwa ngabatshoki. 4 USawuli wasesithi
kumthwali wezikhali zakhe: Hwatsha inkemba yakho,
ungigwaze ngayo, hlezi laba abangasokanga bafike,
badlale kubi ngami. Kodwa umthwali wezikhali zakhe
kavumanga, ngoba wesaba kakhulu. USawuli wasethatha
inkemba, waziwisela phezu kwayo. 5 Lapho umthwali
wezikhali zakhe ebona ukuthi uSawuli usefile, laye
waziwisela phezu kwenkemba, wafa. 6 Wafa-ke
uSawuli, lamadodana akhe amathathu, lendlu yakhe
yonke; bafa ndawonye. 7 Kwathi wonke amadoda
akoIsrayeli ayesesigodini ebona ukuthi abalekile, lokuthi
uSawuli lamadodana akhe bafile, atshiya imizi yawo,
abaleka; amaFilisti asefika, ahlala kiyo. 8 Kwasekusithi
kusisa lapho amaFilisti efika ukuhlubula ababuleweyo,
afica uSawuli lamadodana akhe bewile entabeni
yeGilibowa. 9 Amhlubula, athatha ikhanda lakhe lezikhali
zakhe, athumela elizweni lamaFilisti inhlangothi zonke,
ukumemezela imibiko ezithombeni zawo lebantwini. 10
Asebeka izikhali zakhe endlini yabonkulunkulu bawo,
abethela ukhakhayi lwakhe endlini kaDagoni. 11
Kwathi iJabeshi-Gileyadi yonke isizwile konke amaFilisti
akwenze kuSawuli, 12 wonke amaqhawe asuka,
athatha isidumbu sikaSawuli lezidumbu zamadodana
akhe, aziletha eJabeshi, angcwaba amathambo abo
ngaphansi kwesihlahla se-okhi eJabeshi, azila ukudla
insuku eziyisikhombisa. 13 Ngakho uSawuli wafa
ngenxa yesiphambeko sakhe aphambuka ngaso emelene
leNkosi, emelene lelizwi leNkosi ayengaligcinanga,
njalo langokubuza koledlozi ukudinga kuye, 14 njalo
kakudinganga eNkosini. Ngakho yambulala, yaguqulela
umbuso kuDavida indodana kaJese.

11 UIsrayeli wonke wasebuthana kuDavida eHebroni
esithi: Khangela, thina silithambo lakho lenyama
yakho. 2 Ngitsho mandulo, ngitsho uSawuli eyinkosi,
nguwe owakhupha lowangenisa uIsrayeli; iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho yasisithi kuwe: Wena uzakwelusa
abantu bami uIsrayeli, njalo wena uzakuba ngumbusi
phezu kwabantu bami uIsrayeli. 3 Kwasekufika bonke
abadala bakoIsrayeli enkosini eHebroni. UDavida
wasesenza isivumelwano labo eHebroni phambi
kweNkosi. Basebemgcoba uDavida ukuba yinkosi
phezu kukaIsrayeli, njengelizwi leNkosi ngesandla
sikaSamuweli. 4 UDavida loIsrayeli wonke basebesiya
eJerusalema, eyiJebusi, ngoba lapho kwakulamaJebusi,
abahlali balelolizwe. 5 Abahlali beJebusi basebesithi
kuDavida: Kawuyikungena lapha. Kodwa uDavida
wayithumba inqaba yeZiyoni, engumuzi kaDavida.
6 UDavida wasesithi: Loba ngubani ozatshaya
amaJebusi kuqala uzakuba yinhloko lenduna. Ngakho
uJowabi indodana kaZeruya wenyuka kuqala, waba
yinhloko. 7 UDavida wasehlala enqabeni; ngalokho-ke
bayibiza ngokuthi ngumuzi kaDavida. 8 Wasewakha
umuzi inhlangothi zonke, kusukela eMilo waze
wawuhlanganisa. UJowabi wasevuselela okuseleyo
komuzi. 9 UDavida wasesiya eqhubeka esiba
mkhulu, ngoba iNkosi yamabandla yayilaye. 10 Lalezi
zinhloko zamaqhawe uDavida ayelazo, ezaziqinisa
kanye laye embusweni wakhe, loIsrayeli wonke,
ukumenza inkosi, njengelizwi leNkosi mayelana
loIsrayeli. 11 Laleli linani lamaqhawe uDavida
ayelawo: UJashobeyamu indodana yomHakimoni inhloko
yamatshumi amathathu; yena waphakamisa umkhonto
wakhe emelene labangamakhulu amathathu, wababulala
ngasikhathi sinye. 12 Lemva kwakhe kwakuloEleyazare
indodana kaDodo umAhohi; wayephakathi kwamaqhawe
amathathu. 13 Yena wayeloDavida ePasi-Damimi
lapho amaFilisti ayebuthanele impi khona. Lesiqinti
sensimu sasigcwele ibhali; abantu basebebaleka
phambi kwamaFilisti. 14 Bona bazimisa phakathi
kwesiqinti, basikhulula, batshaya amaFilisti, iNkosi
yasisindisa ngokukhulula okukhulu. 15 Abathathu
ezinduneni ezingamatshumi amathathu basebesehlela
edwaleni kuDavida, ebhalwini lweAdulamu; lebutho

lamaFilisti lalimise inkamba esihotsheni seRefayimi.
16 UDavida ngalesosikhathi wayesenqabeni, lebutho
lenqaba lamaFilisti ngalesosikhathi laliseBhethelehema.
17 UDavida waselangatha wathi: Hawu, kungathi omunye
ubenganginathisa amanzi omthombo weBhethelehema
osesangweni! 18 Labo abathathu bafohlela enkambeni
yamaFilisti, bakha amanzi emthonjeni weBhethelehema
owawusesangweni, bawathwala bawaletha kuDavida;
kodwa uDavida kafunanga ukuwanatha, kodwa
wawathululela iNkosi. 19 Wasesithi: Kakube khatshana
lami, ngoNkulunkulu wami, ukwenza lokho. Nginganatha
yini igazi lalamadoda abeke impilo yawo engozini? Ngoba
ngokubeka impilo yawo engozini, awalethile. Ngakho
kafunanga ukuwanatha. Lezizinto azenza lawomaqhawe
amathathu. 20 UAbishayi umfowabo kaJowabi, yena-ke
wayeyinhloko yabathathu. Yena ephakamisa umkhonto
wakhe emelene labangamakhulu amathathu wababulala;
wasesiba lebizo phakathi kwabathathu. 21 Kwabathathu
wayehlonitshwa kulababili, wasesiba yinduna yabo;
kodwa kafinyelelanga kwabathathu abokuqala. 22
UBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada, indodana yeqhawe
leKabhiseyeli, wayemkhulu ngezenzo: Nguye owatshaya
abakoMowabi ababili ababenjengezilwane; futhi yena
wehla wabulala isilwane phakathi komgodi mhla
weliqhwa elikhithikileyo. 23 Yena wasetshaya indoda
engumGibhithe, umuntu omude, ozingalo ezinhlanu.
Lesandleni somGibhithe kwakulomkhonto onjengogodo
lomeluki; kodwa wehlela kuye ngenduku, wahluthuna
umkhonto esandleni somGibhithe, wambulala ngowakhe
umkhonto. 24 Lezizinto wazenza uBhenaya indodana
kaJehoyada, waba lebizo phakathi kwamaqhawe
amathathu. 25 Khangela, wahlonitshwa phakathi
kwabangamatshumi amathathu, kodwa kafinyelelanga
kwabathathu. UDavida wasembeka phezu kwabalindi
bakhe. 26 Lamaqhawe amabutho: OAsaheli
umfowabo kaJowabi, uElihanani indodana kaDodo
weBhethelehema, 27 uShamothi umHarodi, uHelezi
umPheloni, 28 uIra indodana kaIkheshi umThekhowa,
uAbiyezeri umAnathothi, 29 uSibekayi umHushathi, uIlayi
umAhohi, 30 uMaharayi umNetofa, uHelebi indodana
kaBahana umNetofa, 31 uIthayi indodana kaRibayi
weGibeya yabantwana bakoBhenjamini, uBhenaya
umPirathoni, 32 uHurayi wezifula zeGahashi, uAbiyeli
umArba, 33 uAzimavethi umBaharumi, uEliyabha
umShahaliboni, 34 amadodana kaHashema umGizoni,
uJonathani indodana kaShage umHarari, 35 uAhiyamu
indodana kaSakari umHarari, uElifali indodana kaUri,
36 uHeferi umMekera, uAhiya umPheloni, 37 uHeziro
umKharmeli, uNaharayi indodana kaEzibayi, 38 uJoweli
umfowabo kaNathani, uMibhari indodana kaHagiri, 39
uZeleki umAmoni, uNaharayi umBherothi, umthwali
wezikhali zikaJowabi indodana kaZeruya, 40 uIra umIthiri,
uGarebi umIthiri, 41 uUriya umHethi, uZabadi indodana
kaAhilayi, 42 uAdina indodana kaShiza umRubeni,
inhloko kwabakoRubeni, labangamatshumi amathathu
belaye, 43 uHanani indodana kaMahaka, loJoshafati
umMithini, 44 uUziya umAshiterathi, uShama loJehiyeli
amadodana kaHothamu umAroweri, 45 uJediyayeli
indodana kaShimri, loJoha umfowabo umTizi, 46
uEliyeli umMahavi, loJeribayi loJoshaviya amadodana
kaElinahamu, loIthima umMowabi, 47 loEliyeli, loObedi,
loJahasiyeli umMezobaya.

12 Laba-ke yilabo abeza kuDavida eZikilagi, lapho
esavalelwe ngenxa kaSawuli indodana kaKishi;
njalo babephakathi kwamaqhawe, abasizi bempi.
2 Behlomile ngamadandili, besebenzisa isandla
sokunene lesokhohlo ngamatshe, langemitshoko
ngedandili; babengababafowabo bakaSawuli
koBhenjamini. 3 Inhloko yayinguAhiyezeri, loJowashi,
amadodana kaShemaha umGibeya; loJeziyeli
loPeleti amadodana kaAzimavethi, loBeraka, loJehu
umAnathothi, 4 loIshmaya umGibeyoni, iqhawe
phakathi kwabangamatshumi amathathu njalo ephezu
kwabangamatshumi amathathu; loJeremiya, loJahaziyeli,
loJohanani, loJozabadi umGedera, 5 uEluzayi,
loJerimothi, loBeyaliya, loShemariya, loShefathiya
umHarufi, 6 uElkana, loIshiya, loAzareli, loJowezeri,
loJashobeyamu, amaKora, 7 loJowela, loZebhadiya,
amadodana kaJehoramu weGedori. 8 LakwabakoGadi
bazehlukanisela kuDavida enqabeni enkangala,
amaqhawe alamandla, amadoda ebutho empi,
ephatha isihlangu esikhulu lomkhonto, obuso bawo
babuyibuso bezilwane, enjengemiziki ezintabeni
ngesiqubu. 9 UEzeri wayeyinhloko, uObhadiya
owesibili, uEliyabi owesithathu, 10 uMishimana owesine,
uJeremiya owesihlanu, 11 uAthayi owesithupha, uEliyeli
owesikhombisa, 12 uJohanani owesificaminwembili,
uElizabadi owesificamunwemunye, 13 uJeremiya
owetshumi, uMakibanayi owetshumi lanye. 14 Laba
babengabamadodana akoGadi, izinhloko zebutho;
omunye wabancinyane wayephethe ikhulu, lomkhulu
wayephethe inkulungwane. 15 Laba yibo abachapha
iJordani ngenyanga yokuqala lapho yayigcwele
iphuphuma inkumbi zonke zayo, baxotsha bonke
ababesezigodini ngempumalanga langentshonalanga.
16 Basebefika bevela ebantwaneni bakoBhenjamini
labakoJuda enqabeni kuDavida. 17 UDavida wasephuma
ukubahlangabeza, waphendula wathi kibo: Uba lisiza
kimi ngokuthula ukungisiza, ngilenhliziyo ehlangene
lani; kodwa uba kuyikunginikela ngenkohliso ezitheni
zami, kungelabubi ezandleni zami, uNkulunkulu
wabobaba kakubone, ajezise. 18 UMoya wasesehlela
kuAmasayi inhloko yezinduna, wasesithi: Singabakho,
Davida, silawe, ndodana kaJese! Ukuthula, ukuthula
kube kuwe, lokuthula kube kubasizi bakho, ngoba
uNkulunkulu wakho uyakusiza! UDavida wasebemukela,
wabenza induna zeviyo. 19 Abavela koManase
bahlamukela kuDavida ekufikeni kwakhe lamaFilisti

emelene loSawuli empini. Kodwa kababasizanga,
ngoba ababusi bamaFilisti bamxotsha ngecebo besithi:
Ngamakhanda ethu uzahlamukela enkosini yakhe
uSawuli. 20 Ekuyeni kwakhe eZikilagi kwabalekela kuye
abavela koManase: OAdina loJozabadi loJediyayeli
loMikhayeli loJozabadi loElihu loZilethayi, inhloko
zezinkulungwane ababengabakoManase. 21 Bona
basebesiza kanye loDavida bemelene leviyo elihlaselayo,
ngoba bonke babengamaqhawe alamandla, bezinduna
ebuthweni. 22 Ngoba ngesikhathi insuku ngensuku
beza kuDavida ukumnceda baze babe libutho elikhulu
njengebutho likaNkulunkulu. 23 Lala ngamanani
ezinhloko ezazihlomele impi; zeza kuDavida eHebroni
ukuphendulela umbuso kaSawuli kuye, ngokomlomo
weNkosi. 24 Abantwana bakoJuda bethwele isihlangu
esikhulu lomkhonto babeyizinkulungwane eziyisithupha
lamakhulu ayisificaminwembili, behlomele impi. 25
Ebantwaneni bakoSimeyoni, amaqhawe alamandla empi,
izinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa lekhulu. 26 Ebantwaneni
bakoLevi, izinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu ayisithupha.
27 LoJehoyada wayeyisiphathamandla sabakoAroni;
kanye laye kwakulezinkulungwane ezintathu lamakhulu
ayisikhombisa. 28 LoZadoki ijaha, iqhawe elilamandla;
lendlini kayise izinduna ezingamatshumi amabili.
29 Lebantwaneni bakoBhenjamini, abafowabo
bakaSawuli, izinkulungwane ezintathu; ngoba kuze
kube khathesi ubunengi babo bagcina uthembeko
endlini kaSawuli. 30 Lebantwaneni bakoEfrayimi,
izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lamakhulu
ayisificaminwembili, amaqhawe alamandla, amadoda
alamabizo endlini yaboyise. 31 Lengxenyeni eyodwa
kwezimbili yesizwe sakoManase, izinkulungwane
ezilitshumi leyisificaminwembili, ababeqanjwe ngamabizo
ukuthi beze babeke uDavida abe yinkosi. 32
Lebantwaneni bakoIsakari, ababelokwazi beqedisisa
izikhathi ukwazi ukuthi uIsrayeli ufanele enzeni,
izinhloko zabo zazingamakhulu amabili, labafowabo
bonke babesemlayweni wazo. 33 KoZebuluni,
abaphuma impi, behlela impi ngazo zonke izikhali
zempi, izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu,
ukugcina iviyo kungengenhliziyombili. 34 LakoNafithali,
izinduna eziyinkulungwane, labayizinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa kanye lazo,
belesihlangu esikhulu lomkhonto. 35 LakwabakoDani,
abahlela impi, izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili
lesificaminwembili lamakhulu ayisithupha. 36 LakoAsheri,
abaphuma ebuthweni, ukuhlela impi, izinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amane. 37 Lababevela ngaphetsheya
kweJordani, kwabakoRubeni labakoGadi lengxenye
yesizwe sakoManase, belezikhali zonke zempi
ukuyakulwa, izinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi
amabili. 38 Wonke lamadoda empi, angagcina iviyo,
afika eHebroni ngenhliziyo epheleleyo ukubeka uDavida
abe yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli wonke; njalo loIsrayeli
wonke oseleyo wayenhliziyonye ukubeka uDavida abe
yinkosi. 39 Njalo baba lapho loDavida insuku ezintathu
besidla benatha, ngoba abafowabo babebalungisele.
40 Futhi lababeseduze labo kuze kube koIsakari
lakoZebuluni lakoNafithali baletha isinkwa ngabobabhemi
langamakamela langezimbongolo langezinkabi, ukudla,
impuphu, izinkwa zomkhiwa, lamahlukuzo ezithelo zevini
ezonyisiweyo, lewayini, lamafutha, lezinkabi, lezimvu,
ngobunengi, ngoba kwakulentokozo koIsrayeli.

13 UDavida wasecebisana lezinduna
zezinkulungwane lezamakhulu laye wonke
umphathi. 2 UDavida wasesithi ebandleni lonke
lakoIsrayeli: Uba kulungile kini, njalo kuvela eNkosini
uNkulunkulu wethu, kasisabalale sithumele kubafowethu
abaseleyo emazweni wonke akoIsrayeli lakubapristi
lamaLevi alabo emizini, emadlelweni, ukuze babuthane
kithi. 3 Besesibuyisa kithi umtshokotsho wesivumelwano
sikaNkulunkulu wethu, ngoba kasiwudinganga ensukwini
zikaSawuli. 4 Ibandla lonke laselisithi kwenziwe njalo,
ngoba udaba lwalulungile emehlweni abo bonke abantu.
5 UDavida wasebuthanisa uIsrayeli wonke kusukela
eShihori yeGibhithe kuze kube sekungeneni kweHamathi
ukuletha umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu usuka eKiriyathi-
Jeyarimi. 6 UDavida loIsrayeli wonke basebesenyukela
eBhahala, eKiriyathi-Jeyarimi eyakoJuda, ukuze benyuse
lapho umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu iNkosi, ehlala phakathi
kwamakherubhi phezu kwawo, lapho ibizo elibizwa
khona. 7 Basebewuthwala umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu
ngenqola entsha bewususa endlini kaAbinadaba; njalo
oUza loAhiyo babetshayela leyonqola. 8 UDavida
loIsrayeli wonke babedlala-ke phambi kukaNkulunkulu
ngamandla wonke, langengoma, langamachacho,
langezigubhu zezintambo, langezingungu, langezinsimbi
ezincencethayo, langezimpondo. 9 Lapho befika ebaleni
lokubhulela likaKidoni, uUza welula isandla sakhe
ukubamba umtshokotsho, ngoba inkabi zakhubeka. 10
Ulaka lweNkosi lwaselumvuthela uUza, yamtshaya,
ngenxa yokuthi welulela isandla sakhe emtshokotshweni;
wasefela khonapho phambi kukaNkulunkulu. 11 UDavida
wasethukuthela ngoba iNkosi imfohlele ngokufohla
uUza; waseyibiza leyondawo ngokuthi yiPerezi-
Uza, kuze kube lamuhla. 12 UDavida wasemesaba
uNkulunkulu ngalolosuku, esithi: Ngizawuletha njani
kimi umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu? 13 Ngakho uDavida
kawulethanga umtshokotsho kuye emzini kaDavida,
kodwa wawuphambulela endlini kaObedi-Edoma
umGithi. 14 Ngakho umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu wahlala
kwabendlu kaObedi-Edoma endlini yakhe inyanga
ezintathu. INkosi yasibusisa indlu kaObedi-Edoma lakho
konke ayelakho.

14 UHiramu inkosi yeTire wasethuma izithunywa
kuDavida, lezigodo zemisedari lababazi bamatshe
lababazi bezigodo ukumakhela indlu. 2 UDavida wasesazi

ukuthi iNkosi yayimmisile ukuthi abe yinkosi phezu
kukaIsrayeli, ngoba umbuso wakhe wawuphakanyiselwe
phezulu ngenxa yabantu bayo uIsrayeli. 3 UDavida
wasethatha abanye abafazi eJerusalema; uDavida
wasezala amanye amadodana lamadodakazi. 4
Lala ngamabizo abantwana aba labo eJerusalema:
OShamuwa, loShobabi, uNathani, loSolomoni, 5 IoIbihari,
loElishuwa, loEliphaleti, 6 IoNoga, loNefegi, loJafiya, 7
loElishama, loBeyeliyada, loElifaleti. 8 AmaFilisti esezwile
ukuthi uDavida ugcotshiwe ukuthi abe yinkosi phezu
kukaIsrayeli wonke, wonke amaFilisti enyuka ukudinga
uDavida; uDavida ekuzwa waphuma ukuyamelana lawo.
9 AmaFilisti asefika azisabalalisa esihotsheni seRefayimi.
10 UDavida wasebuza kuNkulunkulu esithi: Ngenyukele
yini kumaFilisti? Uzawanikela esandleni sami yini? INkosi
yasisithi kuye: Yenyuka, ngoba ngizawanikela esandleni
sakho. 11 Basebesenyukela eBhali-Perazimi, uDavida
wawatshaya lapho; uDavida wasesithi: UNkulunkulu
ufohlele ezitheni zami ngesandla sami njengokufohla
kwamanzi. Ngenxa yalokhu babiza leyondawo ngokuthi
yiBhali-Perazimi. 12 Asetshiya onkulunkulu bawo lapho,
uDavida wasesithi kabatshiswe ngomlilo. 13 AmaFilisti
asebuya ezisabalalisa esihotsheni futhi. 14 Lapho
uDavida ebuza futhi kuNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu wathi
kuye: Ungenyukeli ngemva kwawo, agombolozele usuka
kiwo, uze kuwo maqondana lezihlahla zebhalisamu.
15 Kuzakuthi-ke lapho usizwa umsindo wokuhamba
ezihlokweni zezihlahla zebhalisamu, ubusuphumela
empini, ngoba uNkulunkulu uzabe esephume phambi
kwakho ukutshaya ibutho lamaFilisti. 16 Ngakho uDavida
wenza njengoba uNkulunkulu emlayile; basebetshaya
ibutho lamaFilisti kusukela eGibeyoni kwaze kwaba
seGezeri. 17 Njalo ibizo likaDavida laphumela kuwo
wonke amazwe; iNkosi yasibeka ukwesabeka kwakhe
phezu kwazo zonke izizwe.

15 Wasezenzela izindlu emzini kaDavida, walungisela
umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu indawo, wawumisela
ithente. 2 Ngalesosikhathi uDavida wathi: Kakho
ongathwala umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu ngaphandle
kwamaLevi, ngoba yiwo iNkosi eyawakhethela ukuthwala
umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu, lokuyikhonza kuze kube
nininini. 3 UDavida wasebuthanisa uIsrayeli wonke
eJerusalema ukuze benyuse umtshokotsho weNkosi
endaweni yawo ayeyilungisele wona. 4 UDavida
wasebuthanisa amadodana kaAroni lamaLevi. 5
Kumadodana kaKohathi, uUriyeli induna, labafowabo,
ikhulu lamatshumi amabili. 6 Kumadodana kaMerari,
uAsaya induna, labafowabo, amakhulu amabili
lamatshumi amabili. 7 Kumadodana kaGerishoni,
uJoweli induna, labafowabo, ikhulu lamatshumi
amathathu. 8 Kumadodana kaElizafani, uShemaya
induna, labafowabo, amakhulu amabili. 9 Kumadodana
kaHebroni, uEliyeli induna, labafowabo, amatshumi
ayisificaminwembili. 10 Kumadodana kaUziyeli,
uAminadaba induna, labafowabo, ikhulu letshumi lambili.
11 UDavida wasebiza oZadoki loAbhiyatha abapristi,
lamaLevi, oUriyeli, uAsaya, loJoweli, uShemaya,
loEliyeli, loAminadaba. 12 Wasesithi kubo: Lizinhloko
zaboyise bamaLevi; zingcweliseni lina labafowenu ukuze
lenyuse umtshokotsho weNkosi uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli
endaweni engiyilungisele wona. 13 Ngoba lina lalingekho
kuqala, iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu yafohlela kithi, ngoba
singayidinganga ngokwesimiso. 14 Ngakho abapristi
lamaLevi bazingcwelisa ukwenyusa umtshokotsho
weNkosi uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli. 15 Abantwana
bamaLevi basebethwala umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu,
njengokulaya kukaMozisi ngokwelizwi leNkosi,
emahlombe abo ngemijabo phezu kwabo. 16 UDavida
wasesithi ezinduneni zamaLevi zimise abafowabo,
abahlabeleli, lezinto zokuhlabelela lezigubhu zezintambo
lamachacho lezinsimbi ezincencethayo, bazizwakalise,
ngokuphakamisa ilizwi ngentokozo. 17 AmaLevi
asemisa uHemani indodana kaJoweli, lakubafowabo
uAsafi indodana kaBerekiya, lemadodaneni kaMerari
abafowabo uEthani indodana kaKushaya. 18 Njalo
kanye labo abafowabo besigaba sesibili: OZekhariya,
uBeni, loJahaziyeli, loShemiramothi, loJehiyeli, loUni,
uEliyabi, loBhenaya, loMahaseya, loMathithiya,
loElifelehu, loMikineya, loObedi-Edoma, loJeyiyeli,
abalindi bamasango. 19 Abahlabeleli oHemani, uAsafi,
loEthani bazizwakalisa-ke ngensimbi ezincencethayo
zethusi. 20 LoZekhariya loAziyeli loShemiramothi
loJehiyeli loUni loEliyabi loMahaseya loBhenaya
belezigubhu zezintambo ngeAlamothi. 21 LoMathithiya
loElifelehu loMikineya loObedi-Edoma loJeyiyeli
loAzaziya belamachacho ngeSheminithi ukukhokhela. 22
LoKenaniya induna yamaLevi emthwalweni, wafundisa
ngokuhlabelela ngoba wayeyingcitshi. 23 LoBerekiya
loElkana babengabagcini bamasango omtshokotsho.
24 LoShebaniya loJoshafati loNethaneli loAmasayi
loZekhariya loBhenaya loEliyezeri abapristi bakhalisa
izimpondo phambi komtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu.
LoObedi-Edoma loJehiya babengabagcinimasango
bomtshokotsho. 25 Kwasekusithi uDavida labadala
bakoIsrayeli lenduna zezinkulungwane bahamba
ukwenyusa umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi
uvela endlini kaObedi-Edoma ngentokozo. 26
Kwasekusithi uNkulunkulu ewasiza amaLevi ayewuthwele
umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi, banikela
umhlatshelo wamajongosi ayisikhombisa lenqama
eziyisikhombisa. 27 Njalo uDavida wayegqoke isembatho
selembu elicolekileyo kakhulu, lawo wonke amaLevi
ayewuthwele umtshokotsho labahlabeleli loKenaniya
induna yomthwalo wabahlabeleli; uDavida-ke wayegqoke
i-efodi yelembu elicolekileyo. 28 Ngakho uIsrayeli wonke
wawenyusa umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi
ngokumemeza langokukhala kophondo lwenqama,

langezimpondo, langezinsimbi ezincencethayo, besenza
umsindo ngezigubhu zezintambo lamachacho. 29
Kwasekusithi lapho umtshokotsho wesivumelwano
seNkosi ufika emzini kaDavida, uMikhali indodakazi
kaSawuli walunguza ngewindi wabona inkosi uDavida
esina edlala, wamdelela enhliziyweni yakhe.

16 Basebewuletha umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu,
bawumisa phakathi kwethente uDavida ayelimisele
wona; basebenikela iminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo
yokuthula phambi kukaNkulunkulu. 2 UDavida
eseqedile ukunikela umnikelo wokutshiswa leminikelo
yokuthula wababusisa abantu ebizweni leNkosi. 3
Wasesabela wonke umuntu wakoIsrayeli kusukela
kowesilisa kuze kube kowesifazana, kwaba ngulowo
lalowo isinkwa esisodwa, leqatha lenyama, lesinkwa
sezithelo zevini ezonyisiweyo. 4 Wasemisa izikhonzi
kumaLevi phambi komtshokotsho weNkosi, ngitsho
ukukhumbula lokubonga lokudumisa iNkosi, uNkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli. 5 UAsafi inhloko, lowesibili kuye uZekhariya,
uJeyiyeli, loShemiramothi, loJehiyeli, loMathithiya,
loEliyabi, loBhenaya, loObedi-Edoma, loJeyiyeli belezinto
zezigubhu zezintambo njalo lamachacho; uAsafi
wasezizwakalisa ngezinsimbi ezincencethayo; 6
loBhenaya loJahaziyeli abapristi ngezimpondo njalonjalo
phambi komtshokotsho wesivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu.
7 Ngalesosikhathi ngalolosuku uDavida wanika kuqala
lesisihlabelelo ukudumisa iNkosi ngesandla sikaAsafi
labafowabo: 8 Bongani iNkosi, libize ibizo layo,
lazise phakathi kwabantu izenzo zayo. 9 Hlabelelani
kuyo, liyihubele amahubo, lilandise ngezenzo zayo
ezimangalisayo. 10 Zincomeni ebizweni layo elingcwele,
kayithokoze inhliziyo yabo abadinga iNkosi. 11 Dingani
iNkosi lamandla ayo, lidinge ubuso bayo njalonjalo. 12
Khumbulani izimangaliso zayo eyazenzayo, izibonakaliso
zayo, lezahlulelo zomlomo wayo, 13 nzalo kaIsrayeli
inceku yayo, bantwana bakaJakobe, abakhethiweyo
bayo. 14 IyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu; izahlulelo zayo
zisemhlabeni wonke. 15 Khumbulani isivumelwano sayo
kuze kube nininini, ilizwi eyalilaya kuzinkulungwane
zezizukulwana, 16 eyasenza loAbrahama, lesifungo
sakhe kuIsaka, 17 eyasiqinisa lakuJakobe saba yisimiso,
kuIsrayeli saba yisivumelwano esilaphakade, 18 isithi:
Ngizakunika ilizwe leKhanani, inkatho yelifa lakho. 19
Lapho lalibalutshwana ngenani, yebo libalutshwana,
njalo liyizihambi kulo. 20 Basebezula besuka esizweni
besiya esizweni, besuka embusweni besiya kwabanye
abantu. 21 Kayivumelanga muntu ukubacindezela;
yebo yakhuza amakhosi ngenxa yabo: 22 Lingathinti
abagcotshiweyo bami, lingoni abaprofethi bami. 23
Hlabelelani eNkosini, mhlaba wonke, litshumayele insuku
ngensuku usindiso lwayo. 24 Landisani udumo lwayo
phakathi kwezizwe, izimangaliso zayo phakathi kwabantu
bonke. 25 Ngoba yinkulu iNkosi, ifanele ukudunyiswa
kakhulu, iyesabeka phezu kwabonkulunkulu bonke.
26 Ngoba bonke onkulunkulu bezizwe bayizithombe;
kodwa iNkosi yenza amazulu. 27 Udumo lenkazimulo
kuphambi kwayo, amandla lentokozo kusendaweni yayo.
28 Inikeni iNkosi, zizukulwana zezizwe, inikeni iNkosi
udumo lamandla. 29 Inikeni iNkosi udumo lwebizo
layo, lethani umnikelo lize phambi kwayo. Ikhonzeni
iNkosi ebuhleni bobungcwele. 30 Lithuthumele phambi
kwayo, mhlaba wonke; njalo umhlaba uzaqiniswa,
kawuyikunyikinyeka. 31 Kawathokoze amazulu, lomhlaba
ujabule, kabatsho phakathi kwezizwe ukuthi: INkosi
iyabusa. 32 Kaluhlokome ulwandle lokugcwala kwalo,
iganga kalithabe lakho konke okukulo. 33 Khona
zizahlabelela ngentokozo izihlahla zehlathi phambi
kweNkosi, ngoba iyeza ukwahlulela umhlaba. 34
Bongani iNkosi ngoba ilungile, ngoba umusa wayo
umi kuze kube phakade. 35 Lithi futhi: Sisindise,
Nkulunkulu wosindiso lwethu, usibuthe usikhulule
ezizweni, ukuze sibonge ibizo lakho elingcwele, sizincome
kudumo lwakho. 36 Kayibusiswe iNkosi, uNkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli, kusukela phakade kuze kube phakade.
Bonke abantu basebesithi: Ameni. Basebeyidumisa
iNkosi. 37 Wasetshiya lapho phambi komtshokotsho
wesivumelwano seNkosi oAsafi labafowabo ukukhonza
phambi komtshokotsho njalonjalo njengodaba losuku
ngosuku lwalo. 38 LoObedi-Edoma kanye labafowabo,
abangamatshumi ayisithupha lesificaminwembili; uObedi-
Edoma indodana kaJeduthuni loHosa babengabagcini
bamasango. 39 LoZadoki umpristi labafowabo
abapristi phambi kwethabhanekele leNkosi endaweni
ephakemeyo eyayiseGibeyoni, 40 ukuze banikele
iminikelo yokutshiswa eNkosini phezu kwelathi lomnikelo
wokutshiswa njalonjalo ekuseni lakusihlwa, lanjengakho
konke okubhaliweyo emlayweni weNkosi, eyawulaya
uIsrayeli. 41 Njalo kanye labo oHemani loJeduthuni
labanye ababekhethiwe abamiswa ngamabizo ukubonga
iNkosi, ngoba umusa wayo umi kuze kube phakade. 42
Njalo kanye labo oHemani loJeduthuni babelezimpondo
lezinsimbi ezincencethayo zalabo abazizwakalisayo,
lezinto zokuhlabelela zikaNkulunkulu. Lamadodana
kaJeduthuni ayesesangweni. 43 Basebehamba bonke
abantu, ngulowo lalowo waya endlini yakhe. UDavida
wasebuyela ukubusisa indlu yakhe.

17 Kwasekusithi uDavida esehlezi endlini yakhe,
uDavida wathi kuNathani umprofethi: Khangela,
mina ngihlala endlini yemisedari, kodwa umtshokotsho
wesivumelwano seNkosi ungaphansi kwamakhetheni.
2 UNathani wasesithi kuDavida: Yenza konke
okusenhliziyweni yakho, ngoba uNkulunkulu ulawe. 3
Kodwa kwathi ngabona lobobusuku ilizwi likaNkulunkulu
lafika kuNathani, lisithi: 4 Hamba utshele uDavida inceku
yami: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Wena kawuyikungakhela indlu
yokuhlala. 5 Ngoba kangihlalanga endlini kusukela

osukwini engenyusa ngalo uIsrayeli kuze kube lamuhla,
kodwa ngasuka ethenteni ngaya ethenteni njalo ngasuka
ethabhanekeleni ngaya kwelinye. **6** Loba ngaphi
engihambe khona loIsrayeli wonke ngake ngakhuluma
ilizwi yini komunye wabahluleli bakoIsrayeli, engabalaya
ukwelusa abantu bami ngisithi: Yini lingangakhelanga
indlu yemisedari? **7** Ngakho-ke uzakutsho njalo encekwini
yami uDavida uthi: Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla:
Mina ngakuthatha esibayeni sezimvu ekulandeleni
izimvu ukuze ube ngumbusi phezu kwabantu bami
uIsrayeli. **8** Njalo ngaba lawe loba ngaphi oya khona,
ngaquma zonke izitha zakho zasuka phambi kwakho,
ngakwenzela ibizo njengebizo labakhulu abasemhlabeni.
9 Njalo ngizabamisela indawo abantu bami uIsrayeli,
ngibagxumeke ukuze bahlale endaweni yabo, bangabe
besanyikinywa; labantwana bobubi kabasayikubamotsha
njengakuqala, **10** njalo kusukela kulezonsuku engalaya
abahluleli ukuthi babe phezu kwabantu bami uIsrayeli;
ngazehlisela phansi zonke izitha zakho; njalo
ngiyakutshela ukuthi iNKOSI izakwakhela indlu. **11**
Kuzakuthi-ke lapho insuku zakho sezigcwalisekile
ukuthi uhambe laboyihlo, ngizavusa inzalo yakho
emva kwakho, ezavela emadodaneni akho, ngiqinise
umbuso wayo. **12** Yena uzangakhela indlu, ngizaqinisa
isihlalo sakhe sobukhosi kuze kube nininini. **13** Mina
ngizakuba nguyise, yena abe yindodana yami; njalo
kangiyikususa uthandolomusa wami kuye njengalokho
ngalususa kulowo owayengaphambi kwakho. **14** Kodwa
ngizamqinisa endlini yami lembusweni wami kuze
kube nininini, lesihlalo sakhe sobukhosi sizaqiniswa
kuze kube nininini. **15** Njengawo wonke lamazwi
lanjengawo wonke lumbono, ngokunjalo uNathani
wakhuluma kuDavida. **16** Inkosi uDavida yasingena
yahlala phambi kweNkosi, yathi: Mina ngingubani, Nkosi
Nkulunkulu, lendlu yami iyini, ukuthi ungilethe kuze
kube lapha? **17** Lokhu bekukuncinyane emehlweni
akho, Nkulunkulu; usukhulumile ngendlu yenceku
yakho kusesekhatshana, wangibona ngokwesikhundla
somuntu ophakemeyo, Nkosi Nkulunkulu. **18** UDavida
angenzani okunye kuwe ngodumo lwenceku yakho?
Ngoba wena uyayazi inceku yakho. **19** Nkosi, ngenxa
yenceku yakho langokwenhliziyo yakho wenzile zonke
lezizinto ezinkulu ukwazisa zonke lezizinto ezinkulu.
20 Nkosi, kakho onjengawe, njalo kakho uNkulunkulu
ngaphandle kwakho, njengakho konke esikuzwileyo
ngendlebe zethu. **21** Njalo ngubani onjengabantu bakho
uIsrayeli, isizwe esisodwa emhlabeni, uNkulunkulu
owayazihlengela sona sibe ngabantu, ukuzenzela ibizo
ngezenzo ezinkulu lezesabekayo, ngokuxotsha elifeni
izizwe ukuzisusa phambi kwabantu bakho owabahlenga
eGibhithe? **22** Ngoba wenza abantu bakho uIsrayeli
ukuthi babe ngabantu bakho kuze kube nininini; lawe
Nkosi waba nguNkulunkulu wabo. **23** Khathesi-ke, Nkosi,
ilizwi owalikhuluma ngenceku yakho langendlu yayo
kaliqiniswe kuze kube nininini, wenze njengokukhuluma
kwakho. **24** Yebo kaliqiniswe, lebizo lakho kalibe
likhulu kuze kube nininini, kuthiwa: INkosi yamabandla
inguNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, nguNkulunkulu koIsrayeli;
lendlu kaDavida inceku yakho kayimiswe phambi
kwakho. **25** Ngoba wena, Nkulunkulu wami, wembule
endlebeni yenceku yakho ukuthi uzayakhela indlu; ngenxa
yalokho inceku yakho ithole enhliziyweni ukukhuleka
phambi kwakho. **26** Khathesi-ke, Nkosi, wena unguye
uNkulunkulu, ukhulume lokhu okuhle ngenceku yakho.
27 Khathesi-ke, kukuthokozisile ukubusisa indlu yenceku
yakho ukuze ibe phambi kwakho kuze kube nininini;
ngoba, wena Nkosi, uyabusisa, njalo izabusiswa kuze
kube nini lanini.

18 Kwasekusithi emva kwalokho uDavida watshaya
amaFilisti, wawehlisela phansi, wathatha iGathi
lemizana yayo ekususa esandleni samaFilisti. **2**
Watshaya loMowabi; amaMowabi asesiba zinceku
zikaDavida, aletha umthelo. **3** UDavida watshaya
loHadadezeri inkosi yeZoba kuze kube seHamathi lapho
esiyamisa amandla akhe emfuleni iYufrathi. **4** UDavida
wasethumba kuye inqola eziyinkulungwane, labamabhiza
abazinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa, lamadoda ahamba
ngenyawo azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili;
uDavida wasequma imisipha yawo wonke amabhiza
enqola, kodwa watshiya kuwo amabhiza enqola
alikhulu. **5** Lapho amaSiriya eDamaseko eza
ukusiza uHadadezeri inkosi yeZoba, uDavida watshaya
kumaSiriya amadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amabili lambili. **6** UDavida wasebeka amabutho
enqaba eSiriya yeDamaseko; amaSiriya asesiba
zinceku zikaDavida, aletha umthelo. Ngokunjalo iNkosi
yamsindisa uDavida loba ngaphi aya khona. **7**
UDavida wasethatha izihlangu zegolide ezaziphezu
kwenceku zikaHadadezeri, waziletha eJerusalema. **8**
Njalo eTibhathi leKuni, imizi kaHadadezeri, uDavida
wathatha ithusi elinengi kakhulu; uSolomoni enza
ngalo ulwandle lwethusi, lezinsika, lezitsha zethusi.
9 UTowu inkosi yeHamathi esizwa ukuthi uDavida
utshayile ibutho lonke likaHadadezeri inkosi yeZoba, **10**
wathuma uHadoramu indodana yakhe enkosini uDavida
ukuyibuza impilakahle lokuyibusisa, ngenxa yokuthi
ilwe loHadadezeri yamtshaya, (ngoba uHadadezeri
wayengumuntu wezimpi esilwa loTowu), elezitsha
zonke zegolide lezesiliva lezethusi. **11** Lalezo inkosi
uDavida yazehlukanisela uJehova kanye lesiliva legolide
eyakuletha kuvela ezizweni zonke, eEdoma, lakoMowabi,
lebantwaneni bakoAmoni, lakumaFilisti, lakumaAmaleki.
12 UAbishayi indodana kaZeruya wasetshaya amaEdoma
esihotsheni setshwayi, izinkulungwane ezilitshumi
lesificaminwembili. **13** Wasebeka amabutho enqaba
eEdoma; wonke amaEdoma asesiba zinceku zikaDavida.
Ngokunjalo iNkosi yamsindisa uDavida loba ngaphi

aya khona. 14 UDavida wabusa-ke phezu kukaIsrayeli
wonke, wayesenza isahlulelo lokulunga kubo bonke
abantu bakhe. 15 Njalo uJowabi indodana kaZeruya
wayephezu kwebutho; loJehoshafathi indodana kaAhiludi
wayengumabhalane; 16 loZadoki indodana kaAhitubi
loAbhimeleki indodana kaAbhiyatha babengabapristi;
loShavisha wayengumbhali; 17 loBhenaya indodana
kaJehoyada wayephezu kwamaKerethi lamaPelethi;
lamadodana kaDavida ayezinhloko eceleni kwenkosi.

19 Kwasekusithi emva kwalokho uNahashi inkosi
yamaAmoni wafa, indodana yakhe yasisiba yinkosi
esikhundleni sakhe. 2 UDavida wasesithi: Ngizamenzela
umusa uHanuni indodana kaNahashi, ngoba uyise
wangenzela umusa. UDavida wasethuma izithunywa
ukuyamduduza ngoyise. Izinceku zikaDavida zasezifika
elizweni labantwana bakoAmoni kuHanuni ukumduduza.
3 Kodwa iziphathamandla zabantwana bakoAmoni
zathi kuHanuni: Kambe uDavida uyamhlonipha uyihlo
emehlweni akho, ngoba ethume abaduduzi kuwe?
Izinceku zakhe kazizanga kuwe yini ukuphenya
lokuchitha lokuhlola ilizwe? 4 Ngakho uHanuni wathatha
izinceku zikaDavida wazigela waquma izembatho zazo
kungxenye kuze kube sezibunu zazo, waziyekela
zahamba. 5 Basebehamba bamtshela uDavida
ngalawomadoda; wasethuma ukuwahlangabeza, ngoba
amadoda ayelenhloni kakhulu; inkosi yasisithi: Hlalani
eJeriko zize zihlume izindevu zenu, beselibuya. 6
Abantwana bakoAmoni sebebonile ukuthi sebelevumba
kuDavida, uHanuni labantwana bakoAmoni bathumela
amathalenta esiliva ayinkulungwane ukuziqhatshela
izinqola labagadi bamabhiza eMesopotamiya leSiriya-
Mahaka leZoba. 7 Basebeziqhatshela inqola
ezizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amathathu lambili
lenkosi yeMahaka labantu bayo; basebesiza bamisa
inkamba phambi kweMedeba; abantwana bakoAmoni
basebebuthana bevela emizini yabo, beza empini. 8
UDavida esezwile wathuma uJowabi lebutho lonke
lamaqhawe. 9 Abantwana bakoAmoni basebephuma
bahlela impi esangweni lomuzi, lamakhosi ayezile
ayewodwa egangeni. 10 UJowabi esebonile ukuthi
impondo zebutho zimelene laye ngaphambili langemuva,
wakhetha kuwo wonke umkhethwa koIsrayeli,
wabahlela ukumelana lamaSiriya. 11 Labaseleyo
babantu wabanikela esandleni sikaAbishayi umfowabo;
basebezihlela ukumelana labantwana bakoAmoni.
12 Wasesithi: Uba amaSiriya engikhulela, uzakuba
lusizo lwami; kodwa uba abantwana bakoAmoni
bekukhulela, ngizakusiza. 13 Bana lesibindi, siziqinise
ngenxa yabantu bakithi langenxa yemizi kaNkulunkulu
wethu; leNkosi kayenze okuhle emehlweni ayo. 14
UJowabi labantu ababelaye basebesondela phambi
kwamaSiriya ukuya empini; asebaleka phambi kwakhe.
15 Abantwana bakoAmoni sebebona ukuthi amaSiriya
ayabaleka, babaleka labo phambi kukaAbishayi
umfowabo, bangena emzini. UJowabi wasengena
eJerusalema. 16 AmaSiriya esebonile ukuthi atshayiwe
phambi kukaIsrayeli athuma izithunywa akhupha
amaSiriya ayengaphetsheya komfula. LoShofaki induna
yebutho likaHadadezeri wayephambi kwawo. 17
Esetsheliwe uDavida, wabuthanisa uIsrayeli wonke,
wachapha iJordani, wafika kibo, wahlela ibutho limelene
lawo. UDavida esehlele impi ukumelana lamaSiriya,
alwa laye. 18 Kodwa amaSiriya abaleka phambi
kukaIsrayeli; uDavida wasebulala kumaSiriya abezinqola
abazinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa, lamadoda ahamba
ngenyawo azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane,
wabulala loShofaki induna yebutho. 19 Izinceku
zikaHadadezeri sezibonile ukuthi zitshayiwe phambi
kukaIsrayeli, zenza ukuthula loDavida, zamsebenzela.
Ngakho amaSiriya kawafunanga ukusiza abantwana
bakoAmoni futhi.

20 Kwasekusithi ngesikhathi sokuthwasa komnyaka,
ngesikhathi amakhosi aphuma ngaso, uJowabi
wakhokhela amaqhawe ebutho, wachitha ilizwe
labantwana bakoAmoni, weza wavimbezela iRaba.
Kodwa uDavida wasala eJerusalema. UJowabi
waseyitshaya iRaba, wayichitha. 2 UDavida wathatha
umqhele wenkosi yabo wawususa ekhanda layo,
wawuthola ulesisindo sethalenta legolide, laphakathi
kwawo kulelitshe eliligugu, wasubekwa ekhanda
likaDavida. Wasekhupha impango enengi kakhulu emzini.
3 Wakhupha abantu ababephakathi kwawo, wabaquma
ngesaha, langamapiki ensimbi, langamahloka. Wenza
njalo-ke uDavida kuyo yonke imizi yabantwana
bakoAmoni; uDavida wasebuyela eJerusalema labo
bonke abantu. 4 Kwasekusithi emva kwalokho
kwavuka impi lamaFilisti eGezeri; ngalesosikhathi
uSibekayi umHushathi watshaya uSiphayi owabantwana
besiqhwaga; asesehliselwa phansi. 5 Kwasekusiba
khona impi futhi lamaFilisti; uElihanani indodana kaJayiri
wasetshaya uLahimi umfowabo kaGoliyathi umGithi,
oluthi lomkhonto wakhe lwalungangogodo lwabeluki.
6 Kwabuye kwaba khona futhi impi eGathi lapho
okwakukhona umuntu omude owayeleminwe lamazwane
kuyisithupha lesithupha, amatshumi amabili lane; laye
futhi wazalwa yisiqhwaga. 7 Eseyisa uIsrayeli, uJonathani
indodana kaShimeya, umfowabo kaDavida, wamtshaya.
8 Laba bazalelwa isiqhwaga eGathi; basebesiwa
ngesandla sikaDavida langesandla sezinceku zakhe.

21 USathane wasesukuma emelana loIsrayeli, wavusa
uDavida ukuthi abale uIsrayeli. 2 Ngakho uDavida
wathi kuJowabi lakubabusi babantu: Hambani libale
uIsrayeli kusukela eBherishebha kuze kufike koDani,
lilethe kimi ukuze ngazi inani labo. 3 UJowabi wasesithi:
INkosi kayandise ebantwini bayo njengoba benjalo
ngokulikhulu. Nkosi yami, nkosi, abasizo bonke yini

izinceku zenkosi yami? Inkosi yami ikufunelani lokhu?
Izakuba licala ngani kuIsrayeli? **4** Kodwa ilizwi lenkosi
laba lamandla phezu kukaJowabi. Ngakho uJowabi
waphuma, wahambahamba phakathi kukaIsrayeli wonke;
wafika eJerusalema. **5** UJowabi wasenika uDavida
inani lokubalwa kwabantu. Njalo wonke uIsrayeli
wayengamadoda azinkulungwane ezizinkulungwane
lezinkulungwane ezilikhulu ahwatsha inkemba; loJuda
wayengamadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amane lamatshumi ayisikhombisa ahwatsha inkemba.
6 Kodwa uLevi loBhenjamini kababalanga phakathi
kwabo, ngoba ilizwi lenkosi lalinengeka kuJowabi. **7**
Njalo kwaba kubi emehlweni kaNkulunkulu mayelana
lalindaba; ngakho wamtshaya uIsrayeli. **8** UDavida
wasesithi kuNkulunkulu: Ngonile kakhulu ngoba ngenze
linto. Kodwa khathesi, ake wedlulise ububi benceku
yakho, ngoba ngenze ngobuthutha obukhulu. **9**
INkosi yasikhuluma kuGadi umboni kaDavida isithi: **10**
Hamba ukhulume kuDavida uthi: Itsho njalo iNkosi:
Mina ngikubekela okuthathu; zikhethele okunye kukho
engizakwenza kuwe. **11** UGadi wasefika kuDavida
wathi kuye: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Zikhethele: **12** Kumbe
iminyaka emithathu yendlala; loba inyanga ezintathu
uqedwa ebusweni bezitha zakho lenkemba yezitha
zakho ikufice; kumbe insuku ezintathu inkemba
yeNkosi, ngitsho umatshayabhuqe wesifo, elizweni,
lengilosi yeNkosi ichitha kuwo wonke umngcele
wakoIsrayeli. Ngakho-ke bona ukuthi yimpendulo
bani engizayibuyisela kongithumileyo. **13** UDavida
wasesithi kuGadi: Ngicindezelwe kakhulu; ake ngiwele
esandleni seNkosi, ngoba izisa zayo zinengi kakhulu;
kodwa kangingaweli esandleni somuntu. **14** Ngakho
iNkosi yathuma umatshayabhuqe wesifo koIsrayeli;
kwasekusiwa abantu abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
ayisikhombisa. **15** UNkulunkulu wasethuma ingilosi
eJerusalema ukuyibhubhisa; njalo isayibhubhisa, iNkosi
yabona yazisola ngalobobubi, yasisithi kuyo ingilosi
ebhubhisayo: Kwanele, khathesi buyisa isandla sakho.
Ingilosi yeNkosi yayimi-ke ebaleni lokubhulela likaOrinani
umJebusi. **16** UDavida wasephakamisa amehlo akhe,
wabona ingilosi yeNkosi imi phakathi komhlaba lamazulu
lenkemba yayo ehwatshiweyo esandleni sayo iyelulele
phezu kweJerusalema. UDavida labadala begqoke-
ke amasaka bathi mbo ngobuso babo. **17** UDavida
wasesithi kuNkulunkulu: Kakusimi yini othe kababale
abantu? Yebo yimi owonileyo owenze okubi sibili.
Kodwa lezizimvu zenzeni? Nkosi Nkulunkulu wami,
isandla sakho ake sibe phezu kwami laphezu kwendlu
kababa, kodwa hatshi phezu kwabantu bakho ukuthi
bahlutshwe. **18** Ingilosi yeNkosi yasisithi kuGadi katshele
uDavida ukuthi uDavida kenyuke ayekwakhela iNkosi
ilathi ebaleni lokubhulela likaOrinani umJebusi. **19**
UDavida wasesenyuka ngelizwi likaGadi alikhuluma
ngebizo leNkosi. **20** UOrinani enyemukula wabona
ingilosi; lamadodana akhe amane ayelaye acatsha.
UOrinani wayebhula-ke ingqoloyi. **21** UDavida esefika
kuOrinani, uOrinani wakhangela wambona uDavida,
waphuma ebaleni lokubhulela, wakhothamela uDavida
ngobuso emhlabathini. **22** UDavida wasesithi kuOrinani:
Nginika indawo yebala lokubhulela ukuze ngakhele
iNkosi ilathi kuyo; nginike yona ngemali egcweleyo, ukuze
inhlupheko imiswe ebantwini. **23** UOrinani wasesithi
kuDavida: Zithathele, inkosi yami inkosi kayenze okuhle
emehlweni ayo; khangela, ngiyanika inkabi zibe yiminikelo
yokutshiswa, lezimbulo zibe zinkuni, lengqoloyi ibe
ngumnikelo wokudla. Ngiyanika konke. **24** Kodwa inkosi
uDavida yathi kuOrinani: Hatshi, kodwa ngizathenga
lokuthenga ngemali egcweleyo; ngoba kangiyikuthathela
iNkosi okwakho, loba nginikele iminikelo yokutshiswa
ngaphandle kwentengo. **25** UDavida wasemnika uOrinani
ngaleyondawo amashekeli angamakhulu ayisithupha
egolide ngesisindo. **26** UDavida waseyakhela khona
iNkosi ilathi, wanikela iminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo
yokuthula, wayibiza iNkosi; yasimphendula ngomlilo
ovela emazulwini phezu kwelathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa.
27 INkosi yasilaya ingilosi; yasibuyisela inkemba
yayo esikhwameni sayo. **28** Ngalesosikhathi uDavida
esebonile ukuthi iNkosi imphendule ebaleni lokubhulela
likaOrinani umJebusi, wanikela khona imihlatshelo.
29 Ngoba ithabhanekele leNkosi uMozisi ayelenze
enkangala lelathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa ngalesosikhathi
kwakusendaweni ephakemeyo eGibeyoni. **30** Kodwa
uDavida wayengelakho ukuhamba phambi kwalo
ukudinga uNkulunkulu, ngoba wethuswa yinkemba
yengilosi yeNkosi.

22 UDavida wasesithi: Le yindlu yeNkosi uNkulunkulu,
laleli lilathi lomnikelo wokutshiswa kaIsrayeli.
2 UDavida waselaya ukubuthanisa abezizweni
ababeselizweni lakoIsrayeli; wamisa ababazi bamatshe
ukuthi babaze amatshe alungisiweyo okwakha indlu
kaNkulunkulu. **3** UDavida waselungisa insimbi enengi
kakhulu yezipikili zezivalo zamasango leyokuhlanganisa;
lethusi elinengi kakhulu elalingelakulinganiswa
ngesisindo; **4** lezigodo zemisedari ezingelakubalwa;
ngoba amaSidoni lamaTire amlethela uDavida izigodo
zemisedari ezinengi kakhulu. **5** UDavida wasesithi:
USolomoni indodana yami ungumfana, ubuthakathaka,
lendlu ezakwakhelwa iNkosi kumele yenziwe ibe nkulu
kakhulu, ibe lebizo ibe lodumo emazweni wonke. Ngakho
ngizayilungiselela. UDavida waselungiselela kakhulu
phambi kokufa kwakhe. **6** Wasebiza uSolomoni indodana
yakhe, wamlaya ukuthi akhele iNkosi uNkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli indlu. **7** UDavida wasesithi kuSolomoni:
Ndodana yami, mina-ke, kwakusenhliziyweni yami
ukwakhela ibizo leNkosi uNkulunkulu wami indlu. **8**
Kodwa ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi lisithi: Uchithe igazi
elinengi, walawula izimpi ezinkulu; kawuyikwakhela
ibizo lami indlu, ngoba uchithe igazi elinengi emhlabeni

phambi kwami. 9 Khangela, uzazalelwa indodana
ezakuba ngumuntu wokuphumula; njalo ngizayiphumuza
ezitheni zayo zonke inhlangothi zonke: Ngoba ibizo
layo lizakuba nguSolomoni, njalo ngizanika ukuthula
lokuphumula phezu kukaIsrayeli ensukwini zakhe. 10
Yena uzakwakhela ibizo lami indlu. Yena-ke uzakuba
yindodana yami, lami ngibe nguyise; ngiqinise isihlalo
sakhe sobukhosi phezu kukaIsrayeli kuze kube nininini.
11 Khathesi, ndodana yami, iNkosi ibe lawe, njalo
uphumelele wakhe indlu yeNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho,
njengokutsho kwayo ngawe. 12 Kuphela iNkosi ikunike
inhlakanipho lokuqedisisa, ikulaye ngoIsrayeli, ukuze
ulondoloze umlayo weNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho. 13
Khona uzaphumelela, uba unanzelela ukwenza izimiso
lezahlulelo iNkosi eyakulaya uMozisi ngoIsrayeli;
qina, ube lesibindi; ungesabi, ungatshaywa luvalo.
14 Khangela-ke, ekuhluphekeni kwami ngilungisele
indlu yeNkosi amathalenta egolide ayizinkulungwane
ezilikhulu, lamathalenta esiliva ayizinkulungwane
eziyinkulungwane, lethusi lensimbi okungelakulinganiswa
ngesisindo, ngoba kunengi kakhulu; ngilungise lezigodo
lamatshe. Uzakwengezelela-ke kukho. 15 Njalo
ulezisebenzi ezinengi, ababazi bamatshe, lezingcitshi
zamatshe lezezigodo, layo yonke indoda ehlakaniphileyo
kuwo wonke umsebenzi. 16 Kakulanani legolide,
lelesiliva, lelethusi, lelensimbi. Sukuma usebenze;
njalo iNkosi ibe lawe! 17 UDavida waselaya zonke
izinduna zakoIsrayeli ukusiza uSolomoni indodana
yakhe, esithi: 18 INkosi uNkulunkulu wenu kayilani
yini? Kambe kayilinikanga yini ukuphumula inhlangothi
zonke? Ngoba inikele abahlali belizwe esandleni sami,
lelizwe lehliselwe phansi phambi kweNkosi laphambi
kwabantu bayo. 19 Khathesi misani inhliziyo yenu
lomphefumulo wenu ukudinga iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wenu. Sukumani-ke lakhe indawo engcwele yeNkosi
uNkulunkulu, ukungenisa umtshokotsho wesivumelwano
seNkosi lezitsha ezingcwele zikaNkulunkulu endlini
eyakhelwe ibizo leNkosi.

23 UDavida esemdala esanele ngensuku wamisa
uSolomoni indodana yakhe ukuthi abe
yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli. 2 Wasebuthanisa
zonke induna zakoIsrayeli labapristi lamaLevi.
3 AmaLevi asebalwa kusukela koleminyaka
engamatshumi amathathu kusiya phezulu; lenani lawo,
ngamakhanda awo, ngamadoda, laba zinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amathathu lesificaminwembili. 4 Kula
kwakulezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane
okuqondisa umsebenzi wendlu yeNkosi; lezinduna
labahluleli abayizinkulungwane eziyisithupha; 5
labagcini bamasango abayizinkulungwane ezine;
labadumisi beNkosi abayizinkulungwane ezine ngezinto
engizenzele ukudumisa, watsho uDavida. 6 UDavida
wasewehlukanisa ngezigaba, ngokwamadodana kaLevi,
oGerishoni, uKohathi, loMerari. 7 KumaGerishoni
kwakungoLadani loShimeyi. 8 Amadodana kaLadani:
OJehiyeli inhloko, loZethamu, loJoweli, emathathu. 9
Amadodana kaShimeyi: OShelomithi loHaziyeli loHarani,
emathathu. La ayezinhloko zaboyise koLadani. 10
Lamadodana kaShimeyi: OJahathi, uZiza, loJewushi,
loBeriya. La ayengamadodana kaShimeyi, emane. 11
LoJahathi wayeyinhloko, loZiza engowesibili; kodwa
uJewushi loBeriya babengelabantwana abanengi,
ngakho babesendlini yaboyise ngokubalwa kanye. 12
Amadodana kaKohathi: OAmramu, uIzihari, uHebroni,
loUziyeli, emane. 13 Amadodana kaAmramu: OAroni
loMozisi. UAroni wehlukaniselwa-ke ukungcwelisa izinto
ezingcwelengcwele, yena lamadodana akhe, kuze
kube nininini, ukutshisa impepha phambi kweNkosi,
ukuyikhonza, lokubusisa ngebizo layo kuze kube nininini.
14 NgoMozisi umuntu kaNkulunkulu, amadodana
akhe abizwa ngaphansi kwesizwe sakoLevi. 15
Amadodana kaMozisi: OGereshoma loEliyezeri. 16
Amadodana kaGereshoma: UShebuweli inhloko. 17
Lamadodana kaEliyezeri ayenguRehabhiya inhloko;
uEliyezeri wayengelawo-ke amanye amadodana, kodwa
amadodana kaRehabhiya ayemanengi okwedlulisayo.
18 Amadodana kaIzihari: UShelomithi inhloko. 19
Amadodana kaHebroni: OJeriya inhloko, uAmariya
owesibili, uJahaziyeli owesithathu, uJekameyamu
owesine. 20 Amadodana kaUziyeli: OMika inhloko,
loIshiya owesibili. 21 Amadodana kaMerari: OMahli
loMushi. Amadodana kaMahli: OEleyazare loKishi. 22
UEleyazare wasesifa, wayengelamadodana kodwa
amadodakazi; amadodana kaKishi, abafowabo,
asewathatha. 23 Amadodana kaMushi: OMahli loEderi
loJeremothi, emathathu. 24 La ngamadodana kaLevi
ngendlu yaboyise, inhloko zaboyise, ngokubalwa
kwawo, ngenani lamabizo, ngamakhanda awo, esenza
umsebenzi wenkonzo yendlu yeNkosi, kusukela
koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu.
25 Ngoba uDavida wathi: INkosi, uNkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli, ibanikile abantu bayo ukuphumula, bazahlala
eJerusalema kuze kube sephakadeni. 26 Ngokunjalo-ke
kumaLevi; kakulamuntu ozathwala ithabhanekele laloba
yiziphi izitsha zalo zenkonzo yalo. 27 Ngoba ngamazwi
kaDavida okucina amadodana kaLevi abhalwa kusukela
kwaleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu. 28
Ngoba indawo yawo yayingasesandleni samadodana
kaAroni enkonzweni yendlu yeNkosi, phezu kwamaguma,
laphezu kwamakamelo, laphezu kokuhlambulula
zonke izinto ezingcwele, lomsebenzi wenkonzo yendlu
kaNkulunkulu, 29 lowezinkwa zokubukiswa, lowempuphu
ecolekileyo yomnikelo wokudla, lowezinkwana
eziyizipatalala ezingelamvubelo, lowokubhakwe ngepani,
lowokukhanzingiweyo, lowesilinganiso sonke lobukhulu;
30 lokuma ukusa ngokusa ukubonga lokudumisa
iNkosi, kanjalo lantambama, 31 lokunikela konke

kweminikelo yokutshiswa eNkosini ngamasabatha,
ngokuthwasa kwenyanga, langemikhosi emisiweyo,
ngenani, ngokwesimiso kukho, njalonjalo phambi
kweNkosi. 32 Njalo azagcina umlindo wethente
lenhlangano, lomlindo wendlu engcwele, lomlindo
wamadodana kaAroni, abafowabo, enkonzweni yendlu
yeNkosi.

24 Njalo izigaba zamadodana kaAroni. Amadodana
kaAroni: ONadabi, loAbihu, uEleyazare, loIthamari.
2 Kodwa oNadabi loAbihu bafa mandulo kuloyise,
njalo bengelabantwana; ngakho oEleyazare loIthamari
basebenza njengabapristi. 3 UDavida wasebehlukanisa,
loZadoki emadodaneni kaEleyazare, loAhimeleki
emadodaneni kaIthamari, ngokwesikhundla sabo
enkonzweni yabo. 4 Kwatholakala emadodaneni
kaEleyazare inhloko zamaqhawe amanengi okwedlula
emadodaneni kaIthamari mhla bewehlukanisa;
emadodaneni kaEleyazare kwakulenhloko ezilitshumi
lesithupha zendlu yaboyise, lemadodaneni kaIthamari
ngokwendlu yaboyise, eziyisificaminwembili. 5
Basebezehlukanisa ngezinkatho, lezi laleziyana, ngoba
izinduna zendlu engcwele lezinduna zikaNkulunkulu
zazivela emadodaneni kaEleyazare lemadodaneni
kaIthamari. 6 UShemaya indodana kaNethaneli
umbhali, ovela kumaLevi, wasezibhala phambi kwenkosi
leziphathamandla loZadoki umpristi loAhimeleki
indodana kaAbhiyatha, lenhloko zaboyise zabapristi
lezamaLevi; indlu kayise eyodwa yathathelwa
uEleyazare, leyodwa yathathelwa uIthamari. 7
Inkatho yokuqala yasiphumela uJehoyaribi, eyesibili
uJedaya, 8 eyesithathu uHarimi, eyesine uSeworimi,
9 eyesihlanu uMalikiya, eyesithupha uMijamini, 10
eyesikhombisa uHakhozi, eyesificaminwembili uAbhiya,
11 eyesificamunwemunye uJeshuwa, eyetshumi
uShekaniya, 12 eyetshumi lanye uEliyashibi, eyetshumi
lambili uJakimi, 13 eyetshumi lantathu uHupha,
eyetshumi lane uJeshebeyabi, 14 eyetshumi lanhlanu
uBiliga, eyetshumi lesithupha uImeri, 15 eyetshumi
lesikhombisa uHeziri, eyetshumi lesificaminwembili
uHaphizezi, 16 eyetshumi lesificamunwemunye
uPhethahiya, eyamatshumi amabili uJehezekeli, 17
eyamatshumi amabili lanye uJakini, eyamatshumi
amabili lambili uGamuli, 18 eyamatshumi amabili
lantathu uDelaya, eyamatshumi amabili lane uMahaziya.
19 Isikhundla salaba enkonzweni yabo sasiyikungena
endlini yeNkosi ngokwesimiso sabo ngesandla sikaAroni
uyise, njengalokho iNkosi uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli
yayimlayile. 20 Labaseleyo emadodaneni kaLevi:
Emadodaneni kaAmramu: NguShubayeli; emadodaneni
kaShubayeli: NguJehideya. 21 NgoRehabhiya:
Emadodaneni kaRehabhiya, inhloko kwakunguIshiya;
22 kwabakoIzihari, uShelomothi; emadodaneni
kaShelomothi, uJahathi. 23 Lamadodana kaHebroni,
uJeriya owokuqala, uAmariya owesibili, uJahaziyeli
owesithathu, uJekameyamu owesine. 24 Amadodana
kaUziyeli, uMika; emadodaneni kaMika, uShamiri. 25
Umfowabo kaMika nguIshiya; emadodaneni kaIshiya,
uZekhariya. 26 Amadodana kaMerari: OMahli loMushi;
amadodana kaJahaziya: UBheno. 27 Amadodana
kaMerari: KuJahaziya: OBheno loShohama loZakuri
loIbiri. 28 KuMahli: UEleyazare, owayengelamadodana.
29 NgoKishi: Amadodana kaKishi: UJerameli. 30
Lamadodana kaMushi: OMahli loEderi loJerimothi.
La ngamadodana amaLevi ngokwendlu yaboyise. 31
Lalaba labo benza inkatho yokuphosa njengabafowabo,
amadodana kaAroni, phambi kukaDavida inkosi loZadoki
loAhimeleki lenhloko zaboyise babapristi labamaLevi,
inhloko yaboyise njengomfowabo omnciyane.

25 UDavida lenduna zebutho behlukanisela-ke
inkonzo emadodaneni kaAsafi lakaHemani
lakaJeduthuni, abaprofetha ngamachacho, ngezigubhu
zezintambo, langensimbi ezincencethayo. Lenani
lamadoda omsebenzi lalinjengokwenkonzo yawo: 2
Emadodaneni kaAsafi: OZakuri loJosefa loNethaniya
loAsarela, amadodana kaAsafi, phansi kwesandla
sikaAsafi, owaprofetha ngokwesandla senkosi. 3
NgoJeduthuni: Amadodana kaJeduthuni: OGedaliya,
loZeri, loJeshaya, uHashabhiya, loMathithiya,
beyisithupha, ezandleni zikayise uJeduthuni,
owayeprofetha ngechacho, ukubonga lokudumisa
iNkosi. 4 NgoHemani: Amadodana kaHemani:
OBukhiya, uMathaniya, uUziyeli, uShebuweli,
loJerimothi, uHananiya, uHanani, uEliyatha, uGidaliti,
loRomamiti-Ezeri, uJoshibekasha, uMaloti, uHothiri,
uMahaziyothi. 5 Bonke laba babengamadodana
kaHemani umboni wenkosi emazwini kaNkulunkulu
ukuphakamisa uphondo. Njalo uNkulunkulu wamnika
uHemani amadodana alitshumi lane lamadodakazi
amathathu. 6 Bonke laba babesezandleni
zikayise ekuhlabeleleni endlini yeNkosi ngensimbi
ezincencethayo, izigubhu zezintambo, lamachacho
enkonzweni yendlu kaNkulunkulu, phansi kwesandla
senkosi, oAsafi loJeduthuni loHemani. 7 Lenani
labo kanye labafowabo ababefundiswe ngezingoma
zeNkosi, bonke ababelolwazi, lalingamakhulu amabili
lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lesificaminwembili.
8 Basebesenza inkatho yokuphosa ngomlindo,
omncinyane njengomkhulu, ofundisayo lofundayo.
9 Inkatho yokuqala yasiphumela uAsafi kuJosefa;
eyesibili kuGedaliya, yena labafowabo lamadodana
akhe, belitshumi lambili; 10 eyesithathu kuZakuri,
amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili; 11
eyesine kuIziri, amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi
lambili; 12 eyesihlanu kuNethaniya, amadodana
akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili; 13 eyesithupha
kuBukhiya, amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi
lambili; 14 eyesikhombisa kuAsarela, amadodana akhe

labafowabo, belitshumi lambili; **15** eyesificaminwembili
kuJeshaya, amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi
lambili; **16** eyesificamunwemunye kuMathaniya,
amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili; **17**
eyetshumi kuShimeyi, amadodana akhe labafowabo,
belitshumi lambili; **18** eyetshumi lanye kuAzareli,
amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili;
19 eyetshumi lambili kuHashabhiya, amadodana
akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili; **20** eyetshumi
lantathu kuShebuweli, amadodana akhe labafowabo,
belitshumi lambili; **21** eyetshumi lane kuMathithiya,
amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili; **22**
eyetshumi lanhlanu kuJeremothi, amadodana akhe
labafowabo, belitshumi lambili; **23** eyetshumi lesithupha
kuHananiya, amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi
lambili; **24** eyetshumi lesikhombisa kuJoshibekasha,
amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili; **25**
eyetshumi lesificaminwembili kuHanani, amadodana
akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili; **26** eyetshumi
lesificamunwemunye kuMalothi, amadodana akhe
labafowabo, belitshumi lambili; **27** eyamatshumi amabili
kuEliyatha, amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi
lambili; **28** eyamatshumi amabili lanye kuHothiri,
amadodana akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili; **29**
eyamatshumi amabili lambili kuGidaliti, amadodana
akhe labafowabo, belitshumi lambili; **30** eyamatshumi
amabili lantathu kuMahaziyothi, amadodana akhe
labafowabo, belitshumi lambili; **31** eyamatshumi amabili
lane kuRomamiti-Ezeri, amadodana akhe labafowabo,
belitshumi lambili.

26 Ngezigaba zabalindi bamasango. KwabakoKora
kwakunguMeshelemiya indodana kaKore
wamadodana kaAsafi. **2** LoMeshelemiya
wayelamadodana, uZekhariya izibulo, uJediyayeli
owesibili, uZebhadiya owesithathu, uJathiniyeli owesine,
3 uElamu owesihlanu, uJehohanani owesithupha,
uEliyohenayi owesikhombisa. **4** UObedi-Edoma laye
wayelamadodana, uShemaya izibulo, uJehozabadi
owesibili, uJowa owesithathu, uSakari owesine,
loNethaneli owesihlanu, **5** uAmiyeli owesithupha, uIsakari
owesikhombisa, uPhewulethayi owesificaminwembili;
ngoba uNkulunkulu wayembusisile. **6** LakuShemaya
indodana yakhe kwazalwa amadodana abusa jikelele
endlini kayise, ngoba ayengamaqhawe alamandla. **7**
Amadodana kaShemaya: O-Othini, loRefayeli, loObedi,
uElizabadi, abafowabo, amadodana alamandla, oElihu
loSemakhiya. **8** Bonke laba babengabamadodana
kaObedi-Edoma, bona lamadodana abo labafowabo,
amadoda enelisayo ngamandla omsebenzi,
bengamatshumi ayisithupha lambili bakoObedi-
Edoma. **9** Njalo uMeshelemiya wayelamadodana
labafowabo, amadodana alamandla, elitshumi
lesificaminwembili. **10** UHosha laye emadodaneni
kaMerari wayelamadodana, uShimiri inhloko (lanxa
wayengeyisilo izibulo, kodwa uyise wamenza waba
yinhloko); **11** uHilikhiya owesibili, uTebaliya owesithathu,
uZekhariya owesine; wonke amadodana labafowabo
bakaHosa babelitshumi lantathu. **12** Phakathi kwalabo
kwakulezigaba zabalindi bamasango; izinhloko
zamadoda zilemilandu njengabafowabo, ukukhonza
endlini yeNkosi. **13** Basebesenza inkatho yokuphosa,
omncinyane laye njengomkhulu, ngokwendlu yaboyise,
besenzela isango lesango. **14** Inkatho yempumalanga
yawela-ke phezu kukaShelemiya; basebesenza
inkatho yokuphosa ngoZekhariya indodana yakhe,
umeluleki ohlakaniphileyo; inkatho yakhe yasiphuma
ngenyakatho. **15** KuObedi-Edoma ngeningizimu;
lakumadodana akhe, indlu yokulondoloza. **16** KuShupimi
lakuHosa ngentshonalanga, lesango iShalekethi
elisemgwaqweni omkhulu oya phezulu, umlindi
ngomlindi. **17** Ngempumalanga kwakulamaLevi
ayisithupha, ngenyakatho abane ngosuku, ngeningizimu
abane ngosuku, leziphaleni ababili ngababili; **18** eParibari
ngentshonalanga, abane emgwaqweni omkhulu, ababili
eParibari. **19** Lezi yizigaba zabalindi bamasango
bamadodana amaKora labamadodana kaMerari. **20**
LakumaLevi, uAhiya wayephethe izinto eziligugu zendlu
kaNkulunkulu, njalo wayephethe izinto eziligugu zezinto
ezingcwele. **21** Amadodana kaLadani, abantwana
bomGerishoni uLadani, kaLadani umGerishoni,
inhloko zaboyise zazingoJehiyeli. **22** Amadodana
kaJehiyeli: UZethamu, loJoweli umfowabo, babephethe
izinto eziligugu zendlu yeNkosi. **23** KumaAmramu,
kumaIzihari, kumaHebroni, kumaUziyeli. **24**
LoShebuweli indodana kaGereshoma indodana kaMozisi
wayeyisiphathamandla phezu kwezinto eziligugu. **25**
Labafowabo abakaEliyezeri: ORehabhiya indodana
yakhe, loJeshaya indodana yakhe, loJoramu indodana
yakhe, loZikiri indodana yakhe, loShelomithi indodana
yakhe. **26** UShelomithi lo labafowabo babephethe
zonke izinto eziligugu zezinto ezingcwele uDavida
inkosi ayezingcwelisile, lenhloko zaboyise, lenduna
zezinkulungwane lezamakhulu, labalawulimabutho.
27 Kokwempi lokwempangweni bakungcwelisela
ukulungisa indlu yeNkosi. **28** Lakho konke uSamuweli
umboni ayekungcwelisile, loSawuli indodana kaKishi
loAbhineri indodana kaNeri loJowabi indodana
kaZeruya; konke okwakungcwelisiwe kwakungaphansi
kwesandla sikaShelomithi labafowabo. **29** KumaIzihari
uKenaniya lamadodana akhe babengabomsebenzi
wangaphandle phezu kukaIsrayeli, beyizinduna
bengabahluleli. **30** KumaHebroni uHashabhiya
labafowabo, amadoda alamandla, ayinkulungwane
lamakhulu ayisikhombisa, babephethe iziphathamandla
zakoIsrayeli nganeno kweJordani ngentshonalanga,
emsebenzini wonke kaJehova lenkonzweni yenkosi.
31 KumaHebroni uJeriya wayeyinhloko, kumaHebroni,

ngokwezizukulwana zaboyise. Ngomnyaka wamatshumi
amane wokubusa kukaDavida adingwa, kwasekutholwa
phakathi kwawo amaqhawe alamandla eJazere
yeGileyadi. 32 Labafowabo amadoda alamandla
ayezinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu ayisikhombisa,
inhloko zezindlu. UDavida inkosi wasebenza abaphathi
phezu kwabakoRubeni labakoGadi lengxenye yesizwe
sakoManase ezintweni zonke zikaNkulunkulu lezinto
zenkosi.

27 Njalo abantwana bakoIsrayeli ngenani labo,
inhloko zaboyise, lezinduna zezinkulungwane
lezamakhulu, leziphathamandla zabo ezazisebenzela
inkosi ezindabeni zonke zezigaba, ezazingena ziphuma
inyanga ngenyanga enyangeni zonke zomnyaka; leso
lalesosigaba sasilezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amabili lane. 2 Phezu kwesigaba sokuqala
ngenyanga yokuqala kwakunguJashobeyamu indodana
kaZabidiyeli; lesigabeni sakhe kwakulezinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amabili lane. 3 Wayengowamadodana
kaPerezi, inhloko yabo bonke abaphathi bebutho
ngenyanga yokuqala. 4 Laphezu kwesigaba senyanga
yesibili kwakunguDodayi umAhohi; lesigabeni sakhe
uMikilothi laye wayeyinduna; lesigabeni sakhe
kwakulezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane.
5 Induna yesithathu yebutho ngenyanga yesithathu
yayinguBhenaya indodana kaJehoyada umpristi
omkhulu; lesigabeni sakhe kwakulezinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amabili lane. 6 UBhenaya lo
wayeliqhawe labangamatshumi amathathu, laphezu
kwabangamatshumi amathathu. Lakusigaba sakhe
kwakuloAmizabadi indodana yakhe. 7 Eyesine
ngenyanga yesine yayinguAsaheli umfowabo kaJowabi,
loZebhadiya indodana yakhe emva kwakhe; lesigabeni
sakhe kwakulezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amabili lane. 8 Eyesihlanu ngenyanga yesihlanu
yayingumphathi uShamihuthi umIzira; lesigabeni sakhe
kwakulezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane.
9 Eyesithupha ngenyanga yesithupha yayinguIra
indodana kaIkheshi umThekhowa; lesigabeni sakhe
kwakulezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lane. 10
Eyesikhombisa ngenyanga yesikhombisa yayinguHelezi
umPheloni wamadodana akoEfrayimi; lesigabeni
sakhe kwakulezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amabili lane. 11 Eyesificaminwembili ngenyanga
yesificaminwembili yayinguSibekayi umHushathi
wabakoZera; lesigabeni sakhe kwakulezinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amabili lane. 12 Eyesificamunwemunye
ngenyanga yesificamunwemunye yayinguAbiyezeri
umAnathothi wabakoBhenjamini; lesigabeni sakhe
kwakulezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili
lane. 13 Eyetshumi ngenyanga yetshumi
yayinguMaharayi umNetofa wabakoZera; lesigabeni
sakhe kwakulezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili
lane. 14 Eyetshumi lanye ngenyanga yetshumi
lanye yayinguBhenaya umPirathoni wabantwana
bakoEfrayimi; lesigabeni sakhe kwakulezinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amabili lane. 15 Eyetshumi lambili
ngenyanga yetshumi lambili yayinguHelidayi umNetofa
wakoOthiniyeli; lesigabeni sakhe kwakulezinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amabili lane. 16 Laphezu kwezizwe
zakoIsrayeli: Umbusi wabakoRubeni kwakunguEliyezeri
indodana kaZikiri. KwabakoSimeyoni, uShefethiya
indodana kaMahaka. 17 KwabakoLevi, uHashabhiya
indodana kaKemuweli; kwabakoAroni, uZadoki. 18
KoJuda, uElihu wabafowabo bakaDavida. KoIsakari,
uOmri indodana kaMikayeli. 19 KoZebuluni, uIshmaya
indodana kaObhadiya. KoNafithali, uJerimothi indodana
kaAziriyeli. 20 Ebantwaneni bakoEfrayimi, uHosheya
indodana kaAzaziya. Engxenyeni eyodwa kwezimbili
yesizwe sakoManase, uJoweli indodana kaPhedaya.
21 Engxenyeni eyodwa kwezimbili yakoManase
eGileyadi, uIdo indodana kaZekhariya. KoBhenjamini,
uJahasiyeli indodana kaAbhineri. 22 KoDani, uAzareli
indodana kaJerohamu. Laba babeyiziphathamandla
zezizwe zakoIsrayeli. 23 Kodwa uDavida kathathanga
inani lalabo abaleminyaka engamatshumi amabili
langaphansi, ngoba iNkosi yayithe izakwengeza uIsrayeli
njengezinkanyezi zamazulu. 24 UJowabi indodana
kaZeruya waqalisa ukubala, kodwa kaqedanga;
ngoba kwaba khona ulaka phezu kukaIsrayeli ngenxa
yalokho; ngakho inani kalifakwanga ekulandiseni
kwemilando yenkosi uDavida. 25 Laphezu kwezinto
eziligugu zenkosi kwakuloAzimavethi indodana
kaAdiyeli; laphezu kwezinto eziligugu ensimini, emizini,
lemizaneni, lezinqabeni kwakuloJonathani indodana
kaUziya. 26 Laphezu kwabenza umsebenzi wensimu,
wokulinywa komhlabathi, kwakuloEziri indodana
kaKelubi. 27 Laphezu kwezivini kwakuloShimeyi
umRama. Laphezu kokwezivini eziphaleni zewayini
kwakuloZabidi umShefama. 28 Laphezu kwezihlahla
zemihlwathi lemikhiwa yesikhamore ezisesihotsheni
kwakuloBhali-Hanani umGederi. Laphezu kweziphala
zamafutha kwakuloJowashi. 29 Laphezu kwezinkomo
ezazisidla eSharoni kwakuloShitirayi umSharoni.
Laphezu kwezinkomo ezazisezigodini kwakuloShafati
indodana kaAdilayi. 30 Laphezu kwamakamela
kwakuloObili umIshmayeli. Laphezu kwabobabhemikazi
kwakuloJehideya umMeronothi. 31 Laphezu kwemihlambi
kwakuloJaziri umHagiri. Bonke labo babengabaphathi
bempahla inkosi uDavida ayelayo. 32 UJonathani,
uyise omdala kaDavida, wayengumeluleki, indoda
ehlakaniphileyo, njalo wayengumbhali; loJehiyeli
indodana kaHakimoni wayelabantwana benkosi. 33 Njalo
uAhithofeli wayengumeluleki wenkosi, loHushayi umArki
wayengumngane wenkosi. 34 Lemva kukaAhithofeli
kwakuloJehoyada indodana kaBhenaya loAbhiyatha.
Lomphathi webutho lenkosi kwakunguJowabi.

28 UDavida wasebuthanisa zonke iziphathamandla
zakoIsrayeli, iziphathamandla zezizwe,
leziphathamandla zezigaba ezazisebenzela inkosi,
labaphathi bezinkulungwane, labaphathi bamakhulu,
labaphathi bempahla yonke labezifuyo zenkosi
labezamadodana ayo, lezinduna, lamaqhawe, lawo
wonke amaqhawe alamandla, eJerusalema. **2** UDavida
inkosi wasesima ngenyawo zakhe wathi: Ngilalelani,
bafowethu labantu bami. Mina, kwakusenhliziyweni yami
ukwakhela umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi indlu
yokuphumula, leyisigcabha senyawo zikaNkulunkulu
wethu, ngenza amalungiselelo okwakha. **3** Kodwa
uNkulunkulu wathi kimi: Kawuyikulakhela ibizo lami
indlu, ngoba wena ungumuntu wempi, uchithe igazi
elinengi. **4** Kanti iNkosi uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli
yangikhetha kuyo yonke indlu kababa ukuthi ngibe
yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli kuze kube nininini; ngoba
yakhetha uJuda ukuba ngumbusi, lendlini yakoJuda indlu
kababa; laphakathi kwamadodana kababa yangithanda
ukungenza ngibe yinkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli wonke. **5**
Lakuwo wonke amadodana ami (ngoba iNkosi yanginika
amadodana amanengi) yakhetha uSolomoni indodana
yami ukuthi ahlale esihlalweni sobukhosi sombuso
weNkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli. **6** Yasisithi kimi: USolomoni
indodana yakho nguye ozakwakha indlu yami lamaguma
ami, ngoba ngimkhethile ukuba yindodana yami, lami
ngizakuba nguyise. **7** Njalo ngizawuqinisa umbuso
wakhe kuze kube nininini uba eqina ukwenza imilayo
yami lezahlulelo zami njengalamuhla. **8** Ngakho-ke
phambi kwamehlo kaIsrayeli wonke, ibandla leNkosi,
lendlebeni zikaNkulunkulu wethu, gcinani lidinge yonke
imilayo yeNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu, ukuze lidle ilifa
lalelilizwe elihle, lenze abantwana benu badle ilifa
lalo emva kwenu kuze kube nininini. **9** Wena-ke,
Solomoni ndodana yami, mazi uNkulunkulu kayihlo,
umkhonze ngenhliziyo ephelele yo langengqondo
evumayo; ngoba iNkosi iyazihlola zonke inhliziyo,
iqedisise konke ukuzindla kwemicabango. Uba uyidinga,
izatholwa nguwe; kodwa uba uyitshiya, izakulahla
kokuphela. **10** Bona-ke, ngoba iNkosi ikukhethile ukuthi
wakhe indlu ibe yindlu engcwele; qina, ukwenze. **11**
UDavida wasenika uSolomoni indodana yakhe umdwebo
wekhulusi, lowezindlu zalo, lowezi phala zezinto eziligugu,
lowamakamelo aphezulu, lowamakamelo aphakathi,
lowendlu yesihlalo somusa. **12** Lomdwebo wakho
konke ayelakho ngoMoya, lowamaguma endlu yeNkosi,
lowamakamelo wonke azingelezeleyo, lowezi phala
zezinto eziligugu zendlu kaNkulunkulu, lowezi phala
zokuligugu zezinto ezingcwele, **13** lowezigaba zabapristi
lezamaLevi, lowomsebenzi wonke wenkonzo yendlu
yeNkosi, lowezitsha zonke zenkonzo yendlu yeNkosi. **14**
Wapha igolide ngesisindo ngezinto zegolide, ngempahla
yonke yenkonzo ngenkonzo, ngempahla yonke yesiliva
ngesisindo, ngempahla yonke yenkonzo ngenkonzo,
15 lesisindo sezinti zesibane zegolide, lezibane zazo
zegolide, ngesisindo soluthi lwesibane ngalunye
lezibane zalo, langezinti zesibane zesiliva, ngesisindo
soluthi lwesibane lezibane zalo, njengomsebenzi
woluthi lwesibane ngalunye. **16** Wasenika igolide
ngesisindo lamatafula ezinkwa zokubukiswa, ngalelo
lalelotafula, lesiliva samatafula esiliva. **17** Lamafologwe
lemiganu yokufafaza lezinkezo zegolide elicwengekileyo,
langezitsha zegolide ngesisindo saleso lalesositsha,
langezitsha zesiliva ngesisindo saleso lalesositsha. **18**
Langelathi lempepha igolide elicwengekileyo ngesisindo,
langomdwebo wenqola yamakherubhi egolide elule
impiko agubuzela umtshokotsho wesivumelwano
seNkosi. **19** UDavida wathi: Konke lokhu iNkosi yenza
ngikuqedisise ngombhalo ngesandla sayo phezu
kwami, yonke imisebenzi yomdwebo. **20** UDavida
wasesithi kuSolomoni indodana yakhe: Qina, ube
lesibindi, usebenze; ungesabi, ungatshaywa luvalo;
ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu wami, ilawe.
Kayisoze yakulahla, kayisoze yakutshiya, uze uqede
umsebenzi wonke wenkonzo yendlu yeNkosi. **21**
Khangela-ke, izigaba zabapristi lezamaLevi, zenkonzo
yonke yendlu kaNkulunkulu; njalo kuzakuba lawe kuwo
wonke umsebenzi, wonke oyingcitshi ovumayo kuyo
yonke inkonzo, labaphathi labo bonke abantu bazakuba
njengokulaya kwakho konke.

29 UDavida inkosi wasesithi ebandleni lonke:
USolomoni indodana yami, yena yedwa
uNkulunkulu amkhethileyo, usengumfana ubuthakathaka,
lomsebenzi mkhulu; ngoba isigodlo kayisiso somuntu,
kodwa ngeseNkosi uNkulunkulu. **2** Ngakho ngiyilungisele
indlu kaNkulunkulu wami ngamandla ami wonke, igolide
lokwegolide, lesiliva lokwesiliva, lethusi lokwethusi,
insimbi lokwensimbi, lezigodo lokwezigodo, amatshe e-
onikse lawokubekwa, amatshe akhazimulayo lalemibala,
lenhlobo zonke zamatshe aligugu, lamatshe e-
alibasta ngobunengi. **3** Laphezu kwakho, ngenxa
yokuthanda kwami indlu kaNkulunkulu wami, nganikela
indlu kaNkulunkulu wami inotho yegolide leyesiliva,
engilakho, phezu kwakho konke engikulungisele
indlu yendawo engcwele, **4** amathalenta egolide
azinkulungwane ezintathu egolideni leOfiri, lamathalenta
esiliva elicwengekileyo azinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa,
ukuhuqa imiduli yezindlu. **5** Igolide kusenzelwa
okwegolide, lesiliva kusenzelwa okwesiliva, langawo
wonke umsebenzi ngesandla sezingcitshi. Ngubani-
ke ovumayo ukuzehlukanisela iNkosi lamuhla? **6**
Inhloko zaboyise zasezinikela ngesihle, lezinduna
zezizwe zakoIsrayeli, labaphathi bezinkulungwane
labamakhulu, labaphathi bomsebenzi wenkosi. **7**
Basebenikela emsebenzini wendlu kaNkulunkulu
amathalenta azinkulungwane ezinhlanu egolide,
lenhlamvu ezizinkulungwane ezilitshumi, lamathalenta
esiliva azinkulungwane ezilitshumi, lamathalenta

ethusi azinkulungwane ezilitshumi lesificaminwembili,
lamathalenta ensimbi azinkulungwane ezilikhulu. **8**
Lalabo okwatholwa kibo amatshe aligugu bawanika
indlu yokuligugu yendlu yeNkosi ngaphansi kwesandla
sikaJehiyeli umGerishoni. **9** Basebethokoza abantu
ngokunikela kwabo ngesihle, ngoba ngenhliziyo
epheleleyo babenikele ngothando kuNkulunkulu;
loDavida inkosi laye wathokoza ngentokozo enkulu.
10 UDavida waseyibusisa iNkosi phambi kwamehlo
ebandla lonke; uDavida wathi: Kawubusiswe wena Nkosi
Nkulunkulu kaIsrayeli ubaba, kusukela ephakadeni kuze
kube sephakadeni. **11** Kungokwakho, Nkosi, ubukhulu
lamandla lodumo lokunqoba lobukhosi; ngoba konke
okusemazulwini lokusemhlabeni kungokwakho; umbuso
ungowakho, Nkosi; wena uziphakamisile waba yinhloko
phezu kwakho konke. **12** Lenotho lodumo kuvela
phambi kwakho, wena-ke ubusa phezu kwakho konke;
lesandleni sakho kukhona ukuqina lamandla, lesandleni
sakho kukhona ukukhulisa lokupha amandla kubo
bonke. **13** Ngakho-ke Nkulunkulu wethu, siyakubonga,
silidumise ibizo lakho elilodumo. **14** Ngoba mina-ke
ngingubani, labantu bami bangobani, ukuthi sithole
amandla okunika ngothando ngokunje? Ngoba konke
kuvela kuwe, sinikele kuwe okuvela esandleni sakho.
15 Ngoba singabemzini phambi kwakho labahlala
njengabezizwe njengabo bonke obaba; insuku zethu
emhlabeni zinjengesithunzi, njalo kalikho ithemba.
16 Nkosi Nkulunkulu wethu, konke lokhu okunengi,
esikulungisele ukwakhela wena indlu, kusenzelwa ibizo
lakho elingcwele, kuvela esandleni sakho, njalo konke
kungokwakho. **17** Ngiyazi-ke, Nkulunkulu wami, ukuthi
wena uhlola inhliziyo, uyabuthanda ubuqotho. Mina,
ebuqothweni benhliziyo yami nginikele ngesihle zonke
lezizinto; khathesi sengibonile ngentokozo abantu bakho
abatholakala lapha ukuthi banikela kuwe ngesihle.
18 Nkosi, Nkulunkulu kaAbrahama, uIsaka, loIsrayeli,
obaba, gcina lokho laphakade ekuzindleni kweminakano
yenhliziyo yabantu bakho, ulungise inhliziyo yabo
kuwe. **19** Njalo unike uSolomoni indodana yami
inhliziyo epheleleyo ukugcina imilayo yakho, ubufakazi
bakho, lezimiso zakho, lokwenza konke, lokwakha
isigodlo engisilungiseleleyo. **20** UDavida wasesithi kulo
lonke ibandla: Khathesi busisani iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wenu. Ibandla lonke laselibusisa iNkosi, uNkulunkulu
waboyise; bakhothama bamkhonza uJehova,
lenkosi. **21** Basebehlabela imihlatshelo eNkosini,
banikela iminikelo yokutshiswa eNkosini, ngokusa
kwalolosuku, amajongosi azinkulungwane, izinqama
eziyinkulungwane, amawundlu ayinkulungwane,
kanye leminikelo yabo yokunathwayo, lemihlatshelo
ngobunengi kusenzelwa uIsrayeli wonke. **22** Basebesidla
banatha phambi kweNkosi ngalolosuku ngentokozo
enkulu. Basebembeka okwesibili uSolomoni indodana
kaDavida ukuthi abe yinkosi, bamgcobela iNkosi
waba ngumkhokheli, loZadoki waba ngumpristi.
23 USolomoni wasehlala esihlalweni sobukhosi
sikaJehova njengenkosi esikhundleni sikaDavida
uyise, waphumelela; loIsrayeli wonke wamlalela. **24**
Lazo zonke izinduna lamaqhawe kanye lawo wonke
amadodana enkosi uDavida bazehlisela ngaphansi
kukaSolomoni inkosi. **25** INkosi yasimphakamisa
uSolomoni kakhulu phambi kwamehlo kaIsrayeli wonke,
yamnika ubukhosi bombuso obungazanga bube khona
lakuyiphi inkosi ngaphambi kwakhe koIsrayeli. **26**
Ngokunjalo uDavida indodana kaJese wayebuse phezu
kukaIsrayeli wonke. **27** Njalo insuku abusa ngazo
phezu kukaIsrayeli zaziyiminyaka engamatshumi amane;
eHebroni wabusa iminyaka eyisikhombisa, leJerusalema
wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lantathu.
28 Wasesifa eseluphele kuhle, enele ngezinsuku,
inotho lodumo; uSolomoni indodana yakhe wasebusa
esikhundleni sakhe. **29** Njalo izindaba zikaDavida inkosi,
ezokuqala lezokucina, khangela, zibhaliwe egwalweni
lwezindaba zikaSamuweli umboni legwalweni lwezindaba
zikaNathani umprofethi legwalweni lwezindaba zikaGadi
umboni, **30** kanye lakho konke ukubusa kwakhe
lamandla akhe, lezikhathi ezedlula phezu kwakhe
laphezu kukaIsrayeli laphezu kwayo yonke imibuso
yamazwe.

2 Imilando

1 USolomoni indodana kaDavida waseqina embusweni
wakhe, leNkosi uNkulunkulu wakhe yayilaye, yamenza
waba mkhulu kakhulu. **2** USolomoni wasekhuluma
kuIsrayeli wonke, kubaphathi bezinkulungwane
labamakhulu, lakubahluleli, lakuzo zonke induna
kuIsrayeli wonke, inhloko zaboyise. **3** USolomoni
lebandla lonke laye basebesiya endaweni ephakemeyo
eyayiseGibeyoni; ngoba kwakukhona lapho ithente
lenhlangano kaNkulunkulu uMozisi inceku yeNkosi
alenzayo enkangala. **4** Kodwa uDavida wayewenyusile
umtshokotsho kaNkulunkulu uvela eKiriyathi-Jeyarimi,
wawusa lapho uDavida ayewulungisele khona, ngoba
wayewumisele ithente eJerusalema. **5** Lelathi lethusi,
uBhezaleli indodana kaUri indodana kaHuri ayelenzile,
walibeka phambi kwethabhanekele leNkosi; uSolomoni
lebandla badinga-ke kulo. **6** USolomoni wasesenyukela
lapho elathini lethusi phambi kweNkosi elalisethenteni
lenhlangano, wanikela phezu kwalo iminikelo yokutshiswa
eyinkulungwane. **7** Ngalobobusuku uNkulunkulu
wabonakala kuSolomoni, wathi kuye: Cela engingakupha
khona. **8** USolomoni wasesithi kuNkulunkulu: Wena
wenzele uDavida ubaba umusa omkhulu, wangenza
ngaba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. **9** Khathesi, Nkosi
Nkulunkulu, kaliqiniswe ilizwi lakho kuDavida ubaba,
ngoba wena ungenze ngaba yinkosi phezu kwabantu
abanengi ngangothuli lomhlabathi. **10** Khathesi ngipha
inhlakanipho lolwazi ukuze ngiphume ngingene phambi
kwalababantu; ngoba ngubani ongehlulela lababantu
bakho abakhulu kangaka? **11** UNkulunkulu wasesithi
kuSolomoni: Ngenxa yokuthi lokhu bekusenhliziyweni
yakho, njalo ungacelanga inotho, ingcebo, lodumo,
lempilo yezitha zakho, futhi ungacelanga insuku
ezinengi, kodwa uzicelele inhlakanipho lolwazi ukuze
wahlulele abantu bami engikwenze waba yinkosi
phezu kwabo: **12** Inhlakanipho lolwazi ukuphiwe;
ngizakunika futhi inotho lengcebo lodumo, angazange
abe lakho okunjalo amakhosi ayengaphambi kwakho,
langemva kwakho kakuyikuba khona okunjalo. **13**
Wasebuya uSolomoni evela endaweni ephakemeyo
eseGibeyoni waya eJerusalema, evela phambi kwethente
lenhlangano; wasebusa phezu kukaIsrayeli. **14**
USolomoni wasebuthanisa izinqola labagadi bamabhiza;
wayelezinqola ezingamakhulu alitshumi lane, labagadi
bamabhiza abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili;
wasekubeka emizini yezinqola, njalo kanye lenkosi
eJerusalema. **15** Inkosi yasisenza isiliva legolide
eJerusalema kwaba njengamatshe, njalo wenza imisedari
yaba njengemikhiwa yesikhamore esesihotsheni,
ngobunengi. **16** Wasengenisa ngokuthenga amabhiza
avela eGibhithe, ayengekaSolomoni, lelembu
elicolekileyo; labathengi benkosi babelithatha ilembu
elicolekileyo ngentengo. **17** Basebesenyusa bekhupha
inqola eGibhithe ngamashekeli esiliva angamakhulu
ayisithupha, lebhiza ngamashekeli alikhulu lamatshumi
amahlanu. Ngokunjalo bakukhuphela wonke amakhosi
amaHethi lamakhosi eSiriya ngesandla sabo.

2 USolomoni wasezimisela ukwakhela ibizo leNkosi
indlu, lendlu yombuso wakhe. **2** USolomoni
wasebala amadoda azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
ayisikhombisa ukuthwala imithwalo, lamadoda
ayizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisificaminwembili
ukubaza entabeni, lababonisi abayizinkulungwane
ezintathu lamakhulu ayisithupha phezu kwawo. **3**
USolomoni wasethumela kuHuramu inkosi yeTire esithi:
Njengokwenza kwakho kuDavida ubaba umthumela
imisedari ukumakhela indlu yokuhlala kuyo, yenza
njalo lakimi. **4** Khangela, mina ngakhela ibizo
leNkosi uNkulunkulu wami indlu, ukuyehlukanisela
yona, ukutshisa phambi kwayo impepha elephunga
elimnandi, lezinkwa zokubukiswa njalonjalo, leminikelo
yokutshiswa ekuseni lantambama, ngamasabatha,
lekuthwaseni kwezinyanga, langemikhosi emisiweyo
yeNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu. Lesi yisimiso saphakade
kuIsrayeli. **5** Lendlu engiyakhayo inkulu, ngoba
uNkulunkulu wethu mkhulu kulabonkulunkulu bonke. **6**
Kodwa ngubani ongaba lamandla okumakhela indlu,
ngoba amazulu, yebo, amazulu amazulu, angemanele?
Mina-ke ngingubani ukuthi ngimakhele indlu, ngaphandle
kokutshisa impepha phambi kwakhe? **7** Ngakho-ke
thuma kimi umuntu oyingcitshi ekusebenzeni ngegolide
langesiliva langethusi langensimbi langokuyibubende
langokubomvu langokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka,
lokwaziyo ukubaza okubazwe ngokugujwa, labazingcitshi
abalami koJuda leJerusalema, uDavida ubaba
abamisayo. **8** Ngithumela njalo izigodo zemisedari,
amafiri, lama-aligumi ezivela eLebhanoni; ngoba mina
ngiyazi ukuthi inceku zakho ziyakwazi ukugamula izihlahla
zeLebhanoni; khangela-ke, inceku zami zizakuba lenceku
zakho; **9** ngitsho ukungilungisela izigodo ezinengi,
ngoba indlu engiyakhayo izakuba nkulu imangalise.
10 Khangela-ke, inceku zakho, abagamuli abagamula
izihlahla, ngizazinika amakhori engqoloyi echoliweyo
azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili, lamakhori
ebhali azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili,
lamabhathi ewayini azinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amabili, lamabhathi amafutha azinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amabili. **11** UHuramu inkosi yeTire
wasephendula ngokubhala akuthumela kuSolomoni:
Ngoba uJehova uthanda abantu bakhe, ukubeke waba
yinkosi phezu kwabo. **12** UHuramu wabuya wathi:
Kayibusiswe iNkosi uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli eyenza
amazulu lomhlaba, enike uDavida inkosi indodana
ehlakaniphileyo, eyazi inhlakanipho lokuqedisisa,
ezayakhela iNkosi indlu, lendlu yombuso wayo.
13 Khathesi sengithuma indoda eyingcitshi eyazi
ukuqedisisa, uHuramu Abhi, **14** indodana yowesifazana

emadodakazini akoDani, oyise wayeyindoda yeTire;
uyakwazi ukusebenza ngegolide, langesiliva, ngethusi,
ngensimbi, ngamatshe, langezigodo, ngokuyibubende,
ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, langamalembu
acolekileyo kakhulu, langokubomvu, lokubaza lakuphi
okubaziweyo ngokugubha, lokuqamba lakuphi
okuqanjiweyo angakunikwa, kanye lezingcitshi zakho
lezingcitshi zenkosi yami uDavida uyihlo. **15** Ngakho-
ke ingqoloyi, lebhali, amafutha, lewayini, inkosi
yami ekhulume ngakho, kayikuthumele ezincekwini
zayo. **16** Thina-ke sizagamula izihlahla eLebhanoni,
njengokuswela kwakho konke, sizilethe kuwe
ngokundendayo phezu kolwandle eJopha, njalo
wena uzazenyusela eJerusalema. **17** USolomoni
wasebala wonke amadoda ezizweni ayeselizweni
lakoIsrayeli emva kokubalwa uDavida uyise
ayewabale ngakho; asetholakala ezinkulungwane
ezilikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu lantathu lamakhulu
ayisithupha. **18** Wasesenza kuwo abathwali bemithwalo
abayizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa,
lababazi entabeni abayizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
ayisificaminwembili, lababonisi abayizinkulungwane
ezintathu lamakhulu ayisithupha bokwenza abantu
basebenze.

3 USolomoni waseqala ukwakha indlu yeNkosi
eJerusalema entabeni yeMoriya lapho eyabonakala
khona kuDavida uyise, endaweni uDavida ayilungisayo
ebaleni lokubhulela likaOrinani umJebusi. **2** Waseqalisa
ukwakha ngenyanga yesibili ngolwesibili ngomnyaka
wesine wokubusa kwakhe. **3** Lalezi yizisekelo
zikaSolomoni zokwakha indlu kaNkulunkulu. Ubude
ngezingalo ngesilinganiso esidala babuzingalo
ezingamatshumi ayisithupha, lobubanzi buzingalo
ezingamatshumi amabili. **4** Lekhulusi elaliphambili, ubude
njengobubanzi bendlu babuzingalo ezingamatshumi
amabili, lokuphakama kwakuzingalo ezilikhulu
lamatshumi amabili. Wayihuqa ngaphakathi ngegolide
elicwengekileyo. **5** Lendlu enkulu wayembesa ngezigodo
zefiri, wayihuqa ngegolide elihle, wamisa phezu
kwayo amalala lamaketane. **6** Wayembesela ubuhle
indlu ngamatshe aligugu; njalo igolide laliligolide
leParivayimi. **7** Waseyihuqa indlu, imijabo, imigubazi,
lemiduli yayo, leminyango yayo ngegolide, wabaza
ngokugubha amakherubhi emidulwini. **8** Wasesenza
indlu yengcwele yezingcwele; ubude bayo njengobubanzi
bendlu babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili, lobubanzi
bayo buzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili; wayihuqa
ngegolide elihle kwaze kwaba ngamathalenta
angamakhulu ayisithupha. **9** Lesisindo sezipikili saze
saba ngamashekeli egolide angamatshumi amahlanu.
Wawahuqa amakamelo aphezulu ngegolide. **10**
Wasesenza endlini yengcwele yezingcwele amakherubhi
amabili ngomsebenzi obaziweyo, wawahuqa ngegolide.
11 Lempiko zamakherubhi, ubude bazo babuzingalo
ezingamatshumi amabili. Uphiko lwelilodwa lwaluzingalo
ezinhlanu lufinyelela emdulini wendlu, lolunye uphiko
lwaluzingalo ezinhlanu lufinyelela ophikweni lwelinye
ikherubhi. **12** Ngokunjalo uphiko lwelinye ikherubhi
lwaluzingalo ezinhlanu lufinyelela emdulini wendlu;
lolunye uphiko lwaluzingalo ezinhlanu lunamathele
ephikweni lwelinye ikherubhi. **13** Impiko zalamakherubhi
zeluleka ingalo ezingamatshumi amabili; njalo ema
ngenyawo zawo, lobuso bawo bukhangele ngasendlini.
14 Wasesenza iveyili ngokuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka
lokuyibubende lokubomvu langelembu elicolekileyo
kakhulu, wabeka kulo amakherubhi. **15** Wasesenza
phambi kwendlu insika ezimbili, ubude babuzingalo
ezingamatshumi amathathu lanhlanu, lesiduku phezu
kwengqonga yayo buzingalo ezinhlanu. **16** Wasesenza
amaketane njengendaweni yelizwi, wawafaka
esihlokweni sezinsika; wenza lamapomegranati alikhulu,
wawafaka emaketaneni. **17** Wasemisa izinsika
ngaphambi kwethempeli, enye ngakwesokunene, lenye
ngakwesokhohlo; wasebiza ibizo lengakwesokunene
uJakini, lebizo lengakwesokhohlo uBhowazi.

4 Wasesenza ilathi lethusi, ubude balo buzingalo
ezingamatshumi amabili, lobubanzi balo buzingalo
ezingamatshumi amabili, lokuphakama kwalo
kuzingalo ezilitshumi. **2** Wasesenza ulwandle
olubunjwe ngokuncibilikisa, luzingalo ezilitshumi
kusukela okhunjini lwalo kusiya okhunjini lwalo,
lwalugombolozele inhlangothi zonke, lokuphakama
kwalo kuzingalo ezinhlanu, lomzila wezingalo
ezingamatshumi amathathu ulugombolozele inhlangothi
zonke. **3** Lokufanana kwenkabi kwakungaphansi
kwalo, kubhodabhoda inhlangothi zonke zalo,
ezilitshumi engalweni, lugombolozela ulwandle
inhlangothi zonke; imizila emibili yenkabi yabunjwa
ngokuncibilikisa ekubunjweni kwalo. **4** Lwalumi phezu
kwenkabi ezilitshumi lambili; ezintathu zikhangele
enyakatho, lezintathu zikhangele entshonalanga,
lezintathu zikhangele eningizimu, lezintathu zikhangele
empumalanga; lolwandle lwaluphezu kwazo phezulu,
lazo zonke ingemuva zazo zazingaphakathi. **5**
Uhlonzi lwalo lwaluyibubanzi besandla, lomphetho
walo wawunjengomsebenzi womphetho wenkezo,
njengeluba lomduze, lwalumumethe amabhathi,
lumumethe azinkulungwane ezintathu. **6** Wasesenza
inditshi zokugezela ezilitshumi, wabeka ezinhlanu
ngakwesokunene, lezinhlanu ngakwesokhohlo,
ukugezisela kizo; babegezisela kizo okomnikelo
wokutshiswa; kodwa ulwandle lwalungolwabapristi
ukugezela kulo. **7** Wasesenza izinti zezibane
zegolide ezilitshumi njengokumiswa kwazo, wazibeka
ethempelini, ezinhlanu ngakwesokunene, lezinhlanu
ngakwesokhohlo. **8** Wenza lamatafula alitshumi,
wawabeka ethempelini, amahlanu ngakwesokunene,
lamahlanu ngakwesokhohlo. Wenza lemiganu elikhulu

yegolide. 9 Wenza leguma labapristi leguma
elikhulu, lezivalo zeguma, wazihuqa izivalo zalo
ngethusi. 10 Wasebeka ulwandle ehlangothini lokunene
ngasempumalanga maqondana leningizimu. 11
UHuramu wasesenza izimbiza lamafotsholo lemiganu
yokufafaza. UHuramu waqeda ukwenza umsebenzi
ayewenzela inkosi uSolomoni endlini kaNkulunkulu. 12
Insika ezimbili, lemiganu, leziduku phezu kwengqonga
yezinsika ezimbili, lamambule amabili okwembesa
imiganu emibili yeziduku ezaziphezu kwengqonga
yezinsika, 13 lamapomegranati angamakhulu amane
emambuleni womabili, imizila emibili yamapomegranati
kulelo lalelombule, okwembesa imiganu emibili yeziduku
ezaziphezu kwengqonga yezinsika. 14 Wenza lezisekelo,
wenza lezinditshi zokugezela phezu kwezisekelo; 15
ulwandle olulodwa, lezinkabi ezilitshumi lambili ngaphansi
kwalo. 16 Lezimbiza, lamafotsholo, lamafologwe,
lazo zonke izitsha zakho uHuramu Abhi wazenzela
inkosi uSolomoni esenzela indlu yeNkosi ngethusi
elikhazimulayo. 17 Inkosi yazibumbela ngokuncibilikisa
emagcekeni eJordani emhlabathini olibumba phakathi
kweSukothi leZeredatha. 18 USolomoni wasezenza
zonke lezizitsha ngobunengi obukhulu, ngoba isisindo
sethusi sasingehlolwe. 19 USolomoni wazenza-ke zonke
izitsha ezazingezendlu kaNkulunkulu, lelathi legolide,
lamatafula okwakukhona kuwo izinkwa zokubukiswa, 20
lezinti zezibane lezibane zazo ngegolide elicwengekileyo,
ukuthi zibhebhe ngokwesimiso phambi kwendawo
yelizwi; 21 lamaluba lezibane lezindlawu, ngegolide,
kwakuligolide eliphelelelyo; 22 lezindlawu, lemiganu
yokufafaza, lezinkezo, lezitsha zokuthwala umlilo,
ngegolide elicwengekileyo; njalo iminyango yendlu,
izivalo zayo ezingaphakathi, ezengcwele yezingcwele,
lezivalo zendlu yethempeli zazingezegolide.

5 Usuphelile umsebenzi wonke uSolomoni ayewenzela
indlu yeNkosi, wangenisa izinto ezingcwelisiweyo
zikaDavida uyise, lesiliva legolide lazo zonke izitsha
wazibeka esiphaleni senotho sendlu kaNkulunkulu. 2
Ngalesosikhathi uSolomoni wabuthanisa eJerusalema
abadala bakoIsrayeli, lazo zonke inhloko zezizwe,
izinduna zaboyise babantwana bakoIsrayeli, ukuthi
benyuse umtshokotsho wesivumelwano seNkosi
usuke emzini kaDavida oyiZiyoni. 3 Wonke
amadoda akoIsrayeli asebuthana enkosini emkhosini
owenyanga yesikhombisa. 4 Labo bonke abadala
bakoIsrayeli beza, amaLevi asewuthwala umtshokotsho,
5 awuletha umtshokotsho lethente lenhlangano
lazo zonke izitsha ezingcwele ezazisethenteni;
abapristi lamaLevi basebekwenyusa. 6 Inkosi
uSolomoni lenhlangano yonke yakoIsrayeli eyayibuthene
phambi komtshokotsho basebenikela imihlatshelo
yezimvu lezinkabi ezingelakubhalwa lezingelakubalwa
ngobunengi. 7 Abapristi basebewungenisa umtshokotsho
wesivumelwano seNkosi endaweni yawo, endaweni
yelizwi yendlu, kungcwele yezingcwele, kwaze
kwaba ngaphansi kwempiko zamakherubhi. 8
Ngoba amakherubhi elulela impiko zawo phezu
kwendawo yomtshokotsho; amakherubhi awembesa
umtshokotsho lemijabo yawo ngaphezulu. 9
Basebeselula imijabo, izihloko zemijabo zaze zabonakala
emtshokotshweni phambi kwendawo yelizwi, kodwa
zingabonakali ngaphandle; ukhona lapho-ke kuze
kube lamuhla. 10 Kwakungelalutho emtshokotshweni,
ngaphandle kwezibhebhe ezimbili uMozisi azifaka khona
eHorebe lapho iNkosi eyenza khona isivumelwano
labantwana bakoIsrayeli ekuphumeni kwabo eGibhithe.
11 Kwasekusithi abapristi bephuma endaweni
engcwele, ngoba bonke abapristi abatholakalayo
babezihlambulule bengagcinanga izigaba, 12 lamaLevi
angabahlabeleli babo bonke - akoAsafi, akoHemani,
akoJeduthuni, lakumadodana abo lakubafowabo -
begqoke amalembu acolekileyo amhlophe, belezinsimbi
ezincencethayo lezigubhu zezintambo lamachacho,
bema ngempumalanga kwelathi; njalo kanye labo
kulabapristi abalikhulu lamatshumi amabili bekhalisa
izimpondo. 13 Kwasekusithi bekhalisa izimpondo
behlabelela kanyekanye ukuzwakalisa umsindo owodwa,
ukudumisa lokubonga iNkosi, lalapho bephakamisa
ilizwi ngezimpondo langezinsimbi ezincencethayo lezinto
zokuhlabelela, lalapho bedumisa iNkosi ukuthi ilungile
lokuthi umusa wayo umi kuze kube phakade, indlu
yagcwaliswa liyezi, indlu yeNkosi, 14 abapristi kabaze
baba lakho ukuma ukukhonza ngenxa yeyezi, ngoba
inkazimulo yeNkosi yagcwalisa indlu kaNkulunkulu.

6 Ngalesosikhathi uSolomoni wathi: UJehova wathi
uzahlala emnyameni onzima. 2 Kodwa mina
ngikwakhele indlu yokuhlala, lendawo yokuhlala kwakho
kuze kube nini lanini. 3 Inkosi yasiphendula ubuso
bayo, yabusisa ibandla lonke lakoIsrayeli; ibandla lonke-
ke lakoIsrayeli lalimi. 4 Yasisithi: Kayibusiswe iNkosi,
uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, eyakhuluma ngomlomo wayo
kuDavida ubaba yakugcwalisa ngezandla zayo, isithi:
5 Kusukela ngosuku engakhupha ngalo abantu bami
elizweni leGibhithe kangikhethanga muzi ezizweni zonke
zakoIsrayeli ukwakha indlu, ukuthi ibizo lami libe lapho,
kangikhethanga muntu ukuba ngumkhokheli phezu
kwabantu bami uIsrayeli. 6 Kodwa ngakhetha iJerusalema
ukuthi ibizo lami libe lapho, ngakhetha uDavida
ukuthi abe phezu kwabantu bami uIsrayeli. 7 Njalo
kwakusenhliziyweni kaDavida ubaba ukwakhela ibizo
leNkosi, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, indlu. 8 Kodwa iNkosi
yathi kuDavida ubaba: Njengoba kwakusenhliziyweni
yakho ukwakhela ibizo lami indlu, wenze kuhle
ngokuthi kwakusenhliziyweni yakho. 9 Lanxa kunjalo
kawuyikuyakha indlu wena, kodwa indodana yakho
ezaphuma ekhalweni lwakho, yiyo ezakwakhela ibizo
lami indlu. 10 INkosi isiqinisile ilizwi layo eyalikhulumayo,

ngoba ngivelile esikhundleni sikaDavida ubaba, ngihlezi
esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaIsrayeli, njengokukhuluma
kweNkosi; sengilakhele ibizo leNkosi, uNkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli, indlu. **11** Ngiwubeke khona umtshokotsho
lapho okulesivumelwano seNkosi khona eyasenza
labantwana bakoIsrayeli. **12** Wasesima phambi kwelathi
leNkosi maqondana lebandla lonke lakoIsrayeli, welula
izandla zakhe. **13** Ngoba uSolomoni wayenze isitubhu
sethusi, ubude baso buzingalo ezinhlanu, lobubanzi baso
buzingalo ezinhlanu, lokuphakama kwaso kuzingalo
ezintathu, wasimisa phakathi laphakathi kweguma.
Wema phezu kwaso, waguqa ngamadolo akhe phambi
kwebandla lonke lakoIsrayeli, welulela izandla zakhe
emazulwini, **14** wathi: Nkosi, Nkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, kakho
uNkulunkulu onjengawe emazulwini lemhlabeni, ogcina
isivumelwano lomusa ezincekwini zakho ezihamba
phambi kwakho ngayo yonke inhliziyo yazo, **15** ogcinele
inceku yakho uDavida ubaba lokho owakutsho kuyo;
ngoba wakhuluma ngomlomo wakho usukugcwalisile
ngesandla sakho njengalamuhla. **16** Ngakho-ke, Nkosi,
Nkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, gcinela inceku yakho uDavida
ubaba lokho owakutsho kuyo usithi: Kakuyikusweleka
umuntu kuwe phambi kobuso bami ozahlala esihlalweni
sobukhosi sikaIsrayeli; kuphela uba abantwana bakho
beqaphela indlela yabo phambi kwami, ukuthi bahambe
ngomlayo wami, njengalokho uhambile phambi kwami.
17 Ngakho-ke, Nkosi, Nkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, kaliqiniseke
ilizwi lakho owalikhuluma encekwini yakho, kuDavida.
18 Kambe ngeqiniso uNkulunkulu angahlala labantu
emhlabeni? Khangela, amazulu, yebo, amazulu amazulu
angekwanele; kangakanani-ke lindlu engiyakhileyo?
19 Kodwa phendukela emkhulekweni wenceku yakho
lekuncengeni kwayo, Nkosi Nkulunkulu wami, ukuzwa
ukukhala lomkhuleko inceku yakho ekukhulekayo phambi
kwakho. **20** Ukuze amehlo akho avulekele lindlu emini
lebusuku, endaweni owatsho ngayo ukuthi uzabeka ibizo
lakho khona, ukuthi uwuzwe umkhuleko inceku yakho
ewukhulekayo ikhangele kulindawo. **21** Ngakho zwana
ukuncenga kwenceku yakho lokwabantu bakho uIsrayeli
abazakukhuleka bekhangele kulindawo; yebo, uzwe
wena, usendaweni yakho yokuhlala, usemazulwini; lapho
usizwa, uthethelele. **22** Uba umuntu esona kumakhelwane
wakhe, amethese isifungo ukumenza afunge, njalo
isifungo size phambi kwelathi lakho kulindlu, **23** zwana-ke
wena usemazulwini, njalo yenza wahlulele inceku zakho,
ngokuphindisela okhohlakeleyo, ngokunika indlela yakhe
ekhanda lakhe, langokulungisisa olungileyo, ngokumnika
njengokulunga kwakhe. **24** Lalapho abantu bakho
uIsrayeli betshaywa phambi kwesitha, ngoba bonile
kuwe, uba bephenduka, balivume ibizo lakho, bakhuleke
bencenga phambi kwakho kulindlu, **25** zwana-ke wena
usemazulwini, uthethelele isono sabantu bakho uIsrayeli,
ubabuyisele elizweni owalinika bona laboyise. **26** Lapho
amazulu evaliwe, njalo kungelazulu, ngoba bonile kuwe,
uba bekhuleka bekhangele kulindawo belivuma ibizo
lakho, baphenduke esonweni sabo, nxa ubahluphile,
27 zwana-ke wena usemazulwini, uthethelele isono
senceku zakho lesabantu bakho uIsrayeli, usubafundise
indlela enhle abazahamba ngayo; unise izulu elizweni
lakho owalinika abantu bakho libe yilifa labo. **28**
Uba kulendlala elizweni, uba kulomatshayabhuqe
wesifo, uba kulokutshisa, lengumane, isikhonyane,
lemihogoyi; uba izitha zabo zibavimbezela elizweni
lesango labo, loba yiyiphi inhlupheko laloba yiwuphi
umkhuhlane; **29** lawuphi umkhuleko, lakuphi ukuncenga,
okuzakwenziwa languwuphi umuntu, kumbe yibo bonke
abantu bakho uIsrayeli, lapho besazi, ngulowo lalowo
inhlupheko yakhe losizi lwakhe, eselulela izandla zakhe
kulindlu; **30** zwana-ke wena usemazulwini, indawo
yakho yokuhlala, uthethelele, uphe ngulowo lalowo
ngokwezindlela zakhe zonke, onhliziyo yakhe uyayazi,
ngoba nguwe wedwa owazi inhliziyo yabantwana
babantu, **31** ukuze bakwesabe bahambe endleleni zakho
insuku zonke abaziphila ebusweni bomhlaba owawupha
obaba. **32** Njalo mayelana lowezizweni ongesuye
owabantu bakho uIsrayeli, kodwa evela elizweni
elikhatshana ngenxa yebizo lakho elikhulu lesandla
sakho esilamandla lengalo yakho eyeluliweyo; lapho
besizakhuleka kulindlu, **33** zwana-ke wena usemazulwini,
usendaweni yakho yokuhlala, wenze njengakho konke
owezizweni akhala ngakho kuwe, ukuze bonke abantu
bomhlaba bazi ibizo lakho, bakwesabe, njengabantu
bakho uIsrayeli, lokuthi bazi ukuthi ibizo lakho liyabizwa
phezu kwalindlu engiyakhileyo. **34** Uba abantu bakho
bephuma ukuyakulwa bemelene lezitha zabo ngendlela
obathume ngayo, bakhuleke kuwe endleleni yomuzi
owukhethileyo lendlu engiyakhele ibizo lakho, **35** zwana-
ke usemazulwini umkhuleko wabo lokuncenga kwabo,
wenze ilungelo labo. **36** Uba besona kuwe, ngoba
kakulamuntu ongoniyo, ubusubathukuthelela, ubanikele
phambi kwesitha, ukuze ababathumbileyo babathumbele
elizweni elikhatshana kumbe eliseduze, **37** uba benakana
ngakho enhliziyweni yabo elizweni abathunjelwe kilo,
baphenduke bancenge kuwe elizweni lokuthunjwa kwabo
bathi: Sonile, senze okubi, senza ngenkohlakalo; **38** uba
bephendukela kuwe ngayo yonke inhliziyo yabo langawo
wonke umphefumulo wabo elizweni lokuthunjwa kwabo,
lapho ababathumbele khona, bakhuleke ngasendleleni
yelizwe labo owalinika oyise, lomuzi owukhethileyo,
langasendlini engiyakhele ibizo lakho, **39** zwana-ke
usemazulwini, usendaweni yakho yokuhlala, umkhuleko
wabo lokuncenga kwabo, wenze ilungelo labo, uthethelele
abantu bakho abakonileyo. **40** Ngakho, Nkulunkulu
wami, ake amehlo akho avuleke lendlebe zakho zilalele
umkhuleko walindawo. **41** Khathesi-ke, sukuma, Nkosi
Nkulunkulu, uze endaweni yakho yokuphumula, wena
lomtshokotsho wamandla akho. Abapristi bakho, Nkosi
Nkulunkulu, kabembathe usindiso, labangcwele bakho

bathokoze ngokuhle. 42 Nkosi Nkulunkulu, ungafulathelisi
ubuso bogcotshiweyo wakho. Khumbula izisa zikaDavida
inceku yakho.

7 Kwathi uSolomoni eseqedile ukukhuleka, umlilo
wehla uvela emazulwini, wadla umnikelo wokutshiswa
lemihlatshelo, lenkazimulo yeNkosi yagcwalisa indlu. 2
Njalo abapristi babengelakho ukungena endlini yeNkosi,
ngoba inkazimulo yeNkosi yayigcwalise indlu yeNkosi. 3
Lapho bonke abantwana bakoIsrayeli bebona ukwehla
komlilo lenkazimulo yeNkosi phezu kwendlu, bakhothama
ngobuso babo emhlabathini endaweni egandelweyo,
bakhonza bedumisa iNkosi, ukuthi ilungile, ukuthi umusa
wayo umi phakade. 4 Inkosi labo bonke abantu banikela-
ke imihlatshelo phambi kweNkosi. 5 Inkosi uSolomoni
yasinikela imihlatshelo yezinkabi ezizinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amabili, lezimvu ezizinkulungwane
ezilikhulu lamatshumi amabili. Ngokunjalo inkosi labo
bonke abantu bayehlukanisa indlu kaNkulunkulu. 6
Abapristi basebesima ezikhundleni zabo; lamaLevi
elezinto zokuhlabelela zikaJehova inkosi uDavida
ayezenzele ukudumisa uJehova, ngoba umusa wakhe
umi phakade, lapho uDavida edumisa ngenkonzo
yabo; labapristi bakhalisa impondo phambi kwabo,
loIsrayeli wonke wema. 7 USolomoni wasengcwelisa
iphakathi leguma elaliphambi kwendlu yeNkosi, ngoba
wenza lapho iminikelo yokutshiswa lamahwahwa
eminikelo yokuthula, ngoba ilathi lethusi uSolomoni
ayelenzile lalingenele umnikelo wokutshiswa, lomnikelo
wokudla, lamahwahwa. 8 Langalesosikhathi uSolomoni
wenza umkhosi okwensuku eziyisikhombisa, loIsrayeli
wonke kanye laye, ibandla elikhulu kakhulu, kusukela
ekungeneni kweHamathi kusiya esifuleni seGibhithe.
9 Langosuku lwesificaminwembili benza umhlangano
onzulu, ngoba benza ukwehlukaniswa kwelathi
okwensuku eziyisikhombisa, lomkhosi okwensuku
eziyisikhombisa. 10 Ngosuku lwamatshumi amabili
lantathu lwenyanga yesikhombisa waseyekela abantu
bahamba baya emathenteni abo, bethokoza bejabula
enhliziyweni ngokuhle iNkosi eyayikwenzele uDavida
loSolomoni loIsrayeli abantu bayo. 11 Ngokunjalo
uSolomoni waqeda indlu kaJehova lendlu yenkosi; lakho
konke okwakuvela enhliziyweni kaSolomoni ukukwenza
endlini yeNkosi lendlini yakhe wakuphumelelisa. 12
INkosi yasibonakala kuSolomoni ebusuku yathi kuye:
Ngizwile umkhuleko wakho, sengizikhethele lindawo
ukuba yindlu yomhlatshelo. 13 Uba ngivala amazulu
ukuze kungabi lazulu, kumbe uba ngilaya intethe ukuqeda
ilizwe, kumbe uba ngithumela umatshayabhuqe wesifo
phakathi kwabantu bami, 14 uba abantu bami ibizo lami
elibizwa phezu kwabo bezithoba, bakhuleke badinge
ubuso bami, baphenduke ezindleleni zabo ezimbi, mina-
ke ngizakuzwa ngisemazulwini, ngithethelele isono
sabo, ngelaphe ilizwe labo. 15 Khathesi amehlo
ami azavuleka, lendlebe zami zilalele umkhuleko
walindawo. 16 Ngoba sengiyikhethile ngayingcwelisa
lindlu ukuze ibizo lami libe khona kuze kube nininini;
lamehlo ami lenhliziyo yami kuzakuba lapho zonke
izinsuku. 17 Wena-ke, uba uhamba phambi kwami
njengokuhamba kukaDavida uyihlo, wenze njengakho
konke engikulaye khona, ugcine izimiso zami lezahlulelo
zami, 18 ngizaqinisa-ke isihlalo sobukhosi sombuso
wakho, njengokwenza kwami isivumelwano loDavida
uyihlo ngisithi: Kakuyikusweleka muntu kuwe obusa
koIsrayeli. 19 Kodwa uba libuyela emuva lina, litshiya
izimiso zami lemilayo yami engikubeke phambi kwenu,
lihambe likhonze abanye onkulunkulu libakhothamele,
20 ngizabasiphuna-ke elizweni engibanike lona, lalindlu
engiyingcwelisele ibizo lami ngizayilahla isuke phambi
kwami, ngiyenze ibe yisiga lento yokuhozwa phakathi
kwezizwe zonke. 21 Lalindlu ephakemeyo izakuba
yisimangaliso kulowo lalowo odlula kuyo, aze athi:
INkosi ikwenzeleni okunje kulelilizwe lakulindlu? 22
Bazakuthi-ke: Kungoba beyidelile iNkosi uNkulunkulu
waboyise eyabakhupha elizweni leGibhithe, babambelela
kwabanye onkulunkulu, babakhonza babasebenzela;
ngenxa yalokho ibehlisele bonke lobububi.

8 Kwasekusithi ekupheleni kweminyaka engamatshumi
amabili uSolomoni akha ngayo indlu yeNkosi lendlu
yakhe, 2 imizi uHuramu ayeyinike uSolomoni, uSolomoni
wayakha, wahlalisa abantwana bakoIsrayeli khona.
3 USolomoni wasesiya eHamathi-Zoba, wayinqoba.
4 Wakha iTadimori enkangala layo yonke imizi
eyiziphala ayakha eHamathi. 5 Wakha leBhethi-
Horoni engaphezulu leBhethi-Horoni engaphansi, imizi
ebiyelweyo elemithangala, amasango, lemigoqo, 6
leBahalathi, lemizi yonke eyiziphala uSolomoni ayelayo,
layo yonke imizi yezinqola, lemizi yabagadi bamabhiza,
laso sonke isifiso sikaSolomoni ayefisa ngaso ukwakha
eJerusalema leLebhanoni lelizweni lonke lombuso
wakhe. 7 Abantu bonke ababesele kumaHethi lamaAmori
lamaPerizi lamaHivi lamaJebusi, ababengeyisibo
bakoIsrayeli, 8 ebantwaneni babo ababesele emva kwabo
elizweni abantwana bakoIsrayeli abangabaqedanga
uSolomoni wabenyusa baba yizibhalwa kuze kube
lamuhla. 9 Kodwa ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli uSolomoni
kabenzanga izigqili zomsebenzi wakhe, kodwa baba
ngamadoda empi, lezinduna zabalawulimabutho akhe,
labaphathi bezinqola zakhe labagadi bamabhiza akhe. 10
Lalaba babezinduna zeziphathamandla inkosi uSolomoni
ayelazo, amakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu,
bebusa abantu. 11 USolomoni wasesenyusa indodakazi
kaFaro emzini kaDavida, wayisa endlini ayeyakhele
yona, ngoba wathi: Umkami kayikuhlala endlini
kaDavida inkosi yakoIsrayeli, ngoba izindawo zingcwele
umtshokotsho weNkosi oze kizo. 12 Ngalesosikhathi
uSolomoni wanikela eNkosini iminikelo yokutshiswa
phezu kwelathi leNkosi ayelakhile phambi kwekhulusi.

13 Ngitsho njengokumiselwe usuku ngosuku, enikela
njengokomlayo kaMozisi ngamasabatha, langokuthwasa
kwezinyanga, langemikhosi emisiweyo, kathathu
ngomnyaka, ngomkhosi wesinkwa esingelamvubelo,
langomkhosi wamaviki, langomkhosi wamadumba.
14 Njengesimiso sikaDavida uyise wasemisa izigaba
zabapristi phezu kwenkonzo yabo, lamaLevi emilindweni
yawo ukudumisa lokukhonza phambi kwabapristi
njengodaba losuku ngosuku lwalo, labalindimasango
ezigabeni zabo kusango ngesango; ngoba wayelaye
njalo uDavida umuntu kaNkulunkulu. 15 Njalo
kabaphambukanga emlayweni wenkosi kubapristi
lamaLevi mayelana laluphi udaba kumbe mayelana
lokuligugu. 16 Walungiswa-ke umsebenzi wonke
kaSolomoni kuze kube lusuku lokubekwa kwesisekelo
sendlu yeNkosi, njalo yaze yaphela: Indlu yeNkosi
yaphelela. 17 Ngalesosikhathi uSolomoni waya eEziyoni-
Geberi leElothi okhunjini lolwandle elizweni leEdoma.
18 UHuramu wasethumela kuye imikhumbi ngesandla
sezinceku zakhe, lenceku ezazi ulwandle, zaya eOfiri
kanye lenceku zikaSolomoni, zalanda khona igolide
elingamathalenta angamakhulu amane lamatshumi
amahlanu, zaliletha enkosini uSolomoni.

9 Indlovukazi yeShebha isizwile udumo lukaSolomoni
yeza eJerusalema ukuhlola uSolomoni ngemibuzo
enzima, ilexuku elikhulu kakhulu, lamakamela ethwele
amakha legolide ngobunengi lamatshe aligugu; isifikile
kuSolomoni yakhuluma laye konke okwakusenhliziyweni
yayo. 2 USolomoni wayichasisela zonke indaba zayo,
njalo kwakungekho lutho olwamcatshelayo uSolomoni
angaluchasisanga kuyo. 3 Indlovukazi yeShebha isibonile
inhlakanipho kaSolomoni, lendlu ayeyakhile, 4 lokudla
kwetafula lakhe, lokuhlala kwenceku zakhe, lokuma
kwezikhonzi zakhe, lezigqoko zazo, labaphathinkezo
bakhe, lezigqoko zabo, lokwenyuka kwakhe enyuka
ngakho endlini yeNkosi, kakusabanga lamoya kuyo.
5 Yasisithi enkosini: Wawuliqiniso umbiko engawuzwa
elizweni lami ngendaba zakho langenhlakanipho yakho.
6 Kodwa kangiwakholwanga amazwi abo ngaze ngeza
lamehlo ami akubona. Khangela-ke, bengingatshelwanga
ingxenye yobukhulu benhlakanipho yakho; uyedlula
umbiko engawuzwayo. 7 Ayajabula amadoda akho,
njalo ziyajabula lezizinceku zakho ezimi phambi
kwakho njalonjalo zisizwa inhlakanipho yakho. 8
Kabusiswe uJehova uNkulunkulu wakho othokoze
ngawe ukukubeka esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi ukuthi
ube yinkosi kuJehova uNkulunkulu wakho. Ngoba
uNkulunkulu wakho wamthanda uIsrayeli ukumqinisa
kuze kube nininini, ngakho ukubekile waba yinkosi
phezu kwabo ukuze wenze isahlulelo lokulunga.
9 Yasinika inkosi igolide elingamathalenta alikhulu
lamatshumi amabili, lamakha ngobunengi obukhulu,
lamatshe aligugu. Kakuzanga kube khona anjengalawo
amakha indlovukazi yeShebha eyawanika inkosi
uSolomoni. 10 Futhi izinceku zikaHuramu lenceku
zikaSolomoni ezaziletha igolide livela eOfiri, zaseziletha
izigodo zama-aligumi lamatshe aligugu. 11 Inkosi
yasisenza ngezigodo zama-aligumi izikhwelo zendlu
kaJehova lezendlu yenkosi, lamachacho lezigubhu
zezintambo kwabahlabeleli. Kakuzanga kubonwe futhi
okunjengalokho mandulo elizweni lakoJuda. 12
Inkosi uSolomoni yasinika indlovukazi yeShebha
sonke isifiso sayo eyasicelayo, ngaphandle kwalokho
ayekulethe enkosini. Yasiphenduka yaya elizweni layo
yona lenceku zayo. 13 Isisindo segolide elalifika-ke
kuSolomoni ngomnyaka owodwa sasingamathalenta
egolide angamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi ayisithupha
lesithupha, 14 ngaphandle kwalokho abakuletha
kuvela kubathengisi labathengi; lawo wonke amakhosi
eArabhiya lababusi belizwe baletha igolide lesiliva
kuSolomoni. 15 Inkosi uSolomoni yasisenza
izihlangu ezinkulu ezingamakhulu amabili ngegolide
elikhandiweyo; yasebenzisa amashekeli angamakhulu
ayisithupha egolide elikhandiweyo esihlangwini esisodwa
esikhulu. 16 Lamahawu angamakhulu amathathu
egolide elikhandiweyo; yasebenzisela ihawu elilodwa
amashekeli angamakhulu amathathu. Inkosi yakubeka
endlini yegusu leLebhanoni. 17 Inkosi yasisenza
isihlalo sobukhosi esikhulu ngempondo zendlovu,
yasinameka ngegolide elicwengekileyo. 18 Njalo
isihlalo sobukhosi sasilezikhwelo eziyisithupha zesihlalo
lesenabelo segolide sasixhunywe esihlalweni sobukhosi,
lezeyamelo zengalo ngapha langapha endaweni
yokuhlala, lezilwane ezimbili zimi eceleni kwezeyamelo
zengalo. 19 Njalo kwakumi izilwane ezilitshumi lambili
khona ngapha langapha ezikhwelweni eziyisithupha.
Kakuzanga kwenziwe okunjalo lakuwuphi umbuso.
20 Lazo zonke izitsha zokunatha zenkosi uSolomoni
zazingezegolide, lezitsha zonke zendlu yegusu
leLebhanoni zazingezegolide elicwengekileyo; isiliva
sasingabalwa njengolutho ensukwini zikaSolomoni. 21
Ngoba imikhumbi yenkosi yaya eTarshishi lezinceku
zikaHuramu; kanye ngeminyaka emithathu imikhumbi
yeTarshishi yeza ithwele igolide, lesiliva, impondo
zezindlovu, lezindwangu, lamaphigaga. 22 Inkosi
uSolomoni yaba nkulu kulawo wonke amakhosi
omhlaba ngenotho langenhlakanipho. 23 Lawo wonke
amakhosi omhlaba adinga ubuso bukaSolomoni ukuzwa
inhlakanipho yakhe uNkulunkulu ayeyifake enhliziyweni
yakhe. 24 Aseletha, ngulowo lalowo isipho sakhe, izitsha
zesiliva, lezitsha zegolide, lezembatho, izikhali, lamakha,
amabhiza, lezimbongolo; into yomnyaka ngomnyaka
wayo. 25 Njalo uSolomoni wayelezindlwana zamabhiza
lezinqola ezizinkulungwane ezine, labagadi bamabhiza
abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili; wasekubeka
emizini yezinqola, njalo lenkosini eJerusalema. 26
Wasebusa phezu kwawo wonke amakhosi kusukela
eMfuleni kuze kube selizweni lamaFilisti, njalo kuze kube

semngceleni weGibhithe. 27 Inkosi yasisenza isiliva
eJerusalema laba njengamatshe, lemisedari wayenza
yaba njengemikhiwa yesikhamore esesihotsheni,
ngobunengi. 28 Basebekhuphela uSolomoni amabhiza
eGibhithe lemazweni wonke. 29 Ezinye-ke zezindaba
zikaSolomoni, ezokuqala lezokucina, kazibhalwanga
yini emazwini kaNathani umprofethi, lakusiprofetho
sikaAhiya umShilo, lemibonweni kaYedi umboni mayelana
loJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati? 30 USolomoni
wasebusa eJerusalema phezu kukaIsrayeli wonke
iminyaka engamatshumi amane. 31 USolomoni waselala
laboyise, basebemngcwaba emzini kaDavida uyise.
URehobhowamu indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi
esikhundleni sakhe.

10 URehobhowamu wasesiya eShekema ngoba
uIsrayeli wonke wayeze eShekema ukumbeka
abe yinkosi. 2 Kwasekusithi uJerobhowamu indodana
kaNebati esizwa, owayeseGibhithe lapho ayebalekele
khona ubuso bukaSolomoni inkosi, uJerobhowamu
wabuya evela eGibhithe. 3 Basebethumela bambiza;
uJerobhowamu loIsrayeli wonke basebesiza, bakhuluma
kuRehobhowamu besithi: 4 Uyihlo wenza ijogwe
lethu laba lukhuni; ngakho-ke yenza ube lulanyana
umsebenzi kayihlo olukhuni, lejogwe lakhe elinzima
abesithwalise lona, njalo sizakukhonza. 5 Wasesithi
kibo: Buyani kimi emva kwensuku ezintathu. Abantu
basebehamba. 6 Inkosi uRehobhowamu yasicebisana
labadala ababesima phambi kukaSolomoni uyise
esaphila, isithi: Licebisa ukubuyisela mpendulo bani
kulababantu? 7 Basebekhuluma kuye besithi: Uba
uzalunga kulababantu, ubathokozise, ukhulume kibo
amazwi amahle, bazakuba zinceku zakho insuku zonke.
8 Kodwa wadela iseluleko sabadala abamcebisa ngaso,
wacebisana lamajaha ayeyintanga yakhe, ayesima
phambi kwakhe. 9 Wasesithi kuwo: Licebisa ukuthi
sibuyisele mpendulo bani kulababantu, abakhulume kimi
besithi: Yenza libe lulanyana ijogwe uyihlo alibeka phezu
kwethu? 10 Amajaha ayeyintanga yakhe asekhuluma
laye esithi: Uzakutsho njalo ebantwini abakhuluma
kuwe besithi: Uyihlo wenza ijogwe lethu laba nzima,
kodwa wena lenze libe lulanyana kithi; uzakutsho njalo
kubo: Ucikilicane wami uqatha kulokhalo lukababa.
11 Ngakho-ke ubaba walethwesa ijogwe elinzima,
kodwa mina ngizakwengezelela ejogweni lenu. Ubaba
walijezisa ngeziswepu, kodwa mina ngabofezela. 12
Ngakho uJerobhowamu labo bonke abantu beza
kuRehobhowamu ngosuku lwesithathu njengokutsho
kwenkosi isithi: Libuye kimi futhi ngosuku lwesithathu. 13
Inkosi yasibaphendula kalukhuni; inkosi uRehobhowamu
yasidela iseluleko sabadala, 14 yakhuluma kubo
njengeseluleko samajaha isithi: Ubaba wenza ijogwe
lenu laba nzima, kodwa mina ngizakwengezelela kulo;
ubaba walijezisa ngeziswepu, kodwa mina ngabofezela.
15 Ngokunjalo inkosi kayibalalelanga abantu; ngoba
inguquko yayivela kuNkulunkulu ukuze iNkosi iqinise
ilizwi layo eyayilikhulume ngesandla sikaAhiya umShilo
kuJerobhowamu indodana kaNebati. 16 Lapho
uIsrayeli wonke ebona ukuthi inkosi kayibalalelanga,
abantu bayiphendula inkosi besithi: Silesabelo bani
kuDavida? Njalo kasilalifa endodaneni kaJese. Ngulowo
emathenteni akho, Israyeli; khathesi, zibonele indlu
yakho, Davida. Ngakho uIsrayeli wonke waya
emathenteni akhe. 17 Kodwa abantwana bakoIsrayeli
ababehlala emizini yakoJuda, uRehobhowamu wabusa
phezu kwabo. 18 Inkosi uRehobhowamu yasithuma
uAdoramu owayengumphathi wezibhalwa; abantwana
bakoIsrayeli basebemkhanda ngamatshe, wasesifa.
Inkosi uRehobhowamu yaphangisa ukukhwela enqoleni
ukubalekela eJerusalema. 19 Ngalokho uIsrayeli
wayihlamuka indlu kaDavida kuze kube lamuhla.

11 URehobhowamu esefikile eJerusalema
wabuthanisa indlu yakoJuda leyakoBhenjamini,
abakhethiweyo abazinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi
ayisificaminwembili, abalwa impi, ukuze balwe loIsrayeli
ukubuyisela umbuso kuRehobhowamu. 2 Kodwa ilizwi
leNkosi lafika kuShemaya umuntu kaNkulunkulu lisithi: 3
Khuluma kuRehobhowamu indodana kaSolomoni, inkosi
yakoJuda, lakuIsrayeli wonke koJuda lakoBhenjamini,
uthi: 4 Itsho njalo iNkosi: Kaliyikwenyuka njalo lingalwi
labafowenu. Buyelani ngulowo endlini yakhe, ngoba linto
yenziwe yimi. Basebelilalela ilizwi leNkosi, baphenduka
ekuyenimelana loJerobhowamu. 5 URehobhowamu
wasehlala eJerusalema, wakha imizi eyizinqaba koJuda.
6 Wasesakha iBhethelehema leEtamu leThekhowa 7
leBeti-Zuri leSoko leAdulamu 8 leGathi leMaresha
leZifi 9 leAdorayimi leLakishi leAzeka 10 leZora
leAjaloni leHebroni, eyayikoJuda lakoBhenjamini,
imizi ebiyelweyo. 11 Waseqinisa izinqaba, wabeka
abalawulimabutho kizo, leziphala zokudla lamafutha
lewayini. 12 Lakuwo wonke umuzi lomuzi wabeka
izihlangu ezinkulu lemikhonto, wayiqinisa kakhulukazi.
Njalo uJuda loBhenjamini babengabakhe. 13 Labapristi
lamaLevi ababekoIsrayeli wonke bazimisa kuye bevela
kuyo yonke imingcele yabo. 14 Ngoba amaLevi
atshiya amadlelo awo lemfuyo yabo, aya koJuda
leJerusalema, ngoba uJerobhowamu lamadodana
akhe bawala ekusebenzeleni iNkosi njengabapristi;
15 wasezibekela abapristi bendawo eziphakemeyo,
labamadimoni, labamathole ayewenzile. 16 Lemva
kwawo kweza eJerusalema labo ababenikele inhliziyo
yabo ukuyidinga iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, bevela
kuzo zonke izizwe zakoIsrayeli, ukuyahlabela iNkosi,
uNkulunkulu waboyise. 17 Ngokunjalo bawuqinisa
umbuso wakoJuda, benza uRehobhowamu indodana
kaSolomoni waba lamandla iminyaka emithathu;
ngoba bahamba endleleni kaDavida loSolomoni
iminyaka emithathu. 18 URehobhowamu wasezithathela

uMahalathi indodakazi kaJerimothi indodana kaDavida
waba ngumkakhe, loAbihayili indodakazi kaEliyabi
indodana kaJese, 19 owamzalela amadodana,
oJewushi loShemariya loZahamu. 20 Langemva
kwakhe wathatha uMahaka indodakazi kaAbisalomu,
owamzalela oAbhiya loAthayi loZiza loShelomithi. 21
URehobhowamu wasemthanda uMahaka indodakazi
kaAbisalomu okwedlula bonke omkakhe labafazi
bakhe abancinyane - ngoba wathatha abafazi
abalitshumi lesificaminwembili, labafazi abancinyane
abangamatshumi ayisithupha, wazala amadodana
angamatshumi amabili lesificaminwembili lamadodakazi
angamatshumi ayisithupha. 22 URehobhowamu
wasebeka uAbhiya indodana kaMahaka waba yinhloko
ukubusa phakathi kwabafowabo, ngoba kwakuyikumenza
inkosi. 23 Wenza ngokuhlakanipha, wasabalalisa
kuwo wonke amadodana akhe emazweni wonke
akoJuda lakoBhenjamini, kuwo wonke umuzi obiyelweyo,
wawanika ukudla ngobunengi, wadinga inengi labafazi.

12 Kwasekusithi uRehobhowamu eseqinise umbuso,
eseziqinisile, watshiya umlayo weNkosi,
loIsrayeli wonke laye. 2 Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka
wesihlanu wenkosi uRehobhowamu, uShishaki
inkosi yeGibhithe wenyuka wamelana leJerusalema,
ngoba babephambukile eNkosini, 3 elezinqola
ezingamakhulu alitshumi lambili labagadi bamabhiza
abazinkulungwane ezingamatshumi ayisithupha;
labantu babengelakubalwa abeza laye bephuma
eGibhithe, amaLibiya, amaSukhi, lamaEthiyophiya.
4 Wasethumba imizi ebiyelweyo eyayingeyakoJuda
weza eJerusalema. 5 UShemaya umprofethi wasefika
kuRehobhowamu lezikhulu zakoJuda ezazibuthene
eJerusalema ngenxa kaShishaki, wathi kubo: Itsho njalo
iNkosi: Lina lingilahlile, ngakho lami ngililahlele esandleni
sikaShishaki. 6 Iziphathamandla zakoIsrayeli kanye
lenkosi basebezithoba bathi: INkosi ilungile. 7 INkosi
isibona ukuthi bazithobile, ilizwi leNkosi lafika kuShemaya
lisithi: Bazithobile; kangiyikubabhubhisa, kodwa
ngizabanika isilinganiso sokukhululwa, lolaka lwami
kaluyikuthululelwa eJerusalema ngesandla sikaShishaki.
8 Kodwa bazakuba zinceku zakhe ukuze bazi inkonzo
yami lenkonzo yemibuso yamazwe. 9 Ngakho uShishaki
inkosi yeGibhithe wenyukela eJerusalema, wathatha
okuligugu kwendlu kaJehova lokuligugu kwendlu yenkosi,
wathatha konke; wathatha lezihlangu zegolide uSolomoni
ayezenzile. 10 Inkosi uRehobhowamu yasisenza
izihlangu zethusi endaweni yazo, yazinikela ngaphansi
kwesandla senduna zabalindi ababegcina umnyango
wendlu yenkosi. 11 Kwasekusithi lapho inkosi ingena
endlini kaJehova bafika abalindi bezithwele, bazibuyisela
ekamelweni labalindi. 12 Isizithobile, ulaka lweNkosi
lwaphenduka lwasuka kuyo ukuze ingayibhubhisi
ngokuphelelelyo; futhi lakoJuda kwakulezinto ezinhle.
13 Inkosi uRehobhowamu yasiziqinisa eJerusalema,
yabusa. Ngoba uRehobhowamu wayeleminyaka
engamatshumi amane lanye lapho esiba yinkosi, wabusa
iminyaka elitshumi lesikhombisa eJerusalema, umuzi
iNkosi eyayiwukhethile phakathi kwazo zonke izizwe
zakoIsrayeli, ukubeka ibizo layo khona. Lebizo likanina
lalinguNahama umAmonikazi. 14 Wasesenza okubi
ngoba engalungisanga inhliziyo yakhe ukudinga iNkosi.
15 Lendaba zikaRehobhowamu, ezokuqala lezokucina,
kazibhalwanga yini ezindabeni zikaShemaya umprofethi
lezikaIdo umboni mayelana lemibhalo yosendo, lezimpi
zikaRehobhowamu loJerobhowamu zonke izinsuku? 16
URehobhowamu waselala laboyise, wangcwatshelwa
emzini kaDavida. UAbhiya indodana yakhe wasesiba
yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

13 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lesificaminwembili wenkosi
uJerobhowamu uAbhiya wasesiba yinkosi
phezu kukaJuda. 2 Wabusa iminyaka emithathu
eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguMikhaya indodakazi
kaUriyeli weGibeya. Kwasekusiba khona impi
phakathi kukaAbhiya loJerobhowamu. 3 UAbhiya
wasehlela impi elebutho lamaqhawe empi, amadoda
akhethiweyo azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amane.
UJerobhowamu wasehlela impi ukumelana laye
elamadoda akhethiweyo azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu
ayisificaminwembili, amaqhawe alamandla. 4 UAbhiya
wasesima entabeni iZemarayimi esentabeni yakoEfrayimi
wathi: Ngizwa Jerobhowamu, loIsrayeli wonke! 5
Kakusikwenu yini ukwazi ukuthi iNkosi uNkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli yanika uDavida umbuso phezu kukaIsrayeli
phakade, kuye lakumadodana akhe ngesivumelwano
setshwayi? 6 Kodwa uJerobhowamu indodana
kaNebati, inceku kaSolomoni indodana kaDavida,
wasukuma wavukela inkosi yakhe. 7 Kwasekubuthana
kuye abantu abayize, abantwana bakaBheliyali,
baziqinisa ukumelana loRehobhowamu indodana
kaSolomoni, uRehobhowamu esesengumfana njalo
ebuthakathaka ngenhliziyo engemelane labo. 8
Khathesi-ke lina lithi lizamelana lombuso weNkosi
esandleni samadodana kaDavida; futhi lilixuku elikhulu,
kodwa lilamathole egolide uJerobhowamu alenzela
wona abe ngonkulunkulu. 9 Kalibaxotshanga yini
abapristi beNkosi, amadodana kaAroni, lamaLevi,
lazenzela abapristi njengezizwe zelizwe? Loba
ngubani ozegcwalisa isandla sakhe ngejongosi,
ithole lenkomo, lezinqama eziyisikhombisa uba
ngumpristi wabangeyisibo onkulunkulu. 10 Kodwa thina,
iNkosi inguNkulunkulu wethu, kasiyidelanga; labapristi
abayikhonzayo iNkosi bangamadodana kaAroni,
lamaLevi asemsebenzini. 11 Njalo bayahlabela iNkosi
ikuseni ngekuseni lentambama ngentambama iminikelo
yokutshiswa lempepha elephunga elimnandi; lokulungisa
izinkwa etafuleni elihlambulukileyo, lokulumathisa
uluthi lwesibane lwegolide lezibane zalo kusihlwa

ngakusihlwa. Ngoba thina sigcina umlindo weNkosi
uNkulunkulu wethu, kodwa lina liyidelile. 12 Ngakho
khangelani, uNkulunkulu ulathi eyinhloko, labapristi
bakhe belempondo zokukhalisa ukuhlaba umkhosi
bemelene lani. Bantwana bakoIsrayeli, lingalwi leNkosi,
uNkulunkulu waboyihlo, ngoba kaliyikuphumelela. 13
Kodwa uJerobhowamu wayebhodise abacathameli
ukuthi beze bengasemva kwabo. Ngakho babephambi
kukaJuda, labacathameli bengemva kwabo. 14 Lapho
uJuda ephenduka, khangela-ke, impi yayimelene
labo ngaphambili langemuva; basebekhala eNkosini,
labapristi bakhalisa izimpondo, 15 labantu bakoJuda
bamemeza; kwasekusithi ekumemezeni kwabantu
bakoJuda uNkulunkulu watshaya oJerobhowamu
loIsrayeli wonke phambi kukaAbhiya loJuda. 16
Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebebaleka phambi kobuso
bukaJuda, uNkulunkulu wasebanikela esandleni sabo.
17 UAbhiya labantu bakhe basebebatshaya ngokutshaya
okukhulu; kwasekusiwa ababuleweyo koIsrayeli,
amadoda akhethiweyo azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu
amahlanu. 18 Ngokunjalo abantwana bakoIsrayeli
bathotshiswa ngalesosikhathi, labantwana bakoJuda
baba lamandla ngoba beyama eNkosini, uNkulunkulu
waboyise. 19 UAbhiya wasexotshana loJerobhowamu,
wathumba imizi kuye, iBhetheli lemizana yayo,
leJeshana lemizana yayo, leEfroni lemizana yayo.
20 UJerobhowamu akabe esaba lamandla ensukwini
zikaAbhiya. INkosi yasimtshaya, wafa. 21 Kodwa uAbhiya
waziqinisa, wazithathela abafazi abalitshumi lane, wazala
amadodana angamatshumi amabili lambili, lamadodakazi
alitshumi lesithupha. 22 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaAbhiya,
lezindlela zakhe, lamazwi akhe, kubhaliwe ezindabeni
zomprofethi uIdo.

14 UAbhiya waselala laboyise, bamngcwabela emzini
kaDavida. UAsa indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi
esikhundleni sakhe. Ensukwini zakhe ilizwe laba
lokuthula iminyaka elitshumi. 2 UAsa wasesenza
okuhle lokulungileyo emehlweni eNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakhe. 3 Ngoba wasusa amalathi awemzini lendawo
eziphakemeyo, wadiliza insika eziyizithombe, wagamula
izixuku. 4 Wasesithi kuJuda kabayidinge iNkosi,
uNkulunkulu waboyise, lokuthi bagcine umthetho
lomlayo. 5 Wasesusa kuyo yonke imizi yakoJuda
indawo eziphakemeyo lamalathi okutshisela impepha.
Lombuso waba lokuthula phambi kwakhe. 6 Wasesakha
imizi ebiyelweyo koJuda, ngoba ilizwe lalilokuthula,
njalo kungelampi laye ngaleyominyaka, ngoba iNkosi
yamphumuza. 7 Wasesithi kuJuda: Asiyakheni limizi,
siyizingelezele ngemiduli, lemiphotshongo, amasango,
lemigoqo, ilizwe lisesephambi kwethu; ngoba siyidingile
iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu, siyidingile, yasinika ukuthula
inhlangothi zonke. Basebesakha, baphumelela. 8 Njalo
uAsa wayelebutho labazinkulungwane ezingamakhulu
amathathu abavela koJuda, bethwele ihawu lomkhonto,
labazinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amabili lamatshumi
ayisificaminwembili abavela koBhenjamini bethwele
isihlangu esikhulu benyathela idandili; bonke laba
babengamaqhawe alamandla. 9 UZera umEthiyophiya
wasephuma ukumelana labo elebutho eliyinkulungwane
yezinkulungwane lezinqola ezingamakhulu amathathu,
wasefika eMaresha. 10 UAsa wasephuma ukumelana
laye, bahlela impi esihotsheni seZefatha eMaresha. 11
UAsa wasekhala eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakhe wathi:
Nkosi, kakusilutho kuwe ukunceda, loba kwabanengi
loba kwabangelamandla; sisize, Nkosi Nkulunkulu
wethu, ngoba seyeme kuwe; njalo ngebizo lakho
sizemelana lalelixuku; Nkosi, wena unguNkulunkulu
wethu; umuntu kangakwehluli. 12 Ngakho iNkosi
yawatshaya amaEthiyophiya phambi kukaAsa laphambi
kukaJuda; amaEthiyophiya asebaleka. 13 UAsa labantu
ababelaye baxotshana lawo kwaze kwaba seGerari;
kwasekusiwa kumaEthiyophiya okokuthi kakwaze kwaba
lokuvuseleleka kiwo, ngoba acotshodiswa phambi
kweNkosi laphambi kwebutho layo. Basebemuka
lempango enengi kakhulu. 14 Basebetshaya yonke
imizi ezingelezele iGerari, ngoba uvalo lweNkosi
lwaluphezu kwayo. Basebephanga yonke imizi, ngoba
kwakulempango enengi kiyo. 15 Basebetshaya
lamathente ezifuyo, bathumba izimvu ezinengi
lamakamela, babuyela eJerusalema.

15 UMoya kaNkulunkulu wasesehlela phezu
kukaAzariya indodana kaOdedi. 2 Wasephuma
ukuhlangabezana loAsa, wathi kuye: Ngilalela, Asa
loJuda wonke loBhenjamini; iNkosi ilani liselayo.
Uba-ke liyidinga, izafunyanwa yini; kodwa uba
liyilahla, izalilahla. 3 Okwensuku ezinengi uIsrayeli
wayengelaye uNkulunkulu weqiniso, njalo engelaye
umpristi ofundisayo, njalo engelawo umlayo. 4 Kodwa
ekubandezelweni kwakhe waphendukela eNkosini,
uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, basebemdinga, wasefunyanwa
yibo. 5 Langalezozikhathi kwakungelakuthula kophumayo
lakongenayo, ngoba inhlupheko ezinengi zaziphezu
kwabo bonke abakhi bamazwe. 6 Basebephahlazwa,
isizwe ngesizwe, lomuzi ngomuzi, ngoba uNkulunkulu
wabahlupha ngayo yonke imbandezelo. 7 Ngakho lina
qinani, zingadangali izandla zenu, ngoba kulomvuzo
ngomsebenzi wenu. 8 Lapho uAsa esizwa lamazwi
lesiprofetho sikaOdedi umprofethi, waziqinisa, wasusa
izinengiso elizweni lonke lakoJuda loBhenjamini
lemizini ayeyithumbile entabeni yakoEfrayimi, wavuselela
ilathi leNkosi elalingaphambi kwekhulusi leNkosi. 9
Wasebuthanisa wonke uJuda loBhenjamini labemzini
labo ababevela koEfrayimi loManase lakoSimeyoni;
ngoba bawelela kuye bevela koIsrayeli ngobunengi lapho
bebona ukuthi iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakhe yayilaye. 10
Basebebuthana eJerusalema ngenyanga yesithathu
ngomnyaka wetshumi lanhlanu wokubusa kukaAsa.
11 Basebehlabela iNkosi ngalolosuku okwempango

ababeyilethile, inkabi ezingamakhulu ayisikhombisa
lezimvu ezizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa. 12
Basebengena esivumelwaneni sokudinga iNkosi,
uNkulunkulu waboyise, ngenhliziyo yabo yonke
langomphefumulo wabo wonke. 13 Njalo wonke ongadingi
iNkosi uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli uzabulawa, kusukela
komncinyane kusiya komkhulu, kusukela kowesilisa
kusiya kowesifazana. 14 Basebefunga eNkosini ngelizwi
elikhulu langokumemeza langezimpondo langempondo
zezinqama. 15 AbakoJuda bonke bathokoza-ke
ngesifungo, ngoba babefungile ngenhliziyo yabo yonke,
beyidingile ngaso sonke isifiso sabo, yasifunyanwa yibo;
ngakho iNkosi yabaphumuza inhlangothi zonke. 16
Njalo mayelana loMahaka unina kaAsa inkosi, yamsusa
ekubeni yindlovukazi, ngoba wayenzele isixuku into
enengekayo. UAsa wasegamula into yakhe enengekayo,
wayichola, wayitshisela esifuleni iKidroni. 17 Kanti indawo
eziphakemeyo kazisuswanga koIsrayeli; lanxa kunjalo
inhliziyo kaAsa yayiphelele insuku zakhe zonke. 18
Wasengenisa endlini kaNkulunkulu izinto ezingcwele
zikayise, lezinto zakhe ezingcwele, isiliva legolide
lezitsha. 19 Kakusabanga khona impi kwaze kwaba
ngumnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lanhlanu wokubusa
kukaAsa.

16 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lesithupha
wokubusa kukaAsa uBahasha inkosi yakoIsrayeli
wenyuka emelana loJuda, wakha iRama ukuze
angavumeli ophumayo longenayo kuAsa inkosi
yakoJuda. 2 UAsa wasekhupha isiliva legolide esiphaleni
senotho sendlu kaJehova lendlu yenkosi, wathumela
kuBenihadadi inkosi yeSiriya owayehlala eDamaseko,
esithi: 3 Kulesivumelwano phakathi kwami lawe
laphakathi kukababa loyihlo; khangela, ngiyakuthumela
isiliva legolide; hamba, yephula isivumelwano sakho
loBahasha inkosi yakoIsrayeli ukuze enyuke asuke kimi.
4 UBenihadadi waseyilalela inkosi uAsa, wathuma induna
zamabutho ayelawo ukuyamelana lemizi yakoIsrayeli,
zasezitshaya iIjoni leDani leAbeli-Mayimi, lemizi yonke
eyiziphala yakoNafithali. 5 Kwasekusithi uBahasha
esizwa wayekela ukwakha iRama, wawumisa umsebenzi
wakhe. 6 UAsa inkosi wasethatha uJuda wonke,
bathutha amatshe eRama lezigodo zayo uBahasha
ayesakha ngakho; wasesakha ngakho iGeba leMizipa.
7 Ngalesosikhathi uHanani umboni wasefika kuAsa
inkosi yakoJuda, wathi kuye: Ngoba weyeme enkosini
yeSiriya, ungeyamanga eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho,
ngalokho ibutho lenkosi yeSiriya liphunyukile esandleni
sakho. 8 AmaEthiyophiya lamaLibiya ayengeyisilo
ibutho elikhulu, elezinqola labagadi bamabhiza abanengi
kakhulu yini? Kanti lapho weyeme eNkosini, yawanikela
esandleni sakho. 9 Ngoba iNkosi, amehlo ayo agijima
aye le lale emhlabeni wonke ukuthi izitshengise
ilamandla ngalabo abanhliziyo yabo iphelele kuyo.
Wenze ngobuthutha kulokhu, ngoba kusukela khathesi
kuzakuba lezimpi kuwe. 10 UAsa wasemcunukela
umboni, wamfaka entolongweni, ngoba wamthukuthelela
ngalokhu. UAsa wasecindezela abanye ebantwini
ngalesosikhathi. 11 Khangela-ke, izindaba zikaAsa,
ezokuqala lezokucina, khangela, zibhaliwe egwalweni
lwamakhosi akoJuda lakoIsrayeli. 12 UAsa waba
lomkhuhlane enyaweni zakhe, ngomnyaka wamatshumi
amathathu lesificamunwemunye wokubusa kwakhe,
umkhuhlane wakhe waze wakhula kakhulu; kanti
lekuguleni kwakhe kayidinganga iNkosi, kodwa izinyanga.
13 UAsa waselala laboyise wafa ngomnyaka wamatshumi
amane lanye wokubusa kwakhe. 14 Basebemngcwaba
emangcwabeni akhe ayezigebhele wona emzini
kaDavida; bambeka embhedeni ayewugcwalise
amaphunga amnandi lezinhlobonhlobo zamakha,
ayenziwe ngokuhlakanipha kwezingcitshi zamakha;
basebembasela umlilo omkhulu, omkhulukazi.

17 UJehoshafathi indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi
esikhundleni sakhe; waziqinisa ukumelana
loIsrayeli. 2 Wasebeka amabutho kuyo yonke imizi
ebiyelweyo yakoJuda; wabeka lamabutho enqaba
elizweni lakoJuda, lemizini yakoEfrayimi uyise uAsa
ayeyithumbile. 3 INkosi yasisiba loJehoshafathi,
ngoba wahamba ngendlela zakuqala zikaDavida
uyise, kabadinganga oBhali; 4 kodwa wadinga
kuNkulunkulu kayise, wahamba ngemilayo yakhe, njalo
kungenjengokwenza kukaIsrayeli. 5 Ngakho iNkosi
yawuqinisa umbuso esandleni sakhe, loJuda wonke
waletha izipho kuJehoshafathi; wasesiba lenotho lodumo
ngobunengi. 6 Inhliziyo yakhe yasiphakama ezindleleni
zeNkosi; futhi-ke wasusa indawo eziphakemeyo lezixuku
koJuda. 7 Langomnyaka wesithathu wokubusa kwakhe
wathuma kuziphathamandla zakhe, kuBeni-Hayili
lakuObhadiya lakuZekhariya lakuNethaneli lakuMikhaya,
ukufundisa emizini yakoJuda. 8 Kanye lazo-ke
amaLevi, oShemaya loNethaniya loZebhadiya loAsaheli
loShemiramothi loJehonathani loAdonija loTobija
loTobi-Adonija, amaLevi; kanye labo-ke oElishama
loJehoramu, abapristi. 9 Basebefundisa koJuda,
belogwalo lomlayo weNkosi; babhoda kuyo yonke
imizi yakoJuda, bafundisa abantu. 10 Kwasekusiba
lokuyesaba iNkosi phezu kwayo yonke imibuso
yamazwe ayehanqe uJuda, okokuthi kayilwanga
loJehoshafathi. 11 Labanye bamaFilisti bamlethela
uJehoshafathi izipho, lesiliva lokuthela; amaArabhiya
lawo amlethela imihlambi, inqama eziyizinkulungwane
eziyisikhombisa lamakhulu ayisikhombisa, lezimpongo
eziyizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa lamakhulu
ayisikhombisa. 12 UJehoshafathi wayelokhu ekhula
njalo, waze waba sengqongeni. Wasesakha koJuda
izinqaba lemizi yeziphala. 13 Wayelomsebenzi
omnengi emizini yakoJuda, lamadoda empi,
amaqhawe alamandla, eJerusalema. 14 Lala
ngamanani awo ngezindlu zaboyise: KoJuda, induna

zezinkulungwane, uAdina engumphathi, njalo kanye laye
amaqhawe alamandla azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu
amathathu; 15 leceleni kwakhe uJohanani umphathi,
njalo kanye laye izinkulungwane ezingamakhulu
amabili lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili; 16 leceleni
kwakhe uAmasiya indodana kaZikiri, owazinikela
ngesihle eNkosini, njalo kanye laye amaqhawe
alamandla azinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amabili. 17
LakoBhenjamini: UEliyada iqhawe elilamandla, njalo
kanye laye izinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amabili,
ezihlome ngedandili langesihlangu; 18 leceleni kwakhe
uJehozabadi, njalo kanye laye izinkulungwane ezilikhulu
lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili, abahlomele impi. 19
Laba babesebenzela inkosi ngaphandle kwalabo inkosi
eyayibabeke emizini ebiyelweyo kuye wonke uJuda.

18 Njalo uJehoshafathi wayelenotho lodumo
ngobunengi; wahlangana ngobuhlobo loAhabi.
2 Ekupheleni kweminyaka wasesehlela kuAhabi
eSamariya. UAhabi wamhlabela izimvu lenkabi
ngobunengi, labantu ababelaye, wamncenga ukuthi
enyukele eRamothi-Gileyadi. 3 UAhabi inkosi yakoIsrayeli
wasesithi kuJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda: Uzahamba
lami eRamothi-Gileyadi yini? Wasesithi kuye: Njengami
unjalo wena, labantu bami banjengabantu bakho.
Sizakuba lawe empini. 4 UJehoshafathi wasesithi
enkosini yakoIsrayeli: Akubuze lamuhla ilizwi leNkosi. 5
Inkosi yakoIsrayeli yasibuthanisa abaprofethi, amadoda
angamakhulu amane, yathi kubo: Sihambe yini eRamothi-
Gileyadi empini kumbe ngiyekele? Basebesithi: Yenyuka,
ngoba uNkulunkulu uzayinikela esandleni senkosi.
6 Kodwa uJehoshafathi wathi: Kasekho yini lapha
umprofethi weNkosi ukuthi sibuze kuye? 7 Inkosi
yakoIsrayeli yasisithi kuJehoshafathi: Kusekhona indoda
eyodwa esingabuza ngayo eNkosini, kodwa mina
ngiyamzonda ngoba kaprofethi lutho oluhle ngami, kodwa
okubi zonke izinsuku zakhe; lo nguMikhaya indodana
kaImla. UJehoshafathi wasesithi: Inkosi ingatsho njalo.
8 Inkosi yakoIsrayeli yasibiza umthenwa othile yathi:
Landa masinyane uMikhaya indodana kaImla. 9 Njalo
inkosi yakoIsrayeli loJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda
babehlezi ngulowo lalowo esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi,
begqoke izembatho, behlezi ebaleni engenelweni
lesango leSamariya, bonke abaprofethi beprofetha-ke
phambi kwabo. 10 UZedekhiya indodana kaKhenahana
wasezenzela impondo zensimbi, wathi: Itsho njalo iNkosi:
Ngalezi uzahlaba amaSiriya uze uwaqede. 11 Labo
bonke abaprofethi baprofetha njalo, besithi: Yenyukela
eRamothi-Gileyadi uphumelele, ngoba iNkosi izayinikela
esandleni senkosi. 12 Isithunywa esasiyebiza uMikhaya
sakhuluma kuye sisithi: Khangela, amazwi abaprofethi
ngamlomo munye mahle enkosini; ngakho ilizwi lakho ake
lifanane lelomunye wabo, ukhulume okuhle. 13 Kodwa
uMikhaya wathi: Kuphila kukaJehova, ngeqiniso lokho
uNkulunkulu wami akutshoyo, lokho ngizakukhuluma.
14 Esefikile enkosini, inkosi yathi kuye: Mikhaya,
siye eRamothi-Gileyadi empini kumbe ngiyekele yini?
Wasesithi: Yenyukani, liphumelele, ngoba bazanikelwa
esandleni senu. 15 Inkosi yasisithi kuye: Ngizakufungisa
kuze kube yizikhathi ezingaki ukuze ungakhulumi
kimi ngaphandle kweqiniso ebizweni leNkosi? 16
Wasesithi: Ngabona uIsrayeli wonke echithekile phezu
kwezintaba njengezimvu ezingelamelusi; iNkosi yasisithi:
Laba kabalamakhosi, kababuyele ngulowo endlini
yakhe ngokuthula. 17 Inkosi yakoIsrayeli yasisithi
kuJehoshafathi: Kangikutshelanga yini: Kayikuprofetha
okuhle ngami kodwa okubi kuphela? 18 Wasesithi:
Ngakho zwanini ilizwi leNkosi. Ngabona iNkosi ihlezi
esihlalweni sayo sobukhosi, lexuku lonke lamazulu
limi ngakwesokunene sayo langakwesokhohlo sayo.
19 INkosi yasisithi: Ngubani ozahuga uAhabi inkosi
yakoIsrayeli ukuze enyuke awe eRamothi-Gileyadi?
Omunye wasekhuluma esitsho ngokunjalo, lomunye
esitsho ngokunjalo. 20 Kwasekuphuma umoya, wema
phambi kweNkosi wathi: Mina ngizamhuga. INkosi
yasisithi kuwo: Ngani? 21 Wasusithi: Ngizaphuma ngibe
ngumoya wamanga emlonyeni wabo bonke abaprofethi
bakhe. Yasisithi: Uzamhuga, njalo uzakuba lamandla;
phuma wenze njalo. 22 Ngakho-ke, khangela, iNkosi
ifake umoya wamanga emlonyeni walababaprofethi
bakho, njalo iNkosi ikhulume okubi ngawe. 23
UZedekhiya indodana kaKhenahana wasesondela,
watshaya uMikhaya esihlathini, wathi: UMoya weNkosi
wedlula ngandlela bani esuka kimi ukuthi akhulume
lawe? 24 UMikhaya wasesithi: Khangela, uzabona
ngalolosuku mhla uzangena ekamelweni phakathi
kwekamelo ukuthi ucatshe. 25 Inkosi yakoIsrayeli
yasisithi: Thathani uMikhaya, limbuyisele kuAmoni
umbusi womuzi lakuJowashi indodana yenkosi, 26 lithi:
Itsho njalo inkosi: Fakani lo entolongweni, limdlise isinkwa
senhlupho lamanzi enhlupho ngize ngibuye ngokuthula.
27 UMikhaya wasesithi: Uba ubuya lokubuya ngokuthula,
iNkosi izabe ingakhulumanga ngami. Wathi: Lalelani,
bantu lonke. 28 Ngakho inkosi yakoIsrayeli loJehoshafathi
inkosi yakoJuda benyukela eRamothi-Gileyadi. 29
Inkosi yakoIsrayeli yasisithi kuJehoshafathi: Ngizazifihla
isimo, ngingene empini, kodwa wena gqoka izembatho
zakho. Inkosi yakoIsrayeli yasizifihla isimo, basebengena
empini. 30 Inkosi yeSiriya yayilayile-ke izinduna zenqola
eyayilazo isithi: Lingalwi lomncane loba omkhulu, kodwa
lenkosi yakoIsrayeli kuphela. 31 Kwasekusithi induna
zezinqola zibona uJehoshafathi zona zathi: Yena uyinkosi
yakoIsrayeli. Ngakho zamhanqela ukulwa. Kodwa
uJehoshafathi wahlaba umkhosi; iNkosi yasimsiza.
UNkulunkulu wazihuga zasuka kuye. 32 Ngoba kwathi
lapho induna zezinqola zibona ukuthi kwakungayisiyo
inkosi yakoIsrayeli, zaphenduka ekuyilandeleni. 33
Umuntu othile wasedonsa idandili enganangelele,
wahlaba inkosi yakoIsrayeli phakathi kwenhlangano

lebhatshi lensimbi; yasisithi kumtshayeli wenqola:
Phendula isandla sakho, ungikhuphe ebuthweni, ngoba
ngilimele. 34 Impi yasikhula mhlalokho; inkosi yayisekelwe
enqoleni iqondene lamaSiriya kwaze kwaba ntambama;
yafa ngesikhathi sokutshona kwelanga.

19 UJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda wasebuyela endlini
yakhe ngokuthula eJerusalema. 2 UJehu indodana
kaHanani umboni wasephuma ukumhlangabeza, wathi
enkosini uJehoshafathi: Unganceda yini omubi, uthande
labo abazonda iNkosi? Ngenxa yalokhu-ke kulolaka
phezu kwakho oluvela ebusweni beNkosi. 3 Loba
kunjalo izinto ezinhle zitholwe kuwe, ngoba ususile
izixuku elizweni, walungisa inhliziyo yakho ukumdinga
uNkulunkulu. 4 UJehoshafathi wasehlala eJerusalema;
wabuya waphuma wahamba phakathi kwabantu,
kusukela eBherishebha kusiya entabeni yakoEfrayimi,
wababuyisela eNkosini, uNkulunkulu waboyise. 5
Wasemisa abahluleli elizweni kuyo yonke imizi ebiyelweyo
yakoJuda, kumuzi ngomuzi. 6 Wasesithi kubahluleli:
Bonani elikwenzayo, ngoba kalehluleleli umuntu kodwa
iNkosi, elani endabeni yokwahlulela. 7 Ngakho-ke
uvalo ngeNkosi kalube phezu kwenu, linanzelele
likwenze, ngoba eNkosini uNkulunkulu wethu kakulabubi
lokukhangela ubuso lokwemukela izivalamlomo. 8 Futhi
leJerusalema uJehoshafathi wasemisa abanye kumaLevi
labapristi lakunhloko zaboyise zakoIsrayeli kusahlulelo
seNkosi lakumibango, sebebuyele eJerusalema. 9
Wasebalaya esithi: Lizakwenza njalo ekuyesabeni iNkosi,
ngobuqotho langenhliziyo epheleleyo. 10 Lawuphi
umbango oza kini ovela kubafowenu abahlala emizini
yabo, phakathi kwegazi legazi, phakathi komthetho
lomlayo, izimiso lezahlulelo, lizabaxwayisa ukuze bangabi
lecala eNkosini, lolaka lwehlele phezu kwenu laphezu
kwabafowenu. Lizakwenza njalo, futhi lingabi lacala.
11 Khangelani-ke, uAmariya umpristi oyinhloko uphezu
kwenu kulo lonke udaba lukaJehova, loZebhadiya
indodana kaIshmayeli, umbusi wendlu yakoJuda, kulo
lonke udaba lwenkosi; labaphathi amaLevi baphambi
kwenu. Qinani likwenze; iNkosi-ke izakuba lolungileyo.

20 Kwasekusithi emva kwalokho abantwana
bakoMowabi labantwana bakoAmoni belabanye
ngaphandle kwamaAmoni beza bamelana loJehoshafathi
empini. 2 Kwasekusiza abanye babikela uJehoshafathi
besithi: Kuyeza ixuku elikhulu ukumelana lawe elivela
phetsheya kolwandle, eSiriya; khangela-ke, liseHazazoni-
Tamari, eyiEngedi. 3 UJehoshafathi wasesesaba, wamisa
ubuso bakhe ukudinga iNkosi, wamemezela ukuzila
ukudla kuye wonke uJuda. 4 UJuda wasezibuthanisa
ukudinga eNkosini; lasemizini yonke yakoJuda baphuma
beza ukudinga iNkosi. 5 UJehoshafathi wasesima
ebandleni lakoJuda leJerusalema endlini yeNkosi phambi
kweguma elitsha. 6 Wasesithi: Nkosi, Nkulunkulu
wabobaba, wena kawusuye yini uNkulunkulu emazulwini?
Yebo, kawubusi yini kuyo yonke imibuso yezizwe?
Lesandleni sakho kukhona amandla lengalo, ukuze
kungabi khona ongamelana lawe. 7 KawusiNkulunkulu
wethu yini? Uxotshile abahlali balelilizwe elifeni phambi
kwabantu bakho uIsrayeli, walinika inzalo kaAbrahama
umngane wakho kuze kube phakade. 8 Basebehlala
kilo, bakwakhela indawo engcwele kulo eyebizo lakho,
besithi: 9 Uba kusehlela phezu kwethu ububi, inkemba,
isahlulelo, loba umatshayabhuqe wesifo, loba indlala,
sizakuma phambi kwalindlu laphambi kwakho (ngoba
ibizo lakho likulindlu), sikhale kuwe ekubandezelekeni
kwethu, uzakuzwa-ke usindise. 10 Ngakho-ke, khangela,
abantwana bakoAmoni labakoMowabi labentabeni
iSeyiri ongavumanga ukuthi uIsrayeli adlule phakathi
kwabo lapho besuka elizweni leGibhithe, kodwa
babafulathela kabababhubhisanga; 11 khangela-ke,
basivuza beza ukuzasixotsha elifeni lakho owenze ukuthi
silidle. 12 Nkulunkulu wethu, kawuyikubahlulela yini?
Ngoba amandla kawakho kithi okumelana lalelixuku
elikhulu elize ukumelana lathi; njalo thina kasikwazi
esingakwenza, kodwa amehlo ethu akuwe. 13 UJuda
wonke wasesima phambi kweNkosi, lensane zabo,
omkabo labantwana babo. 14 Khona uJahaziyeli
indodana kaZekhariya indodana kaBhenaya indodana
kaJeyiyeli indodana kaMathaniya, umLevi emadodaneni
kaAsafi, uMoya weNkosi wafika phezu kwakhe phakathi
kwebandla. 15 Wasesithi: Lalelani lonke bakoJuda
labahlali beJerusalema, lawe nkosi Jehoshafathi;
itsho njalo iNkosi kini: Lina lingesabi lingatshaywa
luvalo ngenxa yalelixuku elikhulu, ngoba impi kayisiyo
yenu, kodwa ngekaNkulunkulu. 16 Kusasa yehlani
limelane labo; khangela, bayenyuka ngomqanso weZizi;
lizabathola ekucineni kwesihotsha phambi kwenkangala
yeJeruweli. 17 Kakusikwenu ukulwa kule impi; zimiseni
lime, libone usindiso lweNkosi lani, Juda leJerusalema.
Lingesabi lingatshaywa luvalo; kusasa phumani limelene
labo, ngoba iNkosi izakuba lani. 18 UJehoshafathi
wasekhothamisa ikhanda emhlabathini, laye wonke
uJuda labahlali beJerusalema bawa phambi kweNkosi,
beyikhonza iNkosi. 19 AmaLevi kubantwana bakoKohathi
lakubantwana bakoKora asesukuma ukudumisa iNkosi,
uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, ngelizwi elikhulu eliphezulu. 20
Basebevuka ekuseni kakhulu, baphuma baya enkangala
yeThekhowa; lekuphumeni kwabo uJehoshafathi
wema wathi: Ngilalelani Juda labahlali beJerusalema.
Kholwani eNkosini uNkulunkulu wenu, lizaqiniswa;
likholwe kubaprofethi bayo, lizaphumelela. 21
Esecebisene labantu wamisela iNkosi abahlabeleli,
abazadumisa ubuhle bobungcwele, ekuphumeni phambi
kwabahlomileyo, besithi: Dumisani iNkosi, ngoba umusa
wayo umi kuze kube nininini. 22 Kwathi lapho beqalisa
ukuhlabelela lokudumisa, iNkosi yabeka abacathameli
ukumelana labantwana bakoAmoni, uMowabi, lentaba
iSeyiri, ababezemelana loJuda; basebetshaywa. 23

Ngoba abantwana bakoAmoni labakoMowabi basukuma
bamelana labahlali bentaba yeSeyiri ukutshabalalisa
lokuchitha; njalo sebebaqedile abahlali beSeyiri,
bancedisa ngulowo umakhelwane wakhe encithakalweni.
24 UJuda esefikile enqabeni yokulinda enkangala
bakhangela ngasexukwini, khangela-ke, kwakulezidumbu
eziwele emhlabathini; njalo kungekho ophephileyo. **25**
UJehoshafathi labantu bakhe sebefikile ukuphanga
impango bathola phakathi kwabo ngobunengi, impahla
lazo, lezidumbu, lezinto eziligugu, baziphangela baze
behluleka ukuzithwala. Njalo baba lensuku ezintathu
bephanga impango ngoba yayinengi. **26** Njalo ngosuku
lwesine babuthana esihotsheni seBeraka, ngoba
lapho bayibusisa iNkosi; ngenxa yalokho babiza
ibizo laleyondawo ngokuthi yisihotsha seBeraka kuze
kube lamuhla. **27** Basebebuyela, wonke umuntu
wakoJuda leJerusalema, loJehoshafathi enhlokweni
yabo, ukuthi babuyele eJerusalema belentokozo,
ngoba iNkosi yabathokozisa phezu kwezitha zabo. **28**
Basebengena eJerusalema belezigubhu zezintambo
lamachacho lezimpondo, baya endlini yeNkosi. **29** Uvalo
ngoNkulunkulu lwaselusiba phezu kwayo yonke imibuso
yamazwe lapho besizwa ukuthi iNkosi yalwa lezitha
zikaIsrayeli. **30** Ngakho umbuso kaJehoshafathi waba
lokuthula, ngoba uNkulunkulu wakhe wamphumuza
inhlangothi zonke. **31** UJehoshafathi wabusa-ke phezu
kukaJuda; wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu
lanhlanu lapho esiba yinkosi, wabusa iminyaka
engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu eJerusalema. Lebizo
likanina lalinguAzuba indodakazi kaShilehi. **32**
Wasehamba ngendlela kayise uAsa, kaphambukanga
kuyo, esenza okulungileyo emehlweni eNkosi. **33**
Lanxa kunjalo indawo eziphakemeyo kazisuswanga;
ngoba abantu babelokhu bengalungisanga inhliziyo
yabo kuNkulunkulu waboyise. **34** Ezinye-ke zezindaba
zikaJehoshafathi, ezokuqala lezokucina, khangela,
zibhaliwe ezindabeni zikaJehu indodana kaHanani
ezagoqelwa egwalweni lwamakhosi akoIsrayeli. **35** Lemva
kwalokho uJehoshafathi inkosi yakoJuda wazihlanganisa
loAhaziya inkosi yakoIsrayeli owenza ngenkohlakalo
ekwenzeni. **36** Wasezihlanganisa laye ukwenza
imikhumbi yokuya eTarshishi; basebeyenza imikhumbi
eEziyoni-Geberi. **37** UEliyezeri indodana kaDodavahu
weMaresha waseprofetha emelene loJehoshafathi
esithi: Ngoba uzihlanganise loAhaziya, iNkosi yephulile
imisebenzi yakho. Ngakho imikhumbi yephuka, ayaze
yenelisa ukuya eTarshishi.

21 UJehoshafathi waselala laboyise, wangcwatshelwa
kuboyise emzini kaDavida. UJoramu indodana
yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. **2**
Njalo wayelabafowabo, amadodana kaJehoshafathi,
oAzariya, loJehiyeli, loZekhariya, loAzariya, loMikayeli,
loShefathiya. Bonke laba babengamadodana
kaJehoshafathi inkosi yakoIsrayeli. **3** Uyise wasebanika
izipho ezinengi zesiliva lezegolide lezempahla
eziligugu kanye lemizi ebiyelweyo koJuda; kodwa
umbuso wawunika uJehoramu ngoba wayelizibulo.
4 UJehoramu esephakeme embusweni kayise
waziqinisa, wabulala bonke abafowabo ngenkemba njalo
lezinye zeziphathamandla zakoIsrayeli. **5** UJehoramu
wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amathathu lambili
esiba yinkosi, wabusa iminyaka eyisificaminwembili
eJerusalema. **6** Wasehamba ngendlela yamakhosi
akoIsrayeli, njengokwenza kwendlu kaAhabi, ngoba
indodakazi kaAhabi yayingumkakhe; wasesenza okubi
emehlweni eNkosi. **7** Kodwa iNkosi kayithandanga
ukuchitha indlu kaDavida ngenxa yesivumelwano
eyayisenze loDavida, lanjengoba yayithe izanika yena
lamadodana akhe isibane insuku zonke. **8** Ensukwini
zakhe uEdoma wahlubuka wasuka phansi kwesandla
sakoJuda, basebezibekela inkosi. **9** UJehoramu
wasechapha lenduna zakhe lenqola zonke laye, wavuka
ebusuku, wawatshaya amaEdoma ayezingelezele
yena lenduna zenqola. **10** UEdoma wahlubuka-
ke wasuka phansi kwesandla sakoJuda kuze kube
lamuhla. Khona iLibhina yahlubuka ngalesosikhathi
yasuka phansi kwesandla sakhe, ngoba wayedelile
iNkosi, uNkulunkulu waboyise. **11** Futhi yena wenza
indawo eziphakemeyo entabeni zakoJuda, wenza
abahlali beJerusalema baphinge, waduhisa uJuda. **12**
Kwasekufika kuye incwadi ivela kuElija umprofethi isithi:
Itsho njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kaDavida uyihlo: Ngenxa
yokuthi ungahambanga ezindleleni zikaJehoshafathi
uyihlo lezindleleni zikaAsa inkosi yakoJuda, **13** kodwa
uhambe ngendlela yamakhosi akoIsrayeli, wenza uJuda
labahlali beJerusalema baphinge njengobuwule bendlu
kaAhabi, futhi-ke ubulele abafowenu bendlu kayihlo
ababengcono kulawe, **14** khangela, iNkosi izatshaya
ngokutshaya okukhulu ebantwini bakho lebantwaneni
bakho lakubomkakho, lakuyo yonke impahla yakho.
15 Lawe uzakuba semikhuhlaneni emikhulu ngesifo
samathumbu akho, amathumbu akho aze aphume
ngenxa yesifo usuku ngosuku. **16** INkosi yasimvusela
uJehoramu umoya wamaFilisti lamaArabhiya ayeseceleni
kwamaEthiyophiya. **17** Asesenyukela koJuda ayifohlela
athumba yonke impahla eyatholakala endlini yenkosi
kanye lamadodana ayo labafazi bayo; kakwaze
kwasala indodana kuyo ngaphandle kukaJehowahazi,
icinathunjana lamadodana ayo. **18** Langemva kwakho
konke lokho iNkosi yamtshaya emathunjini akhe
ngomkhuhlane ongelaselapho. **19** Kwasekusithi
umnyaka ngomnyaka, langesikhathi sokuphuma
kokucina kweminyaka emibili, amathumbu akhe aphuma
ngomkhuhlane wakhe; ngakho wafa ngemikhuhlane
emibi. Kodwa abantu bakhe kabambaselanga umlilo
njengomlilo waboyise. **20** Wayeleminyaka engamatshumi
amathathu lambili esiba yinkosi, wabusa iminyaka
eyisificaminwembili eJerusalema; wahamba engaloyiseki.

Basebemngcwabela emzini kaDavida, kodwa hatshi
emangcwabeni amakhosi.

22 Abahlali beJerusalema basebebeka uAhaziya
indodana yakhe elicinathunjana waba yinkosi
esikhundleni sakhe; ngoba iviyo elafika lamaArabhiya
enkambeni lalibulele bonke abadala. Ngakho uAhaziya
indodana kaJehoramu inkosi yakoJuda waba yinkosi. **2**
UAhaziya wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amane lambili
esiba yinkosi, wabusa umnyaka owodwa eJerusalema.
Lebizo likanina lalinguAthaliya indodakazi kaOmri. **3**
Laye wahamba ngezindlela zendlu kaAhabi, ngoba unina
wayengumelulekikazi wakhe ukwenza okubi. **4** Ngakho
wenza okubi emehlweni eNkosi njengendlu kaAhabi,
ngoba bona babengabeluleki bakhe emva kokufa
kukayise, kwaba yikuchitheka kwakhe. **5** Futhi wahamba
ngeseluleko sabo, wahamba loJehoramu indodana
kaAhabi inkosi yakoIsrayeli waya empini emelene
loHazayeli inkosi yeSiriya eRamothi-Gileyadi. AmaSiriya
asemtshaya uJoramu. **6** Wasebuyela ukuyakwelatshwa
eJizereyeli ngenxa yamanxeba ayewatshaywe eRama,
ekulweni kwakhe loHazayeli inkosi yeSiriya. UAzariya
indodana kaJehoramu inkosi yakoJuda wehlela ukubona
uJehoramu indodana kaAhabi eJizereyeli, ngoba
wayegula. **7** Lokubhujiswa kukaAhaziya kwakuvele
kuNkulunkulu ngokuthi eze kuJoramu. Ngoba ekufikeni
kwakhe waphuma loJehoramu esiya kuJehu indodana
kaNimshi, iNkosi eyayimgcobele ukuthi aqume indlu
kaAhabi. **8** Kwasekusithi lapho uJehu esenza isahlulelo
kundlu kaAhabi, wafica iziphathamandla zakoJuda
lamadodana abafowabo bakaAhaziya ababesebenzela
uAhaziya, wababulala. **9** Wasedinga uAhaziya,
basebembamba, ngoba wayecatshile eSamariya,
bamletha kuJehu, bambulala, bamngcwaba, ngoba
bathi: Uyindodana kaJehoshafathi owadinga iNkosi
ngenhliziyo yakhe yonke. Ngakho indlu kaAhaziya
yayingelamuntu wokugcina amandla ombuso. **10** Kwathi
uAthaliya unina kaAhaziya ebone ukuthi indodana
yakhe ifile, wasukuma wabhubhisa yonke inzalo
yobukhosi yendlu yakoJuda. **11** Kodwa uJehoshabeyathi
indodakazi yenkosi wathatha uJowashi indodana
kaAhaziya, wameba emsusa phakathi kwamadodana
enkosi ayebulawa, wambeka lomlizane wakhe endlini
yokulala. Ngokunjalo uJehoshabeyathi indodakazi
yenkosi uJehoramu, umkaJehoyada umpristi, ngoba
yena wayengudadewabo kaAhaziya, wamfihla ebusweni
bukaAthaliya ukuze angambulali. **12** Wasecatsha labo
endlini kaNkulunkulu iminyaka eyisithupha; uAthaliya
wabusa-ke phezu kwelizwe.

23 Njalo ngomnyaka wesikhombisa uJehoyada
waziqinisa, wathatha induna zamakhulu ndawonye
laye esivumelwaneni, oAzariya indodana kaJerohamu,
loIshmayeli indodana kaJehohanani, loAzariya indodana
kaObedi, loMahaseya indodana kaAdaya, loElishafati
indodana kaZikiri. **2** Basebebhodabhoda koJuda, baqoqa
amaLevi kuyo yonke imizi yakoJuda lenhloko zaboyise
bakoIsrayeli, beza eJerusalema. **3** Ibandla lonke
laselisenza isivumelwano lenkosi endlini kaNkulunkulu.
Wasesithi kubo: Khangelani indodana yenkosi izabusa
njengokutsho kweNkosi mayelana lamadodana kaDavida.
4 Yilolu ulutho elizalwenza; ingxenye yesithathu yenu
elingena ngesabatha, kubapristi lakumaLevi, bazakuba
ngabalindi bemibundu; **5** lengxenye yesithathu izakuba
sendlini yenkosi, lengxenye yesithathu esangweni
lesisekelo; labo bonke abantu bazakuba semagumeni
endlu kaJehova. **6** Kodwa kakungangeni muntu endlini
yeNkosi ngaphandle kwabapristi lalabo abasebenzayo
bamaLevi; bona bazangena ngoba bengcwele, kodwa
bonke abantu bazagcina umlindo weNkosi. **7** LamaLevi
azaphahla inkosi inhlangothi zonke, ngulowo lalowo
elezikhali zakhe esandleni sakhe; lalowo ongenayo
endlini uzabulawa. Kodwa yibani lenkosi ekungeneni
kwayo lekuphumeni kwayo. **8** Ngakho amaLevi loJuda
wonke benza njengakho konke uJehoyada umpristi
ayekulayile. Zasezithatha, yileyo laleyo amadoda ayo
angena ngesabatha kanye lalawo aphuma ngesabatha;
ngoba uJehoyada umpristi wayengazikhululanga izigaba.
9 UJehoyada umpristi wasenika izinduna zamakhulu
imikhonto lezihlangu ezinkulu lezihlangu ezazingezenkosi
uDavida ezazisendlini kaNkulunkulu. **10** Wasemisa bonke
abantu, langulowo elesikhali sakhe esandleni sakhe,
kusukela kucele langakwesokunene lendlu kusiya kucele
langakwesokhohlo lendlu, ngaselathini langasendlini,
enkosini inhlangothi zonke. **11** Basebekhuphela
phandle indodana yenkosi, bayithwalisa umqhele,
bayipha ubufakazi, bayibeka yaba yinkosi. UJehoyada
lamadodana akhe basebeyigcoba bathi: Kayiphile
inkosi! **12** UAthaliya esizwa ilizwi labantu begijima
bedumisa inkosi, weza ebantwini endlini kaJehova. **13**
Wasebona, khangela-ke, inkosi yayimi ngasensikeni yayo
engenelweni, lezinduna, lezimpondo ngasenkosini; labo
bonke abantu belizwe bathokoza bavuthela izimpondo,
labahlabeleli belezinto zokuhlabelela labafundisa
ukudumisa. UAthaliya wasedabula izigqoko zakhe,
wathi: Umvukela! Umvukela! **14** UJehoyada umpristi
wasekhupha izinduna zamakhulu ezazibekwe phezu
kwebutho, wathi kuzo: Mkhupheni limsuse phakathi
kwamaviyo; lomlandelayo uzabulawa ngenkemba. Ngoba
umpristi wayethe: Lingambulaleli endlini kaJehova.
15 Zasezimbamba ngezandla, wasesiya engenelweni
lesango lamabhiza endlini yenkosi, zambulalela khona.
16 UJehoyada wasesenza isivumelwano phakathi
kwakhe labantu bonke lenkosi ukuthi babe ngabantu
bakaJehova. **17** Bonke abantu basebesiya endlini kaBhali,
bayidiliza, baphahlaza lamalathi akhe lezithombe zakhe,
babulala uMathani umpristi kaBhali phambi kwamalathi.
18 UJehoyada wasemisa izikhundla zendlu yeNkosi
ngesandla sabapristi, amaLevi, uDavida ayebahlukanisile

endlini yeNkosi ukunikela iminikelo yokutshiswa yeNkosi,
njengokubhaliweyo emlayweni kaMozisi, ngenjabulo
langokuhlabela, njengokumisa kukaDavida. 19 Wasebeka
abalindi bamasango emasangweni endlu yeNkosi ukuze
kungangeni muntu ongcolileyo ngolutho loba luphi.
20 Wasethatha izinduna zamakhulu leziphathamandla
lababusi phakathi kwabantu labo bonke abantu belizwe,
wayehlisa inkosi isuka endlini kaJehova; basebengena
endlini yenkosi ngaphakathi kwesango elingaphezulu,
bayihlalisa inkosi esihlalweni sobukhosi sombuso. 21
Labo bonke abantu belizwe bathokoza; lomuzi waba
lokuthula sebembulele uAthaliya ngenkemba.

24 UJowashi wayeleminyaka eyisikhombisa esiba
yinkosi, wabusa iminyaka engamatshumi
amane eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguZibiya
weBherishebha. 2 UJowashi wasesenza okuqondileyo
emehlweni eNkosi insuku zonke zikaJehoyada umpristi.
3 UJehoyada wasemthathela abafazi ababili; wasezala
amadodana lamadodakazi. 4 Kwasekusithi emva
kwalokho kwaba senhliziyweni kaJowashi ukuvuselela
indlu yeNkosi. 5 Wasebuthanisa abapristi lamaLevi,
wathi kibo: Phumani liye emizini yakoJuda, liqoqe
kuIsrayeli wonke imali yokulungisa indlu kaNkulunkulu
wenu umnyaka ngomnyaka; lina-ke, luphangiseleni
udaba. Kodwa amaLevi kawaphangisanga. 6 Inkosi
yasibiza uJehoyada inhloko, yathi kuye: Kungani
ungabizanga kumaLevi ukuthi alethe esusa koJuda
laseJerusalema umthelo kaMozisi inceku yeNkosi,
lowebandla lakoIsrayeli okwethente lobufakazi? 7
Ngoba amadodana kaAthaliya okhohlakeleyo afohlela
endlini kaNkulunkulu, futhi-ke ayesebenzisele oBhali
zonke izinto ezingcwele zendlu yeNkosi. 8 Inkosi
yasilaya, asesenza ibhokisi elilodwa, alibeka esangweni
lendlu kaJehova phandle. 9 Asesenza isimemezelo
koJuda laseJerusalema ukuthi balethe eNkosini umthelo
kaMozisi inceku kaNkulunkulu owabekwa phezu
kukaIsrayeli enkangala. 10 Zonke iziphathamandla
labo bonke abantu basebethokoza, baletha baphosela
ebhokisini baze baqeda. 11 Kwakusithi-ke ngesikhathi
eletha ibhokisi kumhloli wenkosi ngesandla samaLevi,
lalapho ebona ukuthi kulemali enengi, umabhalane
wenkosi lenduna yompristi oyinhloko beze balithulule
ibhokisi, balithathe balibuyisele endaweni yalo. Benza
njalo-ke insuku ngensuku, baqoqa imali ngobunengi. 12
Inkosi loJehoyada basebeyinika abenzi bomsebenzi
wenkonzo wendlu kaJehova, baqhatsha abakha
ngamatshe lababazi ukuvuselela indlu kaJehova, njalo
labakhandi bensimbi lethusi ukuqinisa indlu kaJehova.
13 Ngakho abenzi bomsebenzi basebenza, kwaze kwathi
ukuvuselelwa komsebenzi kwaqhubeka ngesandla
sabo, bayimisa indlu kaNkulunkulu ngesilinganiso
sayo, bayiqinisa. 14 Kwathi sebeqedile baletha
imali eseleyo phambi kwenkosi loJehoyada, abenza
ngayo izitsha zendlu kaJehova, izitsha zenkonzo
lezokunikela, lezinkezo, lezitsha zegolide lezesiliva.
Basebenikela njalonjalo iminikelo yokutshiswa endlini
kaJehova zonke izinsuku zikaJehoyada. 15 UJehoyada
waseguga wenela ngezinsuku, wafa; wayeleminyaka
elikhulu lamatshumi amathathu ekufeni kwakhe. 16
Basebemngcwabela emzini kaDavida lamakhosi, ngoba
wayenze okulungileyo koIsrayeli lakuNkulunkulu lendlu
yakhe. 17 Emva kokufa kukaJehoyada iziphathamandla
zakoJuda zasezisiza zakhothama phambi kwenkosi;
khona inkosi yazilalela. 18 Basebeyitshiya indlu yeNkosi,
uNkulunkulu waboyise, bakhonza izixuku lezithombe.
Kwasekusehlela ulaka phezu kukaJuda leJerusalema
ngenxa yalelicala labo. 19 Kodwa yathuma abaprofethi
phakathi kwabo ukubabuyisela eNkosini; basebefakaza
bemelene labo, kodwa kababekanga indlebe. 20 UMoya
kaNkulunkulu wasesembesa uZekhariya indodana
kaJehoyada umpristi owema ngaphezu kwabantu,
wathi kibo: Utsho njalo uNkulunkulu: Kungani liseqa
imilayo yeNkosi ukuze lingaphumeleli? Ngoba liyitshiyile
iNkosi, layo ilitshiyile. 21 Basebemenzela ugobe,
bamkhanda ngamatshe ngomlayo wenkosi, egumeni
lendlu kaJehova. 22 Ngokunjalo uJowashi inkosi
kawukhumbulanga umusa uJehoyada uyise ayemenzele
wona, kodwa wabulala indodana yakhe. Lalapho
esifa wathi: INkosi kayibone ikufune. 23 Kwasekusithi
ekuthwaseni komnyaka ibutho leSiriya lenyuka lamelana
laye; basebefika koJuda leJerusalema, babhubhisa
zonke iziphathamandla zabantu ebantwini, bathumela
yonke impango yazo enkosini yeDamaseko. 24 Lanxa
ibutho lamaSiriya leza lilamadoda amalutshwana, kanti
iNkosi yanikela esandleni sawo ibutho elikhulu kakhulu,
ngoba babeyitshiyile iNkosi uNkulunkulu waboyise.
Ngalokho benza izigwebo kuJowashi. 25 Kwathi
sebesukile kuye, ngoba bemtshiye esemikhuhlaneni
emikhulu, inceku zakhe zamenzela ugobe ngenxa
yegazi lamadodana kaJehoyada umpristi, zambulalela
embhedeni wakhe, wasesifa; basebemngcwabela emzini
kaDavida, kodwa kabamngcwabanga emangcwabeni
amakhosi. 26 Lalaba yibo ababemenzele ugobe: OZabadi
indodana kaShimeyathi umAmonikazi, loJehozabadi
indodana kaShimirithi umMowabikazi. 27 Mayelana
lamadodana akhe, lobukhulu bomthwalo phezu kwakhe,
lokumiswa kwendlu kaNkulunkulu, khangela, kubhaliwe
endabeni yogwalo lwamakhosi. UAmaziya indodana
yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

25 UAmaziya eseleminyaka engamatshumi
amabili lanhlanu waba yinkosi; wabusa
iminyaka engamatshumi amabili lesificamunwemunye
eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguJehowadani
weJerusalema. 2 Wasesenza okuqondileyo emehlweni
eNkosi, kodwa kungeyisikho ngenhliziyo epheleleyo.
3 Kwasekusithi umbuso usuqinisiwe kuye, wabulala
inceku zakhe ezazibulele inkosi uyise. 4 Kodwa
kababulalanga abantwana bazo, kodwa wenza

njengokubhaliweyo emlayweni wogwalo lukaMozisi lapho
iNkosi eyalaya khona isithi: Oyise kabayikufa ngenxa
yabantwana, labantwana kabayikufa ngenxa yaboyise,
kodwa wonke uzafela isono sakhe. **5** UAmaziya
wasebuthanisa uJuda, wabamisa ngokwendlu yaboyise
baba zinduna zezinkulungwane lezinduna zamakhulu,
kuye wonke uJuda loBhenjamini. Wababala kusukela
koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu,
wabathola bezinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amathathu
zabakhethiweyo, abaphuma impi, ababamba umkhonto
lesihlangu esikhulu. **6** Wabuya waqhatsha koIsrayeli
amaqhawe alamandla azinkulungwane ezilikhulu
ngamathalenta esiliva alikhulu. **7** Kodwa kwafika umuntu
kaNkulunkulu kuye, esithi: Nkosi, ibutho lakoIsrayeli
kalingahambi lawe, ngoba iNkosi kayilaye uIsrayeli,
kusitsho bonke abantwana bakoEfrayimi. **8** Kodwa uba
uhamba, kwenze, qinela impi; uNkulunkulu uzakwenza
ukhubeke phambi kwesitha; ngoba kulamandla
kuNkulunkulu okusiza lokukhubekisa. **9** UAmaziya
wasesithi emuntwini kaNkulunkulu: Pho, senzeni
ngamathalenta alikhulu engiwanike iviyo lakoIsrayeli?
Umuntu kaNkulunkulu wasesithi: INkosi ilokunengi
kulalokhu okokukunika. **10** UAmaziya wasebehlukanisa,
kusitsho iviyo elalifike kuye livela koEfrayimi, ukuze
baye endaweni yabo. Ngakho ulaka lwabo lwamvuthela
kakhulu uJuda, babuyela endaweni yabo bevutha ulaka.
11 UAmaziya waseziqinisa, wakhokhela abantu bakhe,
waya esihotsheni setshwayi, watshaya abantwana
beSeyiri, izinkulungwane ezilitshumi. **12** Abantwana
bakoJuda basebethumba abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi
abaphilayo, babasa engqongeni yeliwa, babaphosa
besengqongeni yeliwa, baze baphahlazeka bonke.
13 Kodwa abantu beviyo uAmaziya ayelibuyisele
emuva ukuthi bangahambi laye empini, bahlasela imizi
yakoJuda, kusukela eSamariya kuze kube seBhethi-
Horoni, batshaya abazinkulungwane ezintathu zabo,
baphanga impango enengi. **14** Kwasekusithi emva
kokubuya kukaAmaziya ekutshayeni amaEdoma, waletha
onkulunkulu babantwana beSeyiri, wabamisa baba
ngonkulunkulu bakhe, wabakhothamela, wabatshisela
impepha. **15** Ngalokhu ulaka lweNkosi lwamvuthela
uAmaziya, yathuma kuye umprofethi owathi kuye:
Ubadingelani onkulunkulu babantu abangophulanga
abantu babo esandleni sakho? **16** Kodwa kwathi
ekhuluma laye, wathi kuye: Sikubekile yini ukuthi
ube ngumeluleki wenkosi? Ziyekelele! Kungani
bezakutshaya? Umprofethi waseyekela wathi: Ngiyazi
ukuthi uNkulunkulu unqume ukukubhubhisa, ngoba
wenze lokhu, kawulalelanga iseluleko sami. **17**
UAmaziya inkosi yakoJuda wasethatha iseluleko,
wathumela kuJowashi indodana kaJehowahazi indodana
kaJehu, inkosi yakoIsrayeli, esithi: Woza, sikhangelane
ubuso. **18** UJowashi inkosi yakoIsrayeli wasethumela
kuAmaziya inkosi yakoJuda esithi: Ukhula oluhlabayo
oluseLebhanoni lwathumela emsedarini oseLebhanoni
lusithi: Phana indodana yami indodakazi yakho ibe
ngumkayo; kodwa isilo seganga esasiseLebhanoni
sedlula, salugxoba ukhula oluhlabayo. **19** Uthi:
Khangela, uyitshayile iEdoma; ngakho inhliziyo yakho
iyakuphakamisa ukuthi uzincome; khathesi hlala
endlini yakho; kungani uzazingenisa ebubini ukuze
uwe, wena loJuda elawe? **20** Kodwa uAmaziya
kalalelanga; ngoba kwakungokukaNkulunkulu ukuze
abanikele esandleni sabo, ngoba babedinge onkulunkulu
beEdoma. **21** UJowashi inkosi yakoIsrayeli wasesenyuka,
bakhangelana ubuso, yena loAmaziya inkosi yakoJuda,
eBeti-Shemeshi engeyakoJuda. **22** UJuda wasetshaywa
phambi kukaIsrayeli, babaleka, ngulowo waya ethenteni
lakhe. **23** UJowashi inkosi yakoIsrayeli wasembamba
uAmaziya inkosi yakoJuda, indodana kaJowashi,
indodana kaJehowahazi, eBeti-Shemeshi, wamletha
eJerusalema, wadilizela phansi okomduli weJerusalema,
kusukela esangweni lakoEfrayimi kuze kube sesangweni
lengonsi, izingalo ezingamakhulu amane. **24** Wasethatha
lonke igolide lesiliva, lezitsha zonke ezatholakala
endlini kaNkulunkulu kuObedi-Edoma, lokuligugu
kwendlu yenkosi, labayisibambiso, wabuyela eSamariya.
25 UAmaziya indodana kaJowashi inkosi yakoJuda
wasephila iminyaka elitshumi lanhlanu emva kokufa
kukaJowashi indodana kaJehowahazi inkosi yakoIsrayeli.
26 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaAmaziya, ezokuqala
lezokucina, khangela, kazibhalwanga yini egwalweni
lwamakhosi akoJuda lawakoIsrayeli? **27** Njalo kusukela
esikhathini uAmaziya aphambuka ngaso ekulandeleni
iNkosi bamenzela ugobe eJerusalema; wasebalekela
eLakishi; kodwa bathumela emva kwakhe eLakishi,
bambulalela khona. **28** Basebemthwala ngamabhiza,
bamngcwaba kuboyise emzini kaJuda.

26 Bonke abantu bakoJuda basebethatha uUziya
owayeleminyaka elitshumi lesithupha, bambeka
waba yinkosi esikhundleni sikayise uAmaziya. **2** Yena
wakha iElothi, wayibuyisela koJuda emva kokulala
kwenkosi laboyise. **3** U-Uziya wayeleminyaka elitshumi
lesithupha lapho esiba yinkosi; wabusa iminyaka
engamatshumi amahlanu lambili eJerusalema. Lebizo
likanina lalinguJekoliya weJerusalema. **4** Wasesenza
okuqondileyo emehlweni eNkosi njengakho konke
uAmaziya uyise ayekwenzile. **5** Njalo wayemdinga
uNkulunkulu ensukwini zikaZekhariya owayelokuqedisisa
emibonweni kaNkulunkulu; langezinsuku zokudinga
kwakhe iNkosi, uNkulunkulu wamphumelelisa. **6**
Wasephuma walwa lamaFilisti, wadilizela phansi
umduli weGathi lomduli weJabine lomduli weAshidodi,
wakha imizi eAshidodi laphakathi kwamaFilisti.
7 UNkulunkulu wasemsiza ukumelana lamaFilisti,
lokumelana lamaArabhiya ayehlala eGuri-Bhali,
lamaMewuni. **8** AmaAmoni asesipha umthelo kuUziya,
lebizo lakhe lahamba laze lafika engenelweni leGibhithe,

ngoba waziqinisa waze waba sengqongeni. **9** Futhi uUziya wakha imiphotshongo eJerusalema esangweni lengonsi lesangweni lesigodi lengonsini, wayiqinisa. **10** Wakha lemiphotshongo enkangala, wagebha imithombo eminengi, ngoba wayelenkomo ezinengi esihotsheni kanye lemagcekeni, abalimi lezisebenzi zezivini ezintabeni leKharmeli, ngoba wayengothanda umhlabathi. **11** Futhi uUziya wayelebutho elilwayo eliphuma impi ngamaviyo ngokwenani lokubalwa kwabo ngesandla sikaJeyiyeli umabhalane loMahaseya umbusi phansi kwesandla sikaHananiya, omunye wezinduna zenkosi. **12** Inani lonke lezinhloko zaboyise lamaqhawe alamandla lalizinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu ayisithupha. **13** Laphansi kwesandla sazo kwakulamandla ebutho elizinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amathathu lesikhombisa lamakhulu amahlanu elalisilwa ngamandla obuqhawe ukusiza inkosi limelene lesitha. **14** U-Uziya wasebalungisela, ibutho lonke, izihlangu lemikhonto lamakhowa lamabhatshi ensimbi lamadandili lamatshe ezavutha. **15** EJerusalema wasesenza imitshina, eyaqanjwa ngohlakaniphileyo, ukuthi ibe phezu kwemiphotshongo laphezu kwezingonsi ukuphosa ngemitshoko langamatshe amakhulu. Lebizo lakhe laphuma laze laba khatshana, ngoba wasizwa ngokumangalisayo waze waqina. **16** Kodwa eseqinile, inhliziyo yakhe yaziphakamisela encithakalweni. Ngoba waphambuka eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakhe, wasengena ethempelini leNkosi ukuze atshise impepha phezu kwelathi lempepha. **17** UAzariya umpristi wasengena emva kwakhe elabapristi beNkosi abangamatshumi ayisificaminwembili, amadoda alamandla. **18** Basebemelana loUziya inkosi, bathi kuye: Kakusikho okwakho, Uziya, ukutshisela iNkosi impepha, kodwa ngokwabapristi, amadodana kaAroni abehlukaniselwe ukutshisa impepha. Phuma endaweni engcwele, ngoba uphambukile; njalo kakusikho kodumo lwakho oluvela eNkosini uNkulunkulu. **19** Wasethukuthela uUziya, njalo kwakulodengezi esandleni sakhe ukuze atshise impepha; esebathukuthelele abapristi, kwabonakala ubulephero ebunzini lakhe phambi kwabapristi endlini yeNkosi, ngaphezu kwelathi lempepha. **20** UAzariya umpristi oyinhloko labo bonke abapristi basebemkhangela, khangela-ke, wayelobulephero ebunzini lakhe; basebemkhupha lapho masinyane, yebo laye uqobo waphangisa ukuphuma, ngoba iNkosi yayimtshayile. **21** U-Uziya inkosi waba ngumlephero kwaze kwaba lusuku lokufa kwakhe; wahlala endlini eyehlukanisiweyo engumlephero, ngoba waqunywa wasuka endlini kaJehova. Njalo uJothamu indodana yakhe wayephezu kwendlu yenkosi, esahlulela abantu belizwe. **22** Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaUziya, ezokuqala lezokucina, uIsaya umprofethi, indodana kaAmozi, wazibhala. **23** U-Uziya waselala laboyise; basebemngcwaba kuboyise ensimini yokungcwaba eyayingeyamakhosi, ngoba bathi: Ungumlephero. UJothamu indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

27 UJothamu wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu esiba yinkosi; wasebusa iminyaka elitshumi lesithupha eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguJerusha, indodakazi kaZadoki. **2** Wasesenza okuqondileyo emehlweni eNkosi njengokwenza konke kukaUziya uyise; kodwa kangenanga ethempelini leNkosi; labantu babelokhu besenza ngokonakala. **3** Yena wakha isango eliphezulu lendlu yeNkosi, wakha okunengi emdulini weOfeli. **4** Futhi wakha imizi entabeni zakoJuda, lemaguswini wakha izinqaba lemiphotshongo. **5** Yena wesesilwa lenkosi yabantwana bakoAmoni, wabanqoba; abantwana bakoAmoni basebemnika ngalowomnyaka amathalenta esiliva alikhulu, lamakhori engqoloyi azinkulungwane ezilitshumi, lezinkulungwane ezilitshumi zebhali. Lokhu abantwana bakoAmoni bakubuyisela kuye, langomnyaka wesibili langowesithathu. **6** Ngokunjalo uJothamu waziqinisa, ngoba walungisa izindlela zakhe phambi kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wakhe. **7** Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaJothamu, lazo zonke izimpi zakhe, lezindlela zakhe, khangela, zibhaliwe egwalweni lwamakhosi akoIsrayeli lawakoJuda. **8** Wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu esiba yinkosi, wabusa iminyaka elitshumi lesithupha eJerusalema. **9** UJothamu waselala laboyise, basebemngcwabela emzini kaDavida; uAhazi indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

28 UAhazi wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili esiba yinkosi; wabusa iminyaka elitshumi lesithupha eJerusalema. Kodwa kenzanga okuqondileyo emehlweni eNkosi, njengoDavida uyise. **2** Ngoba wahamba ezindleleni zamakhosi akoIsrayeli, wasesenzela oBhali izithombe ezibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa. **3** Yena watshisa impepha esihotsheni sendodana kaHinomu, watshisa lamadodana akhe emlilweni, njengokwamanyala ezizwe iNkosi eyazixotsha elifeni phambi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli. **4** Wanikela imihlatshelo watshisa impepha endaweni eziphakemeyo laphezu kwamaqaqa langaphansi kwaso sonke isihlahla esiluhlaza. **5** Ngakho iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakhe yamnikela esandleni senkosi yeSiriya; asemtshaya, athumba kuye abathunjiweyo abanengi, abasa eDamaseko. Futhi wanikelwa esandleni senkosi yakoIsrayeli eyamtshaya ngokutshaya okukhulu. **6** Ngoba uPheka indodana kaRemaliya wabulala koJuda abazinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi amabili ngasuku lunye, bonke bengamadoda alamandla, ngoba babeyidelile iNkosi uNkulunkulu waboyise. **7** UZikiri iqhawe lakoEfrayimi wasebulala uMahaseya indodana yenkosi loAzirikamu umphathi wendlu loElkana owesibili enkosini. **8** Abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebethumba kubafowabo abazinkulungwane ezingamakhulu amabili,

abesifazana, amadodana, lamadodakazi; baphanga
lempango enengi kibo, bayiletha impango eSamariya. 9
Kodwa kwakukhona lapho umprofethi weNkosi obizo
lakhe lalinguOdedi; wasephuma phambi kwebutho
elalisiza eSamariya, wathi kibo: Khangelani, ngenxa
yolaka lweNkosi uNkulunkulu waboyihlo phezu kukaJuda,
ibanikele esandleni senu; libabulele-ke ngolaka
olufinyelele emazulwini. 10 Khathesi-ke lina lithi
lehlisela ngaphansi kwenu abantwana bakoJuda
labeJerusalema babe yizigqili lezigqilikazi. Kodwa lina
kakulamacala yini kini amelene leNkosi uNkulunkulu
wenu? 11 Ngakho-ke ngilalelani; libuyisele abathunjiweyo
elibathumbe kubafowenu, ngoba ukuvutha kolaka
lweNkosi kuphezu kwenu. 12 Kwasekusukuma amadoda
kunhloko zabantwana bakoEfrayimi, oAzariya indodana
kaJohanani, uBerekiya indodana kaMeshilemothi,
loJehizikiya indodana kaShaluma, loAmasa indodana
kaHadilayi, bamelana lalabo ababengena bevela
ebuthweni. 13 Basebesithi kibo: Kaliyikungenisa
abathunjiweyo lapha kube licala eNkosini limelene
lathi; ngoba lina lithi lizakwengeza ezonweni zethu
lemacaleni ethu, ngoba isiphambeko sethu sikhulu,
lokuvutha kolaka kuphezu kukaIsrayeli. 14 Ngakho
abahlomileyo batshiya abathunjiweyo lempango phambi
kweziphathamandla lebandla lonke. 15 Lamadoda abizwa
ngamabizo asukuma, abamba abathunjiweyo, agqokisa
bonke ababenqunu babo ngokuvela empangweni; yebo
abagqokisa, abafaka amanyathela, abanika ukudla,
abanathisa, abagcoba, athwala bonke ababuthakathaka
ngabobabhemi, abasa eJeriko, umuzi wamalala,
duze labafowabo; basebebuyela eSamariya. 16
Ngalesosikhathi inkosi uAhazi yathuma emakhosini
eAsiriya ukumncedisa. 17 Ngoba amaEdoma ayesebuye
atshaya uJuda, athumba abathunjwa. 18 LamaFilisti
ayehlasele imizi yesihotsha leningizimu yakoJuda,
athumba iBeti-Shemeshi, leAjaloni, leGederothi, leSoko
lemizana yayo, leTimina lemizana yayo, leGimizo
lemizana yayo; ahlala khona. 19 Ngoba iNkosi yamthobisa
uJuda ngenxa kaAhazi inkosi yakoIsrayeli, ngoba
wamenza ze uJuda, wasephambuka kakhulu eNkosini.
20 Ngakho uTiligathi-Pileseri inkosi yeAsiriya wafika
kuye, wamhlupha, kodwa kamqinisanga. 21 Ngoba
uAhazi wathatha isabelo sendlu kaJehova lesendlu
yenkosi leseziphathamandla, wasipha inkosi yeAsiriya;
kodwa kayimsizanga. 22 Ngesikhathi sohlupho lwakhe
wengeza-ke ekuphambekeni emelene loJehova. Le
yinkosi uAhazi. 23 Ngoba wahlabela onkulunkulu
beDamaseko ababemtshayile, wathi: Ngoba onkulunkulu
bamakhosi eSiriya bayawasiza, ngizahlabela bona
ukuze bangisize. Kodwa bona baba yimbangela yokuwa
kwakhe, kuye lakuIsrayeli wonke. 24 UAhazi waseqoqa
izitsha zendlu kaNkulunkulu, waziquma iziqa izitsha
zendlu kaNkulunkulu, wavala iminyango yendlu yeNkosi,
wazenzela amalathi kuyo yonke ingonsi eJerusalema.
25 Lakuwo wonke umuzi ngomuzi wakoJuda wenza
indawo eziphakemeyo zokutshisela abanye onkulunkulu
impepha, wayithukuthelisa iNkosi uNkulunkulu waboyise.
26 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zakhe lazo zonke indlela
zakhe, ezokuqala lezokucina, khangela, zibhaliwe
egwalweni lwamakhosi akoJuda lawakoIsrayeli. 27
UAhazi waselala laboyise, basebemngcwabela emzini,
eJerusalema; kodwa kabamlethanga emangcwabeni
amakhosi akoIsrayeli. UHezekhiya indodana yakhe
wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

29 UHezekhiya waba yinkosi eleminyaka
engamatshumi amabili lanhlanu; wabusa
iminyaka engamatshumi amabili lesificamunwemunye
eJerusalema. Lebizo likanina lalinguAbhiya indodakazi
kaZekhariya. 2 Wasesenza okuqondileyo emehlweni
eNkosi njengokwenza konke kukaDavida uyise. 3 Yena,
ngomnyaka wokuqala wokubusa kwakhe ngenyanga
yokuqala, wavula iminyango yendlu yeNkosi, wayilungisa.
4 Wasengenisa abapristi lamaLevi, wababuthanisa
egumeni elingasempumalanga. 5 Wasesithi kubo:
Ngilalelani, maLevi; khathesi zingcweliseni, njalo
lingcwelise indlu yeNkosi uNkulunkulu waboyihlo,
likhuphe ingcekeza endaweni engcwele. 6 Ngoba
obaba babephambukile, benza okubi emehlweni
eNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu, bayitshiya, baphendula
ubuso babo bebususa endaweni yokuhlala yeNkosi,
bafulathela. 7 Bavala leminyango yekhulusi, bacitsha
izibane, kabatshisanga impepha, kabanikelanga
umnikelo wokutshiswa kuNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli
endaweni engcwele. 8 Ngakho ulaka lweNkosi
lwaba phezu kukaJuda leJerusalema, yabanikela
evalweni, ekuchithekeni, lekuncifelweni, njengoba libona
ngamehlo enu. 9 Ngoba khangelani, obaba bawile
ngenkemba, lamadodana ethu lamadodakazi ethu
labomkethu basekuthunjweni ngenxa yalokhu. 10
Khathesi kusenhliziyweni yami ukwenza isivumelwano
leNkosi, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, ukuze ukuvutha
kolaka lwayo kuphenduke kusuke kithi. 11 Madodana
ami, khathesi lingonwabi, ngoba iNkosi ilikhethile
ukuthi lime phambi kwayo, liyikhonze, libe zinceku
zayo labatshisi bempepha. 12 Asesukuma amaLevi,
oMahathi indodana kaAmasayi loJoweli indodana
kaAzariya emadodaneni amaKohathi; lemadodaneni
kaMerari oKishi indodana kaAbidi loAzariya indodana
kaJehaleleli; lakumaGerishoni oJowa indodana
kaZima loEdeni indodana kaJowa; 13 lemadodaneni
kaElizafani oShimiri loJehiyeli; lemadodaneni kaAsafi
oZekhariya loMathaniya; 14 lemadodaneni kaHemani
oJehiyeli loShimeyi; lemadodaneni kaJeduthuni
oShemaya loUziyeli. 15 Basebebuthanisa abafowabo,
bazingcwelisa, beza njengomlayo wenkosi ngamazwi
kaJehova, ukuhlanza indlu kaJehova. 16 Abapristi
basebengena ngaphakathi kwendlu yeNkosi ukuyihlanza,
bakhupha konke ukungcola abakuthola ethempelini

leNkosi egumeni lendlu yeNkosi; lamaLevi akuthatha,
akukhuphela esifuleni iKidroni ngaphandle. 17
Basebeqala ukungcwelisa ngolokuqala lwenyanga
yokuqala, njalo ngosuku lwesificaminwembili lwenyanga
bafika ekhulusini leNkosi; bangcwelisa indlu yeNkosi
ngensuku eziyisificaminwembili; kwathi ngosuku
lwetshumi lesithupha lwenyanga yokuqala baqeda.
18 Basebengena phakathi kuHezekhiya inkosi bathi:
Sesiyihlanzile yonke indlu yeNkosi, lelathi lomnikelo
wokutshiswa, lezitsha zalo zonke, letafula lezinkwa
zokubukiswa, lezitsha zalo zonke. 19 Lazo zonke
izitsha inkosi uAhazi eyayizilahlile ekubuseni kwayo,
esiphambekweni sayo, sizilungisile sazingcwelisa,
khangela-ke, ziphambi kwelathi leNkosi. 20 UHezekhiya
inkosi wasevuka ngovivi, wabuthanisa izinduna zomuzi,
wenyukela endlini kaJehova. 21 Basebeletha amajongosi
ayisikhombisa lenqama eziyisikhombisa lamawundlu
ayisikhombisa lempongo eziyisikhombisa, kwaba
ngumnikelo wesono sombuso lesendlu engcwele
lesakoJuda. Wasesithi emadodaneni kaAroni, abapristi,
akunikele phezu kwelathi leNkosi. 22 Basebehlaba
izinkabi, labapristi bemukela igazi balifafaza elathini;
bahlaba lezinqama bafafaza igazi elathini; bahlaba
lamawundlu bafafaza igazi elathini. 23 Basebesondeza
impongo zomnikelo wesono phambi kwenkosi lebandla,
babeka izandla zabo phezu kwazo. 24 Abapristi
basebezihlaba, benza ukubuyisana ngegazi lazo phezu
kwelathi ukwenzela uIsrayeli wonke inhlawulo yokuthula.
Ngoba inkosi yalaya: Umnikelo wokutshiswa lomnikelo
wesono ngokaIsrayeli wonke. 25 Wasebeka amaLevi
endlini kaJehova elensimbi ezincencethayo, lezigubhu
zezintambo, njalo lamachacho, njengomlayo kaDavida
lokaGadi umboni wenkosi lokaNathani umprofethi;
ngoba lumlayo wawungesandla sikaJehova ngesandla
sabaprofethi bakhe. 26 LamaLevi ema elezinto
zokuhlabelela zikaDavida labapristi belempondo. 27
UHezekhiya waselaya ukunikela umnikelo wokutshiswa
phezu kwelathi; kwathi ngesikhathi umnikelo wokutshiswa
uqalisa, ingoma yeNkosi yaqalisa kanye lezimpondo,
langezandla zezinto zokuhlabelela zikaDavida inkosi
yakoIsrayeli. 28 Lebandla lonke lakhonza, labahlabeleli
bahlabelela, labakhalisi bempondo bakhalisa; konke
lokhu, kwaze kwaphela umnikelo wokutshiswa. 29
Lekupheleleni kokunikela inkosi labo bonke abatholakala
layo bakhothama bakhonza. 30 Khona uHezekhiya inkosi
leziphathamandla bathi kumaLevi kawayidumise iNkosi
ngamazwi kaDavida lakaAsafi umboni. Asedumisa kwaze
kwaba yintokozo, akhothama akhonza. 31 UHezekhiya
wasephendula wathi: Selizehlukanisele iNkosi; sondelani
lilethe imihlatshelo leminikelo yokubonga endlini yeNkosi.
Ibandla laseliletha imihlatshelo leminikelo yokubonga,
laye wonke olenhliziyo ekhululekileyo, iminikelo
yokutshiswa. 32 Lenani leminikelo yokutshiswa ibandla
elayilethayo lalizinkunzi ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa,
inqama ezilikhulu, amawundlu angamakhulu amabili;
konke lokhu kwakungokomnikelo wokutshiswa eNkosini.
33 Izinto ezazingcwelisiwe kwakuzinkunzi ezingamakhulu
ayisithupha lezimvu ezizinkulungwane ezintathu.
34 Kodwa abapristi babebalutshwana, okokuthi
babengelakho ukuhlinza yonke iminikelo yokutshiswa;
ngakho abafowabo amaLevi babancedisa waze
waphela umsebenzi, labapristi baze bazingcwelisa,
ngoba amaLevi ayeqondile ngenhliziyo kulabapristi
ukuzingcwelisa. 35 Leminikelo yokutshiswa layo
yayiminengi, lamahwahwa eminikelo yokuthula kanye
leminikelo yokunathwayo yeminikelo yokutshiswa.
Ngokunjalo inkonzo yendlu yeNkosi yamiswa. 36
UHezekhiya labantu bonke basebethokoza ngalokho
uNkulunkulu ayekulungisele abantu, ngoba into yahle
yenzeka.

30 UHezekhiya wasethumela kuIsrayeli wonke
loJuda, wasebhalela loEfrayimi loManase
izincwadi, ukuthi beze endlini yeNkosi eJerusalema
ukwenzela iNkosi uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli iphasika.
2 Ngoba inkosi yelulekana lezikhulu zayo lebandla
lonke eJerusalema ukwenza iphasika ngenyanga
yesibili. 3 Ngoba babengelakukwenza ngalesosikhathi
ngoba abapristi babengazingcwelisanga ngokweneleyo,
labantu babengabuthananga eJerusalema. 4 Lodaba
lwaluqondile emehlweni enkosi lemehlweni ebandla
lonke. 5 Basebemisa ilizwi ukwedlulisela isimemezelo
kuIsrayeli wonke kusukela eBherishebha kusiya
koDani, ukuthi bazekwenzela iNkosi uNkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli iphasika eJerusalema; ngoba okwesikhathi
eside babengenzanga njengokubhaliweyo. 6 Ngakho
izigijimi zahamba kuIsrayeli wonke loJuda zilezincwadi
ezivela esandleni senkosi leziphathamandla zayo,
langokomlayo wenkosi zisithi: Bantwana bakoIsrayeli,
buyelani eNkosini, uNkulunkulu kaAbrahama, uIsaka,
loIsrayeli, njalo izabuyela kwabaphunyukileyo abasele
kini esandleni samakhosi eAsiriya. 7 Njalo lingabi
njengaboyihlo lanjengabafowenu ababephambuka
eNkosini uNkulunkulu waboyise, yaze yabanikela
ekuchithweni njengoba libona. 8 Khathesi lingaqinisi
intamo yenu njengaboyihlo; zinikeleni eNkosini, lingene
endlini yayo engcwele eyingcwelise kuze kube nininini,
likhonze iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu, ukuze ukuvutha
kolaka lwayo kubuyele emuva kusuke kini. 9 Ngoba
ekubuyeleni kwenu eNkosini, abafowenu labantwana
benu bazathola izihawu phambi kwababathumbileyo,
ukuze babuye kulelilizwe. Ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wenu ilomusa lesihawu, kayiyikuphendula ubuso
busuke kini uba libuyela kuyo. 10 Ngokunjalo
izigijimi zedlula zisuka emzini zisiya emzini elizweni
lakoEfrayimi lelakoManase kuze kube koZebuluni;
kodwa bazihleka baziklolodela. 11 Kube kanti abanye
bakoAsheri labakoManase labakoZebuluni bazithoba,
beza eJerusalema. 12 LakoJuda isandla sikaNkulunkulu

sasikhona ukubanika inhliziyonye ukwenza umlayo
wenkosi leziphathamandla ngelizwi likaJehova. 13
Kwasekubuthana eJerusalema abantu abanengi
ukwenza umkhosi wesinkwa esingelamvubelo ngenyanga
yesibili, ibandla elikhulu kakhulu. 14 Basebesukuma
basusa amalathi ayeseJerusalema, lawo wonke
amalathi okutshisela impepha bawasusa, bawaphosela
esihotsheni iKidroni. 15 Basebehlaba iphasika
ngolwetshumi lane lwenyanga yesibili; abapristi lamaLevi
basebeyangeka, bazingcwelisa, baletha iminikelo
yokutshiswa endlini yeNkosi. 16 Basebesima endaweni
yabo ejwayelekileyo njengendlela yabo ngokomlayo
kaMozisi umuntu kaNkulunkulu; abapristi bafafaza igazi
elalivela esandleni samaLevi. 17 Ngoba babebanengi
ebandleni ababengazingcwelisanga; ngakho amaLevi
ayephezu kokuhlatshwa kwamaphasika kwalowo lalowo
owayengahlambulukanga ukubangcwelisela iNkosi.
18 Ngoba ixuku labantu, abanengi bakoEfrayimi,
loManase, uIsakari, loZebuluni babengazihlambululanga,
kube kanti badla iphasika kungenjengokubhaliweyo.
Kodwa uHezekhiya wabakhulekela wathi: INkosi
elungileyo kayimenzele inhlawulo yokuthula, 19 wonke
olungise inhliziyo yakhe ukudinga uNkulunkulu, iNkosi
uNkulunkulu waboyise, lanxa kungenjengokuhlanjululwa
kwendawo engcwele. 20 INkosi yasimuzwa uHezekhiya,
yabelapha abantu. 21 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli
abatholakala eJerusalema basebesenza umkhosi
wesinkwa esingelamvubelo insuku eziyisikhombisa
ngentokozo enkulu; lamaLevi labapristi bayidumisa iNkosi
insuku ngensuku, ngezinto zokuhlabelela ngamandla
eNkosini. 22 UHezekhiya wasekhuluma ngomusa
kumaLevi wonke ayelokuqedisisa elwazini oluhle
lweNkosi. Badla-ke okomkhosi omisiweyo insuku
eziyisikhombisa benikela iminikelo yokuthula, beyidumisa
iNkosi, uNkulunkulu waboyise. 23 Ibandla lonke
laselicebisana ukwenza ezinye insuku eziyisikhombisa;
benza ezinye insuku eziyisikhombisa ngentokozo. 24
Ngoba uHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda wanika ibandla
amajongosi azinkulungwane lezimvu eziyizinkulungwane
eziyisikhombisa, leziphathamandla zanika ibandla
amajongosi azinkulungwane lezimvu ezizinkulungwane
ezilitshumi; labapristi bazingcwelisa ngobunengi. 25
Ibandla lonke lakoJuda, labapristi lamaLevi, lebandla
lonke elivela koIsrayeli, labezizweni ababevela elizweni
lakoIsrayeli, lababehlala koJuda, basebethokoza. 26
Kwasekusiba khona intokozo enkulu eJerusalema, ngoba
kusukela ensukwini zikaSolomoni indodana kaDavida
inkosi yakoIsrayeli kakuzanga kube khona okunjalo
eJerusalema. 27 Basebesukuma abapristi lamaLevi,
babusisa abantu; ilizwi labo laselizwakala, lomkhuleko
wabo wafika endaweni yakhe yokuhlala engcwele
emazulwini.

31 Kwathi konke lokho sekuphelile, wonke amaIsrayeli
atholakalayo aphuma aya emizini yakoJuda,
adiliza izinsika eziyizithombe, agamulela phansi izixuku,
aphosela phansi indawo eziphakemeyo lamalathi,
akukhupha kuye wonke uJuda loBhenjamini lakoEfrayimi
loManase, aze aqeda. Bonke abantwana bakoIsrayeli
basebebuyela, ngulowo lalowo emfuyweni yakhe,
emizini yabo. 2 UHezekhiya wasemisa izigaba
zabapristi lamaLevi ngokwezigaba zabo, ngulowo lalowo
ngokomsebenzi wakhe, abapristi lamaLevi emnikelweni
wokutshiswa leminikelweni yokuthula, ukukhonza
lokubonga lokudumisa emasangweni ezinkamba
zeNkosi. 3 Lesabelo senkosi esivela emfuyweni
yayo seminikelo yokutshiswa, seminikelo yokutshiswa
yekuseni leyantambama, leminikelo yokutshiswa
yamasabatha, leyekuthwaseni kwezinyanga, leyemikhosi
emisiweyo, njengokubhaliweyo emlayweni kaJehova. 4
Wasesithi ebantwini, kubahlali beJerusalema, banike
isabelo sabapristi lamaLevi, ukuze baqiniswe emlayweni
weNkosi. 5 Lekusatshalalisweni kwelizwi abantwana
bakoIsrayeli bengeza izithelo zokuqala zamabele,
iwayini elitsha, lamafutha, loluju, lakuzo zonke izithelo
zensimu; lokwetshumi kwakho konke bakuletha
ngobunengi. 6 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli loJuda ababehlala
emizini yakoJuda labo basebeletha okwetshumi
kwenkomo lokwezimvu lokwetshumi kwezinto
ezingcwele ezazehlukaniselwe iNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo,
babeka izinqumbinqumbi. 7 Ngenyanga yesithathu
baqalisa ukubeka isisekelo sezinqumbi, langenyanga
yesikhombisa baqeda. 8 UHezekhiya leziphathamandla
sebefika bebona izinqumbi, bayibusisa iNkosi labantu
bayo uIsrayeli. 9 UHezekhiya wasebuza abapristi
lamaLevi ngalezinqumbi. 10 UAzariya umpristi oyinhloko
yendlu kaZadoki wakhuluma laye wathi: Kusukela
ekuqaleni kokulethwa kweminikelo endlini yeNkosi,
kwakulokokudla lokokusutha lokokutshiya okunenginengi;
ngoba iNkosi ibabusisile abantu bayo kuze kusale
lokhu okunengi. 11 UHezekhiya wasesithi kulungiswe
amakamelo endlini yeNkosi; basebewalungisa. 12
Basebengenisa iminikelo lezingxenye zetshumi lezinto
ezingcwelisiweyo ngobuqotho. Laphezu kwalokhu
uKonaniya umLevi wayeyinduna, loShimeyi umfowabo
engowesibili. 13 LoJehiyeli loAzaziya loNahathi
loAsaheli loJerimothi loJozabadi loEliyeli loIsimakhiya
loMahathi loBhenaya babengababonisi ngaphansi
kwesandla sikaKonaniya loShimeyi umfowabo,
ngomlayo kaHezekhiya inkosi loAzariya umbusi
wendlu kaNkulunkulu. 14 Njalo uKore indodana
kaImna umLevi, umgcini wesango ngasempumalanga,
wayephezu kweminikelo yesihle kaNkulunkulu ukupha
iminikelo yeNkosi lezinto ezingcwelengcwele. 15
Langasesandleni sakhe kwakuloEdeni, loMiniyamini,
loJeshuwa, loShemaya, uAmariya, loShekaniya emizini
yabapristi ukupha abafowabo ngokuthembeka ezigabeni
zabo, njengakwabakhulu kwaba njalo kwabancane. 16
Ngaphandle kwababalwe ngezizukulwana zabesilisa,

kusukela koleminyaka emithathu kusiya phezulu,
wonke ongena endlini yeNkosi, ngomsebenzi wosuku
ngosuku lwawo, enkonzweni yabo, kumfanelo zabo,
ngezigaba zabo. 17 Lalabo ababalwa ngezizukulwana
zabapristi ngendlu yaboyise, lamaLevi, kusukela
koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili kusiya phezulu,
kumfanelo zabo, ngezigaba zabo. 18 Lekubalweni
ngezizukulwana, labo bonke abancinyane babo,
omkabo, lamadodana abo, lamadodakazi abo, ebandleni
lonke, ngoba ekuthembekeni kwabo bazingcwelisa
ngobungcwele. 19 Lemadodaneni kaAroni, abapristi,
emasimini amadlelo emizi yabo, kuwo wonke umuzi
ngomuzi, amadoda ayebizwe ngamabizo, ukunika
izabelo kubo bonke abesilisa phakathi kwabapristi,
labo bonke ababalwe ngezizukulwana phakathi
kwamaLevi. 20 Wasesenza njalo uHezekhiya kuJuda
wonke; wenza okuhle lokulungileyo lokuqotho phambi
kweNkosi uNkulunkulu wakhe. 21 Emsebenzini wonke-
ke awuqalisayo enkonzweni yendlu kaNkulunkulu,
lemlayweni lemthethweni, ukudinga uNkulunkulu wakhe,
wakwenza ngenhliziyo yakhe yonke, waphumelela.

32 Emva kwalezizenzo zobuqotho uSenakheribi
inkosi yeAsiriya wafika wangena koJuda,
wamisa inkamba maqondana lemizi ebiyelweyo
eqonde ukuzifohlelela yona. 2 UHezekhiya esebonile
ukuthi uSenakheribi usefikile lokuthi ubuso bakhe
bukhangele impi emelene leJerusalema, 3 wacebisana
lezinduna zakhe lamaqhawe akhe ukuvimba amanzi
emithombo eyayingaphandle komuzi; basebemsiza.
4 Kwasekubuthaniswa abantu abanengi, abavimba
yonke imithombo lesifula esasigeleza phakathi kwelizwe,
besithi: Kungani amakhosi eAsiriya ezafika afice
amanzi amanengi. 5 Waseziqinisa, wakha umduli
wonke owawudilikile, wawukhweza emiphotshongweni,
lomunye umduli ngaphandle; waqinisa iMilo emzini
kaDavida; wenza lezikhali lezihlangu ngobunengi. 6
Wasebekela abantu induna zezimpi, wazibuthanisela
bona egcekeni lesango lomuzi, wakhuluma kunhliziyo
yabo esithi: 7 Qinani lime isibindi; lingesabi lingatshaywa
luvalo phambi kwenkosi yeAsiriya laphambi kwexuku
lonke elilayo; ngoba kukhona kithi omkhulu kulaye.
8 Kuye kulengalo yenyama, kodwa kithi kuleNkosi
uNkulunkulu wethu ukusisiza lokulwa izimpi zethu.
Abantu basebeseyama phezu kwamazwi kaHezekhiya
inkosi yakoJuda. 9 Emva kwalokho uSenakheribi
inkosi yeAsiriya wathuma inceku zakhe eJerusalema
(kodwa yena wayephambi kweLakishi lawo wonke
amandla akhe elaye) kuHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda
lakuJuda wonke oseJerusalema, esithi: 10 Utsho
njalo uSenakheribi inkosi yeAsiriya: Lithembeni ukuthi
lihlale ekuvinjezelweni eJerusalema? 11 UHezekhiya
kalikhohlisi yini ukuthi alinikele ukuthi life yindlala
langokoma esithi: INkosi uNkulunkulu wethu izasikhulula
esandleni senkosi yeAsiriya? 12 Kasuye yini lo
uHezekhiya owasusa indawo zayo eziphakemeyo
lamalathi ayo, watshela uJuda leJerusalema esithi:
Lizakhonza phambi kwelathi elilodwa, litshise impepha
kulo? 13 Kalazi yini engakwenzayo mina labobaba
kubo bonke abantu bamazwe? Onkulunkulu bezizwe
zalawomazwe babelakho lokuba lakho yini ukukhulula
amazwe abo esandleni sami? 14 Nguwuphi kubo bonke
onkulunkulu balezozizwe obaba abazitshabalalisayo
owaba lakho ukukhulula abantu bakhe esandleni sami,
ukuthi uNkulunkulu wenu abe lakho ukulikhulula esandleni
sami? 15 Ngalokho-ke uHezekhiya kangalikhohlisi,
kangaliduhisi ngokunjalo, lingamkholwa; ngoba kakho
unkulunkulu owasiphi isizwe lombuso owaba lakho
ukukhulula abantu bakhe esandleni sami lesabobaba.
Laye sibili uNkulunkulu wenu kayikulikhulula esandleni
sami yini? 16 Inceku zakhe zatsho lokunye zimelene
leNkosi uNkulunkulu njalo zimelene loHezekhiya inceku
yayo. 17 Wabhala lezincwadi zokuthuka iNkosi
uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli lokukhuluma zimelene layo
zisithi: Njengabonkulunkulu bezizwe zalawomazwe
abangakhululanga abantu babo esandleni sami,
ngokunjalo uNkulunkulu kaHezekhiya kayikukhulula
abantu bakhe esandleni sami. 18 Zasezimemeza
ngelizwi elikhulu ngesiJuda ebantwini beJerusalema
ababephezu komduli ukubethusa lokubahlupha ukuze
ziwuthumbe umuzi. 19 Zasezikhuluma ngoNkulunkulu
weJerusalema njengabonkulunkulu bezizwe zomhlaba,
umsebenzi wezandla zomuntu. 20 Kodwa uHezekhiya
inkosi loIsaya umprofethi indodana kaAmozi bakhuleka
ngenxa yalokhu, bakhala emazulwini. 21 INkosi
yasithuma ingilosi eyaquma wonke amaqhawe alamandla
labaphathi lezinduna enkambeni yenkosi yeAsiriya.
Ngakho yabuyela elizweni layo ilobuso obulenhloni.
Isingenile endlini kankulunkulu wayo, abaphuma
emathunjini ayo bamenza wawa lapho ngenkemba.
22 Ngokunjalo iNkosi yamsindisa uHezekhiya labahlali
beJerusalema esandleni sikaSenakheribi inkosi yeAsiriya
lesandleni sabo bonke; yasibakhokhela inhlangothi
zonke. 23 Abanengi basebeletha izipho eNkosini
eJerusalema, lezinto eziligugu kuHezekhiya inkosi
yakoJuda; wasephakanyiswa emehlweni ezizwe zonke
emva kwalokhu. 24 Ngalezonsuku uHezekhiya wagulela
ukufa; wasekhuleka eNkosini; yasikhuluma laye yamnika
isibonakaliso. 25 Kodwa uHezekhiya kabuyiselanga
njengokwenzuzo ayeyenzelwe, ngoba inhliziyo yakhe
yayiphakeme. Ngakho kwaba lolaka phezu kwakhe
laphezu kukaJuda leJerusalema. 26 Kodwa uHezekhiya
wazithoba ngenxa yokuphakama kwenhliziyo yakhe,
yena labahlali beJerusalema; ngakho ulaka lweNkosi
kalwehlelanga phezu kwabo ensukwini zikaHezekhiya.
27 Njalo uHezekhiya wayelenotho lodumo kakhulukazi,
wazenzela iziphala zesiliva lezegolide lezamatshe aligugu
lezamakha lezezihlangu lezezinto zonke eziloyisekayo.
28 Leziphala zesivuno samabele lewayini elitsha

lamafutha, lezibaya zenhlobo zonke zezifuyo, lezibaya
zemihlambi. 29 Wazenzela lemizi, lemfuyo yezimvu
lenkomo ngobunengi, ngoba uNkulunkulu wayemnikile
impahla enengi kakhulu. 30 UHezekhiya lo wasevimba
umthombo wamanzi angaphezulu eGihoni, wawaqondisa
ehla ngentshonalanga komuzi kaDavida. UHezekhiya
waphumelela kuyo yonke imisebenzi yakhe. 31 Kodwa
kwakunjalo, mayelana lezithunywa zeziphathamandla
zeBhabhiloni, ezathumela kuye ukubuza ngesibonakaliso
esenzakalayo elizweni, uNkulunkulu wamtshiya ukuze
amhlole ukuthi azi konke okusenhliziyweni yakhe.
32 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaHezekhiya lomusa
wakhe, khangela, kubhaliwe embonweni kaIsaya
umprofethi indodana kaAmozi, egwalweni lwamakhosi
akoJuda lawakoIsrayeli. 33 UHezekhiya waselala
laboyise; basebemngcwabela kweliphezulu kakhulu
lamangcwaba amadodana kaDavida; uJuda wonke
labahlali beJerusalema basebemenzela inhlonipho
ekufeni kwakhe. UManase indodana yakhe wasesiba
yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

33 UManase wayeleminyaka elitshumi lambili esiba
yinkosi; wasebusa iminyaka engamatshumi
amahlanu lanhlanu eJerusalema. 2 Kodwa wenza
okubi emehlweni eNkosi, njengamanyala ezizwe iNkosi
eyazixotsha elifeni phambi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli.
3 Ngoba wabuya wakha indawo eziphakemeyo uyise
uHezekhiya ayezidilizile, wamisela oBhali amalathi,
wenza izixuku, wakhothamela ibutho lonke lamazulu,
walikhonza. 4 Wasesakha amalathi endlini yeNkosi,
iNkosi eyayithe ngayo: EJerusalema ibizo lami lizakuba
khona phakade. 5 Wasesakhela ibutho lonke lamazulu
amalathi emagumeni womabili endlu yeNkosi. 6 Yena
wenza abantwana bakhe badabule emlilweni esihotsheni
sendodana kaHinomu; wasechasisa izibonakaliso, wenza
imilingo, wenza ubuthakathi, wasebenza labalamadlozi
labalumbayo. Wenza okubi kakhulu emehlweni eNkosi,
ukuyithukuthelisa. 7 Wasebeka isifanekiso esibaziweyo
sesithombe ayesenzile endlini kaNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu
owayethe ngayo kuDavida lakuSolomoni indodana yakhe:
Kulindlu, leJerusalema engiyikhethe kuzo zonke izizwe
zakoIsrayeli, ngizabeka ibizo lami kuze kube nininini. 8
Kangisayikususa unyawo lukaIsrayeli luphume elizweni
engalimisela oyihlo, kuphela uba bezananzelela ukwenza
konke engibalaya khona, ngokomlayo wonke lezimiso
lezimiselo ngesandla sikaMozisi. 9 Ngakho uManase
waduhisa uJuda labahlali beJerusalema, ukwenza
okubi okwedlula izizwe iNkosi eyazichitha phambi
kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli. 10 INkosi yasikhuluma
kuManase lebantwini bakhe, kodwa kabalalelanga.
11 Ngakho iNkosi yabehlisela abaphathi bebutho
inkosi yeAsiriya eyayilabo; basebethumba uManase
ngameva, bambopha ngamaketane ethusi, bamusa
eBhabhiloni. 12 Kwathi esecindezelwe wancenga ubuso
beNkosi uNkulunkulu wakhe, wazithoba kakhulu phambi
kukaNkulunkulu waboyise. 13 Wasekhuleka kuye,
njalo wancengeka ngaye, wezwa ukuncenga kwakhe,
wambuyisela eJerusalema embusweni wakhe. Ngakho
uManase wazi ukuthi iNkosi yiyo enguNkulunkulu. 14
Lemva kwalokho wakha umduli ongaphandle komuzi
kaDavida ngentshonalanga kweGihoni esihotsheni,
kwaze kwaba sekungeneni kwesango lenhlanzi,
wabhoda iOfeli, wawenza waphakama kakhulu.
Wabeka labaphathi bamabutho kuyo yonke imizi
ebiyelweyo koJuda. 15 Wasesusa onkulunkulu bezizweni
lesithombe endlini yeNkosi, lawo wonke amalathi
ayewakhile entabeni yendlu yeNkosi, laseJerusalema,
wakuphosela ngaphandle komuzi. 16 Wasesakha
ilathi leNkosi, wahlabela phezu kwalo iminikelo
yokuthula leminikelo yokubonga. Wathi kuJuda kakhonze
iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli. 17 Loba kunjalo
abantu babelokhu behlaba endaweni eziphakemeyo,
kuphela eNkosini uNkulunkulu wabo. 18 Ezinye-ke
zezindaba zikaManase, lomkhuleko wakhe kuNkulunkulu
wakhe, lamazwi ababoni abawakhuluma kuye ngebizo
leNkosi uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, khangela, kusezindabeni
zamakhosi akoIsrayeli. 19 Umkhuleko wakhe-ke,
lokuncenga kwakhe kuNkulunkulu, lesono sakhe
sonke, lesiphambeko sakhe, lezindawo akha kuzo
indawo eziphakemeyo, njalo wamisa izixuku lezithombe
ezibaziweyo, engakazithobi, khangela, kubhaliwe
emazwini ababoni. 20 UManase waselala laboyise;
basebemngcwaba endlini yakhe. UAmoni indodana
yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe. 21 UAmoni
wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lambili esiba
yinkosi; wasebusa iminyaka emibili eJerusalema. 22
Wasesenza okubi emehlweni eNkosi njengokwenza
kukaManase uyise; ngoba uAmoni wahlabela zonke
izithombe ezibaziweyo uManase uyise ayezenzile,
wazikhonza. 23 Kodwa kazithobanga phambi kweNkosi
njengokuzithoba kukaManase uyise, kodwa uAmoni lo
wandisa icala. 24 Inceku zakhe zasezimenzela ugobe,
zambulala endlini yakhe. 25 Kodwa abantu belizwe
batshaya bonke labo ababenzele inkosi uAmoni ugobe;
abantu belizwe basebebeka uJosiya indodana yakhe
ukuba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

34 UJosiya wayeleminyaka eyisificaminwembili
esiba yinkosi; wasebusa iminyaka engamatshumi
amathathu lanye eJerusalema. 2 Wasesenza
okuqondileyo emehlweni eNkosi, wahamba
ngezindlela zikaDavida uyise, kaphambukelanga
ngakwesokunene loba kwesokhohlo. 3 Ngoba
ngomnyaka wesificaminwembili wokubusa kwakhe
esesengumfana waqala ukumdinga uNkulunkulu
kaDavida uyise; langomnyaka wetshumi lambili
waqala ukuhlambulula uJuda leJerusalema kuzindawo
eziphakemeyo, lezixuku, lezithombe ezibaziweyo,
lezithombe ezibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa. 4 Basebediliza
amalathi aboBhali phambi kwakhe, lamalathi okutshisela

impepha ayengaphezu kwawo wawagamulela phansi,
lezixuku lezithombe ezibaziweyo lezithombe ezibunjwe
ngokuncibilikisa waziphahlaza, wazichola, wazichithela
phezu kwamangcwaba alabo ababenikele imihlatshelo
kizo. 5 Wasetshisela amathambo abapristi phezu
kwamalathi abo, wahlambulula uJuda leJerusalema.
6 Lemizini yakoManase loEfrayimi loSimeyoni kuze
kufike koNafithali lemanxiweni ayo inhlangothi zonke
7 wadiliza lamalathi, lezixuku, wachola izithombe
ezibaziweyo zaze zaba yimpuphu, wagamulela phansi
wonke amalathi okutshisela impepha elizweni lonke
lakoIsrayeli, wasebuyela eJerusalema. 8 Kwathi
ngomnyaka wetshumi lesificaminwembili wokubusa
kwakhe, esehlambulule ilizwe lendlu, wathuma uShafani
indodana kaAzaliya loMahaseya umbusi womuzi loJowa
indodana kaJowahazi umabhalane ukuthi baqinise
indlu yeNkosi uNkulunkulu wakhe. 9 Basebefika
kuHilikhiya umpristi omkhulu, bapha imali eyayilethwe
endlini kaNkulunkulu, amaLevi ayelondoloza umbundu
ayeyiqoqe esandleni sakoManase loEfrayimi lakuyo
yonke insali kaIsrayeli lakuye wonke uJuda loBhenjamini;
basebebuyela eJerusalema. 10 Basebeyinikela esandleni
sabenzi bomsebenzi ababekhethelwe indlu yeNkosi
abayipha abenzi bomsebenzi ababesebenza endlini
yeNkosi ukuthi balungise baqinise indlu. 11 Bayinika
ababazi labakhi ukuze bathenge amatshe abaziweyo
lezigodo zentungo lezokufulela izindlu amakhosi
akoJuda ayezidilizile. 12 Amadoda asesebenza
ngobuqotho emsebenzini; lababonisi phezu kwawo
babengoJahathi loObhadiya amaLevi, ebantwaneni
bakoMerari, loZekhariya loMeshulamu, ebantwaneni
bamaKohathi, ukuqondisa; lamaLevi, wonke aqedisisa
ngezinto zokuhlabelela. 13 Njalo ayephezu kwabathwali
bemithwalo njalo babengababonisi phezu kwakhe wonke
owenza umsebenzi wenkonzo ngenkonzo; lakumaLevi
kwakulababhali labaphathi labagcini bamasango. 14
Kwasekusithi bekhupha imali eyayilethwe endlini
yeNkosi, uHilikhiya umpristi wafica ugwalo lomlayo
weNkosiowawunikwe ngesandla sikaMozisi. 15
UHilikhiya wasephendula wathi kuShafani umabhalane:
Ngifice ugwalo lomlayo endlini yeNkosi. UHilikhiya
wasenika uShafani ugwalo. 16 UShafani waseletha
ugwalo enkosini, futhi wabuyisela ilizwi enkosini
esithi: Konke okwakunikelwe esandleni senceku zakho
ziyakwenza. 17 Seziyiqoqile imali eyatholakala endlini
yeNkosi, zayinikela esandleni sabaphathi lesandleni
sabenzi bomsebenzi. 18 UShafani umabhalane
wasetshela inkosi esithi: UHilikhiya umpristi unginike
ugwalo. UShafani wasefunda kulo phambi kwenkosi. 19
Kwasekusithi inkosi isizwile amazwi omlayo yadabula
izigqoko zayo. 20 Inkosi yasilaya oHilikhiya loAhikhamu
indodana kaShafani loAbidoni indodana kaMika
loShafani umabhalane loAsaya inceku yenkosi, isithi:
21 Hambani liyebuza eNkosini ngenxa yami langenxa
yensali ekoIsrayeli lakoJuda mayelana lamazwi
ogwalo olutholakeleyo; ngoba lukhulu ulaka lweNkosi
oluthululelwe phezu kwethu, ngenxa yokuthi obaba
kabaligcinanga ilizwi leNkosi ukwenza njengakho
konke okubhaliweyo kulolugwalo. 22 Ngakho uHilikhiya
lalabo ababengabenkosi baya kuHulida umprofethikazi,
umkaShaluma indodana kaTokhathi indodana kaHasira,
umgcini wezigqoko. (Yena-ke wayehlala eJerusalema
esiGabeni seSibili.) Basebekhuluma kuye kanje. 23
Wasesithi kibo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli:
Tshelani umuntu olithume kimi: 24 Itsho njalo iNkosi:
Khangela, ngizakwehlisela ububi kulindawo laphezu
kwabahlali bayo, zonke iziqalekiso ezibhaliweyo
egwalweni abalubalileyo phambi kwenkosi yakoJuda.
25 Ngenxa yokuthi bengitshiyile, batshisela abanye
onkulunkulu impepha, ukuze bangithukuthelise ngayo
yonke imisebenzi yezandla zabo; ngakho ulaka lwami
luzathululelwa phezu kwalindawo, kaluyikucitshwa.
26 Kodwa enkosini yakoJuda elithumileyo ukubuza
eNkosini, lizakutsho njalo kuyo: Itsho njalo iNkosi
uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Mayelana lamazwi owazwileyo,
27 ngoba inhliziyo yakho ibuthakathaka, wazithoba
phambi kukaNkulunkulu usuzwe amazwi akhe amelene
lalindawo lamelene labahlali bayo, wazithoba phambi
kwami, wadabula izigqoko zakho, wakhala inyembezi
phambi kwami, ngitsho lami ngizwile, itsho iNkosi. 28
Khangela, ngizakubuthela kuboyihlo, njalo uzabuthelwa
emangcwabeni akho ngokuthula, lamehlo akho
kawayikubona konke okubi engizakwehlisela kulindawo
laphezu kwabahlali bayo. Basebebuyisela ilizwi enkosini.
29 Inkosi yasithuma yaqoqa bonke abadala bakoJuda
labeJerusalema. 30 Inkosi yasisenyukela endlini
kaJehova, kanye labantu bonke bakoJuda labahlali
beJerusalema labapristi lamaLevi, labo bonke abantu
kusukela komkhulu kusiya komncinyane; yasibala
endlebeni zabo wonke amazwi ogwalo lwesivumelwano
olwalutholakele endlini kaJehova. 31 Inkosi yasisima
endaweni yayo, yenza isivumelwano phambi kukaJehova
ukulandela uJehova, lokugcina imilayo yakhe lezifakazelo
zakhe lezimiso zakhe ngayo yonke inhliziyo yayo
langawo wonke umphefumulo wayo, ukwenza amazwi
esivumelwano abhalwe kulolugwalo. 32 Yasibamisa
bonke abatholakala eJerusalema loBhenjamini.
Labahlali beJerusalema benza njengokwesivumelwano
sikaNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu waboyise. 33 UJosiya
wasesusa zonke izinengiso kuwo wonke amazwe
ayengawabantwana bakoIsrayeli, wenza wonke owaficwa
koIsrayeli ukuthi akhonze, akhonze iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wabo. Insuku zakhe zonke kabaphambukanga
ekuyilandeleni iNkosi, uNkulunkulu waboyise.

35 UJosiya wasesenzela iNkosi iphasika eJerusalema;
basebehlaba iphasika ngolwetshumi lane
lwenyanga yokuqala. 2 Wasemisa abapristi kumfanelo
zabo, wabaqinisela inkonzo yendlu yeNkosi. 3 Wasesithi

kumaLevi ayefundisa uIsrayeli wonke ayengcwele
eNkosini: Fakani umtshokotsho ongcwele endlini
uSolomoni indodana kaDavida inkosi yakoIsrayeli
ayakhayo; kakusengumthwalo kini emahlombe. Khathesi
khonzani iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu labantu bayo
uIsrayeli. **4** Njalo lizilungise ngokwendlu yaboyihlo
ngezigaba zenu, njengombhalo kaDavida inkosi
yakoIsrayeli lanjengombhalo kaSolomoni indodana
yakhe. **5** Lime endaweni engcwele ngokwezigaba
zendlu yaboyise babafowenu, abantwana besizwe,
lesigaba sendlu kayise wamaLevi. **6** Lihlabe
iphasika, lizingcwelise, lilungisele abafowenu, ukwenza
njengokwelizwi leNkosi ngesandla sikaMozisi. **7** UJosiya
wasenika abantwana babantu umhlambi wamawundlu
lamazinyane embuzi, konke kungokwamaphasika, kwabo
bonke abatholakalayo, ngenani eliyizinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amathathu, lenkunzi ezizinkulungwane
ezintathu; lokhu kwakuvela empahleni yenkosi. **8**
Iziphathamandla zakhe zasezinika abantu, abapristi
lamaLevi ngokukhululeka. OHilikhiya loZekhariya
loJehiyeli, izinduna zendlu yeNkosi, banikelela
amaphasika kubapristi amazinyane azinkulungwane
ezimbili lamakhulu ayisithupha, lenkunzi ezingamakhulu
amathathu. **9** OKonaniya loShemaya loNethaneli,
abafowabo, loHashabhiya loJeyiyeli loJozabadi, izinduna
zamaLevi, basebenikelela amaphasika kumaLevi
amazinyane azinkulungwane ezinhlanu, lenkunzi
ezingamakhulu amahlanu. **10** Ngokunjalo inkonzo
yalungiswa; abapristi basebesima endaweni yabo,
lamaLevi ngezigaba zawo, njengokomlayo wenkosi.
11 Basebehlaba iphasika, abapristi bafafaza kuvela
ezandleni zabo, lamaLevi ahlinza. **12** Basebesusa
iminikelo yokutshiswa ukuyinika njengokwezigaba zendlu
yaboyise kubantwana babantu ukuze banikele eNkosini,
njengokubhaliweyo egwalweni lukaMozisi. Ngokunjalo
langezinkunzi. **13** Basebesosa iphasika ngomlilo
njengokwesimiso; kodwa izinto ezingcwele bazipheka
ngamabhodo langezimbiza langezindengezi, bakusa
masinyane kubo bonke abantwana babantu. **14**
Lemva kwalokho basebezilungisela bona labapristi,
ngoba abapristi amadodana kaAroni babesekunikeleni
iminikelo yokutshiswa lamahwahwa kwaze kwaba
sebusuku; ngakho amaLevi azilungisela wona labapristi
amadodana kaAroni. **15** Labahlabeleli amadodana
kaAsafi babesendaweni yabo njengokomlayo kaDavida,
loAsafi, loHemani, loJeduthuni umboni wenkosi; labagcini
bamasango babesesangweni lonke; kwakungesikwabo
ukusuka enkonzweni yabo, ngoba abafowabo amaLevi
abalungisela. **16** Yasilungiswa yonke inkonzo yeNkosi
ngalolosuku ukwenza iphasika lokunikela iminikelo
yokutshiswa phezu kwelathi leNkosi, njengokomlayo
wenkosi uJosiya. **17** Abantwana bakoIsrayeli ababekhona
basebesenza iphasika ngalesosikhathi, lomkhosi
wesinkwa esingelamvubelo, insuku eziyisikhombisa.
18 Njalo kalenziwanga iphasika elinjengaleli koIsrayeli
kusukela ensukwini zikaSamuweli umprofethi; lawo
wonke amakhosi akoIsrayeli kawenzanga iphasika
elinje uJosiya alenzayo, labapristi lamaLevi, loJuda
loIsrayeli wonke ababekhona, labahlali beJerusalema.
19 Ngomnyaka wetshumi lesificaminwembili wokubusa
kukaJosiya iphasika leli lenziwa. **20** Emva kwakho
konke lokho, uJosiya eseyilungisile indlu, uNeko inkosi
yeGibhithe wenyuka ukuyakulwa leKarikemeshi eYufrathi;
loJosiya waphuma ukuyamelana laye. **21** Kodwa
wathuma izithunywa kuye esithi: Ngilani lawe, nkosi
yakoJuda? Kangenyukelanga ukumelana lawe wena
lamuhla, kodwa ngimelene lendlu elwa lami. Ngoba
uNkulunkulu uthe ngiphangise; yekela wena ukuphikisana
loNkulunkulu, olami, ukuze angakubhubhisi. **22** Kodwa
uJosiya kaphendulanga ubuso bakhe kuye, kodwa
wazifihla isimo ukuze alwe laye; njalo kawalalelanga
amazwi kaNeko avela emlonyeni kaNkulunkulu,
kodwa weza ukulwa esihotsheni seMegido. **23**
Abatshoki bemitshoko basebemciba uJosiya; inkosi
yasisithi encekwini zayo: Ngisusani ngoba ngizwa
ubuhlungu obukhulu. **24** Inceku zakhe zasezimkhupha
enqoleni, zamgadisa enqoleni yesibili ayelayo, zamletha
eJerusalema. Wasesifa, wangcwatshelwa emangcwabeni
aboyise; wonke uJuda leJerusalema basebemlilela
uJosiya. **25** LoJeremiya wenza isililo ngoJosiya.
Labo bonke abahlabeleli labahlabelelikazi bakhuluma
ngoJosiya ezililweni zabo kuze kube lamuhla. Bazenza
zaba yisimiso koIsrayeli; khangela-ke, zibhaliwe ezililweni.
26 Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaJosiya, lezisa zakhe
njengokubhaliweyo emlayweni weNkosi, **27** izindaba
zakhe-ke, ezokuqala lezokucina, khangela, zibhaliwe
egwalweni lwamakhosi akoIsrayeli lawakoJuda.

36 Abantu belizwe basebethatha uJehowahazi
indodana kaJosiya, bambeka waba yinkosi
esikhundleni sikayise eJerusalema. **2** UJehowahazi
wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili lantathu esiba
yinkosi; wasebusa inyanga ezintathu eJerusalema. **3**
Inkosi yeGibhithe yasimsusa eseJerusalema, yahlawulisa
ilizwe amathalenta esiliva alikhulu lethalenta legolide.
4 Inkosi yeGibhithe yasibeka uEliyakhimi umfowabo
abe yinkosi phezu kukaJuda leJerusalema, yaguqula
ibizo lakhe yathi nguJehoyakhimi. UNeko wasethatha
uJehowahazi umfowabo wamletha eGibhithe. **5**
UJehoyakhimi wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili
lanhlanu esiba yinkosi; wasebusa iminyaka elitshumi
lanye eJerusalema. Wenza okubi emehlweni
eNkosi uNkulunkulu wakhe. **6** Kwenyukela kuye
uNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni, wambopha
ngamaketane ethusi, ukumusa eBhabhiloni. **7**
UNebhukadinezari waseletha okwezitsha zendlu yeNkosi
eBhabhiloni, wakufaka ethempelini lakhe eBhabhiloni. **8**
Ezinye-ke zezindaba zikaJehoyakhimi, lamanyala akhe
awenzayo, lokwatholakala kuye, khangela, kubhaliwe

egwalweni lwamakhosi akoIsrayeli loJuda. UJehoyakhini
indodana yakhe wasesiba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.
9 UJehoyakhini wayeleminyaka eyisificaminwembili
esiba yinkosi; wasebusa inyanga ezintathu lensuku
ezilitshumi eJerusalema. Wenza okubi emehlweni eNkosi.
10 Lekuthwaseni komnyaka inkosi uNebhukadinezari
yathuma yamletha eBhabhiloni, kanye lezitsha
eziloyisekayo zendlu yeNkosi; yasibeka uZedekhiya
umfowabo abe yinkosi phezu kukaJuda leJerusalema.
11 UZedekhiya wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili
lanye esiba yinkosi; wasebusa iminyaka elitshumi lanye
eJerusalema. **12** Wasesenza okubi emehlweni eNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakhe; kazithobanga phambi kukaJeremiya
umprofethi, ekhuluma okomlomo weNkosi. **13** Laye
wasevukela inkosi uNebhukadinezari eyayimfungise
ngoNkulunkulu, wenza yaba lukhuni intamo yakhe,
waqinisa inhliziyo yakhe, okokuthi kaphendukelanga
eNkosini, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli. **14** Futhi zonke induna
zabapristi labantu banda ekuphambukeni ngeziphambeko
njengawo wonke amanyala ezizwe, bayingcolisa indlu
yeNkosi eyayiyingcwelisile eJerusalema. **15** INkosi,
uNkulunkulu waboyise, yasithuma kubo ngesandla
sezithunywa zayo, ivuka ngovivi ithuma, ngoba
yayilesihawu ebantwini bayo lendaweni yayo yokuhlala.
16 Kodwa babezihleka usulu izithunywa zikaNkulunkulu,
bedelela amazwi akhe, beklolodela abaprofethi bakhe,
lwaze lwavuka ulaka lweNkosi lwamelana labantu bayo
kakwaze kwaba leselapho. **17** Ngakho yabenyusela inkosi
yamaKhaladiya eyabulala amajaha abo ngenkemba
endlini yendlu yabo engcwele, ingahawukeli ijaha
lentombi, omdala lexhegu; yabanikela bonke esandleni
sayo. **18** Lazo zonke izitsha zendlu kaNkulunkulu,
ezinkulu lezincinyane, lezinto eziligugu zendlu kaJehova,
lezinto eziligugu zenkosi lezeziphathamandla zayo, konke
lokhu yakuletha eBhabhiloni. **19** Basebetshisa indlu
kaNkulunkulu, badiliza umduli weJerusalema, batshisa
zonke izigodlo zayo ngomlilo, batshabalalisa zonke izitsha
zayo eziloyisekayo. **20** Yasithumbela eBhabhiloni abasele
enkembeni; basebesiba zinceku zayo lezabantwana
bayo kwaze kwaba yikubusa kombuso wePerisiya;
21 ukugcwalisa ilizwi leNkosi ngomlomo kaJeremiya,
ilizwe lize likholise amasabatha alo; lagcina isabatha
zonke izinsuku zencithakalo, kwaze kwagcwaliseka
iminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa. **22** Kwathi
ngomnyaka wokuqala kaKoresi inkosi yePerisiya,
ekugcwalisekeni kwelizwi leNkosi ngomlomo kaJeremiya,
iNkosi yavusa umoya kaKoresi inkosi yePerisiya ukuthi
edlulise isimemezelo embusweni wakhe wonke, njalo
langombhalo, esithi: **23** Utsho njalo uKoresi inkosi
yePerisiya: INkosi, uNkulunkulu wamazulu, inginikile
yonke imibuso yomhlaba; layo ingilayile ukuyakhela indlu
eJerusalema ekoJuda. Ngubani ophakathi kwenu kubo
bonke abantu bayo? INkosi uNkulunkulu wakhe kayibe
laye, enyuke.

U-Ezra

1 Kwathi ngomnyaka wokuqala kaKoresi inkosi
yePerisiya, ekugcwalisekeni kwelizwi leNkosi
ngomlomo kaJeremiya, iNkosi yavusa umoya kaKoresi
inkosi yePerisiya ukuthi edlulise isimemezelo embusweni
wakhe wonke, njalo langombhalo, esithi: **2** Utsho
njalo uKoresi inkosi yePerisiya: INkosi, uNkulunkulu
wamazulu, inginikile yonke imibuso yomhlaba; layo
ingilayile ukuyakhela indlu eJerusalema ekoJuda. **3**
Ngubani ophakathi kwenu kubo bonke abantu bayo?
UNkulunkulu wakhe kabe laye, enyukele eJerusalema
ekoJuda, akhe indlu yeNkosi, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli
(unguNkulunkulu) oseJerusalema. **4** Laloba ngubani
oseleyo lakuyiphi yezindawo lapho ahlala njengowezizwe
khona, kakuthi abantu bendawo yakibo bamsekele
ngesiliva, langegolide, langempahla, langezifuyo,
kanye lomnikelo wesihle wendlu kaNkulunkulu
eseJerusalema. **5** Kwasekusukuma inhloko zaboyise
bakoJuda loBhenjamini, labapristi lamaLevi, laye wonke
uNkulunkulu ayevuse umoya wakhe, ukuthi benyukele
ukwakha indlu yeNkosi eseJerusalema. **6** Labo bonke
ababebaphahlile baqinisa izandla zabo ngezitsha
zesiliva, ngegolide, ngempahla, langezifuyo, langezinto
eziligugu, ngaphandle kwakho konke okwakunikelwe
ngesihle. **7** UKoresi inkosi laye wakhupha izitsha
zendlu yeNkosi, uNebhukadinezari ayezikhuphe
eJerusalema wazifaka endlini yabonkulunkulu bakhe.
8 UKoresi inkosi yePerisiya wasezikhupha ngesandla
sikaMithiredathi umphathisikhwama owazibalela
uSheshibazari isiphathamandla sakoJuda. **9** Leli-
ke linani lazo: Imiganu yegolide engamatshumi
amathathu, imiganu yesiliva eyinkulungwane, izingqamu
ezingamatshumi amabili lesificamunwemunye, **10** inkezo
zegolide ezingamatshumi amathathu, ezinye inkezo
zesiliva ezingamakhulu amane letshumi, ezinye izitsha
eziyinkulungwane. **11** Zonke izitsha zegolide lezesiliva
zazizinkulungwane ezinhlanu lamakhulu amane. Zonke
lezi uSheshibazari wazenyusa lalabo ababenyuswe
ekuthunjweni bevela eBhabhiloni besiya eJerusalema.

2 Laba-ke ngabantwana besabelo abenyuka
besuka ekuthunjweni kwalabo ababethunjiwe
uNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni ayebathumbele
eBhabhiloni, ababuyela eJerusalema loJuda, ngulowo
lalowo emzini wakibo; **2** abafika loZerubhabheli,
uJeshuwa, uNehemiya, uSeraya, uRehelaya,
uModekhayi, uBilishani, uMisipari, uBigivayi, uRehuma,
uBahana. Inani lamadoda esizwe sakoIsrayeli: **3**
Abantwana bakoParoshi, izinkulungwane ezimbili
lekhulu lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lambili. **4** Abantwana
bakoShefathiya, amakhulu amathathu lamatshumi
ayisikhombisa lambili. **5** Abantwana bakoAra, amakhulu
ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lanhlanu.
6 Abantwana bakoPahathi-Mowabi, ababantwana
bakaJeshuwa-Jowabi, izinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu
ayisificaminwembili letshumi lambili. **7** Abantwana
bakoElamu, inkulungwane lamakhulu amabili lamatshumi
amahlanu lane. **8** Abantwana bakoZathu, amakhulu
ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi amane lanhlanu.
9 Abantwana bakoZakayi, amakhulu ayisikhombisa
lamatshumi ayisithupha. **10** Abantwana bakoBani,
amakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amane lambili.
11 Abantwana bakoBebayi, amakhulu ayisithupha
lamatshumi amabili lantathu. **12** Abantwana bakoAzigadi,
inkulungwane lamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amabili
lambili. **13** Abantwana bakoAdonikamu, amakhulu
ayisithupha lamatshumi ayisithupha lesithupha. **14**
Abantwana bakoBigivayi, izinkulungwane ezimbili
lamatshumi amahlanu lesithupha. **15** Abantwana
bakoAdini, amakhulu amane lamatshumi amahlanu lane.
16 Abantwana bakoAteri, bakoHezekhiya, amatshumi
ayisificamunwemunye lesificaminwembili. **17** Abantwana
bakoBezayi, amakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amabili
lantathu. **18** Abantwana bakoJora, ikhulu letshumi
lambili. **19** Abantwana bakoHashuma, amakhulu
amabili lamatshumi amabili lantathu. **20** Abantwana
bakoGibari, amatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lanhlanu.
21 Abantwana beBhethelehema, ikhulu lamatshumi
amabili lantathu. **22** Amadoda eNetofa, amatshumi
amahlanu lesithupha. **23** Amadoda eAnathothi,
ikhulu lamatshumi amabili lesificaminwembili. **24**
Abantwana beAzimavethi, amatshumi amane lambili.
25 Abantwana beKiriyatharimi, iKefira, leBherothi,
amakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amane lantathu.
26 Abantwana beRama leGaba, amakhulu ayisithupha
lamatshumi amabili lanye. **27** Amadoda eMikimasi,
ikhulu lamatshumi amabili lambili. **28** Amadoda eBhetheli
leAyi, amakhulu amabili lamatshumi amabili lantathu.
29 Abantwana beNebo, amatshumi amahlanu lambili.
30 Abantwana bakoMagibishi, ikhulu lamatshumi
amahlanu lesithupha. **31** Abantwana bomunye
uElamu, inkulungwane lamakhulu amabili lamatshumi
amahlanu lane. **32** Abantwana bakoHarimi, amakhulu
amathathu lamatshumi amabili. **33** Abantwana beLodi,
iHadidi, leOno, amakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi
amabili lanhlanu. **34** Abantwana beJeriko, amakhulu
amathathu lamatshumi amane lanhlanu. **35** Abantwana
beSenaha, izinkulungwane ezintathu lamakhulu
ayisithupha lamatshumi amathathu. **36** Abapristi:
Abantwana bakoJedaya bendlu kaJeshuwa: Amakhulu
ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi ayisikhombisa
lantathu. **37** Abantwana bakoImeri: Inkulungwane
lamatshumi amahlanu lambili. **38** Abantwana
bakoPashuri: Inkulungwane lamatshumi amane
lesikhombisa. **39** Abantwana bakoHarimi: Inkulungwane
letshumi lesikhombisa. **40** AmaLevi: Abantwana
bakoJeshuwa loKadimiyeli, babantwana bakaHodaviya:

Amatshumi ayisikhombisa lane. **41** Abahlabeleli:
Abantwana bakoAsafi: Ikhulu lamatshumi amabili
lesificaminwembili. **42** Abantwana babalindi bamasango.
Abantwana bakoShaluma, abantwana bakoAteri,
abantwana bakoTalimoni, abantwana bakoAkubi,
abantwana bakoHatita, abantwana bakoShobayi, bonke
babelikhulu lamatshumi amathathu lesificamunwemunye.
43 AmaNethini: Abantwana bakoZiha, abantwana
bakoHasufa, abantwana bakoTabhawothi, **44** abantwana
bakoKerosi, abantwana bakoSiyaha, abantwana
bakoPadoni, **45** abantwana bakoLebana, abantwana
bakoHagaba, abantwana bakoAkubi, **46** abantwana
bakoHagabi, abantwana bakoShamilayi, abantwana
bakoHanani, **47** abantwana bakoGideli, abantwana
bakoGahari, abantwana bakoReyaya, **48** abantwana
bakoRezini, abantwana bakoNekoda, abantwana
bakoGazama, **49** abantwana bakoUza, abantwana
bakoPhaseya, abantwana bakoBhesayi, **50** abantwana
bakoAsina, abantwana bakoMewunimi, abantwana
bakoNefusimi, **51** abantwana bakoBakibuki, abantwana
bakoHakufa, abantwana bakoHarihuri, **52** abantwana
bakoBaziluthi, abantwana bakoMehida, abantwana
bakoHarisha, **53** abantwana bakoBarkosi, abantwana
bakoSisera, abantwana bakoThama, **54** abantwana
bakoNeziya, abantwana bakoHatifa. **55** Abantwana
bezinceku zikaSolomoni: Abantwana bakoSotayi,
abantwana bakoHasoferethi, abantwana bakoPeruda,
56 abantwana bakoJahala, abantwana bakoDarkoni,
abantwana bakoGideli, **57** abantwana bakoShefathiya,
abantwana bakoHathili, abantwana bakoPokerethi-
Hazebayimi, abantwana bakoAmi. **58** Wonke amaNethini
labantwana bezinceku zikaSolomoni babengamakhulu
amathathu lamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lambili.
59 Lalaba yilabo abenyuka bevela eTeli-Mela, iTeli-
Harisha, iKerubi, iAdani, iImeri, kodwa babengelakutsho
indlu yaboyise, lenzalo yabo, ukuthi bavela koIsrayeli:
60 Abantwana bakoDelaya, abantwana bakoTobiya,
abantwana bakoNekoda: Amakhulu ayisithupha
lamatshumi amahlanu lambili. **61** Lebantwaneni
babapristi, abantwana bakoHabaya, abantwana
bakoHakozi, abantwana bakoBarizilayi, owathatha
umfazi emadodakazini kaBarizilayi umGileyadi,
wasebizwa ngebizo lawo. **62** Laba badinga ukubhalwa
kwabo oluhlwini lwababhaliweyo ngezizukulwana,
kodwa kabatholakalanga; basebekhutshwa ebupristini
njengabangcolileyo. **63** Umbusi wasesitsho kubo
ukuthi bangadli okwezinto ezingcwelengcwele, kuze
kusukume umpristi oleUrimi leThumimi. **64** Ibandla lonke
lindawonye lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane
lambili lamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi ayisithupha,
65 ngaphandle kwenceku zabo lencekukazi zabo;
lezi zazizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa lamakhulu
amathathu lamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa;
babelabahlabeleli labahlabelelikazi abangamakhulu
amabili. **66** Amabhiza abo ayengamakhulu ayisikhombisa
lamatshumi amathathu lesithupha; imbongolo zabo
zingamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amane lanhlanu;
67 amakamela abo engamakhulu amane lamatshumi
amathathu lanhlanu; obabhemi bezinkulungwane
eziyisithupha lamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi
amabili. **68** Lenhlokweni zaboyise, ekufikeni kwabo
endlini yeNkosi eseJerusalema, zanikelela indlu
kaNkulunkulu ngesihle ukuyimisa endaweni yayo. **69**
Zanikela ngokwamandla azo esikhwameni somsebenzi
inhlamvu zegolide ezizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
ayisithupha lanye, lamamane esiliva azinkulungwane
ezingamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu, lezigqoko
zabapristi ezilikhulu. **70** Abapristi lamaLevi lengxenye
yabantu labahlabeleli labalindi bamasango lamaNethini
basebehlala emizini yabo, loIsrayeli wonke emizini
yakhe.

3 Isifikile inyanga yesikhombisa, labantwana
bakoIsrayeli sebesemizini, abantu babuthana
njengamuntu munye eJerusalema. **2** Kwasekusukuma
uJeshuwa indodana kaJozadaki labafowabo abapristi,
loZerubhabheli indodana kaSalatiyeli labafowabo, bakha
ilathi likaNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli ukuze banikele iminikelo
yokutshiswa phezu kwalo, njengokubhaliweyo emlayweni
kaMozisi umuntu kaNkulunkulu. **3** Basebemisa ilathi
ezisekelweni zalo, ngoba ukwesaba kwakuphezu kwabo
ngenxa yabantu belizwe, basebenikela eNkosini iminikelo
yokutshiswa phezu kwalo, iminikelo yokutshiswa ekuseni
lantambama. **4** Basebesenza umkhosi wamadumba
njengokubhaliweyo, banikela iminikelo yokutshiswa
insuku ngensuku ngenani, njengomkhuba, udaba
losuku ngosuku lwalo. **5** Langemva kwalokho umnikelo
wokutshiswa njalonjalo, lowekuthwaseni kwezinyanga,
lowemikhosi yonke emisiweyo yeNkosi eyayingcwelisiwe,
lowakhe wonke owanikela ngesihle umnikelo wesihle
eNkosini. **6** Ngosuku lokuqala lwenyanga yesikhombisa
baqalisa ukunikela iminikelo yokutshiswa eNkosini,
kodwa isisekelo sethempeli leNkosi sasingakabekwa.
7 Basebenika imali kubabazi bamatshe lakubabazi
bezigodo, lokudla lokunathwayo lamafutha kumaSidoni
lakumaTire ukuze balethe izigodo zemisedari zivela
eLebhanoni bezisa elwandle eJopha, ngokwemvumo
kaKoresi inkosi yePerisiya kubo. **8** Langomnyaka wesibili
wokufika kwabo endlini kaNkulunkulu eJerusalema,
ngenyanga yesibili, baqalisa oZerubhabheli indodana
kaSalatiyeli loJeshuwa indodana kaJozadaki, lensali
yabafowabo, abapristi lamaLevi, labo bonke ababebuyile
eJerusalema bevela ekuthunjweni; basebemisa
amaLevi kusukela koleminyaka engamatshumi amabili
kusiya phezulu ukongamela umsebenzi wendlu
yeNkosi. **9** Kwasekusukuma oJeshuwa, amadodana
akhe, labafowabo, uKadimiyeli lamadodana akhe,
abantwana bakoJuda, njengomuntu munye ukongamela
abenzi bomsebenzi endlini kaNkulunkulu, amadodana

kaHenadadi, amadodana abo labafowabo amaLevi. **10** Abakhi sebebekile isisekelo sethempeli leNkosi, bamisa abapristi begqokile belezimpondo, lamaLevi, amadodana kaAsafi, elensimbi ezincencethayo, ukudumisa iNkosi, njengokwezandla zikaDavida inkosi yakoIsrayeli. **11** Baphendulana ngokuhlabela bedumisa bebonga iNkosi, ngoba ilungile, ngoba umusa wayo umi kuze kube nininini kuIsrayeli. Bonke abantu basebememeza ngokumemeza okukhulu ekuyidumiseni iNkosi, ngoba isisekelo sendlu yeNkosi sasesibekiwe. **12** Kodwa abanengi babapristi lamaLevi lenhloko zaboyise, abadala ababeyibonile indlu yokuqala, isisekelo salindlu sesibekiwe emehlweni abo, bakhala inyembezi ngelizwi elikhulu; kodwa abanengi baphakamisa ilizwi ngokumemeza ngentokozo. **13** Ngokunjalo abantu kabehlukanisanga umsindo wokumemeza kwentokozo lomsindo wokukhala kwabantu, ngoba abantu baklabalala ngokuklabalala okukhulu, umsindo waze wezwakala khatshana.

4 Kwathi izitha zakoJuda loBhenjamini sezizwile ukuthi abantwana bokuthunjwa babesakhela iNkosi uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli ithempeli, **2** basebesondela kuZerubhabheli lenhlokweni zaboyise bathi kibo: Kasakhe lani, ngoba siyamdinga uNkulunkulu wenu njengani, samhlabela kusukela ensukwini zikaEsarihadoni inkosi yeAsiriya owasenyusela lapha. **3** Kodwa uZerubhabheli loJeshuwa lezinye inhloko zaboyise zakoIsrayeli bathi kibo: Kayisikho kwenu lathi ukwakhela uNkulunkulu wethu indlu, kodwa yithi sodwa esizakwakhela iNkosi uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli njengokusilaya kwenkosi uKoresi inkosi yePerisiya. **4** Kwasekusithi abantu balelolizwe badondisa izandla zabantu bakoJuda, babesabisa ekwakheni. **5** Basebebaqhatshela abeluleki ukufubisa icebo labo zonke izinsuku zikaKoresi inkosi yePerisiya, kwaze kwaba sekubuseni kukaDariyusi inkosi yePerisiya. **6** Ekubuseni-ke kukaAhasuwerusi, ekuqaleni kokubusa kwakhe, babhala isimangalelo bemelene labahlali bakoJuda leJerusalema. **7** Njalo ensukwini zikaAthakisekisi oBishilamu, uMithiredathi, uTabeyeli labanye abakibo babhalela uAthakisekisi inkosi yePerisiya; lombhalo wencwadi wawubhalwe ngesiSiriya, uhunyutshwe ngesiSiriya. **8** URehuma umlawuli loShimishayi umbhali babhala incwadi bemelene leJerusalema kuAthakisekisi inkosi, ngalindlela: **9** Khonokho uRehuma umlawuli loShimishayi umbhali labanye babangane babo, amaDinayi, amaAfarisathiki, amaTharipheli, amaAfarisi, amaArikhevi, amaBhabhiloni, amaShushaniki, amaDehavi, amaElamu, **10** lezinye izizwe uAsinaphari omkhulu lodumileyo azithumbayo wazihlalisa emzini ongoweSamariya, lezinye phetsheya komfula, lakhathesi. **11** Le yikhophi yencwadi abayithumeza kuye, kuAthakisekisi inkosi: Izinceku, amadoda anganeno komfula, langesikhathi esinje. **12** Kakwaziwe enkosini ukuthi amaJuda enyuka evela kuwe esiza kithi asefikile eJerusalema, ayawakha lowomuzi ovukelayo lomubi, aseqedisa imiduli, avuselela izisekelo. **13** Khathesi kakwaziwe enkosini ukuthi uba lumuzi usakhiwa lemiduli iphele, kabayikupha umthelo, imali eyimfanelo, lemali yendlela, futhi uzalimaza isikhwama samakhosi. **14** Khathesi njengoba sisidla itswayi etswayini lesigodlo njalo kakusifanelanga ukuthi sibone ihlazo lenkosi, ngakho sithumele sayazisa inkosi; **15** ukuze kuhlolwe egwalweni lwezindaba zaboyihlo. Ngakho uzathola egwalweni lwezindaba, wazi ukuthi lumuzi ungumuzi ovukelayo, olimazayo emakhosini lemazweni, benza ukuhlamuka phakathi kwawo kwasezinsukwini zekadeni. Ngakho lumuzi wachithwa. **16** Siyayazisa inkosi ukuthi uba lumuzi usakhiwa, lemiduli yawo iphele, ngalokho kawuyikuba lesabelo nganeno komfula. **17** Inkosi yathuma impendulo kuRehuma umlawuli loShimishayi umbhali labanye babangane babo abahlala eSamariya labanye abaphetsheya komfula: Ukuthula, langesikhathi esinje. **18** Incwadi elayithumela kithi ifundiwe ngokucacileyo phambi kwami. **19** Umlayo wasubekwa yimi, basebedinga bathola ukuthi kusukela ensukwini zendulo lumuzi uziphakamisele amakhosi, lomvukela lokuhlamuka kwenziwe phakathi kwawo. **20** Kwake kwaba khona amakhosi alamandla phezu kweJerusalema ayebusa phezu kwakho konke ngaphetsheya komfula; lomthelo, imali eyimfanelo, lemali yendlela kwaphiwa wona. **21** Khathesi bekani umthetho ukwenza ukuthi lababantu bayekele ukuze lumuzi ungakhiwa kuze kwenziwe umthetho yimi. **22** Njalo qaphelani ukuthi lingayekethisi ekwenzeni lokhu. Kungani ukonakala kuzakhula kukho ukulinyazwa kwamakhosi? **23** Khonokho, kusukela ikhophi yencwadi kaAthakisekisi inkosi isifundiwe phambi kwaboRehuma loShimishayi umbhali labangane babo, baya masinyane eJerusalema kumaJuda, babenza bayekela ngengalo lamandla. **24** Khonokho wema umsebenzi wendlu kaNkulunkulu eseJerusalema; wasusima kwaze kwaba ngumnyaka wesibili wokubusa kukaDariyusi inkosi yePerisiya.

5 Abaprofethi, oHagayi umprofethi loZekhariya indodana kaIdo, basebeprofetha kumaJuda ayekoJuda laseJerusalema, ebizweni likaNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli phezu kwawo. **2** Khonokho kwasuka oZerubhabheli indodana kaSalatiyeli loJeshuwa indodana kaJozadaki, baqala ukwakha indlu kaNkulunkulu eseJerusalema, njalo kanye labo abaprofethi bakaNkulunkulu bebasekela. **3** Ngalesosikhathi kwafika kibo oTathenayi umbusi nganeno komfula loShethari-Bozenayi, labangane babo, bakhuluma kanje kibo: Ngubani obeke umthetho kini wokwakha lindlu lokuqedisa lumduli? **4** Sasesibatshela ngokunjalo: Ngobani amabizo abantu abakha lesisakhiwo? **5** Kodwa ilihlo likaNkulunkulu wabo laliphezu kwabadala bamaJuda, ukuthi kababenzanga beme, ize ifike leyondaba kuDariyusi, baze babuyisele-ke incwadi ngayo. **6** Ikhophi yencwadi oTathenayi umbusi

nganeno komfula loShethari-Bozenayi labangane bakhe
amaAfarisathiki ayenganeno komfula abayithumela
kuDariyusi inkosi; 7 bathumeza incwadi kuye, njalo
kwabhalwa kanje kuyo: KuDariyusi inkosi, ukuthula
konke. 8 Kakwaziwe enkosini ukuthi saya esabelweni
sakoJuda, endlini kaNkulunkulu omkhulu, eyakhiwe
ngamatshe amakhulu, izigodo sezifakiwe emidulwini;
njalo lumsebenzi uyenziwa ngokuphangisa, uphumelela
esandleni sabo. 9 Sasesibabuza labobadala sakhuluma
kanje kubo: Ngubani obeke umthetho kini wokwakha
lindlu lokuqedisa lumduli? 10 Njalo sababuza amabizo
abo ukuze sikwazise, ukuze sibhale amabizo abantu
abazinhloko zabo. 11 Langokunjalo babuyisela
ilizwi kithi besithi: Thina siyizinceku zikaNkulunkulu
wamazulu lomhlaba, sakha indlu eyayakhiwe iminyaka
eminengi phambi kwalokhu, inkosi enkulu yakoIsrayeli
eyayakha yayiqeda. 12 Kodwa emva kwalokho obaba
bamthukuthelisa uNkulunkulu wamazulu, wabanikela
esandleni sikaNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni,
umKhaladiya, owachitha lindlu, wathumbela abantu
eBhabhiloni. 13 Kodwa ngomnyaka wokuqala kaKoresi
inkosi yeBhabhiloni, uKoresi inkosi wamisa umthetho
wokwakha lindlu kaNkulunkulu. 14 Njalo lezitsha zendlu
kaNkulunkulu ezingezegolide lesiliva uNebhukadinezari
ayezithethe wazisusa ethempelini eliseJerusalema
waziletha ethempelini leBhabhiloni, lezo uKoresi inkosi
wazikhupha ethempelini leBhabhiloni, zanikwa olebizo
elinguSheshibazari ayembeke ukuthi abe ngumbusi. 15
Wasesithi kuye: Thatha lezizitsha, uyezibeka ethempelini
eliseJerusalema, lendlu kaNkulunkulu kayakhiwe
endaweni yayo. 16 Ngakho uSheshibazari lo wafika
wabeka izisekelo zendlu kaNkulunkulu eseJerusalema;
njalo kusukela kulesosikhathi kuze kube khathesi
ilokhu isakhiwa, kayikapheli. 17 Ngakho-ke uba
kulungile enkosini kakuhlolisiswe endlini yokuligugu
kwenkosi ekhona eBhabhiloni ukuthi kungaba yikuthi
umthetho wenziwa yini nguKoresi inkosi wokwakha lindlu
kaNkulunkulu eJerusalema. Kayithumele-ke intando
yenkosi kithi mayelana lalinto.

6 UDariyusi inkosi wasemisa umthetho, basebephenya
endlini yezingwalo lapho okwakubekwe khona
okuligugu eBhabhiloni. 2 Kwasekutholakala eAkimetha,
esigodlweni esisesigabeni samaMede, incwadi
egoqwayo, okwakubhalwe phakathi kwayo isikhumbuzo
ngalindlela: 3 Ngomnyaka wokuqala kaKoresi inkosi,
uKoresi inkosi wamisa umthetho: Indlu kaNkulunkulu
eseJerusalema, kayakhiwe lindlu endaweni lapho
abanikela khona iminikelo, lezisekelo zayo zizabekwa
ngokuqinileyo; ukuphakama kwayo kube zingalo
ezingamatshumi ayisithupha, ububanzi bayo bube
zingalo ezingamatshumi ayisithupha; 4 ibe lemizila
emithathu yamatshe amakhulu lomzila wezigodo
ezintsha. Izindleko zizaphiwa-ke zivela endlini
yenkosi. 5 Futhi lezitsha zegolide lezesiliva zendlu
kaNkulunkulu uNebhukadinezari azikhupha ethempelini
eliseJerusalema waziletha eBhabhiloni, kazibuyiselwe
zisiwe ethempelini eliseJerusalema, endaweni yayo,
uzibeke endlini kaNkulunkulu. 6 Khathesi, Tathenayi,
mbusi waphetsheya komfula, Shethari-Bozenayi,
labangane benu amaAfarisathiki, abaphetsheya komfula,
banini khatshana lalapho. 7 Uyekeleni umsebenzi
walindlu kaNkulunkulu; umbusi wamaJuda labadala
bamaJuda kabakhe lindlu kaNkulunkulu endaweni yayo.
8 Futhi umthetho umiswa yimi ngelizakwenzela abadala
balamaJuda ekwakhiweni kwalindlu kaNkulunkulu, ukuthi
empahleni zenkosi ezivela emthelweni wangaphetsheya
komfula, izindleko ziphiwe lamadoda masinyane ukuze
angami. 9 Lokuswelakalayo, kokubili amajongosi
lezinqama lamawundlu komnikelo wokutshiselwa
uNkulunkulu wamazulu, ingqoloyi, itshwayi, iwayini,
lamafutha, njengokutsho kwabapristi abaseJerusalema,
kabakunikwe insuku ngensuku kungaphuthi, 10 ukuze
banikele iminikelo yephunga elimnandi kuNkulunkulu
wamazulu, bakhulekele impilo yenkosi leyamadodana
ayo. 11 Futhi umthetho umiswe yimi wokuthi loba
ngubani oguqula lelilizwi, kakuhwatshwe ugodo endlini
yakhe, aphakanyiswe abethelwe phezu kwalo; lendlu
yakhe yenziwe inqumbi yomquba ngenxa yalokhu. 12
LoNkulunkulu owenze ibizo lakhe lihlale lapho kachithe
loba yiyiphi inkosi loba abantu abazakwelula isandla sabo
ukuguqula lokuchitha lindlu kaNkulunkulu eseJerusalema.
Mina Dariyusi ngimise umthetho, kakwenziwe masinyane.
13 Khonokho uTathenayi umbusi nganeno komfula,
uShethari-Bozenayi, labangane babo benza njalo
masinyane njengalokho uDariyusi inkosi ayekuthumele.
14 Abadala bamaJuda basebesakha njalo baphumelela
ngesiprofetho sikaHagayi umprofethi loZekhariya
indodana kaIdo. Bakha baqeda njengokomlayo
kaNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli langokomlayo kaKoresi,
loDariyusi, loAthakisekisi inkosi yePerisiya. 15
Lindlu yasiphela ngosuku lwesithathu enyangeni
kaAdari, okwakungumnyaka wesithupha wokubusa
kukaDariyusi inkosi. 16 Abantwana bakoIsrayeli, abapristi
lamaLevi labanye abantwana bokuthunjwa, basebesenza
ukwehlukaniselwa kwalindlu kaNkulunkulu ngentokozo.
17 Banikelela ukwehlukaniselwa kwalindlu kaNkulunkulu
inkunzi ezilikhulu, inqama ezingamakhulu amabili,
amawundlu angamakhulu amane; lezimpongo zezimbuzi
ezilitshumi lambili zingumnikelo wesono kaIsrayeli
wonke, ngokwenani lezizwe zakoIsrayeli. 18 Basebemisa
abapristi ngezigaba zabo, lamaLevi ngamaqembu
awo, enkonzweni kaNkulunkulu eseJerusalema,
njengokubhaliweyo egwalweni lukaMozisi. 19 Abantwana
bokuthunjwa benza lephasika ngolwetshumi lane
lwenyanga yokuqala. 20 Ngoba abapristi lamaLevi
babezihlambulule ndawonye, bonke babehlambulukile.
Bahlabela bonke abantwana bokuthunjwa iphasika,
labafowabo abapristi, labo ngokwabo. 21 Ngokunjalo

badla abantwana bakoIsrayeli ababebuyile ekuthunjweni,
labo bonke ababezehlukanisele kubo lokungcolileyo
kwezizwe zelizwe, ukudinga iNkosi, uNkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli. 22 Benza umkhosi wesinkwa esingelamvubelo
insuku eziyisikhombisa ngentokozo; ngoba iNkosi
yayibenze bathokoza, yaphendulela kibo inhliziyo yenkosi
yeAsiriya, ukuqinisa izandla zabo emsebenzini wendlu
kaNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli.

7 Njalo emva kwalezizinto, ekubuseni kukaAthakisekisi
inkosi yePerisiya, uEzra indodana kaSeraya,
indodana kaAzariya, indodana kaHilikhiya, 2 indodana
kaShaluma, indodana kaZadoki, indodana kaAhitubi,
3 indodana kaAmariya, indodana kaAzariya, indodana
kaMerayothi, 4 indodana kaZerahiya, indodana
kaUzi, indodana kaBuki, 5 indodana kaAbishuwa,
indodana kaPhinehasi, indodana kaEleyazare, indodana
kaAroni umpristi oyinhloko. 6 UEzra lo wenyuka
esuka eBhabhiloni; njalo wayengumbhali oyingcitshi
emlayweni kaMozisi, uJehova uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli
ayewunikile. Inkosi yasimnika sonke isicelo sakhe,
njengokwesandla sikaJehova uNkulunkulu wakhe
esiphezu kwakhe. 7 Kwasekusenyuka abanye
babantwana bakoIsrayeli lababapristi lamaLevi
labahlabeleli labalindimasango lamaNethini baya
eJerusalema ngomnyaka wesikhombisa kaAthakisekisi
inkosi. 8 Wasefika eJerusalema ngenyanga yesihlanu
okwakungumnyaka wesikhombisa wenkosi. 9
Ngoba ngolokuqala lwenyanga yokuqala waqala
ukwenyuka esuka eBhabhiloni, langolokuqala lwenyanga
yesihlanu wafika eJerusalema, ngokwesandla esihle
sikaNkulunkulu wakhe phezu kwakhe. 10 Ngoba uEzra
wayelungise inhliziyo yakhe ukudinga umlayo weNkosi
lokuwenza, lokufundisa umthetho lesimiso koIsrayeli.
11 Le-ke yikhophi yencwadi inkosi uAthakisekisi
ayinika uEzra umpristi, umbhali, umbhali wamazwi
emilayo yeNkosi lowezimiso zayo kuIsrayeli. 12
UAthakisekisi inkosi yamakhosi kuEzra umpristi,
umbhali womlayo kaNkulunkulu wamazulu, ukuthula
okupheleleyo, langesikhathi esinje: 13 Umthetho umiswa
yimi wokuthi wonke ozithandelayo embusweni wami
esizweni sakoIsrayeli labapristi baso lamaLevi ukuya
eJerusalema angahamba lawe. 14 Ngoba uthunyiwe
yinkosi labacebisi bayo abayisikhombisa ukuyahlolisisa
ngoJuda langeJerusalema ngokomlayo kaNkulunkulu
wakho osesandleni sakho, 15 lokuthwala isiliva
legolide inkosi labacebisi bayo abakunikele ngesihle
kuNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli ondawo yakhe yokuhlala
iseJerusalema, 16 lalo lonke isiliva legolide ongakuthola
esigabeni sonke seBhabhiloni lomnikelo wesihle
wabantu labapristi abanikelela indlu kaNkulunkulu wabo
eseJerusalema ngesihle, 17 ukuthi uthenge masinyane
ngalimali izinkunzi, izinqama, amawundlu, leminikelo
yakho yokudla, leminikelo yakho yokunathwayo,
ukunikele phezu kwelathi lendlu kaNkulunkulu wenu
eseJerusalema. 18 Lokukulungeleyo wena labafowenu
ukukwenza ngesiliva legolide eliseleyo, kwenzeni
lokhu ngokwentando kaNkulunkulu wenu. 19 Lezitsha
ezinikelwe kuwe zomsebenzi wendlu kaNkulunkulu
wakho, zinikele ngokupheleleyo phambi kukaNkulunkulu
weJerusalema. 20 Lokunye okuswelekayo endlini
kaNkulunkulu wakho okufanele ukuphe, uzakunika kuvela
endlini yenotho yenkosi. 21 Mina-ke Athakisekisi inkosi,
umlayo umiswe yimi kubo bonke abaphathi bezikhwama
abangaphetsheya komfula ukuthi konke uEzra umpristi,
umbhali womlayo kaNkulunkulu wamazulu, azakucela
kini, kwenziwe masinyane, 22 kuze kufike kumathalenta
esiliva alikhulu, njalo kuze kufike kumakhori engqoloyi
alikhulu, njalo kuze kufike kumabhathi alikhulu ewayini,
njalo kuze kufike kumabhathi alikhulu amafutha, letshwayi
elingelasimiso. 23 Konke okungokomlayo kaNkulunkulu
wamazulu kakwenzelwe indlu kaNkulunkulu wamazulu
ngokukhuthala, ngoba kungani kuzakuba lolaka phezu
kombuso wenkosi lamadodana ayo? 24 Futhi
siyalazisa mayelana labo bonke abapristi, lamaLevi,
abahlabeleli, abalindimasango, amaNethini, lenceku
zalindlu kaNkulunkulu, kakulagunya ukubeka phezu
kwabo umthelo, imali eyimfanelo, lemali yendlela.
25 Wena-ke Ezra, ngokwenhlakanipho kaNkulunkulu
wakho esesandleni sakho, beka omantshi labahluleli
abazakwahlulela bonke abantu abangaphetsheya
komfula, bonke abayaziyo imilayo kaNkulunkulu wakho;
longayaziyo limfundise. 26 Wonke-ke ongawenziyo
umlayo kaNkulunkulu wakho lomlayo wenkosi, isigwebo
kasenziwe ngokukhuthala phezu kwakhe, kungaba
ngokufa, loba ngokuxotshwa, loba ngokuthathelwa
impahla, loba ngezibopho. 27 Kayibusiswe iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wabobaba eyakufaka kanje enhliziyweni
yenkosi ukucecisa indlu yeNkosi eseJerusalema,
28 eyelule umusa kimi phambi kwenkosi labacebisi
bayo laphambi kwazo zonke izinduna ezilamandla
zenkosi. Mina-ke ngaqiniswa ngokwesandla seNkosi
uNkulunkulu wami phezu kwami, ngabutha koIsrayeli
inhloko ukwenyuka lami.

8 Laba-ke zinhloko zaboyise, lombhalo wosendo
lwabo abenyuka lami besuka eBhabhiloni ekubuseni
kukaAthakisekisi inkosi. 2 Kumadodana kaPhinehasi:
UGerishomu. Kumadodana kaIthamari: UDaniyeli.
Kumadodana kaDavida: UHathushi. 3 Kumadodana
kaShekaniya, kumadodana kaParoshi: UZekhariya,
njalo kanye laye kwabhalwa ngombhalo wosendo,
kwabesilisa, ikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu. 4 Kumadodana
kaPahathi-Mowabi: UEliyowenayi, indodana kaZerahiya,
njalo kanye laye abesilisa abangamakhulu amabili. 5
Kumadodana kaShekaniya: Indodana kaJahaziyeli, njalo
kanye laye abesilisa abangamakhulu amathathu. 6 Njalo
kumadodana kaAdini: UEbedi indodana kaJonathani,
njalo kanye laye abesilisa abangamatshumi amahlanu.
7 Lakumadodana kaElamu: UJeshaya indodana

kaAthaliya, njalo kanye laye abesilisa abangamatshumi
ayisikhombisa. 8 Lakumadodana kaShefathiya:
UZebhadiya indodana kaMikayeli, njalo kanye laye
abesilisa abangamatshumi ayisificaminwembili. 9
Kumadodana kaJowabi: UObhadiya indodana kaJehiyeli,
njalo kanye laye abesilisa abangamakhulu amabili
letshumi lesificaminwembili. 10 Lakumadodana
kaShelomithi: Indodana kaJosifiya, njalo kanye
laye abesilisa abalikhulu lamatshumi ayisithupha.
11 Lakumadodana kaBebayi: UZekhariya indodana
kaBebayi, njalo kanye laye abesilisa abangamatshumi
amabili lesificaminwembili. 12 Lakumadodana kaAzigadi:
UJohanani indodana kaHakatani, njalo kanye laye
abesilisa abalikhulu letshumi. 13 Lakumadodana okucina
kaAdonikamu, omabizo abo yila: OElifeleti, uJehiyeli,
loShemaya, njalo kanye labo abesilisa abangamatshumi
ayisithupha. 14 Lakumadodana kaBigivayi: OUthayi
loZabudi, njalo kanye labo abesilisa abangamatshumi
ayisikhombisa. 15 Ngasengibabuthanisa ngasemfuleni
oya eAhava, samisa inkamba khona insuku ezintathu.
Ngananzelela abantu labapristi, njalo kangitholanga
lapho abamadodana kaLevi. 16 Ngasengithuma
kuEliyezeri, kuAriyeli, kuShemaya, lakuElinathani,
lakuJaribi, lakuElinathani, lakuNathani, lakuZekhariya,
lakuMeshulamu, izinhloko, lakuJoyaribi, lakuElinathani,
abaqedisisayo, 17 ngasengibalayela kuIdo, inhloko
endaweni iKasifiya, ngafaka amazwi emlonyeni wabo
ukuthi bathi kuIdo, labafowabo, amaNethini endaweni
iKasifiya, ukuthi basilethele izikhonzi zendlu kaNkulunkulu
wethu. 18 Basebesilethela ngokwesandla esihle
sikaNkulunkulu wethu phezu kwethu umuntu oqedisisayo
emadodaneni kaMahli indodana kaLevi indodana
kaIsrayeli; loSherebiya lamadodana akhe labafowabo,
itshumi lesificaminwembili; 19 loHashabhiya, njalo kanye
laye uJeshaya emadodaneni kaMerari, abafowabo
lamadodana abo, amatshumi amabili; 20 lakumaNethini,
uDavida leziphathamandla ababewanikele emsebenzini
wamaLevi, amaNethini angamakhulu amabili lamatshumi
amabili, wonke awo abizwa ngamabizo. 21
Ngasengimemezela ukuzila ukudla khona emfuleni
iAhava ukuze sizithobe phambi kukaNkulunkulu wethu,
sizidingele kuye indlela eqondileyo thina labantwanyana
bethu lazo zonke impahla zethu. 22 Ngoba ngaba
lenhloni ukucela enkosini ibutho labagadi bamabhiza
ukusinceda ezitheni endleleni; ngoba sasiyitshelile inkosi
sisithi: Isandla sikaNkulunkulu wethu siphezu kwabo
bonke abamdinga kube okuhle, kodwa amandla akhe
lolaka lwakhe kuphezu kwabo bonke abamdelayo.
23 Ngakho sazila ukudla sadinga kuNkulunkulu
wethu ngenxa yalokhu; wasencengeka ngathi. 24
Ngasengisehlukanisa abalitshumi lambili kunhloko
zabapristi, oSherebiya, uHashabhiya, labalitshumi
kubafowabo kanye labo. 25 Ngasengibalinganisela isiliva
legolide lezitsha, umnikelo wendlu kaNkulunkulu wethu,
inkosi labacebisi bayo leziphathamandla zayo loIsrayeli
wonke owayekhona ababekunikele; 26 ngasengilinganisa
esandleni sabo amathalenta esiliva angamakhulu
ayisithupha lamatshumi amahlanu, lamathalenta alikhulu
ezitsha zesiliva, lamathalenta egolide alikhulu, 27
lemiganu yegolide engamatshumi amabili kuze kube
zinhlamvu eziyinkulungwane, lezitsha ezimbili zethusi
elikhazimulayo elihle eliloyiseka njengegolide. 28
Ngasengisithi kibo: Lingcwele eNkosini, lezitsha
zingcwele; lesiliva legolide kungumnikelo wesihle
eNkosini, uNkulunkulu wabobaba. 29 Kulondolozeni
likugcine lize likulinganise phambi kwenduna yabapristi
lamaLevi lenhloko zaboyise bakoIsrayeli eJerusalema,
emakamelweni endlu yeNkosi. 30 Abapristi lamaLevi
basebesemukela isisindo sesiliva legolide lezitsha,
ukuze bakuse eJerusalema, endlini kaNkulunkulu wethu.
31 Sasuka-ke emfuleni iAhava ngolwetshumi lambili
lwenyanga yokuqala ukuya eJerusalema. Lesandla
sikaNkulunkulu wethu sasiphezu kwethu, wasikhulula
esandleni sesitha lomcathami endleleni. 32 Safika-ke
eJerusalema, sahlala khona insuku ezintathu. 33 Kwathi
ngosuku lwesine isiliva legolide lezitsha kwalinganiswa
endlini kaNkulunkulu wethu ngesandla sikaMeremothi
indodana kaUriya umpristi, njalo kanye laye uEleyazare
indodana kaPhinehasi, njalo kanye labo oJozabadi
indodana kaJeshuwa, loNowadiya indodana kaBinuwi,
amaLevi, 34 ngenani ngesisindo sakho konke; laso
sonke isisindo sabhalwa ngalesosikhathi. 35 Abantwana
bokuthunjwa ababebuyile ekuthunjweni banikela iminikelo
yokutshiswa kuNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, amajongosi
alitshumi lambili ngenxa kaIsrayeli wonke, izinqama
ezingamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lesithupha,
amawundlu angamatshumi ayisikhombisa lesikhombisa,
izimpongo ezilitshumi lambili zaba ngumnikelo wesono;
konke kwakungumnikelo wokutshiswa eNkosini. 36
Basebenika imithetho yenkosi kuziphathamandla zenkosi
lakubabusi nganeno komfula; basekela abantu lendlu
kaNkulunkulu.

9 Kwathi ekupheleni kwalezizinto, iziphathamandla
zasondela kimi zisithi: Abantu bakoIsrayeli labapristi
lamaLevi kabazehlukanisanga lezizwe zamazwe
ngokwezinengiso zazo, ezamaKhanani, amaHethi,
amaPerizi, amaJebusi, amaAmoni, amaMowabi,
amaGibhithe, lamaAmori. 2 Ngoba bazithathele
emadodakazini azo bona lamadodana abo, yaze
yaxubana inzalo engcwele lezizwe zamazwe; yebo,
isandla seziphathamandla lababusi sasingesokuqala
kulesisiphambeko. 3 Kwathi ngisizwa loludaba
ngadabula isembatho sami lebhatshi lami, ngangcothula
okwenwele zekhanda lami lendevu zami, ngahlala
phansi ngathithibala. 4 Kwasekubuthana kimi wonke
othuthumela ngamazwi kaNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli ngenxa
yesiphambeko sabathunjwa; ngasengihlala ngithithibele

kwaze kwaba ngumnikelo wakusihlwa. 5 Kwathi
ngomnikelo wakusihlwa ngasukuma ekuthotshisweni
kwami, lekudabuleni kwami isembatho sami lebhatshi
lami, ngaguqa ngamadolo ami, ngelulela izandla zami
eNkosini uNkulunkulu wami, 6 ngathi: Nkulunkulu
wami, ngilenhloni, ngiyangekile ukuphakamisela ubuso
bami kuwe, Nkulunkulu wami, ngoba ububi bethu
bandile ngaphezu kwekhanda, lecala lethu selikhule
kwaze kwaba semazulwini. 7 Kusukela ensukwini
zabobaba besiphakathi kwecala elikhulu kuze kube
lamuhla, langenxa yobubi bethu thina, amakhosi
ethu, abapristi bethu, sinikelwe esandleni samakhosi
amazwe, enkembeni, ekuthunjweni, lekuphangweni,
lehlazweni lobuso, njengalamuhla. 8 Khathesi-ke
ngokwesikhatshana umusa wenziwe yiNkosi uNkulunkulu
wethu, ukusitshiyela ukuphepha, lokusinika isikhonkwane
endaweni yayo engcwele, ukuze uNkulunkulu wethu
akhanyisele amehlo ethu, njalo asinike imvuselelo
encinyane ebugqilini bethu. 9 Ngoba siyizigqili, kanti
ebugqilini bethu uNkulunkulu wethu kasitshiyanga,
kodwa uselulele umusa phambi kwamakhosi ePerisiya,
ukusinika imvuselelo, ukuphakamisa indlu kaNkulunkulu
wethu, lokumisa amanxiwa ayo, lokusinika umduli koJuda
laseJerusalema. 10 Khathesi-ke, Nkulunkulu wethu,
sizakuthini emva kwalokhu? Ngoba siyitshiyile imilayo
yakho, 11 owasilaya yona ngesandla senceku zakho
abaprofethi, usithi: Ilizwe elingena kulo ukudla ilifa lalo
liyilizwe elingcolileyo ngokungcola kwezizwe zamazwe,
ngokunengekayo kwazo eziligcwalise ngakho kusukela
ephethelweni kusiya ephethelweni, ngokungcola kwazo.
12 Ngakho-ke linganiki amadodana azo amadodakazi
enu, futhi lingathatheli amadodana enu amadodakazi
azo, lingadingi ukuthula kwazo lokuhle kwazo kuze
kube phakade ukuze liqine lidle okuhle kwelizwe,
lilitshiyele abantwana benu libe yilifa kuze kube
phakade. 13 Lemva kwakho konke okusehleleyo ngenxa
yezenzo zethu ezimbi langenxa yecala lethu elikhulu,
ngoba wena Nkulunkulu wethu uzibambile ekusijeziseni
kancane kulezono zethu, wasinika ukuphepha okunje;
14 sizayephula futhi yini imilayo yakho, sithathane
lesizwe salezizinengiso? Kawuyikusithukuthelela yini uze
usiqede, kuze kungabi lensali kumbe ukuphepha? 15
Nkosi, Nkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, ulungile; ngoba sitshiyelwe
ukuphunyuka njengalamuhla. Khangela, siphambi
kwakho ecaleni lethu, ngoba kakho ongema phambi
kwakho ngenxa yalokhu.

10 Kwathi uEzra esakhuleka esavuma, ekhala
inyembezi eziwisela phansi phambi kwendlu
kaNkulunkulu, kwabuthana kuye ibandla elikhulu kakhulu
lamadoda labesifazana labantwana, livela kuIsrayeli,
ngoba abantu bakhala inyembezi ngokukhala okukhulu. 2
UShekaniya indodana kaJehiyeli owamadodana kaElamu
wasephendula wathi kuEzra: Thina siphambukile
kuNkulunkulu wethu, sathatha abafazi bezizweni
abavela ezizweni zelizwe; kodwa khathesi kukhona
ithemba koIsrayeli mayelana lalokhu. 3 Ngakho-
ke asenze isivumelwano loNkulunkulu wethu ukuze
sikhuphe bonke abafazi lokuzelwe yibo ngokweseluleko
senkosi yami lesabathuthumela emlayweni kaNkulunkulu
wethu; kakwenziwe-ke ngokomlayo. 4 Sukuma,
ngoba udaba luphezu kwakho, lathi silawe. Qina,
wenze. 5 Wasesukuma uEzra, wafungisa induna
zabapristi, amaLevi, loIsrayeli wonke, ukuthi benze
ngokwalelilizwi. Basebefunga. 6 UEzra wasesukuma
esuka phambi kwendlu kaNkulunkulu, waya endlini
kaJehohanani indodana kaEliyashibi; wathi efika lapho
kadlanga sinkwa kanathanga manzi, ngoba elilela
ububi babathunjiweyo. 7 Basebesenza isimemezelo
sedlule koJuda leJerusalema kubo bonke abantwana
bokuthunjwa ukuthi babuthane eJerusalema, 8
lokuthi loba ngubani ongafikanga ngensuku ezintathu,
ngokweseluleko seziphathamandla labadala, impahla
yakhe yonke izadliwa, yena ehlukaniswe lebandla
labathunjiweyo. 9 Wonke amadoda akoJuda
loBhenjamini asebuthana eJerusalema ngensuku
ezintathu. Kwakuyinyanga yesificamunwemunye
ngolwamatshumi amabili lwenyanga. Bonke abantu
basebehlala egumeni lendlu kaNkulunkulu beqhaqhazela
ngenxa yaloludaba langenxa yezulu elikhulu. 10 UEzra
umpristi wasukuma wathi kibo: Lina liphambukile
lathatha abafazi bezizweni, ukwandisa isiphambeko
sikaIsrayeli. 11 Ngakho-ke yenzani uvumo eNkosini
uNkulunkulu waboyihlo, lenze intando yayo, lizehlukanise
lezizwe zelizwe, lakubafazi bezizweni. 12 Ibandla lonke
laseliphendula lathi ngelizwi elikhulu: Njengamazwi
akho, ngokunjalo kuphezu kwethu ukuthi sikwenze.
13 Kodwa abantu banengi, njalo kuyisikhathi sezulu
elinengi, njalo singeme phandle. Futhi kakusimsebenzi
wosuku olulodwa njalo hatshi owezimbili, ngoba
sibanengi esiphambukileyo kuloludaba. 14 Ake zime
iziphathamandla zethu zebandla lonke, labo bonke
abasemizini yethu abathethe abafazi bezizweni beze
ngezikhathi ezimisiweyo, njalo kanye labo abadala
bomuzi ngomuzi labahluleli bawo, size sidedise ukuvutha
kolaka lukaNkulunkulu wethu mayelana lalokludaba. 15
NgoJonathani indodana kaAsaheli loJahazeya indodana
kaTikiva kuphela abamelana lalokho; loMeshulamu
loShabethayi umLevi babancedisa. 16 Abantwana
bokuthunjwa besebesenza njalo. UEzra umpristi,
amadoda, inhloko zaboyise ngendlu yaboyise, labo
bonke ngamabizo, basebesehlukaniswa; basebehlala
ngosuku lokuqala lwenyanga yetshumi ukuhlola loludaba.
17 Basebeqeda lawo wonke amadoda ayethethe
abafazi bezizweni kwaze kwaba lusuku lokuqala
lwenyanga yokuqala. 18 Kwasekutholakala phakathi
kwamadodana abapristi ayethethe abafazi bezizweni:
Emadodaneni kaJeshuwa indodana kaJozadaki

labafowabo: OMahaseya loEliyezeri loJaribi loGedaliya.
19 Basebenika isandla sabo ukuthi bazakhupha abafazi
babo; ngoba belecala banikela inqama yomhlambi
ngecala labo. **20** Lemadodaneni kaImeri: OHanani
loZebhadiya. **21** Lemadodaneni kaHarimi: OMahaseya
loEliya loShemaya loJehiyeli loUziya. **22** Lemadodaneni
kaPashuri: OEliyowenayi, uMahaseya, uIshmayeli,
uNethaneli, uJozabadi, loElasa. **23** LakumaLevi:
OJozabadi, loShimeyi, loKelaya onguKelita, uPethahiya,
uJuda, loEliyezeri. **24** Lakubahlabeleli: UEliyashibi.
Lakubalindimasango: OShaluma loTelema loUri. **25**
LakuIsrayeli: Emadodaneni kaParoshi: ORamiya
loIziya loMalikiya loMijamini loEleyazare loMalikiya
loBhenaya. **26** Lemadodaneni kaElamu: OMathaniya,
uZekhariya, loJehiyeli, loAbidi, loJeremothi, loEliya. **27**
Lemadodaneni kaZathu: OEliyowenayi, uEliyashibi,
uMathaniya, loJeremothi, loZabadi, loAziza. **28**
Lemadodaneni kaBebayi: OJehohanani, uHananiya,
uZabayi, uAthilayi. **29** Lemadodaneni kaBani:
OMeshulamu, uMaluki, loAdaya, uJashubi, loSheyali,
loRamothi. **30** Lemadodaneni kaPahathi-Mowabi:
OAdina, loKelali, uBhenaya, uMahaseya, uMathaniya,
uBhezaleli, loBinuwi, loManase. **31** Lamadodana
kaHarimi: OEliyezeri, uIshiya, uMalikiya, uShemaya,
uShimeyoni, **32** uBhenjamini, uMaluki, uShemariya. **33**
Emadodaneni kaHashuma: OMathenayi, uMathatha,
uZabadi, uElifeleti, uJeremayi, uManase, uShimeyi.
34 Emadodaneni kaBani: OMahadayi, uAmramu,
loUweli, **35** uBhenaya, uBedeya, uKeluhi, **36** uVaniya,
uMeremothi, uEliyashibi, **37** uMathaniya, uMathenayi,
loJahasa, **38** loBani, loBinuwi, uShimeyi, **39** loShelemiya,
loNathani, loAdaya, **40** uMakinadebayi, uShashayi,
uSharayi, **41** uAzareli, uShelemiya, uShemariya, **42**
uShaluma, uAmariya, uJosefa. **43** Lemadodaneni
kaNebo: OJeyiyeli, uMathithiya, uZabadi, uZebina,
uJadayi, loJoweli, uBhenaya. **44** Bonke laba babethethe
abafazi bezizweni; njalo kwakukhona phakathi kwabo
abafazi ababezele abantwana.

UNehemiya

1 Amazwi kaNehemiya indodana kaHakaliya.
Kwasekusithi ngenyanga kaKisilevi ngomnyaka
wamatshumi amabili, lapho mina ngiseShushani isigodlo,
2 uHanani omunye wabafowethu wafika yena lamadoda
avela koJuda. Ngasengibabuza mayelana lamaJuda
ayephunyukile asala ekuthunjweni, langeJerusalema. **3**
Basebesithi kimi: Labo abasalayo abasala ekuthunjweni
lapho esabelweni baphakathi kokuhlupheka okukhulu
lehlazo, lomduli weJerusalema wadilika, lamasango
ayo atshiswa ngomlilo. **4** Kwasekusithi sengizwe
lamazwi ngahlala phansi ngakhala inyembezi, ngalila
okwezinsuku, ngizila ukudla, ngikhuleka phambi
kukaNkulunkulu wamazulu. **5** Ngathi: Ngiyancenga,
Nkosi, Nkulunkulu wamazulu, Nkulunkulu omkhulu
lowesabekayo, ogcina isivumelwano lomusa kulabo
abamthandayo labagcina imilayo yakhe, **6** indlebe yakho
ake ilalele, lamehlo akho avuleke, ukuzwa umkhuleko
wenceku yakho engiwukhuleka phambi kwakho lamuhla
emini lebusuku ngabantwana bakoIsrayeli, inceku zakho,
njalo ngivuma ngenxa yezono zabantwana bakoIsrayeli
esizone kuwe. Yebo, mina lendlu kababa sonile; **7** senze
kubi lokwenza kubi kuwe, kasigcinanga imilayo lezimiso
lezahlulelo owalaya ngakho uMozisi inceku yakho. **8** Ake
ukhumbule ilizwi owalaya ngalo uMozisi inceku yakho
usithi: Uba lina liphambuka, mina ngizalichithachitha
phakathi kwezizwe; **9** uba lina liphendukela kimi,
lilondoloza imilayo yami, liyenze, lanxa abaxotshiweyo
benu besephethelweni lamazulu, ngizababutha besuka
lapho ngibaletha endaweni engiyikhethileyo ukubeka
ibizo lami khona. **10** Laba-ke bazinceku zakho labantu
bakho owabahlenga ngamandla akho amakhulu
langesandla sakho esiqinileyo. **11** Ngiyacela, Nkosi,
indlebe yakho ake ilalele umkhuleko wenceku yakho,
lomkhuleko wezinceku zakho eziloyisa ukwesaba ibizo
lakho, ake uphumelelise inceku yakho lamuhla, uyinike
izihawu phambi kwalumuntu. Njalo ngangingumphathi
wezitsha zenkosi.

2 Kwasekusithi ngenyanga kaNisani, ngomnyaka
wamatshumi amabili kaAthakisekisi inkosi, iwayini
laliphambi kwakhe, ngaphakamisa iwayini nganika inkosi.
Njalo ngangingakaze ngidane phambi kwayo. **2** Inkosi
yasisithi kimi: Kungani ubuso bakho budanile lokhu
ungaguli? Kakusilutho ngaphandle kokudana kwenhliziyo.
Ngasengisesaba kakhulukazi, **3** ngathi enkosini: Kayiphile
inkosi kuze kube nininini! Ubuso bami bungedane ngani
nxa umuzi, indawo yamangcwaba abobaba, ulunxiwa,
lamasango awo eqedwe ngomlilo? **4** Inkosi yasisithi
kimi: Kuyini okudingayo? Ngasengikhuleka kuNkulunkulu
wamazulu. **5** Ngathi enkosini: Uba kukuhle enkosini, njalo
uba inceku yakho ithole umusa phambi kwakho, ngicela
ukuthi ungithume koJuda emzini wamangcwaba abobaba,
ukuze ngiwakhe. **6** Inkosi yasisithi kimi, lendlovukazi ihlezi
eceleni kwayo: Uhambo lwakho luzakuba ngolwesikhathi
esingakanani, ubuye nini? Ngakho kwaba kuhle
phambi kwenkosi ukuthi ingithume; ngasengiyinika
isikhathi esimisiweyo. **7** Ngasengisithi enkosini: Uba
kulungile enkosini kayinginike izincwadi eziya kubabusi
bangaphetsheya komfula ukuze bangivumele ukudlula,
ngize ngifike koJuda; **8** lencwadi eya kuAsafi, umphathi
wegusu inkosi elalo, ukuthi anginike izigodo zokwenza
imigubazi yamasango lesigodlo esiseduze lendlu,
lezomduli womuzi, lezendlu engizangena kiyo. Inkosi
yanginika njengokwesandla esihle sikaNkulunkulu wami
phezu kwami. **9** Ngasengifika kubabusi ngaphetsheya
komfula, ngabanika incwadi zenkosi. Inkosi yayithume-
ke lami induna zebutho labagadi bamabhiza. **10** Lapho
uSanibhalathi umHoroni loTobiya inceku, umAmoni,
besizwa, kwabacunula ngokucunula okukhulu ukuthi
umuntu ufikile ukudingela abantwana bakoIsrayeli
okuhle. **11** Ngafika-ke eJerusalema, ngaba lapho insuku
ezintathu. **12** Ngasengisukuma ebusuku, mina lamadoda
amalutshwana elami; kangitshelanga muntu lokho
uNkulunkulu wami ayekufake enhliziyweni yami ukuthi
ngikwenzele iJerusalema. Futhi kwakungelanyamazana
kanye lami ngaphandle kwenyamazana engangiyigadile.
13 Ngasengiphuma ebusuku ngesango lesigodi,
ngaqonda emthonjeni womgobho lesangweni lomquba,
ngihlola imiduli yeJerusalema eyayidilikile lamasango ayo
ayeqedwe ngomlilo. **14** Ngasengisedlulela esangweni
lomthombo lechibini lenkosi; kodwa kwakungelandawo
yenyamazana ukwedlula ngaphansi kwami. **15**
Ngasengisenyuka ngesifula ebusuku ngihlola umduli;
ngaphenduka, ngangena ngesango lesigodi, ngabuyela.
16 Lababusi babengazi lapho engangiye khona lokuthi
ngenzani. Kuze kube khathesi-ke ngangingatshelanga
amaJuda labapristi leziphathamandla lezinduna labanye
ababesenza umsebenzi. **17** Ngasengisithi kibo:
Liyabona inhlupheko esikiyo ukuthi iJerusalema
ilunxiwa lamasango ayo atshiswe ngomlilo. Wozani
sakhe umduli weJerusalema ukuze singabe sisaba
lihlazo. **18** Ngasengibatshela ngesandla sikaNkulunkulu
wami esasisihle phezu kwami, futhi lamazwi enkosi
eyayiwakhulume kimi. Basebesithi: Asisukumeni, sakhe.
Ngakho baqinisa izandla zabo ngokuhle. **19** Lapho
uSanibhalathi umHoroni loTobiya inceku, umAmoni,
loGeshema umArabhiya besizwa basihleka usulu,
baseyisa bathi: Iyini linto eliyenzayo? Liyayivukela inkosi
yini? **20** Ngasengibabuyisela impendulo ngathi kibo:
UNkulunkulu wamazulu yena uzasiphumelelisa; lathi
inceku zakhe sizasukuma sakhe; kodwa lina kalilasabelo
lelungelo lesikhumbuzo eJerusalema.

3 Kwasekusukuma eEliyashibi umpristi omkhulu
labafowabo abapristi, bakha isango lezimvu,
balingcwelisa, bamisa izivalo zalo; ngitsho, kuze kube
semphotshongweni weMeya bawungcwelisa, kuze

kube semphotshongweni weHananeli. 2 Leceleni
kwakhe kwakha amadoda eJeriko; leceleni kwakhe
kwakha uZakuri indodana kaImri. 3 Lesango lenhlanzi
alakha amadodana kaHasenaya; amisa imigubazi
yalo, amisa izivalo zalo, amabhawudo alo, leminxibo
yalo. 4 Leceleni kwawo kwalungisa uMeremothi
indodana kaUriya indodana kaHakozi; leceleni kwabo
kwalungisa uMeshulamu indodana kaBerekiya indodana
kaMeshezabeli; leceleni kwabo kwalungisa uZadoki
indodana kaBahana; 5 leceleni kwabo kwalungisa
amaThekhowa; kodwa izikhulu zabo kazilethanga intamo
yazo emsebenzini weNkosi yazo. 6 Lesango elidala
balilungisa oJoyada indodana kaPhaseya loMeshulamu
indodana kaBesodeya; bamisa imigubazi yalo, bamisa
izivalo zalo, lamabhawudo alo, leminxibo yalo. 7
Eceleni kwabo-ke kwalungisa uMelatiya umGibeyoni
loJadoni umMeronothi, amadoda eGibeyoni laweMizipa,
kuze kube sesihlalweni sobukhosi sombusi wanganeno
komfula. 8 Eceleni kwakhe kwalungisa uUziyeli indodana
kaHarihaya, wabakhandi begolide; leceleni kwakhe
kwalungisa uHananiya, indodana yabenzi bamakha;
batshiya iJerusalema kwaze kwaba semdulini obanzi.
9 Eceleni kwabo-ke kwalungisa uRefaya indodana
kaHuri, umbusi wengxenye yesigaba seJerusalema.
10 Eceleni kwabo-ke kwalungisa uJedaya indodana
kaHarumafi lamaqondana lendlu yakhe; leceleni kwakhe
kwalungisa uHathushi indodana kaHashabineya. 11
Isilinganiso sesibili basilungisa oMalikiya indodana
kaHarimi loHashubi indodana kaPahathi-Mowabi, kanye
lomphotshongo wezithando zomlilo. 12 Leceleni kwakhe
kwalungisa uShaluma indodana kaHaloheshi, umbusi
wengxenye yesigaba seJerusalema, yena lamadodakazi
akhe. 13 Isango lesigodi walilungisa uHanuni labahlali
beHanowa; balakha, bamisa izivalo zalo, amabhawudo
alo, leminxibo yalo, lezingalo eziyinkulungwane emdulini
kwaze kwaba sesangweni lomquba. 14 Lesango
lomquba walilungisa uMalikiya indodana kaRekabi,
umbusi wesabelo seBhethi-Hakerema; walakha, wamisa
izivalo zalo, amabhawudo alo, leminxibo yalo. 15 Lesango
lomthombo walilungisa uShaluna indodana kaKolihoze,
umbusi wesigaba seMizipa; yena walakha, walifulela,
wamisa izivalo zalo, amabhawudo alo, leminxibo yalo,
lomduli wechibi leShela ngasesivandeni senkosi, njalo
kwaze kwaba sezikhwelweni ezehla zisuka emzini
kaDavida. 16 Ngemva kwakhe kwalungisa uNehemiya
indodana kaAzibuki, umbusi wengxenye yesigaba
seBeti-Zuri, kwaze kwaba maqondana lamangcwaba
kaDavida, njalo kwaze kwaba sechibini elalenziwe,
njalo kwaze kwaba sendlini yamaqhawe. 17 Ngemva
kwakhe kwalungisa amaLevi, uRehuma indodana
kaBani; leceleni kwakhe kwalungisa uHashabhiya,
umbusi wengxenye yesigaba seKeyila, esigabeni
sakhe. 18 Ngemva kwakhe kwalungisa abafowabo,
uBavayi indodana kaHenadadi, umbusi wengxenye
yesigaba seKeyila. 19 Njalo kwalungisa eceleni kwakhe
uEzeri indodana kaJeshuwa, umbusi weMizipa, esinye
isilinganiso maqondana lomqanso wendlu yezikhali,
engonsini. 20 Ngemva kwakhe kwalungisa ngesivuvu
uBharukhi indodana kaZabayi esinye isilinganiso
kusukela engonsini kusiya emnyango wendlu kaEliyashibi
umpristi omkhulu. 21 Ngemva kwakhe uMeremothi
indodana kaUriya indodana kaHakozi walungisa esinye
isilinganiso kusukela emnyango wendlu kaEliyashibi
kuze kube sekucineni kwendlu kaEliyashibi. 22
Langemva kwakhe kwalungisa abapristi, amadoda
endawo ezigombolozeleyo. 23 Ngemva kwakhe
kwalungisa oBhenjamini loHashubi maqondana lendlu
yabo; ngemva kwakhe kwalungisa uAzariya indodana
kaMahaseya indodana kaAnaniya duze lendlu yakhe.
24 Ngemva kwakhe uBinuwi indodana kaHenadadi
walungisa esinye isilinganiso kusukela endlini kaAzariya
kusiya engonsini njalo kuze kube sejikweni. 25 UPalali
indodana kaUzayi, maqondana lengonsi lomphotshongo
othutsha endlini yenkosi ephezulu esegumeni labalindi.
Ngemva kwakhe uPhedaya indodana kaParoshi. 26
AmaNethini ayehlezi eOfeli kwaze kwaba maqondana
lesango lamanzi ngasempumalanga lomphotshongo
othutshayo. 27 Ngemva kwakhe abeThekhowa
balungisa esinye isilinganiso maqondana lomphotshongo
omkhulu othutshayo, njalo kwaze kwaba semdulini
weOfeli. 28 Kusukela phezu kwesango lamabhiza
kwalungisa abapristi, ngulowo maqondana lendlu yakhe.
29 Ngemva kwakhe kwalungisa uZadoki indodana
kaImeri maqondana lendlu yakhe. Njalo ngemva
kwakhe kwalungisa uShemaya indodana kaShekaniya,
umgcini wesango lempumalanga. 30 Ngemva kwakhe
kwalungisa oHananiya indodana kaShelemiya loHanuni
indodana yesithupha kaZalafi esinye isilinganiso.
Ngemva kwakhe kwalungisa uMeshulamu indodana
kaBerekiya maqondana lekamelo lakhe. 31 Ngemva
kwakhe kwalungisa uMalikiya indodana yomkhandi
wegolide kwaze kwaba sendlini yamaNethini leyabathengi
maqondana lesango leMifikhadi, njalo kusiya endlini
yengonsi engaphezulu. 32 Njalo phakathi laphakathi
kwendlu yengonsi engaphezulu kuze kube sesangweni
lezimvu kwalungisa abakhandi begolide labathengi.

4 Kwasekusithi uSanibhalathi esezwile ukuthi
siyawakha umduli, wathukuthela wacunuka kakhulu,
wawahleka usulu amaJuda. 2 Wasekhuluma phambi
kwabafowabo lebutho leSamariya wathi: La amaJuda
abuthakathaka enzani? Azaziqinisa yini? Azahlaba
yini? Azaqeda ngosuku yini? Azavuselela amatshe
yini ezinqwabeni zengcekeza, ezitshileyo? 3 LoTobiya
umAmoni wayelaye, wathi: Lalokho akwakhayo, uba
ikhanka likhwela phezulu, lingawudiliza umduli wawo
wamatshe. 4 Zwana, Nkulunkulu wethu, ngoba
siyeyiswa; ubuyisele ukukloloda kwabo ekhanda labo,
ubanikele babe yimpango elizweni lokuthunjwa; 5

ungaligubuzeli icala labo, lesono sabo singacitshwa
phambi kwakho, ngoba bathukuthelisile maqondana
labakhi. 6 Sawakha-ke umduli, waze wahlangana
wonke umduli kuze kube yingxenye yawo, ngoba
abantu babelenhliziyo yokusebenza. 7 Kodwa kwathi
oSanibhalathi loTobiya lamaArabhiya lamaAmoni
labeAshidodi sebezwile ukuthi ukulungiswa kwemiduli
yeJerusalema kuyenyuka, ukuthi izikhala seziqala
ukuvaleka, bathukuthela kakhulu. 8 Basebesenza ugobe
bonke ndawonye ukuthi beze balwe leJerusalema,
lokuthi badunge phakathi kwayo. 9 Kodwa sakhuleka
kuNkulunkulu wethu, sabeka abalindi ukumelana labo
emini lebusuku, ngenxa yabo. 10 Kodwa uJuda wathi:
Amandla abathwali bomthwalo adedile, lezibi zinengi,
ngakho thina kasilakho ukwakha umduli. 11 Lezitha
zethu zathi: Kabayikwazi, kabayikubona, size singene
phakathi kwabo sibabulale, siwumise umsebenzi. 12
Kwasekusithi amaJuda ayehlala duze lazo esefika
athi kithi katshumi: Livela endaweni zonke kumele
libuyele kithi. 13 Ngasengimisa endaweni eziphansi
kakhulu ngemva komduli endaweni ezisobala, ngamisa
abantu ngensapho belezinkemba zabo, imikhonto yabo,
lamadandili abo. 14 Ngasengikhangela ngasukuma
ngathi kuzikhulu lakubabusi lakwabanye abantu:
Lingabesabi. Khumbulani iNkosi enkulu leyesabekayo,
lilwele abafowenu, amadodana enu, lamadodakazi enu,
omkenu, lezindlu zenu. 15 Kwasekusithi izitha zethu
sezizwile ukuthi sekusaziwa yithi lokuthi uNkulunkulu
ufubisile icebo labo, sabuyela sonke emdulini, wonke
emsebenzini wakhe. 16 Kwasekusithi kusukela
mhlalokho ingxenye yezisebenzi zami yayisebenza
emsebenzini, lengxenye yazo yabamba imikhonto,
izihlangu, lamadandili, lamabhatshi ensimbi. Lababusi
babengemuva kwendlu yonke yakoJuda. 17 Ababesakha
emdulini, lababethwala imithwalo, ababelayitshela,
ngesinye sezandla zakhe wayesebenza emsebenzini,
lesinye sibambelele isikhali. 18 Labakhi, ngulowo
wayebhince inkemba yakhe ekhalweni lwakhe,
besakha. Lovuthela uphondo wayeseceleni kwami.
19 Ngasengisithi kuzikhulu lakubabusi lakwabanye
abantu: Umsebenzi mkhulu futhi ubanzi; lathi sehlukene
phezu komduli, omunye ukhatshana lomunye. 20
Endaweni elizakuzwa khona ukukhala kophondo,
lizabuthana lapho kithi; uNkulunkulu wethu uzasilwela.
21 Ngokunjalo sasebenza emsebenzini; ingxenye
yabo yayibambe imikhonto kusukela emadabukakusa
kuze kuphume izinkanyezi. 22 Langalesosikhathi
ngathi ebantwini: Ngulowo lenceku yakhe kabalale
phakathi kweJerusalema ukuze babe ngabalindi bethu
ebusuku, lemini emsebenzini. 23 Ngakho kakho,
mina, labafowethu, lenceku zami, lamadoda omlindo
abangemva kwami, kakho kithi owakhulula izigqoko
zethu, ngulowo wazikhululela ukuzihlanza.

5 Kwasekusiba khona ukukhala okukhulu kwabantu
labomkabo bemelene labafowabo amaJuda. 2
Ngoba kwaba khona abathi: Thina, amadodana
ethu lamadodakazi ethu sibanengi; ngakho sithethe
amabele ukuze sidle siphile. 3 Njalo kwaba khona
abathi: Sibambisa amasimu ethu lezivini zethu lezindlu
zethu ukuze sithenge amabele endlaleni. 4 Njalo
kwaba khona abathi: Seboleke imali yomthelo wenkosi
ngamasimu ethu lezivini zethu. 5 Khathesi-ke, inyama
yethu injengenyama yabafowethu, abantwana bethu
banjengabantwana babo; khangela-ke sehlisele phansi
amadodana ethu lamadodakazi ethu abe yizigqili;
kukhona-ke emadodakazini ethu asehliselwe phansi,
njalo isandla sethu kasilamandla, ngoba abanye
balamasimu ethu lezivini zethu. 6 Ngathukuthela kakhulu
nxa ngisizwa ukukhala kwabo lalamazwi. 7 Inhliziyo
yami isicabangile phakathi kwami, ngasengilwisana
lezikhulu lababusi, ngathi kubo: Libhadalisa inzuzo,
ngulowo kumfowabo. Ngabamisela umhlangano
omkhulu. 8 Ngasengisithi kibo: Thina ngamandla
akithi sihlenge abafowethu amaJuda ababethengiswe
ezizweni; lani selizathengisa abafowethu, kumbe
bazathengiswa kithi yini? Basebethula, kabatholanga
mpendulo. 9 Ngasengisithi: Into eliyenzayo kayilunganga.
Belingehambe yini ngokwesaba uNkulunkulu wethu
ngenxa yehlazo lezizwe, izitha zethu? 10 Ngitsho lami,
abafowethu, lenceku zami, besikweledisa imali lamabele.
Asiyekeleni inzuzo lezi. 11 Ake libabuyisele lalamuhla
amasimu abo, izivini zabo, izihlahla zabo zemihlwathi,
lezindlu zabo, lokwekhulu kwemali lokwamabele
lokwewayini elitsha lokwamafutha elibabhadalisa khona.
12 Basebesithi: Sizabuyisela, singabizi lutho kubo.
Sizakwenza njalo njengokutsho kwakho. Ngasengibiza
abapristi, ngabafungisa ukuthi benze njengalelilizwi.
13 Ngasengithintitha ithangazi lami ngathi: Ngokunjalo
uNkulunkulu kathintithe wonke umuntu asuke endlini
yakhe lemsebenzini wakhe ongasoze amise lelilizwi;
langokunjalo kathintithwe angabi lalutho. Lebandla lonke
lathi: Ameni. Bayidumisa iNkosi. Abantu basebesenza
njengalelilizwi. 14 Futhi kusukela ngosuku angilaya ngalo
ukuthi ngibe ngumbusi wabo elizweni lakoJuda, kusukela
emnyakeni wamatshumi amabili kuze kube semnyakeni
wamatshumi amathathu lambili kaAthakisekisi inkosi,
iminyaka elitshumi lambili, mina labafowethu kasidlanga
isinkwa sombusi. 15 Kodwa ababusi bamandulo
ababengaphambi kwami babathwalisa nzima abantu,
bethatha kibo isinkwa lewayini, emva kwalokhu
amashekeli esiliva angamatshumi amane; lenceku
zabo zabusa nzima phezu kwabantu; kodwa mina
kangenzanga njalo ngenxa yokwesaba uNkulunkulu. 16
Phezu kwalokho-ke ngaqina emsebenzini walumduli,
njalo kasithenganga insimu; lenceku zami zonke
zabuthana lapho emsebenzini. 17 Lamadoda
alikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu kumaJuda lakubabusi,

lalabo abeza kithi bevela ezizweni ezisihanqileyo,
babesetafuleni lami. 18 Lalokhu okwakulungiselwe usuku
olulodwa kwakuyinkabi eyodwa, izimvu ezikhethiweyo
eziyisithupha, lezinyoni zazilungiselwe mina, njalo
phakathi kwensuku ezilitshumi okwalo lonke iwayini
ngobunengi. Langalokhu kangizanga ngidinge isinkwa
sombusi, ngoba ubugqili babunzima phezu kwalababantu.
19 Ngikhumbule, Nkulunkulu wami, ngokuhle, konke
engikwenzele lababantu.

6 Kwasekusithi oSanibhalathi loTobiya loGeshema
umArabhiya lezinye izitha zethu sezizwile ukuthi
ngiwakhile umduli lokuthi kakusalanga sikhala kuwo,
lanxa kuze kube yilesosikhathi ngangingamisanga
izivalo emasangweni, 2 oSanibhalathi loGeshema
bathuma kimi besithi: Woza sihlangane ndawonye
emizini emagcekeni eOno. Kodwa babecabange
ukwenza okubi kimi. 3 Ngasengithuma izithunywa
kubo ngisithi: Ngenza umsebenzi omkhulu, ngakho
kangilakho ukwehla. Kungani umsebenzi uzakuma,
ngiwutshiye, ngehlele kini? 4 Basebethuma kimi
kane ngaleyondlela, ngabaphendula ngaleyondlela. 5
Ngakho uSanibhalathi wathuma kimi inceku yakhe
ngaleyondlela ngokwesihlanu ilencwadi evulekileyo
esandleni sayo. 6 Kwakubhalwe kuyo ukuthi: Kuzwakele
ezizweni, loGashimu uthi: Wena lamaJuda linakana
ukuhlamuka; ngenxa yalokho wakha umduli, ukuze
wena ube yinkosi yabo, njengalamazwi. 7 Futhi umisile
labaprofethi ukuze bamemezele ngawe eJerusalema,
besithi: Kukhona inkosi koJuda. Khathesi-ke kuzazwakala
enkosini njengalamazwi. Ngakho-ke woza, sicebisane.
8 Ngasengithuma kuye ngisithi: Kazikho izinto
ezinjengalezo ozitshoyo, kodwa uyazibumba zivela
enhliziyweni yakho. 9 Ngoba bonke basethusa
besithi: Izandla zabo zizadangala emsebenzini, ukuthi
ungenziwa. Ngakho-ke qinisa izandla zami. 10 Mina
sengingenile endlini kaShemaya indodana kaDelaya
indodana kaMehethabheli owayezivalele, wasesithi:
Asihlangane endlini kaNkulunkulu phakathi kwethempeli,
sivale iminyango yethempeli, ngoba bayeza ukukubulala,
yebo, bayeza ebusuku ukukubulala. 11 Kodwa ngathi:
Kambe umuntu onjengami angabaleka? Pho, nguwuphi
umuntu onjengami ongangena ethempelini aphile?
Kangiyikungena. 12 Ngasenginanzelela, khangela-ke,
uNkulunkulu wayengamthumanga, kodwa wakhuluma
isiprofetho esimelene lami ngoba oTobiya loSanibhalathi
babemqhatshile. 13 Ngakho wayeqhatshiwe ukuze
ngesabe, ngenze njalo, ngone, ukuze babe lebizo elibi
ngami, ukuze bangigcone. 14 Khumbula, Nkulunkulu
wami, uTobiya loSanibhalathi njengokwale imisebenzi
yakhe, njalo loNowadiya umprofethikazi labanye
abaprofethi ababengethusa. 15 Waphela-ke umduli
ngolwamatshumi amabili lanhlanu kaEluli ngensuku
ezingamatshumi amahlanu lambili. 16 Kwasekusithi zonke
izitha zethu zisizwa, lazo zonke izizwe ezisizingelezeleyo
zibona, zawa kakhulu emehlweni azo; ngoba zananzelela
ukuthi lumsebenzi wenziwe nguNkulunkulu wethu.
17 Njalo ngalezonsuku izikhulu zakoJuda zandisa
incwadi zazo eziya kuTobiya, lezikaTobiya zeza
kuzo. 18 Ngoba abanengi koJuda babefungile kuye
ngoba wayengumkhwenyana kaShekaniya indodana
kaAra, loJehohanani indodana yakhe wayethethe
indodakazi kaMeshulamu indodana kaBerekiya. 19
Njalo babekhuluma izenzo zakhe ezinhle phambi kwami,
lamazwi ami bewakhuphela kuye. UTobiya wathumela
incwadi zokungethusa.

7 Kwasekusithi umduli usuwakhiwe, sengimisile
izivalo, abalindi bamasango labahlabeleli lamaLevi
sebebekiwe, 2 ngalaya uHanani umfowethu loHananiya
umbusi wenqaba mayelana leJerusalema, ngoba
wayenjengomuntu othembekileyo lowesaba uNkulunkulu
okwedlula abanengi. 3 Ngasengisithi kibo: Amasango
eJerusalema kangavulwa lize litshise ilanga; besemi
kabavale izivalo banxibe. Njalo umise abalindi kubahlali
beJerusalema, ngulowo lalowo emlindweni wakhe,
njalo ngulowo maqondana lendlu yakhe. 4 Njalo umuzi
wawubanzi inhlangothi zombili, umkhulu, kodwa abantu
babebalutshwana phakathi kwawo, izindlu zingakakhiwa.
5 UNkulunkulu wami wasenika enhliziyweni yami
ukuthi ngibuthanise izikhulu lababusi labantu ukuthi
babhalwe ngezizukulwana. Ngasengithola ugwalo
lwezizukulwana zalabo abenyuka kuqala, ngathola
kubhalwe kulo: 6 Laba ngabantwana besabelo
abenyuka bevela ekuthunjweni kwabathunjiweyo
uNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni abathumbayo;
basebebuyela eJerusalema lakoJuda, ngulowo lalowo
emzini wakibo, 7 abafika loZerubhabheli, uJeshuwa,
uNehemiya, uAzariya, uRahamiya, uNahamani,
uModekhayi, uBilishani, uMisiperethi, uBigivayi,
uNehuma, uBahana. Inani lamadoda esizwe sakoIsrayeli:
8 Abantwana bakoParoshi: Izinkulungwane ezimbili
lekhulu lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lambili. 9 Abantwana
bakoShefathiya: Amakhulu amathathu lamatshumi
ayisikhombisa lambili. 10 Abantwana bakoAra: Amakhulu
ayisithupha lamatshumi amahlanu lambili. 11 Abantwana
bakoPahathi-Mowabi, babantwana bakoJeshuwa
loJowabi: Izinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu
ayisificaminwembili letshumi lesificaminwembili. 12
Abantwana bakoElamu: Inkulungwane lamakhulu
amabili lamatshumi amahlanu lane. 13 Abantwana
bakoZathu: Amakhulu ayisificaminwembili lamatshumi
amane lanhlanu. 14 Abantwana bakoZakayi: Amakhulu
ayisikhombisa lamatshumi ayisithupha. 15 Abantwana
bakoBinuwi: Amakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amane
lesificaminwembili. 16 Abantwana bakoBebayi: Amakhulu
ayisithupha lamatshumi amabili lesificaminwembili.
17 Abantwana bakoAzigadi: Izinkulungwane ezimbili
lamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amabili lambili. 18

Abantwana bakoAdonikamu: Amakhulu ayisithupha
lamatshumi ayisithupha lesikhombisa. **19** Abantwana
bakoBigivayi: Izinkulungwane ezimbili lamatshumi
ayisithupha lesikhombisa. **20** Abantwana bakoAdini:
Amakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amahlanu lanhlanu.
21 Abantwana bakoAteri, bakoHezekhiya: Amatshumi
ayisificamunwemunye lesificaminwembili. **22** Abantwana
bakoHashuma: Amakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amabili
lesificaminwembili. **23** Abantwana bakoBezayi: Amakhulu
amathathu lamatshumi amabili lane. **24** Abantwana
bakoHarifi: Ikhulu letshumi lambili. **25** Abantwana
bakoGibeyoni: Amatshumi ayisificamunwemunye
lanhlanu. **26** Amadoda eBhethelehema leNetofa: Ikhulu
lamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lesificaminwembili.
27 Amadoda eAnathothi: Ikhulu lamatshumi amabili
lesificaminwembili. **28** Amadoda eBeti-Azimavethi:
Amatshumi amane lambili. **29** Amadoda eKiriyathi-
Jeyarimi, iKefira, leBherothi: Amakhulu ayisikhombisa
lamatshumi amane lantathu. **30** Amadoda eRama
leGeba: Amakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi amabili lanye.
31 Amadoda eMikimasi: Ikhulu lamatshumi amabili lambili.
32 Amadoda eBhetheli leAyi: Ikhulu lamatshumi amabili
lantathu. **33** Amadoda enye iNebo: Amatshumi amahlanu
lambili. **34** Abantwana benye iElamu: Inkulungwane
lamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amahlanu lane. **35**
Abantwana beHarimi: Amakhulu amathathu lamatshumi
amabili. **36** Abantwana beJeriko: Amakhulu amathathu
lamatshumi amane lanhlanu. **37** Abantwana beLodi,
iHadidi, leOno: Amakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi
amabili lanye. **38** Abantwana beSenaha: Izinkulungwane
ezintathu lamakhulu ayisificamunwemunye lamatshumi
amathathu. **39** Abapristi. Abantwana bakoJedaya,
bendlu kaJeshuwa: Amakhulu ayisificamunwemunye
lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lantathu. **40** Abantwana
bakoImeri: Inkulungwane lamatshumi amahlanu
lambili. **41** Abantwana bakoPashuri: Inkulungwane
lamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amane lesikhombisa.
42 Abantwana bakoHarimi: Inkulungwane letshumi
lesikhombisa. **43** AmaLevi. Abantwana bakoJeshuwa,
bakoKadimiyeli, babantwana bakoHodeva: Amatshumi
ayisikhombisa lane. **44** Abahlabeleli. Abantwana
bakoAsafi: Ikhulu lamatshumi amane lesificaminwembili.
45 Abalindimasango. Abantwana bakoShaluma,
abantwana bakoAteri, abantwana bakoTalimoni,
abantwana bakoAkubi, abantwana bakoHatita,
abantwana bakoShobayi: Ikhulu lamatshumi amathathu
lesificaminwembili. **46** AmaNethini. Abantwana bakoZiha,
abantwana bakoHasufa, abantwana bakoTabhawothi, **47**
abantwana bakoKerosi, abantwana bakoSiya, abantwana
bakoPadoni, **48** abantwana bakoLebana, abantwana
bakoHagaba, abantwana bakoShalimayi, **49** abantwana
bakoHanani, abantwana bakoGideli, abantwana
bakoGahari, **50** abantwana bakoReyaya, abantwana
bakoRezini, abantwana bakoNekoda, **51** abantwana
bakoGazama, abantwana bakoUza, abantwana
bakoPhaseya, **52** abantwana bakoBhesayi, abantwana
bakoMewunimi, abantwana bakoNefushesimi, **53**
abantwana abakoBakibuki, abantwana bakoHakufa,
abantwana bakoHarihuri, **54** abantwana bakoBazilithi,
abantwana bakoMehida, abantwana bakoHarisha,
55 abantwana bakoBarkosi, abantwana bakoSisera,
abantwana bakoThama, **56** abantwana bakoNeziya,
abantwana bakoHatifa. **57** Abantwana benceku
zikaSolomoni. Abantwana bakoSotayi, abantwana
bakoSoferethi, abantwana bakoPerida, **58** abantwana
bakoJahala, abantwana bakoDarkoni, abantwana
bakoGideli, **59** abantwana bakoShefathiya, abantwana
bakoHathili, abantwana bakoPokerethi kaHazebayimi,
abantwana bakoAmoni. **60** Wonke amaNethini
labantwana benceku zikaSolomoni: Amakhulu amathathu
lamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lambili. **61** Laba
ngabenyuka bevela eTeli-Mela, iTeli-Harisha, iKerubi,
iAdoni, leImeri, kodwa babengelakutshengisa indlu
yaboyise lenzalo yabo, uba bavela koIsrayeli
yini. **62** Abantwana bakoDelaya, abantwana
bakoTobiya, abantwana bakoNekoda: Amakhulu
ayisithupha lamatshumi amane lambili. **63** Lakubapristi:
Abantwana bakoHabaya, abantwana bakoHakozi,
abantwana bakoBarizilayi, owayethethe emadodakazini
kaBarizilayi umGileyadi ukuba ngumkakhe, wasebizwa
ngebizo lawo. **64** Laba badinga ukubhalwa kwabo
oluhlwini lwababhaliweyo ngezizukulwana, kodwa
kakutholakalanga; basebekhutshwa ebupristini
njengabangcolileyo. **65** Umbusi wasesithi kubo bangadli
okwezingcwelengcwele, kuze kusukume umpristi
oleUrimi leThumimi. **66** Ibandla lonke lindawonye
lalizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amane lambili
lamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi ayisithupha, **67**
ngaphandle kwenceku zabo lencekukazi zabo;
lezi zazizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa lamakhulu
amathathu lamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa; njalo
babelabahlabeleli labahlabelelikazi abangamakhulu
amabili lamatshumi amane lanhlanu. **68** Amabhiza
abo, amakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amathathu
lesithupha; imbongolo zabo, amakhulu amabili
lamatshumi amane lanhlanu; **69** amakamela,
amakhulu amane lamatshumi amathathu lanhlanu;
obabhemi, inkulungwane eziyisithupha lamakhulu
ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amabili. **70** Ezinye-
ke zenhloko zaboyise zanikela emsebenzini.
Umbusi wanikela kokuligugu inhlamvu zegolide
eziyinkulungwane, imiganu yokufafaza engamatshumi
amahlanu, izigqoko zabapristi ezingamakhulu amahlanu
lamatshumi amathathu. **71** Lezinye zezinhloko zaboyise
zanikela kokuligugu komsebenzi inhlamvu zegolide
ezizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lamamane
esiliva azinkulungwane ezilikhulu letshumi. **72** Lalokho
abaseleyo babantu abakunikelayo kwakuzinhlamvu

zegolide ezizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lamamane esiliva azinkulungwane ezilikhulu lezigqoko zabapristi ezingamatshumi ayisithupha lesikhombisa. 73 Abapristi lamaLevi labalindimasango labahlabeleli labanye babantu lamaNethini loIsrayeli wonke basebehlala emizini yabo. Kwathi inyanga yesikhombisa isifikile, abantwana bakoIsrayeli babesemizini yabo.

8 Bonke abantu basebebuthana njengamuntu munye egcekeni eliphambi kwesango lamanzi; bakhuluma kuEzra umbhali ukuletha ugwalo lomlayo kaMozisi, iNkosi eyayiwulaye uIsrayeli. 2 UEzra umpristi wasewuletha umlayo phambi kwebandla, kusukela kowesilisa kusiya kowesifazana, laye wonke owaqedisisa ukuzwa, ngosuku lokuqala lwenyanga yesikhombisa. 3 Wasebala kuwo phambi kwegceke eliphambi kwesango lamanzi kusukela emadabukakusa kwaze kwaba semini enkulu, phambi kwabesilisa labesifazana labaqedisisayo; lendlebe zabo bonke abantu zazingasegwalweni lomlayo. 4 UEzra umbhali wasesima phezu kwendawo ephakemeyo yamapulanka ababeyenzele loludaba. Leceleni kwakhe kwakumi oMathithiya loShema loAnaya loUriya loHilikhiya loMahaseya ngakwesokunene sakhe; langakwesokhohlo sakhe oPhedaya, loMishayeli, loMalikiya, loHashuma, loHashibadana, uZekhariya, uMeshulamu. 5 UEzra wasevula ugwalo phambi kwamehlo abo bonke abantu; ngoba wayengaphezu kwabantu bonke; lapho eluvula, bonke abantu basukuma. 6 UEzra waseyibusisa iNkosi, uNkulunkulu omkhulu. Bonke abantu basebephendula bathi: Ameni, ameni, ngokuphakamisa izandla zabo; basebekhothama, bayikhonza iNkosi ngobuso emhlabathini. 7 OJeshuwa, loBani, loSherebiya, uJamini, uAkubi, uShabethayi, uHodiya, uMahaseya, uKelita, uAzariya, uJozabadi, uHanani, uPelaya, lamaLevi basebesenza abantu baqedisise umlayo, abantu besendaweni yabo. 8 Basebebala egwalweni, emlayweni kaNkulunkulu, ngokucacileyo, bechasisa, bebenza bazwisise ekubaleni. 9 UNehemiya owayengumbusi, lompristi uEzra umbhali, lamaLevi ayefundisa abantu, basebesithi ebantwini bonke: Lolusuku lungcwele eNkosini uNkulunkulu wenu; lingalili njalo lingakhali inyembezi. Ngoba bonke abantu bakhala inyembezi lapho besizwa amazwi omlayo. 10 Wasesithi kibo: Hambani, lidle okunonileyo, linathe okumnandi, lithumele izabelo kongalungiselwanga lutho; ngoba lolusuku lungcwele eNkosini yethu, njalo lingadabuki, ngoba intokozo yeNkosi ingamandla enu. 11 AmaLevi asebathulisa bonke abantu esithi: Thulani, ngoba lolusuku lungcwele, lingadabuki. 12 Bonke abantu basebehamba ukuyakudla, lokunatha, lokuthumela izabelo, lokwenza intokozo enkulu, ngoba babewaqedisisile amazwi ababebazise wona. 13 Langosuku lwesibili kwabuthana inhloko zaboyise zabo bonke abantu, abapristi, lamaLevi, kuEzra umbhali, ukuze baqedisise amazwi omlayo. 14 Basebethola kubhaliwe emlayweni iNkosi eyayiwulayile ngesandla sikaMozisi ukuthi abantwana bakoIsrayeli bahlale emadumbeni ngomkhosi ngenyanga yesikhombisa, 15 lokuthi bazwakalise bedlulise isimemezelo kuyo yonke imizi yabo laseJerusalema besithi: Phumelani entabeni lilethe ingatsha zezihlahla zemihlwathi, lengatsha zezihlahla zamafutha, lengatsha zezihlahla zamamiteli, lengatsha zamalala, lengatsha zezihlahla ezilamahlamvu aminyeneyo, ukwenza amadumba, njengokubhaliweyo. 16 Basebephuma abantu, baziletha, bazenzela amadumba, ngulowo lalowo ephahleni lwakhe, lemagumeni abo, lemagumeni endlu kaNkulunkulu, legcekeni lesango lamanzi, legcekeni lesango lakoEfrayimi. 17 Ibandla lonke lalabo ababebuyile ekuthunjweni basebesenza amadumba, bahlala emadumbeni. Ngoba kusukela ensukwini zikaJoshuwa indodana kaNuni kwaze kwaba yilolosuku abantwana bakoIsrayeli babengenzanga njalo. Kwasekusiba lentokozo enkulu kakhulu. 18 Njalo usuku ngosuku kusukela osukwini lokuqala kwaze kwaba lusuku lokucina wabala egwalweni lomlayo kaNkulunkulu. Bawenza-ke umkhosi insuku eziyisikhombisa; kwathi ngosuku lwesificaminwembili kwaba lenhlangano enzulu, njengesimiso.

9 Ngosuku lwamatshumi amabili lane lwaleyonyanga abantwana bakoIsrayeli basebebuthana ngokuzila ukudla, langamasaka, lenhlabathi phezu kwabo. 2 Inzalo yakoIsrayeli yasizehlukanisa labo bonke abezizweni; basebesima bavuma izono zabo lobubi baboyise. 3 Basebesukuma endaweni yabo yokuma, bafunda egwalweni lomlayo weNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo ingxenye yesine yosuku; njalo ngengxenye yesine bavuma futhi bakhonza iNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo. 4 Lezikhwelweni zamaLevi kwakumi oJeshuwa, loBani, uKadimiyeli, uShebaniya, uBuni, uSherebiya, uBani, uKenani; bamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu eNkosini uNkulunkulu wabo. 5 AmaLevi, oJeshuwa, loKadimiyeli, uBani, uHashabineya, uSherebiya, uHodiya, uShebaniya, uPethahiya basebesithi: Sukumani libusise iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu kusukela ephakadeni kuze kube nininini; kalibusiswe ibizo lakho elilodumo eliphakanyiswe phezu kwaso sonke isibusiso lendumiso. 6 Nguwe oyiNkosi wena wedwa, wena wenza amazulu, izulu lamazulu lalo lonke ibutho lawo, umhlaba lakho konke okukuwo, izinlwandle lakho konke okukuzo, wena uyagcina konke kuphila; lebutho lamazulu liyakukhonza. 7 Wena uyiNkosi uNkulunkulu, owakhetha uAbrama wamkhupha eUri yamaKhaladiya, wenza ibizo lakhe laba nguAbrahama; 8 wafica inhliziyo yakhe ithembekile phambi kwakho, wenza laye isivumelwano sokunika ilizwe lamaKhanani, amaHethi, amaAmori, lamaPerizi, lamaJebusi, lamaGirigashi, ukulinika inzalo yakhe; uwamisile amazwi akho, ngoba ulungile. 9 Wabona ukuhlupheka kwabobaba eGibhithe, wezwa ukukhala kwabo ngasoLwandle oluBomvu, 10 wenza izibonakaliso

lezimangaliso kuFaro lakuzo zonke inceku zakhe
lakubo bonke abantu belizwe lakhe, ngoba wazi ukuthi
baziphatha ngokuzigqaja kubo; njalo wazenzela ibizo
njengalamuhla. **11** Wehlukanisa ulwandle phambi
kwabo ukuze bachaphe phakathi kolwandle emhlabathini
owomileyo; wasuphosela ababaxotshayo ezinzikini
njengelitshe emanzini alamandla. **12** Wasubakhokhela
ngensika yeyezi emini langensika yomlilo ebusuku
ukubakhanyisela indlela abazahamba ngayo. **13** Wehlela
phezu kwentaba yeSinayi, wakhuluma labo usemazulwini,
wabanika izahlulelo eziqondileyo, lemilayo eqotho,
izimiso lemilayezelo elungileyo, **14** wabazisa isabatha
lakho elingcwele, wabalaya imilayo, lezimiso, lomthetho,
ngesandla sikaMozisi inceku yakho. **15** Wabanika isinkwa
esivela emazulwini ekulambeni kwabo, lamanzi edwaleni
wabakhuphela wona ekomeni kwabo; wabatshela ukuthi
bazangena badle ilifa lelizwe owaphakamisa isandla
sakho ukubanika lona. **16** Kodwa bona labobaba
baziphatha ngokuzigqaja, benza lukhuni intamo yabo,
kabayilalelanga imilayo yakho. **17** Yebo, bala ukulalela,
kabakhumbulanga izimangaliso zakho owazenza kubo;
kodwa bazenza lukhuni intamo yabo, lekuvukeleni
kwabo bamisa induna ukuze babuyele ebugqilini babo.
Kodwa wena unguNkulunkulu wezintethelelo, olomusa,
lesihawu, ophuza ukuthukuthela, lowande ngothando,
kawubatshiyanga. **18** Lalapho sebezenzele ithole
elibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa bathi: Lo nguNkulunkulu
wakho, owakwenyusa eGibhithe, benza ukuhlambaza
okukhulu, **19** kodwa wena ngezihawu zakho
ezinengi kawubatshiyanga enkangala; insika yeyezi
kayisukanga kubo emini, ukubakhokhela endleleni,
lensika yomlilo ebusuku, ukubakhanyisela lendlela
abazahamba ngayo. **20** Wabanika umoya wakho omuhle
ukubafundisa, lemana yakho kawuyigodlanga emlonyeni
wabo, wabanika amanzi ekomeni kwabo. **21** Yebo,
iminyaka engamatshumi amane wabondla enkangala,
kabaswelanga lutho; izigqoko zabo kaziguganga, lenyawo
zabo kazivuvukanga. **22** Wasebanika imibuso lezizwe,
wababela kwaze kwaba semagumbini; njalo badla ilifa
lelizwe likaSihoni lelizwe lenkosi yeHeshiboni lelizwe
likaOgi inkosi yeBashani. **23** Wandisa abantwana
babo njengenkanyezi zamazulu, wabangenisa elizweni
owawutshele oyise ukuthi bazangena badle ilifa lalo. **24**
Sebengenile abantwana babo badla ilifa lelizwe; wehlisela
phansi phambi kwabo abahlali belizwe, amaKhanani,
wabanikela esandleni sabo, lamakhosi abo, labantu
belizwe, ukuze benze ngabo ngokwentando yabo. **25**
Basebethumba imizi ebiyelweyo, lelizwe elivundileyo,
badla ilifa lezindlu ezigcwele konke okuhle, imithombo
egejiweyo, izivini, lezivande zemihlwathi, lezihlahla
zezithelo ngobunengi. Badla-ke basutha, bazimuka,
bazithokozisa ngokuhle kwakho okukhulu. **26** Kube kanti
kabalalelanga, bakuvukela wena, bawuphosela umlayo
wakho emva komhlana wabo, babulala abaprofethi
bakho abafakaza bemelene labo ukubaphendulela
kuwe, benza ukuhlambaza okukhulu. **27** Ngakho
wabanikela esandleni sezitha zabo ezabahluphayo;
kwathi ngesikhathi sokuhlupheka kwabo bakhala kuwe,
wena-ke wezwa usemazulwini; langokwezisa zakho
ezinengi wabanika abasindisi ababasindisa esandleni
sezitha zabo. **28** Kodwa sebephumulile benza okubi futhi
phambi kwakho; ngakho wabatshiya esandleni sezitha
zabo zaze zababusa; sebebuyile bakhala kuwe, wena
wezwa usemazulwini; wabakhulula ngokwezisa zakho
izikhathi ezinengi. **29** Wafakaza umelene labo ukuze
ubenze babuyele emlayweni wakho; kube kanti bona
baziphatha ngokuzigqaja, kabayilalelanga imilayo yakho,
kodwa bemelene lezahlulelo zakho bona bemelene lazo
(okuthi umuntu ezenza uzaphila ngazo), banika ihlombe
lobuqholo, benza lukhuni intamo yabo, kabaze balalela.
30 Wababekezelela iminyaka eminengi, wafakaza
umelene labo ngomoya wakho ngesandla sabaprofethi
bakho, kodwa kababekanga indlebe. Ngakho wabanikela
esandleni sabantu bezizwe. **31** Kanti ngezisa zakho
ezinengi kawubaqedanga, kawubatshiyanga; ngoba
unguNkulunkulu olomusa lesihawu. **32** Ngakho khathesi,
Nkulunkulu wethu, uNkulunkulu omkhulu, olamandla
lowesabekayo, ogcina isivumelwano lomusa, kakungabi
kuncinyane phambi kwakho ukuhlupheka konke,
okusificileyo, amakhosi ethu, iziphathamandla zethu,
labapristi bethu, labaprofethi bethu, labobaba, labo
bonke abantu bakho, kusukela ensukwini zamakhosi
eAsiriya kuze kube lamuhla. **33** Kodwa ubulungile
mayelana lakho konke okusehleleyo, ngoba wenzile
ngokuqonda, kodwa thina senze ngobubi. **34** Lamakhosi
ethu, iziphathamandla zethu, abapristi bethu, labobaba
bethu kabawenzanga umlayo wakho, kabalalelanga
imithetho yakho lezifakazelo zakho owazifakaza umelene
labo. **35** Ngoba bona kabakukhonzanga embusweni
wabo lekulungeni kwakho okunengi owabanika khona
lemazweni abanzi lavundileyo owawabeka phambi
kwabo; njalo kabaphendukanga ezenzweni zabo ezimbi.
36 Khangela, siyizigqili lamuhla, yebo, ilizwe owalinika
obaba ukuthi badle isithelo salo lokuhle kwalo, khangela,
siyizigqili kulo. **37** Njalo isivuno salo lisandisela amakhosi
owabeke phezu kwethu ngenxa yezono zethu; njalo
abusa phezu kwemizimba yethu laphezu kwezifuyo zethu
ngokwentando yawo; sesisezizini olukhulu. **38** Langenxa
yakho konke lokhu senza isivumelwano esiqinileyo,
sisibhala; iziphathamandla zethu, amaLevi ethu, abapristi
bethu, basebefaka uphawu phezu kwaso.

10 Ekufakeni-ke uphawu kwakuloNehemiya umbusi
indodana kaHakaliya, loZedekhiya, **2** uSeraya,
uAzariya, uJeremiya, **3** uPashuri, uAmariya, uMalikiya, **4**
uHathushi, uShebaniya, uMaluki, **5** uHarimi, uMeremothi,
uObhadiya, **6** uDaniyeli, uGinethoni, uBharukhi, **7**
uMeshulamu, uAbhiya, uMijamini, **8** uMahaziya,
uBiligayi, uShemaya; laba babengabapristi. **9** LamaLevi:

Ngitsho uJeshuwa indodana kaAzaniya, uBinuwi
wamadodana kaHenadadi, uKadimiyeli, 10 labafowabo,
oShebaniya, uHodiya, uKelita, uPelaya, uHanani, 11
uMika, uRehobi, uHashabhiya, 12 uZakuri, uSherebiya,
uShebaniya, 13 uHodiya, uBani, uBeninu. 14 Inhloko
zabantu: OParoshi, uPahathi-Mowabi, uElamu, uZathu,
uBani, 15 uBuni, uAzigadi, uBebayi, 16 uAdonija,
uBigivayi, uAdini, 17 uAteri, uHezekhiya, uAzuri, 18
uHodiya, uHashuma, uBezayi, 19 uHarafi, uAnathothi,
uNebayi, 20 uMagipiyashi, uMeshulamu, uHeziri,
21 uMeshezabeli, uZadoki, uJaduwa, 22 uPelatiya,
uHanani, uAnaya, 23 uHosheya, uHananiya, uHashubi,
24 uHaloheshi, uPiliha, uShobeki, 25 uRehuma,
uHashabina, uMahaseya, 26 uAhiya, uHanani, uAnani,
27 uMaluki, uHarimi, uBahana. 28 Labantu abaseleyo,
abapristi, amaLevi, abalindimasango, abahlabeleli,
amaNethini, labo bonke abazehlukanise labantu
bamazwe baya emlayweni kaNkulunkulu, omkabo,
amadodana abo, lamadodakazi abo, wonke owaziyo,
oqedisisayo, 29 babambelela kubafowabo, izikhulu zabo,
bangena kusiqalekiso lesifungo sokuhamba emlayweni
kaNkulunkulu owanikwa ngesandla sikaMozisi inceku
kaNkulunkulu, lokuyigcina lokuyenza yonke imilayo
kaJehova iNkosi yethu, lezahlulelo zayo lezimiso zayo.
30 Lokuthi kasiyikunika amadodakazi ethu ebantwini
belizwe loba singathatheli amadodana ethu amadodakazi
abo. 31 Uba abantu belizwe beletha izimpahla loba
yiwaphi amabele ukukuthengisa ngosuku lwesabatha,
kasiyikuthenga kibo ngesabatha langosuku olungcwele.
Njalo sizayekela umnyaka wesikhombisa, lesikwelede
sonke. 32 Futhi sizazimisela imilayo yokubeka phezu
kwethu ingxenye yesithathu yeshekeli emnyakeni
ibe ngeyomsebenzi wendlu kaNkulunkulu wethu, 33
eyesinkwa sokubukiswa, leyomnikelo wokudla wensuku
zonke, leyomnikelo wokutshiswa wensuku zonke,
eyamasabatha, eyokuthwasa kwezinyanga, eyemikhosi
emisiweyo, leyezinto ezingcwele, leyeminikelo yesono
ukwenzela uIsrayeli inhlawulo yokuthula, lomsebenzi
wonke wendlu kaNkulunkulu wethu. 34 Sasesisenza
inkatho yokuphosa mayelana lomnikelo wenkuni,
abapristi, amaLevi, labantu, ukuziletha endlini
kaNkulunkulu wethu, ngokwendlu yabobaba, ngezikhathi
ezimisiweyo umnyaka ngomnyaka, zitshiswe phezu
kwelathi leNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu, njengokubhaliweyo
emlayweni. 35 Lokuletha izithelo zokuqala zomhlabathi
wethu lezithelo zokuqala zesithelo sonke sesihlahla
sonke umnyaka ngomnyaka endlini yeNkosi; 36
lokuletha amazibulo amadodana ethu lawezifuyo zethu,
njengokubhalwe emlayweni, lamazibulo ezinkomo zethu
lawezimvu zethu, endlini kaNkulunkulu wethu, kubapristi
abasebenza endlini kaNkulunkulu wethu; 37 lokokuqala
kwenhlama yethu, leminikelo yethu, lezithelo zezihlahla
zonke, iwayini elitsha, lamafutha, sikulethe kubapristi
emakamelweni endlu kaNkulunkulu wethu, lokwetshumi
komhlabathi wethu kumaLevi, ukuze lawomaLevi
emukele okwetshumi kuyo yonke imizi yomsebenzi
wethu. 38 Umpristi-ke indodana kaAroni uzakuba
kanye lamaLevi lapho amaLevi esemukela okwetshumi.
LamaLevi azakwenyusa okwetshumi kokwetshumi endlini
kaNkulunkulu wethu emakamelweni endlu yokuligugu.
39 Ngoba abantwana bakoIsrayeli labantwana bamaLevi
bazaletha umnikelo wamabele, iwayini elitsha, lamafutha,
emakamelweni, ngoba lapho kulezitsha zendawo
engcwele labapristi abasebenzayo labalindimasango
labahlabeleli. Njalo kasiyikuyitshiya indlu kaNkulunkulu
wethu.

11 Ngakho ababusi babantu bahlala eJerusalema;
abantu abaseleyo basebesenza inkatho
yokuphosa ukuze balethe oyedwa kwabalitshumi
ukuhlala eJerusalema umuzi ongcwele, lengxenye
eziyisificamunwemunye kweminye imizi. 2 Abantu
basebebusisa wonke amadoda azinikela ngesihle
ukuyahlala eJerusalema. 3 Lezi-ke zinhloko zesabelo
ezahlala eJerusalema. Kodwa emizini yakoJuda
bahlala, ngulowo kumfuyo yakhe, emizini yabo:
UIsrayeli, abapristi, lamaLevi, lamaNethini, labantwana
benceku zikaSolomoni. 4 EJerusalema kwahlala-
ke abanye babantwana bakoJuda lababantwana
bakoBhenjamini. Ebantwaneni bakoJuda: OAthaya
indodana kaUziya indodana kaZekhariya indodana
kaAmariya indodana kaShefathiya indodana
kaMahalaleli, owabantwana bakoPerezi, 5 loMahaseya
indodana kaBharukhi indodana kaKolihoze indodana
kaHazaya indodana kaAdaya indodana kaJoyaribi
indodana kaZekhariya indodana kaShiloni. 6
Wonke amadodana kaPerezi ayehlala eJerusalema
ayengamakhulu amane lamatshumi ayisithupha
lesificaminwembili, amadoda alamandla. 7 Lala
ngamadodana kaBhenjamini: USalu indodana
kaMeshulamu indodana kaJowedi indodana kaPhedaya
indodana kaKolaya indodana kaMahaseya indodana
kaIthiyeli indodana kaJeshaya, 8 langemva kwakhe
oGabayi, uSalayi, amakhulu ayisificamunwemunye
lamatshumi amabili lesificaminwembili. 9 LoJoweli
indodana kaZikiri wayengumboni phezu kwabo, loJuda
indodana kaHasenuwa engowesibili phezu komuzi. 10
Kubapristi: OJedaya indodana kaJoyaribi, uJakini, 11
uSeraya indodana kaHilikhiya indodana kaMeshulamu
indodana kaZadoki indodana kaMerayothi indodana
kaAhitubi, umphathi wendlu kaNkulunkulu, 12 labafowabo
ababesenza umsebenzi wendlu babengamakhulu
ayisificaminwembili lamatshumi amabili lambili; loAdaya
indodana kaJerohamu indodana kaPelaliya indodana
kaAmzi indodana kaZekhariya indodana kaPashuri
indodana kaMalikiya, 13 labafowabo, inhloko zaboyise,
babengamakhulu amabili lamatshumi amane lambili;
loAmashayi indodana kaAzareli indodana kaAhizayi
indodana kaMeshilemothi indodana kaImeri, 14

labafowabo, amaqhawe alamandla, ikhulu lamatshumi
amabili lesificaminwembili; lomboni phezu kwabo
wayenguZabidiyeli indodana yomunye wabakhulu. **15**
LakumaLevi: OShemaya indodana kaHashubi indodana
kaAzirikamu indodana kaHashabhiya indodana kaBuni;
16 loShabethayi loJozabadi bezinhloko zamaLevi
babephezu komsebenzi wangaphandle kwendlu
kaNkulunkulu; **17** loMathaniya indodana kaMika indodana
kaZabidi indodana kaAsafi owayeyinhloko yokuqalisa
ukubonga emkhulekweni; loBakibukiya owesibili
kubafowabo; loAbida indodana kaShamuwa indodana
kaGalali indodana kaJeduthuni. **18** Wonke amaLevi
emzini ongcwele ayengamakhulu amabili lamatshumi
ayisificaminwembili lane. **19** Labalindimasango,
oAkubi, uTalimoni, labafowabo ababelinda amasango
babelikhulu lamatshumi ayisikhombisa lambili. **20** Lensali
yakoIsrayeli, ababapristi, amaLevi, babesemizini yonke
yakoJuda, ngulowo elifeni lakhe. **21** LamaNethini ayehlala
eOfeli; loZiha loGishipa babephezu kwamaNethini. **22**
Njalo umboni wamaLevi eJerusalema wayenguUzi
indodana kaBani indodana kaHashabhiya indodana
kaMathaniya indodana kaMika. Owamadodana
kaAsafi, abahlabeleli babeqondene lomsebenzi wendlu
kaNkulunkulu. **23** Ngoba kwakungumlayo wenkosi
ngabo, njengokufunekayo kubahlabeleli, udaba losuku
ngosuku lwalo. **24** Njalo uPethahiya indodana
kaMeshezabeli, owabantwana bakoZera indodana
kaJuda, wayesesandleni senkosi kulo lonke udaba
lwabantu. **25** Lemizaneni lamasimu ayo, kwahlala
abanye babantwana bakoJuda eKiriyathi-Arba lemizana
yayo, laseDiboni lemizana yayo, laseJekabiseyeli
lemizana yayo, **26** laseJeshuwa, laseMolada, laseBeti-
Peleti, **27** laseHazari-Shuwali, laseBherishebha
lemizana yayo, **28** laseZikilagi, laseMekona lemizaneni
yayo, **29** laseEni-Rimoni, laseZora, laseJarimuthi, **30**
iZanowa, iAdulamu lemizana yayo, iLakishi lamasimu
ayo, iAzeka lemizana yayo. Basebemisa inkamba
kusukela eBherishebha kusiya esihotsheni seHinomu.
31 Labantwana bakoBhenjamini kusukela eGeba
babeseMikimashi, leAyija, leBhetheli lemizana yayo, **32**
iAnathothi, iNobi, iAnaniya, **33** iHazori, iRama, iGithayimi,
34 iHadidi, iZeboyimi, iNebalati, **35** iLodi, leOno, isigodi
sezingcitshi. **36** LakumaLevi kwakulezigaba zakoJuda
loBhenjamini.

12 Lalaba ngabapristi lamaLevi abenyuka
loZerubhabheli indodana kaSalatiyeli, loJeshuwa:
OSeraya, uJeremiya, uEzra, **2** uAmariya, uMaluki,
uHathushi, **3** uShekaniya, uRehuma, uMeremothi, **4** uIdo,
uGinethoyi, uAbhiya, **5** uMijamini, uMahadiya, uBiliga,
6 uShemaya, loJoyaribi, uJedaya, **7** uSalu, uAmoki,
uHilikhiya, uJedaya. Laba babezinhloko zabapristi
labafowabo ensukwini zikaJeshuwa. **8** LamaLevi:
OJeshuwa, uBinuwi, uKadimiyeli, uSherebiya, uJuda,
uMathaniya, babephezu kokubonga, yena labafowabo.
9 LoBakibukiya loUni, abafowabo, babeqondene labo
emilindweni. **10** UJeshuwa wasezala uJoyakimi,
uJoyakimi wasezala uEliyashibi, uEliyashibi wasezala
uJoyada, **11** uJoyada wasezala uJonathani, uJonathani
wasezala uJaduwa. **12** Lensukwini zikaJoyakimi abapristi,
inhloko zaboyise, babengo: OkaSeraya nguMeraya;
okaJeremiya nguHananiya; **13** okaEzra nguMeshulamu;
okaAmariya nguJehohanani; **14** okaMeliku nguJonathani;
okaShebaniya nguJosefa; **15** okaHarimi nguAdina;
okaMerayothi nguHelikayi; **16** okaIdo nguZekhariya;
okaGinethoni nguMeshulamu; **17** okaAbhiya nguZikiri;
okaMiniyamini, okaMowadiya nguPilitayi; **18** okaBiliga
nguShamuwa; okaShemaya nguJehonathani; **19**
lokaJoyaribi nguMathenayi; okaJedaya nguUzi; **20**
okaSalayi nguKalayi; okaAmoki nguEberi; **21** okaHilikhiya
nguHashabhiya; okaJedaya nguNethaneli. **22** AmaLevi
ensukwini zikaEliyashibi, oJoyada loJohanani loJaduwa,
babhalwa baba zinhloko zaboyise, labapristi kwaze
kwaba ngumbuso kaDariyusi umPerisiya. **23** Amadodana
kaLevi, inhloko zaboyise, abhalwa egwalweni
lwemilando, kwaze kwaba sensukwini zikaJohanani
indodana kaEliyashibi. **24** Lenhloko zamaLevi:
OHashabhiya, uSherebiya, loJeshuwa indodana
kaKadimiyeli, labafowabo maqondana labo, ukudumisa
lokubonga, njengomlayo kaDavida umuntu kaNkulunkulu,
umlindo maqondana lomlindo. **25** OMathaniya,
loBakibukiya, uObhadiya, uMeshulamu, uTalimoni,
uAkubi, babengabalindimasango belinda umlindo
eziphaleni zamasango. **26** Labo babekhona ensukwini
zikaJoyakimi indodana kaJeshuwa indodana kaJozadaki,
lensukwini zikaNehemiya umbusi, loEzra umpristi,
umbhali. **27** Lekwehlukaniselweni komduli weJerusalema
badinga amaLevi evela ezindaweni zawo zonke
ukuwaletha eJerusalema ukwenza ukwehlukaniswa,
langentokozo, langokubonga, langokuhlabela, ngensimbi
ezincencethayo, izigubhu zezintambo, langamachacho.
28 Amadodana abahlabeleli asebuthana, njalo evela
emagcekeni azingelezele iJerusalema, lemizini
yamaNetofa, **29** leBeti-Giligali, lelizweni leGeba
leAzimavethi, ngoba abahlabeleli babezakhele imizi
ezingelezele iJerusalema. **30** Labapristi lamaLevi
bazihlambulula, bahlambulula labantu lamasango
lomduli. **31** Ngasengisenza iziphathamandla zakoJuda
zenyukele emdulini, ngamisa amaxuku amakhulu amabili
okubonga lezindwendwe, elinye kwesokunene phezu
komduli kusiya esangweni lomquba. **32** Lemva kwawo
kwahamba oHoshaya, lengxenye yeziphathamandla
zakoJuda, **33** loAzariya, uEzra, loMeshulamu, **34**
uJuda, loBhenjamini, loShemaya, loJeremiya. **35**
Lakumadodana abapristi elezimpondo: OZekhariya
indodana kaJonathani indodana kaShemaya indodana
kaMathaniya indodana kaMikhaya indodana kaZakuri
indodana kaAsafi, **36** labafowabo, oShemaya, loAzareli,
uMilalayi, uGilalayi, uMahayi, uNethaneli, loJuda,

uHanani, belezinto zokuhlabelela zikaDavida umuntu
kaNkulunkulu, loEzra umbhali ephambi kwabo. **37**
Langasesangweni lomthombo, njalo maqondana
labo, benyuka ngezinyathelo zomuzi kaDavida,
emqansweni womduli, ngaphezu kwendlu kaDavida,
kusiya esangweni lamanzi ngempumalanga. **38**
Lexuku lesibili lokubonga lahamba maqondana lalo,
lami ngililandela, lengxenye yabantu phezu komduli,
kusukela ngaphezu komphotshongo wesithando kusiya
emdulini obanzi, **39** njalo kusukela ngaphezu kwesango
lakoEfrayimi, langaphezu kwesango elidala, langaphezu
kwesango lenhlanzi, lomphotshongo kaHananeli,
lomphotshongo kaHameha, kusiya esangweni lezimvu;
bema-ke esangweni labalindi. **40** Womabili amaxuku
okubonga asesima endlini kaNkulunkulu, lami, lengxenye
yababusi ilami. **41** Labapristi: OEliyakhimi, uMahaseya,
uMiniyamini, uMikhaya, uEliyowenayi, uZekhariya,
uHananiya, belezimpondo, **42** loMahaseya, loShemaya,
loEleyazare, loUzi, loJehohanani, loMalikiya, loElamu,
loEzeri. Abahlabeleli basebezizwakalisa, loJezerahiya
umboni. **43** Basebehlaba mhlalokho imihlatshelo
emikhulu, bathokoza, ngoba uNkulunkulu wabenza
bathokoza ngentokozo enkulu; labesifazana labantwana
labo bathokoza; kwaze kwathi intokozo yeJerusalema
yezwakala khatshana. **44** Ngalolosuku kwamiswa-ke
amadoda phezu kwamakamelo okuligugu, aweminikelo,
awezithelo zokuqala, lawokwetshumi, ukuqoqela kuwo
okuvela emasimini emizi izabelo zomlayo zabapristi
lezamaLevi. Ngoba uJuda wathokoza ngabapristi
lamaLevi ayemile. **45** Abahlabeleli labalindimasango
basebegcina imfanelo kaNkulunkulu wabo, lemfanelo
yokuhlambulula, njengomlayo kaDavida loSolomoni
indodana yakhe. **46** Ngoba ensukwini zamandulo
zikaDavida loAsafi kwakulezinhloko zabahlabeleli
lezingoma zokudumisa lokubonga kuNkulunkulu.
47 LoIsrayeli wonke ensukwini zikaZerubhabheli
lensukwini zikaNehemiya banika izabelo zabahlabeleli
labalindimasango, udaba losuku ngosuku lwalo;
basebekungcwelisela amaLevi, lamaLevi akungcwelisela
abantwana bakoAroni.

13 Ngalolosuku babala egwalweni lukaMozisi
endlebeni zabantu; kwasekutholwa kubhaliwe
kulo ukuthi umAmoni lomMowabi kabasoze bangene
ebandleni likaNkulunkulu phakade; **2** ngoba
bengahlangabezanga abantwana bakoIsrayeli ngesinkwa
langamanzi, kodwa baqhatsha bemelene labo
uBalami, ukubaqalekisa; kodwa uNkulunkulu wethu
waphendula isiqalekiso saba yisibusiso. **3** Kwasekusithi
sebewuzwile umlayo behlukanisa koIsrayeli yonke
ingxube yezizwe. **4** Ngaphambi kwalokho-ke uEliyashibi
umpristi owayemiswe phezu kwekamelo likaNkulunkulu
wethu, wayeyisihlobo sikaTobiya. **5** Wayemlungisele
ikamelo elikhulu lapho ababekade befaka khona
umnikelo wokudla, impepha, lezitsha, lokwetshumi
kwamabele, iwayini elitsha, lamafutha, okwakulayelwe
amaLevi labahlabeleli labalindimasango, lomnikelo
wabapristi. **6** Kodwa kukho konke lokhu ngangingekho
eJerusalema, ngoba ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu
lambili kaAthakisekisi inkosi yeBhabhiloni ngeza
enkosini; lekupheleni kwezinsuku ngacela imvumo
enkosini, **7** ngeza eJerusalema, ngaqedisisa ngokubi
uEliyashibi ayekwenzele uTobiya ngokumlungisela
ikamelo emagumeni endlu kaNkulunkulu. **8** Kwasekusiba
kubi kakhulu kimi; ngakho ngaphosela phandle zonke
impahla zendlu kaTobiya phandle kwekamelo. **9**
Ngasengilaya, bahlambulula amakamelo; ngabuyisela
khona izitsha zendlu kaNkulunkulu lomnikelo wokudla
lempepha. **10** Ngasengisazi ukuthi izabelo zamaLevi
zazinganikwanga, lokuthi amaLevi labahlabeleli
ababesenza umsebenzi babalekela ngulowo ensimini
yakhe. **11** Ngasengiphikisana lababusi ngathi: Kungani
indlu kaNkulunkulu itshiyiwe? Ngababuthanisa,
ngabamisa endaweni yabo. **12** Khona wonke uJuda
waletha okwetshumi kwamabele lewayini elitsha
lamafutha eziphaleni. **13** Ngasengibeka abagciniziphala
phezu kweziphala, oShelemiya umpristi, loZadoki
umbhali, loPhedaya kumaLevi, leceleni kwabo uHanani
indodana kaZakuri indodana kaMathaniya, ngoba
kwathiwa bathembekile; njalo kwakuphezu kwabo
ukwabela abafowabo. **14** Ngikhumbule, Nkulunkulu
wami, mayelana lalokho, ungayicitshi imisebenzi yami
yomusa engiyenzele indlu kaNkulunkulu wami lezinkonzo
zayo. **15** Ngalezonsuku ngabona koJuda abanyathela
izikhamelo zewayini ngesabatha, labangenisa izithungo,
abathwalisa obabhemi, lewayini futhi, izithelo zesivini,
lemikhiwa, lawo wonke umthwalo, abakungenisa
eJerusalema ngosuku lwesabatha. Ngafakaza mhla
bethengisa ukudla. **16** LabeTire bahlala kuyo, beletha
inhlanzi lempahla yonke ethengiswayo, bakuthengisa
ngesabatha kubantwana bakoJuda laseJerusalema. **17**
Khona ngaphikisana lezikhulu zakoJuda, ngathi kuzo:
Iyini le into embi eliyenzayo lingcolisa usuku lwesabatha?
18 Kabenzanga njalo yini oyihlo, loNkulunkulu wethu
wehlisela phezu kwethu bonke lobububi laphezu
kwalumuzi? Kanti lina landisa ulaka phezu kukaIsrayeli
ngokungcolisa isabatha. **19** Kwasekusithi lapho
amasango eJerusalema eseqala ukuba mnyama
mandulo kwesabatha, ngalaya ukuthi iminyango
kayivalwe, njalo ngalaya ukuthi bangayivuli kuze kube
ngemva kwesabatha. Ngabeka ezinye zenceku zami
emasangweni ukuze kungangeni mthwalo ngosuku
lwesabatha. **20** Ngakho abathengi labathengisi bempahla
yonke balala ngaphandle kweJerusalema kanye loba
kabili. **21** Khona ngafakaza ngimelene labo ngathi
kibo: Lilalelani maqondana lomduli? Uba likwenza
futhi, ngizalidumela ngesandla. Kusukela kulesosikhathi
kababuyanga ngesabatha. **22** Ngasengitshela amaLevi
ukuthi azihlambulule, eze alinde amasango, ukungcwelisa

usuku lwesabatha. Langalokho ungikhumbule,
Nkulunkulu wami, ungihawukele ngokobunengi
bomusa wakho. **23** Futhi, ngalezonsuku ngabona
amaJuda ayethethe abafazi, abangamaAshidodikazi,
amaAmoni, amaMowabi. **24** Labantwana babo, ingxenye
babekhuluma isiAshidodi njalo bengelakukhuluma
isiJuda, kodwa ngokolimi lwezizwe ngezizwe. **25**
Ngasengiphikisana lawo, ngawaqalekisa, ngatshaya
amanye awo, ngawangcothula inwele; ngawafungisa
ngoNkulunkulu: Kaliyikunika amadodakazi enu
kumadodana abo, njalo kaliyikuthathela amadodana enu
emadodakazini abo, kumbe lina ngokwenu. **26** USolomoni
inkosi yakoIsrayeli konanga yini ngalezozinto? Kube kanti
phakathi kwezizwe ezinengi kwakungelankosi enjengaye,
owayethandeka kuNkulunkulu wakhe, loNkulunkulu
wamenza inkosi phezu kukaIsrayeli wonke; laye abafazi
bezizweni bamenza ukuthi one. **27** Pho, sizalilalela
yini ukwenza bonke lobobubi obukhulu, ngokona
kuNkulunkulu wethu ngokuthatha abafazi bezizweni? **28**
Lenye yamadodana kaJehoyada indodana kaEliyashibi
umpristi omkhulu, yayingumkhwenyana kaSanibhalathi
umHoroni; ngakho ngayixotsha yasuka kimi. **29**
Bakhumbule, Nkulunkulu wami, ngoba bangcolisile
ubupristi lesivumelwano sobupristi lesamaLevi. **30**
Ngokunjalo ngabahlambulula kubo bonke abezizweni,
ngamisa imfanelo kubapristi lakumaLevi, ngulowo lalowo
emsebenzini wakhe, **31** leyomnikelo wenkuni ngezikhathi
ezimisiweyo, leyezithelo zokuqala. Ngikhumbule,
Nkulunkulu wami, ngokuhle.

U-Esta

1 Kwasekusithi ngensuku zikaAhasuwerusi,
uAhasuwerusi lo owabusa kusukela eIndiya kuze
kube seEthiyophiya, izabelo ezilikhulu lamatshumi
amabili lesikhombisa, 2 ngalezonsuku lapho inkosi
uAhasuwerusi wahlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sombuso
wakhe esasiseShushani isigodlo, 3 ngomnyaka
wesithathu wokubusa kwakhe wenzela iziphathamandla
zakhe lenceku zakhe zonke idili. Amandla ePerisiya
leMede, izinduna lababusi bezabelo babephambi
kwakhe, 4 lapho etshengisa inotho yenkazimulo
yombuso wakhe lobugugu bobuhle bobukhulu
bakhe insuku ezinengi, insuku ezilikhulu lamatshumi
ayisificaminwembili. 5 Kwathi lezonsuku sezigcwalisekile,
inkosi yenzela bonke abantu abatholakala eShushani
isigodlo idili, kusukela komkhulu kusiya komncinyane,
insuku eziyisikhombisa, egumeni lesivande sesigodlo
senkosi. 6 Kwakulamalembu amhlophe, amalembu
acolekileyo, laluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, ebotshelwe
ngentambo zelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu leziyibubende
emasongweni esiliva lezinsikeni zelitshe le-alibasta.
Imibheda yayingeyegolide lesiliva phezu kwendawo
egandelwe ngamatshe abomvu, le-alibasta, lamapharele,
lamnyama. 7 Basebenathisa ngezitsha zegolide,
lezitsha zaziyizitsha ezehlukeneyo, lewayini lesikhosini
laba linengi njengokwesandla senkosi. 8 Lokunatha
kwakungokomthetho, kungekho obamba ngamandla;
ngoba ngokunjalo inkosi yayilayile kwabakhulu bonke
bendlu yayo ukuthi benze njengokufisa komuntu
lomuntu. 9 UVashiti indlovukazi laye wenzela
abesifazana idili endlini yesikhosini inkosi uAhasuwerusi
ayelayo. 10 Ngosuku lwesikhombisa, inhliziyo yenkosi
isithokozile ngewayini, yathi kuboMehumani, uBhizitha,
uHaribona, uBhigitha, loAbhagitha, uZethari, loKarikasi,
abathenwa abayisikhombisa ababesebenza phambi
kwenkosi uAhasuwerusi, 11 ukuthi balethe uVashiti
indlovukazi phambi kwenkosi elomqhele wesikhosini,
ukutshengisa abantu leziphathamandla ubuhle bakhe,
ngoba wayekhangeleka kuhle. 12 Kodwa indlovukazi
uVashiti yala ukubuya ngelizwi lenkosi elalingesandla
sabathenwa. Ngakho inkosi yathukuthela kakhulu,
lolaka lwayo lwavutha phakathi kwayo. 13 Inkosi
yasisithi kwabahlakaniphileyo ababesazi izikhathi (ngoba
lalinjalo ilizwi lenkosi phambi kwabo bonke abaziyo
umthetho lesahlulelo, 14 lalabo ababeseduze layo
babengoKarishena, uShethari, uAdimatha, uTarshishi,
uMeresi, uMarisena, uMemukani, iziphathamandla
eziyisikhombisa zePerisiya leMede, ezazibona
ubuso benkosi, ezazihlala phambili embusweni):
15 Ngokomthetho kungenziwani ngendlovukazi
uVashiti ngenxa yokuthi kayenzanga ilizwi lenkosi
uAhasuwerusi ngesandla sabathenwa? 16 UMemukani
wasesithi phambi kwenkosi leziphathamandla: UVashiti
indlovukazi wonile kungeyisikho enkosini kuphela,
kodwa lakuziphathamandla zonke lebantwini bonke
abasezabelweni zonke zenkosi uAhasuwerusi. 17
Ngoba isenzo sendlovukazi sizaphumela kubo bonke
abesifazana, kuze kuthi badelele omkabo emehlweni
abo, nxa besithi: Inkosi uAhasuwerusi watshela ukuthi
kulethwe uVashiti indlovukazi phambi kwayo, kodwa
kayizanga. 18 Yebo mhlalokho amakhosikazi ePerisiya
leMede ezwe isenzo sendlovukazi azakuthi kuzo
zonke iziphathamandla zenkosi, kube khona ukudelela
lokuthukuthela okwedlulisayo. 19 Uba kulungile
enkosini kakuphume umthetho wesikhosini kuyo,
kakubhalwe emithethweni yamaPerisiya lamaMede,
ongeguqulwe, ukuthi uVashiti kayikungena phambi
kwenkosi uAhasuwerusi; inkosi inike-ke ubukhosikazi
bakhe komunye onjengaye ongcono kulaye. 20
Usuzwakele umthetho wenkosi ezawenza embusweni
wayo wonke (ngoba mkhulu) bonke abesifazana
bazanika inhlonipho kubomkabo, kusukela komkhulu
kusiya komncinyane. 21 Njalo indaba yayilungile
emehlweni enkosi leziphathamandla; inkosi yasisenza
njengokwelizwi likaMemukani. 22 Yasithumela izincwadi
kuzo zonke izabelo zenkosi, kusabelo lesabelo
njengombhalo waso, lakubo abantu labantu njengokolimi
lwabo, ukuthi ileyo laleyondoda ibe ngumbusi endlini
yayo, ikhulume njengokolimi lwabantu bakibo.

2 Emva kwalezizinto, ulaka lwenkosi uAhasuwerusi
seludedile, wamkhumbula uVashiti, lalokho
ayekwenzile, lalokho okwaqunywa ngaye. 2 Izinceku
zenkosi ezaziyisebenzela zasezisithi: Kakudingelwe
inkosi amantombazana, izintombi ezikhangeleka kuhle.
3 Inkosi imise-ke ababonisi kuzo zonke izabelo zombuso,
ukuze babuthanise wonke amantombazana, izintombi
ezikhangeleka kuhle, eShushani isigodlo, endlini
yabesifazana, esandleni sikaHegayi, umthenwa wenkosi,
umlondolozi wabesifazana, lokunika okokuqhola kwawo.
4 Kuthi intombazana enhle emehlweni enkosi ibe
yindlovukazi esikhundleni sikaVashiti. Indaba yayilungile-
ke emehlweni enkosi, yenza njalo. 5 Kwakukhona
indoda engumJuda eShushani isigodlo, obizo layo
lalinguModekhayi indodana kaJayiri indodana kaShimeyi
indodana kaKishi, umBhenjamini, 6 owayethunjwe
eJerusalema kanye labathunjwa ababethunjwe
loJekoniya inkosi yakoJuda, uNebhukadinezari inkosi
yeBhabhiloni owayebathumbile. 7 Njalo wayesondla
uHadasa, onguEsta, umntakamalumakhe, ngoba
wayengelayise kumbe unina; njalo intombi yayinhle
ngesimo njalo ikhangeleka kuhle; ekufeni-ke kukayise
lonina uModekhayi wayithatha yaba yindodakazi
yakhe. 8 Kwasekusithi sekuzwakele ilizwi lenkosi
lomthetho wayo, lapho sekubuthaniswe izintombi
ezinengi eShushani isigodlo esandleni sikaHegayi,
uEsta laye wathathwa wasiwa endlini yenkosi esandleni
sikaHegayi, umlondolozi wabesifazana. 9 Lentombi

yayinhle emehlweni akhe, yazuza umusa phambi
kwakhe; wasehle eyinika amakha ayo lezabelo
zayo, lamantombazana akhethiweyo ayisikhombisa
ukuyinika avela endlini yenkosi; wayisusa wayifaka
yona lamantombazana ayo endaweni enhle yendlu
yabesifazana. **10** UEsta wayengakhulumanga abantu
bakwabo lomhlobo wakhe, ngoba uModekhayi
wayemlayile ukuthi angakukhulumi. **11** Langalo lonke
usuku ngosuku uModekhayi wayehambahamba phambi
kweguma lendlu yabesifazana ukwazi impilakahle
kaEsta lokuthi kuyini okuzakwenzeka kuye. **12**
Lekufikeni kwezopha lentombi ngentombi ukungena
enkosini uAhasuwerusi ekucineni sekwenziwe kuye
njengomthetho wabesifazana, inyanga ezilitshumi
lambili, ngoba ngokunjalo kwagcwaliseka insuku
zamakha awo, inyanga eziyisithupha ngamafutha emure,
lenyanga eziyisithupha ngamakha okuqhola, langamanye
amakha abesifazana. **13** Ngalokho-ke intombi yangena
enkosini; loba kuyini ekutshoyo izakunikwa ukuthi
ihambe lakho isuka endlini yabesifazana isiya endlini
yenkosi. **14** Ntambama yangena, lekuseni ibuyele
endlini yesibili yabesifazana, esandleni sikaShashigazi
umthenwa wenkosi umlondolozi wabafazi abancinyane;
kayingenanga futhi enkosini ngaphandle kokuthi inkosi
ithokoze ngayo, ibizwe ngebizo. **15** Kwathi selifikile
izopho likaEsta, indodakazi kaAbihayili umalumakhe
kaModekhayi owayemthethe waba yindodakazi yakhe,
lokuthi angene enkosini, kacelanga lutho ngaphandle
kwalokho uHegayi umthenwa wenkosi umlondolozi
wabesifazana akutshoyo. UEsta wayesemukela-
ke umusa emehlweni abo bonke abambonayo. **16**
Ngokunjalo uEsta wasiwa enkosini uAhasuwerusi endlini
yayo yesikhosini ngenyanga yetshumi, eyinyanga
kaTebethi, ngomnyaka wesikhombisa wokubusa
kwayo. **17** Inkosi yasimthanda uEsta okwedlula bonke
abesifazana, wemukela umusa lesihe phambi kwayo
okwedlula zonke intombi, yasibeka umqhele wobukhosi
ekhanda lakhe, yamenza indlovukazi esikhundleni
sikaVashiti. **18** Inkosi yasisenzela zonke iziphathamandla
zayo lenceku zayo idili elikhulu, idili likaEsta. Yenzela
izabelo ikhefu, yapha izipho njengokwamandla
enkosi. **19** Kwathi intombi sezibuthanisiwe okwesibili,
uModekhayi wayehlezi esangweni lenkosi. **20** UEsta
wayengakhulumanga umhlobo wakhe labantu bakibo,
njengoba uModekhayi wamlaya, ngoba uEsta wenza
umlayo kaModekhayi njengalapho esondliwa elaye.
21 Ngalezozinsuku uModekhayi ehlezi esangweni
lenkosi, oBigithani loTereshi abathenwa ababili benkosi,
abalindi bombundu, bathukuthela, badinga ukuyithela
isandla inkosi uAhasuwerusi. **22** Njalo udaba lwaziwa
kuModekhayi, waselutshela uEsta indlovukazi; njalo
uEsta wayitshela inkosi ebizweni likaModekhayi. **23**
Lolodaba seluhlolwa, lwatholakala lunjalo; ngakho
bobabili baphanyekwa esihlahleni. Kwasekubhalwa
egwalweni lwemilando phambi kwenkosi.

3 Emva kwalezizindaba inkosi uAhasuwerusi
yamkhulisa uHamani indodana kaHamedatha
umAgagi, yamphakamisa, yabeka isihlalo sakhe
phezu kwazo zonke iziphathamandla ezazilaye. **2**
Ngakho zonke inceku zenkosi ezazisesangweni lenkosi
zakhothama zamkhonza uHamani, ngoba inkosi yayilaye
ngokunjalo ngaye. Kodwa uModekhayi kakhothamanga
kakhonzanga. **3** Izinceku zenkosi ezazisesangweni
lenkosi zasezisithi kuModekhayi: Kungani useqa umlayo
wenkosi? **4** Kwasekusithi zikhuluma laye insuku
ngensuku, kodwa engazizwanga, zamtshela uHamani
ukuze zibone ukuthi amazwi kaModekhayi azakuma yini;
ngoba wayezitshelile ukuthi ungumJuda. **5** UHamani
esebonile ukuthi uModekhayi kakhothamanga njalo
kakhonzanga kuye, uHamani wagcwala intukuthelo.
6 Wesedelela emehlweni akhe ukumthela isandla
uModekhayi yedwa, ngoba babemtshelile abantu
bakibo kaModekhayi, ngakho uHamani wadinga
ukuchitha wonke amaJuda, ayesembusweni wonke
kaAhasuwerusi, abantu bakibo kaModekhayi. **7**
Ngenyanga yokuqala, eyinyanga uNisani, ngomnyaka
wetshumi lambili wenkosi uAhasuwerusi, baphosa iPuri,
eliyinkatho, phambi kukaHamani, kusukela osukwini
kusiya osukwini, njalo kusukela enyangeni kusiya
enyangeni yetshumi lambili, eyinyanga uAdari. **8**
UHamani wasesithi enkosini uAhasuwerusi: Kukhona
abantu abathile abahlakazeke basabalala phakathi
kwabantu ezabelweni zonke zombuso wakho; lemilayo
yabo yehlukile kweyabo bonke abantu, lemilayo yenkosi
kabayenzi; ngakho kakufanelanga enkosini ukuthi
ibayekele bahlale. **9** Uba kulungile enkosini, kakubhalwe
ukuthi bachithwe, njalo ngizalinganisa amathalenta
esiliva azinkulungwane ezilitshumi ezandleni zabenzi
bomsebenzi, ukuze afakwe kokuligugu kwenkosi. **10**
Inkosi yasikhupha indandatho yophawu lwayo esandleni
sayo, yayinika uHamani indodana kaHamedatha
umAgagi, isitha samaJuda. **11** Inkosi yasisithi kuHamani:
Isiliva usinikiwe, labantu, ukwenza ngabo njengokuhle
emehlweni akho. **12** Kwasekubizwa ababhali benkosi
ngenyanga yokuqala ngosuku lwetshumi lantathu
lwayo; kwasekubhalwa njengakho konke uHamani
ayekulayile, ezikhulwini zenkosi lakubabusi ababephezu
kwesabelo lesabelo, lakuziphathamandla zesizwe
lesizwe sesabelo lesabelo, njengokombhalo waso,
labantu ngabantu ngokolimi lwabo; kwabhalwa ebizweni
lenkosi uAhasuwerusi, kwananyathiselwa ngendandatho
yophawu lwenkosi. **13** Incwadi zathunyelwa ngesandla
sezigijimi kuzo zonke izabelo zenkosi ukuchitha,
ukubulala, lokubhubhisa wonke amaJuda, kusukela
komutsha kusiya komdala, abantwanyana labesifazana,
ngasuku lunye, ngolwetshumi lantathu lwenyanga
yetshumi lambili, eyinyanga uAdari, lokuthi kuphangwe

impahla yawo. 14 Ikhophi yombhalo yokuthi umlayo
unikwe kuso sonke isabelo ngesabelo yayisobala
kubo bonke abantu ukuze balungele lolosuku. 15
Izigijimi zaphuma ziphangisiswa yilizwi lenkosi,
lomthetho wanikwa eShushani isigodlo. Inkosi loHamani
basebehlalela ukunatha, kodwa umuzi iShushani
wawusanganisekile.

4 UModekhayi esekwazile konke okwenziweyo,
uModekhayi wadabula izigqoko zakhe, wagqoka
isaka lomlotha, waphuma wangena phakathi komuzi,
wakhala ukukhala okukhulu lokubabayo, 2 weza waze
waba phambi kwesango lenkosi, ngoba kwakungekho
ongangena esangweni lenkosi egqoke isaka. 3 Lakuso
sonke isabelo lesabelo, indawo lapho ilizwi lenkosi
lomthetho okwakufika khona, kwaba lokulila okukhulu
kumaJuda, lokuzila ukudla, lokukhala inyembezi,
lokulila; amanengi alala emasakeni lemlotheni. 4
Kwasekufika amantombazana kaEsta labathenwa bakhe
bamtshela; indlovukazi yasidabuka kakhulu, yathumela
izembatho zokugqokisa uModekhayi, lokususa kuye
isaka lakhe, kodwa kazemukelanga. 5 UEsta wasebiza
uHathaki omunye wabathenwa benkosi eyayimmisele
yena, wamlaya ngoModekhayi ukuthi azi ukuthi
kuyini lokuthi kungani. 6 UHathaki wasephuma waya
kuModekhayi egcekeni lomuzi elaliphambi kwesango
lenkosi. 7 UModekhayi wamtshela konke okwenzeke
kuye, lengcazelo yemali uHamani athi uzayilinganisela
kokuligugu kwenkosi ngamaJuda ukuwachitha. 8
Wasemnika ikhophi yombhalo womthetho eyanikwa
eShushani ukuwachitha ukuthi ayitshengise uEsta,
lokuthi amtshele, lokuthi amlaye ukuthi angene enkosini,
ukumncengela, lokucelela abantu bakibo phambi
kwakhe. 9 UHathaki wasesiza wamtshela uEsta
amazwi kaModekhayi. 10 UEsta wasekhuluma loHathaki,
wamnika umlayo usiya kuModekhayi wokuthi: 11 Zonke
inceku zenkosi labantu bezabelo zenkosi bayakwazi
ukuthi, loba ngubani, owesilisa loba owesifazana, ongena
esiya enkosini egumeni elingaphakathi, engabizwanga,
kulomthetho owodwa ngaye wokumbulala, ngaphandle
kokuthi inkosi imelulele intonga yobukhosi yegolide, ukuze
aphile; kodwa mina kangibizwanga ukungena enkosini
lezinsuku ezingamatshumi amathathu. 12 Basebemtshela
uModekhayi amazwi kaEsta. 13 UModekhayi wasesithi
ephendula uEsta: Ungacabangi engqondweni yakho
ukuthi uzaphepha endlini yenkosi okwedlula wonke
amaJuda. 14 Ngoba uba uthula lokuthula ngalesisikhathi,
usizo lenkululeko kuzamela amaJuda kuvela kwenye
indawo, kodwa wena lendlu kayihlo lizabhubha. Ngubani
kambe owaziyo ukuthi ufikile embusweni ngenxa
yesikhathi esinje? 15 UEsta wasesithi ephendula
uModekhayi: 16 Hamba ubuthanise wonke amaJuda
atholakala eShushani, lingizilele ukudla, lingadli linganathi
insuku ezintathu ubusuku lemini; lami lamantombazana
ami sizazila ukudla ngokufananayo; ngokunjalo-ke
ngizangena enkosini, okunganjengokomthetho; njalo uba
ngibhubha, ngizabhubha. 17 UModekhayi waseqhubeka
wenza njengakho konke uEsta amlaye khona.

5 Kwasekusithi ngosuku lwesithathu uEsta wagqoka
ezobundlovukazi, wema egumeni elingaphakathi
lendlu yenkosi, maqondana lendlu yenkosi. Inkosi
yayihlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi sombuso wayo endlini
yesikhosini iqondene lomnyango wendlu. 2 Kwasekusithi
inkosi ibona uEsta indlovukazi emi egumeni, wazuza
umusa emehlweni ayo; inkosi yasimelulela uEsta intonga
yobukhosi yegolide eyayisesandleni sayo. Wasesondela
uEsta wathinta isihloko sentonga yobukhosi. 3 Inkosi
yasisithi kuye: Ulani, ndlovukazi Esta? Lesicelo sakho
siyini? Uzasinikwa ngitsho kuze kube yingxenye
yombuso. 4 UEsta wasesithi: Uba kukuhle enkosini,
kayize inkosi loHamani edilini engiyenzele lona. 5
Inkosi yasisithi: Phangisisani uHamani ukuthi enze ilizwi
likaEsta. Ngakho yeza inkosi loHamani edilini uEsta
ayelenzile. 6 Inkosi yasisithi kuEsta edilini lewayini: Siyini
isicelo sakho? Njalo uzasinikwa. Siyini-ke isifiso sakho?
Kuzakwenziwa ngitsho kuze kube yingxenye yombuso.
7 UEsta wasephendula wathi: Isicelo sami lesifiso sami
yilokhu: 8 Uba ngithole umusa emehlweni enkosi, futhi
uba kukuhle enkosini ukupha isicelo sami lokwenza
isifiso sami, inkosi loHamani kabeze edilini engizalenzela
bona. Kusasa-ke ngizakwenza njengokwelizwi lenkosi. 9
UHamani wasephuma mhlalokho ethokoza elenhliziyo
enhle. Kodwa uHamani ebona uModekhayi esangweni
lenkosi ukuthi kasukumanga lokuthi kamthuthumelelanga,
uHamani wagcwala ulaka ngoModekhayi. 10 Kodwa
uHamani wazithinta, wafika endlini yakhe; wasethuma
walanda abangane bakhe loZereshi umkakhe. 11
UHamani wasebalandisela udumo lwenotho yakhe,
lobunengi bamadodana akhe, lakho konke inkosi
eyayimkhulise ngakho, leyamphakamisa ngakho phezu
kweziphathamandla lenceku zenkosi. 12 UHamani
wasesithi: Yebo, uEsta indlovukazi kangenisanga muntu
kanye lenkosi edilini alenzileyo ngaphandle kwami; njalo
lakusasa nginxuselwe kuye lenkosi. 13 Kanti konke
lokhu kakungenelisi ngalutho ngaso sonke isikhathi
ngibona uModekhayi umJuda ehlezi esangweni lenkosi.
14 UZereshi umkakhe labo bonke abangane bakhe
basebesithi kuye: Kakwenziwe ugodo ubude obuzingalo
ezingamatshumi amahlanu; kusasa-ke uthi enkosini
kabalengise uModekhayi kulo, ubusungena lenkosi
edilini uthokozile. Njalo loludaba lwalulungile phambi
kukaHamani, waselwenza ugodo.

6 Ngalobobusuku ubuthongo benkosi babaleka; yasisithi
kakulethwe ugwalo lwezikhumbuzo lwemilando;
yasibalwa phambi kwenkosi. 2 Kwasekutholakala
kubhaliwe ukuthi uModekhayi wabika ngoBigithana
loTereshi, abathenwa ababili benkosi, abalindi bombundu,
ababedinge ukwelulela isandla enkosini uAhasuwerusi.

3 Inkosi yasisithi: Dumo lobukhulu bani obenziwa
kuModekhayi ngalokhu? Izinceku zenkosi ezaziyikhonza
zasezisithi: Kakwenziwanga lutho kuye. 4 Inkosi yasisithi:
Ngubani osegumeni? UHamani wayesengene egumeni
elingaphandle lendlu yenkosi ukukhuluma enkosini ukuthi
ilengise uModekhayi egodweni ayemlungisele lona. 5
Izinceku zenkosi zasezisithi kuyo: Khangela, uHamani
umi egumeni. Inkosi yasisithi: Kangene. 6 UHamani
wasengena; inkosi yasisithi kuye: Kwenziweni kumuntu
inkosi ethokoza kudumo lwakhe? UHamani wasesithi
enhliziyweni yakhe: Ngubani inkosi engathokoza
ukumnika udumo okwedlula mina? 7 UHamani wasesithi
enkosini: Umuntu inkosi ethokoza kudumo lwakhe,
8 kakulethwe isembatho sobukhosi inkosi uqobo
esigqokayo, lebhiza inkosi eligadayo, lokuthi umqhele
wobukhosi ubekwe enhlokweni yalo; 9 lesembatho
lebhiza kunikwe esandleni somunye weziphathamandla
zenkosi ezihloniphekayo, lokuthi bagqokise lowomuntu
inkosi ethokoza kudumo lwakhe, bamgadise ibhiza
adabule igceke lomuzi, bamemeze phambi kwakhe
bathi: Kwenziwa nje emuntwini inkosi ethokoza ngodumo
lwakhe. 10 Inkosi yasisithi kuHamani: Phangisa thatha
isembatho lebhiza njengokutsho kwakho, wenze njalo
kuModekhayi umJuda ohlala esangweni lenkosi; kungawi
lalizwi kukho konke okukhulumileyo. 11 UHamani
wasethatha isembatho lebhiza, wagqokisa uModekhayi,
wamgadisa wadabula igceke lomuzi, wamemeza
phambi kwakhe wathi: Kwenziwa nje emuntwini inkosi
ethokoza kudumo lwakhe. 12 Wasebuyela uModekhayi
esangweni lenkosi, kodwa uHamani wahaluzela waya
endlini yakhe elila embomboze ikhanda. 13 UHamani
wasetshela uZereshi umkakhe labo bonke abangane
bakhe konke okumehleleyo. Abahlakaniphileyo bakhe
loZereshi umkakhe basebesithi kuye: Uba uModekhayi
engowenzalo yamaJuda, osuqalise ukuwa phambi
kwakhe, kawuyikumelana laye, kodwa uzakuwa lokuwa
phambi kwakhe. 14 Besakhuluma loHamani, abathenwa
benkosi basondela, bahaluzela ukuletha uHamani edilini
uEsta ayelenzile.

7 Bafika-ke inkosi loHamani ukuyakuba ledili loEsta
indlovukazi. 2 Inkosi yasisithi kuEsta langosuku
lwesibili edilini lewayini: Siyini isicelo sakho, Esta
ndlovukazi? njalo uzasinikwa. Siyini-ke isifiso sakho?
kuzakwenziwa ngitsho kuze kube yingxenye yombuso.
3 UEsta indlovukazi wasephendula wathi: Uba
ngithole umusa emehlweni akho, nkosi, njalo uba
kukuhle enkosini, impilo yami kangiyinikwe ngesicelo
sami labantu bakithi ngesifiso sami. 4 Ngoba
sithengisiwe, mina labantu bakithi, ukuthi sibhujiswe
sibulawe njalo sichithwe; kodwa uba besithengiswe
ukuba yizigqili lezigqilikazi ngabe ngithule; lanxa
isitha besingelinganise ukoniwa kwenkosi. 5 Inkosi
uAhasuwerusi yasikhuluma yathi kuEsta indlovukazi:
Ngubani lo, futhi ungaphi lo ogcwalise inhliziyo yakhe
ukwenza njalo? 6 UEsta wasesithi: Umuntu, umbandezeli
lesitha, nguHamani lo okhohlakeleyo. UHamani
waseqhaqhazela phambi kwenkosi lendlovukazi. 7
Inkosi yasisukuma edilini lewayini olakeni lwayo,
yaya esivandeni sesigodlo; uHamani wasesukuma
ukuncengela impilo yakhe kuEsta indlovukazi, ngoba
wabona ukuthi okubi sekuqunywe yinkosi ngaye. 8 Inkosi
isiphendukile ivela esivandeni sesigodlo isiya endlini
yedili lewayini, uHamani wayewele phezu kombheda
uEsta ayekuwo. Inkosi yasisithi: Usuzadlova indlovukazi
ilami endlini yini? Ilizwi laphuma emlonyeni wenkosi;
basebembomboza ubuso bukaHamani. 9 UHaribona
omunye wabathenwa wasesithi phambi kwenkosi:
Khangela-ke, ugodo uHamani alwenzele uModekhayi,
owayeyikhulumele okuhle inkosi, lumi endlini kaHamani,
ubude buzingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu. Inkosi
yasisithi: Umlengiseni kulo. 10 Basebemlengisa uHamani
kulologodo ayelulungisele uModekhayi. Lwaseludeda
ulaka lwenkosi.

8 Ngalolosuku inkosi uAhasuwerusi yanika uEsta
indlovukazi indlu kaHamani isitha samaJuda.
UModekhayi wasesiza phambi kwenkosi ngoba
uEsta wayeselandisile ukuthi wayeyini kuye. 2 Inkosi
yasikhupha indandatho yophawu lwayo eyayiyithathele
uHamani, yayinika uModekhayi. UEsta wasebeka
uModekhayi phezu kwendlu kaHamani. 3 UEsta
wasebuya ekhuluma phambi kwenkosi, wawa phambi
kwenyawo zayo wakhala inyembezi wayincenga
ukuthi isuse ububi bukaHamani umAgagi, logobe
lwakhe ayelucebe ngamaJuda. 4 Inkosi yasiselulela
intonga yobukhosi yegolide kuEsta. UEsta wasesukuma
wema phambi kwenkosi, 5 wasesithi: Uba kukuhle
enkosini, uba-ke ngithole umusa phambi kwayo, lodaba
lulungile phambi kwenkosi, lami ngilungile emehlweni
ayo, kakubhalwe ukubuyisela emuva izincwadi,
ugobe lukaHamani indodana kaHamedatha umAgagi,
ayelubhalele ukubhubhisa amaJuda asezabelweni
zonke zenkosi. 6 Ngoba ngingaba lakho njani ukubona
ububi obuzathola isizwe sakithi? Kumbe ngingaba
lakho njani ukubona ukubhujiswa kwezihlobo zami?
7 Inkosi uAhasuwerusi yasisithi kuEsta indlovukazi
lakuModekhayi umJuda: Khangelani, indlu kaHamani
ngiyinike uEsta, yena-ke bamlengise egodweni,
ngenxa yokuthi welulela isandla sakhe kumaJuda.
8 Ngakho lina bhalelani amaJuda ebizweni lenkosi,
njengokuhle emehlweni enu, likunameke ngophawu
lwendandatho yenkosi, ngoba umbhalo obhalwe ngebizo
lenkosi wananyekwa ngophawu lwendandatho yenkosi,
kakho ongawubuyisela emuva. 9 Kwasekubizwa
ababhali benkosi ngalesosikhathi ngenyanga
yesithathu, eyinyanga uSivani, ngolwamatshumi amabili
lantathu lwayo; kwasekubhalwa njengakho konke
uModekhayi akulaya kumaJuda, lezikhulwini lakubabusi

lakuziphathamandla zezabelo ezisukela eIndiya kuze
kufike eEthiyophiya, izabelo ezilikhulu lamatshumi
amabili lesikhombisa, isabelo lesabelo njengokombhalo
waso, lesizwe ngesizwe njengokolimi lwaso, lakumaJuda
njengokombhalo wawo lanjengokolimi lwawo. **10**
Wasebhala ebizweni lenkosi uAhasuwerusi, wanameka
ngophawu lwendandatho yenkosi, wathumela izincwadi
ngesandla sezigijimi ezigade amabhiza, ezigade
amabhiza alejubane awesikhosini, amabhizakazi
amatsha. **11** Ukuthi inkosi yavumela amaJuda ayesemzini
ngomuzi wonke ukuthi ahlangane amele impilo yawo
ukubhubhisa abulale aqede wonke amandla abantu
lesabelo abawahlaseleyo, abantwanyana labesifazana,
lokuphanga impango yabo, **12** ngasuku lunye kuzo
zonke izabelo zenkosi uAhasuwerusi, ngolwetshumi
lantathu lwenyanga yetshumi lambili, eyinyanga uAdari.
13 Ikhophi yombhalo yomthetho ozamiswa kuso sonke
isabelo ngesabelo yayisobala kubo bonke abantu, ukuthi
amaJuda azilungisele lolusuku ukuziphindiselela ezitheni
zawo. **14** Izigijimi zigade amabhiza esikhosini alejubane
zaphuma, ziphangisiswa zicindezelwa yilizwi lenkosi,
lomthetho wanikwa eShushani isigodlo. **15** UModekhayi
wasephuma phambi kwenkosi ekusembatho sobukhosi
sobuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lesimhlophe, lomqhele
omkhulu wegolide, lesembatho selembu elicolekileyo
kakhulu leliyibubende. Umuzi weShushani wasuthokoza
wathaba. **16** AmaJuda ayelokukhanya lentokozo
lenjabulo lodumo. **17** Lakuso sonke isabelo ngesabelo
lakuwo wonke umuzi ngomuzi endaweni lapho ilizwi
lenkosi lomthetho wayo okwafika khona amaJuda aba
lentokozo, lenjabulo, idili, losuku oluhle. Labanengi
babantu belizwe baba ngamaJuda, ngoba ukwesaba
amaJuda kwabehlela.

9 Kwathi ngenyanga yetshumi lambili, eyinyanga uAdari,
ngosuku lwetshumi lantathu lwayo, sekusondele ilizwi
lenkosi lomlayo wayo ukuthi kwenziwe, ngosuku izitha
zamaJuda ezazithemba ukuwabusa ngalo, kwaguquka,
ngoba amaJuda ngokwawo abusa kwababewazonda.
2 AmaJuda abuthana emizini yawo kuzo zonke
izabelo zenkosi uAhasuwerusi ukwelulela isandla
kulabo ababedinge ukulinyazwa kwawo; njalo kakho
owayengema phambi kwawo, ngoba ukwesabeka
kwawo kwakwehlele bonke abantu. **3** Zonke-ke
iziphathamandla zezabelo, lezikhulu, lababusi, labenzi
bomsebenzi inkosi eyayilabo, basiza amaJuda, ngoba
ukwesabeka kukaModekhayi kwakubehlele. **4** Ngoba
uModekhayi wayemkhulu endlini yenkosi, lodumo
lwakhe lwahamba kuzo zonke izabelo, ngoba lindoda
uModekhayi yaqhubeka ikhula. **5** Ngakho amaJuda
atshaya phakathi kwezitha zawo zonke ngokutshaya
kwenkemba lokubulala lokubhubhisa, enza ngabazondi
bawo ngokwentando yawo. **6** EShushani isigodlo
amaJuda asebulala abhubhisa abantu abangamakhulu
amahlanu, **7** loParishanidatha, loDalifoni, loAsiphatha,
8 loPoratha, loAdaliya, loAridatha, **9** loParimashita,
loArisayi, loAridayi, loVayizatha. **10** Amadodana
alitshumi kaHamani indodana kaHamedatha, isitha
samaJuda, awabulala; kodwa kawelulelanga isandla
sawo empangweni. **11** Ngalolosuku inani lababulawayo
eShushani isigodlo lafika phambi kwenkosi. **12**
Inkosi yasisithi kuEsta indlovukazi: EShushani isigodlo
amaJuda abulele abhubhisa abantu abangamakhulu
amahlanu lamadodana alitshumi kaHamani. Enzeni
kwezinye izabelo zenkosi? Siyini-ke isicelo sakho?
Njalo uzasinikwa. Siyini-ke isifiso sakho futhi? Njalo
sizakwenziwa. **13** UEsta wasesithi: Uba kulungile
enkosini kawavunyelwe amaJuda aseShushani ukwenza
lakusasa njengokomthetho walamuhla; lamadodana
alitshumi kaHamani kabawalengise egodweni. **14**
Inkosi yasisithi kwenziwe njalo; kwasekunikwa
umthetho eShushani, lamadodana alitshumi kaHamani
bawalengisa. **15** AmaJuda eyeseShushani asebuthana
futhi ngosuku lwetshumi lane lwenyanga uAdari,
abulala abantu abangamakhulu amathathu eShushani;
kodwa kawelulelanga isandla sawo empangweni. **16**
Amanye kumaJuda ayesezabelweni zenkosi abuthana-
ke amela impilo yabo, aphumula ezitheni zawo, abulala
kwabawazondayo izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
ayisikhombisa lanhlanu; kodwa kawelulelanga isandla
sawo empangweni. **17** Kwakungosuku lwetshumi lantathu
lwenyanga uAdari. Asephumula ngolwetshumi lane
lwayo, alwenza lwaba lusuku lwedili lentokozo. **18**
Kodwa amaJuda aseShushani abuthana ngolwetshumi
lantathu lwayo langolwetshumi lane lwayo; asephumula
ngolwetshumi lanhlanu lwayo, alwenza lwaba lusuku
lwedili lentokozo. **19** Ngenxa yalokhu amaJuda
emaphandleni ahlala emizini emaphandleni enza
usuku lwetshumi lane lwenyanga uAdari lwaba
ngolwentokozo ledili, losuku oluhle, lolokuthumelana
izabelo. **20** UModekhayi wasezibhala lezizinto, wathumela
izincwadi kuwo wonke amaJuda ayekuzo zonke izabelo
zenkosi uAhasuwerusi, aseduze lakhatshana, **21**
ukumisa phakathi kwabo ukwenza usuku lwetshumi
lane lwenyanga uAdari losuku lwetshumi lanhlanu
lwayo kuwo wonke umnyaka ngomnyaka, **22**
njengokwensuku amaJuda aphumula ngazo ezitheni
zawo, lenyanga eyaphendulwa kuwo kusuka osizini
kusiya kuntokozo, lekulileni kube lusuku oluhle,
azenze zibe zinsuku zedili lentokozo, lezokuthumelana
izabelo, lezipho kubayanga. **23** AmaJuda emukela
lokho ayesekuqalile ukukwenza, lalokho uModekhayi
ayewabhalele khona. **24** Ngoba uHamani indodana
kaHamedatha umAgagi, isitha sawo wonke amaJuda,
wayecebe mayelana lamaJuda ukuwachitha, waphosa
iPuri, eyinkatho, ukuwachoboza lokuwabhubhisa. **25**
Kodwa lapho uEsta efika phambi kwenkosi, yalaya
ngencwadi ukuthi icebo lakhe elibi ayelicebe ngamaJuda
libuyele ekhanda lakhe; basebebalengisa yena

lamadodana akhe egodweni. **26** Ngenxa yalokhu babiza
lezozinsuku ngokuthi iPurimi ngebizo lePuri. Ngenxa
yalokhu, ngenxa yawo wonke amazwi aleyoncwadi,
lababekubonile mayelana lalokho, lokwakubehlele,
27 amaJuda amisa azemukelela wona lenzalo yawo
labo bonke abazihlanganisa lawo, ukuze bangeqi,
ukugcina lezinsuku ezimbili, njengokombhalo wazo,
lanjengokwesikhathi sazo esimisiweyo, kuwo wonke
umnyaka lomnyaka, **28** ukuthi lezinsuku zikhunjulwe
zigcinwe kuso sonke isizukulwana lesizukulwana, usapho
losapho, isabelo ngesabelo, lomuzi ngomuzi, ukuthi
lezinsuku zePurimi zingeqiwa phakathi kwamaJuda,
lesikhumbuzo sazo singapheli enzalweni yawo. **29**
UEsta indlovukazi, indodakazi kaAbihayili, loModekhayi
umJuda, basebebhala ngamandla wonke ukuqinisa
lincwadi yesibili yePurimi. **30** Wasethumela izincwadi
kuwo wonke amaJuda ezabelweni ezilikhulu lamatshumi
amabili lesikhombisa zombuso kaAhasuwerusi, amazwi
okuthula leqiniso, **31** ukuqinisa lezinsuku zePurimi
ngezikhathi zazo ezimisiweyo njengokumisa phezu
kwawo kukaModekhayi umJuda loEsta indlovukazi,
lanjengokuzimisela kwawo wona lenzalo yawo, indaba
zokuzila ukudla lokukhala kwawo. **32** Ilizwi likaEsta
laseliqinisa lezizindaba zePurimi; kwasekubhalwa
egwalweni.

10 Inkosi uAhasuwerusi yasibeka umthelo elizweni
lezihlengeni zolwandle. **2** Zonke-ke izenzo
zamandla ayo lawengalo zayo, lomlando wobukhulu
bukaModekhayi, inkosi eyamkhulisayo, kakubhalwanga
yini egwalweni lwemilando yamakhosi eMede lePerisiya?
3 Ngoba uModekhayi umJuda wayengowesibili enkosini
uAhasuwerusi, emkhulu phakathi kwamaJuda, ethandeka
kulo inengi labafowabo, edingela isizwe sakibo okuhle,
ekhuluma ukuthula kuyo yonke inzalo yakhe.

UJobe

1 Kwakukhona indoda elizweni leUzi, ibizo layo
lalinguJobe. Leyondoda yayiphelele-ke, iqondile,
imesaba uNkulunkulu, ixwaya okubi. **2** Yasizalelwa
amadodana ayisikhombisa lamadodakazi amathathu.
3 Lemfuyo yayo yayiyizimvu eziyizinkulungwane
eziyisikhombisa, lamakamela ayizinkulungwane
ezintathu, lezipane zenkabi ezingamakhulu amahlanu,
labobabhemi abasikazi abangamakhulu amahlanu,
lenceku ezinengi kakhulu. Ngakho lowomuntu
wayemkhulu okwedlula bonke abantu bempumalanga.
4 Njalo amadodana akhe ahamba enza idili endlini
yaleyo laleyo ngosuku lwayo; athuma abiza odadewabo
abathathu ukuze badle banathe lawo. **5** Kwakusithi
lapho esephelile amazopha ensuku zedili, uJobe
athume, awangcwelise, avuke ekuseni kakhulu, anikele
iminikelo yokutshiswa ngokwenani lawo wonke, ngoba
uJobe wathi: Mhlawumbe amadodana ami onile,
amthuka uNkulunkulu enhliziyweni yawo. Wenza njalo
uJobe zonke izinsuku. **6** Kwasekusiba losuku lapho
amadodana kaNkulunkulu eza ukuzimisa phambi
kweNkosi, loSathane laye wafika phakathi kwawo. **7**
INkosi yasisithi kuSathane: Uvela ngaphi? USathane
wasephendula iNkosi wathi: Ekuzulazuleni emhlabeni
lekuhambahambeni kuwo. **8** INkosi yasisithi kuSathane:
Ubekile yini inhliziyo yakho encekwini yami uJobe,
ngoba kakho onjengayo emhlabeni, umuntu opheleleyo
loqondileyo, owesaba uNkulunkulu loxwaya ububi? **9**
USathane wasephendula iNkosi wathi: UJobe umesabela
ize uNkulunkulu yini? **10** Kawumbiyelanga yini yena
lendlu yakhe lakho konke alakho inhlangothi zonke?
Ubusisile umsebenzi wezandla zakhe, lezifuyo zakhe
zanda kakhulu elizweni. **11** Kodwa isibili yelula isandla
sakho khathesi, uthinte konke alakho; sibili uzakuthuka
ebusweni bakho. **12** INkosi yasisithi kuSathane: Khangela
konke alakho kusesandleni sakho; kuphela kuye
ungeluleli isandla sakho. Wasephuma uSathane phambi
kweNkosi. **13** Kwasekusiba losuku lapho amadodana
lamadodakazi akhe ayesidla enatha iwayini endlini
yomfowabo olizibulo. **14** Kwasekufika isithunywa kuJobe
sathi: Inkabi bezilima labobabhemi besidla emaceleni
azo; **15** kwasekutheleka amaShebha, akuthatha, atshaya
izinceku ngobukhali benkemba, njalo yimi ngedwa
kuphela engiphephileyo ukuze ngikubikele. **16** Lesi
sisakhuluma, kwafika lesinye, sathi: Umlilo kaNkulunkulu
uwile uvela emazulwini, watshisa izimvu lezinceku,
waziqeda; njalo yimi ngedwa kuphela engiphephileyo
ukuze ngikubikele. **17** Lesi sisakhuluma, kwafika
lesinye, sathi: AmaKhaladiya amise amaxuku amathathu
atheleka phezu kwamakamela, awathatha, atshaya
izinceku ngobukhali benkemba, njalo yimi ngedwa
kuphela engiphephileyo ukuze ngikubikele. **18** Lesi
sisakhuluma, kwafika lesinye, sathi: Amadodana akho
lamadodakazi akho bebesidla benatha iwayini endlini
yomfowabo, izibulo. **19** Khangela-ke, umoya omkhulu
wafika uvela ngaphetsheya kwenkangala, watshaya
amagumbi womane endlu, yawela phezu kwamajaha,
afa; njalo yimi ngedwa kuphela engiphephileyo ukuze
ngikubikele. **20** UJobe wasesukuma, wadabula ibhatshi
lakhe, waphuca ikhanda lakhe, wawa emhlabathini,
wakhonza; **21** wasesithi: Ngaphuma ngize esiswini
sikamama, njalo ngizabuyela khona ngize; iNkosi yapha,
iNkosi ithethe; kalibusiswe ibizo leNkosi. **22** Kukho
konke lokhu uJobe konanga, kambalelanga ubuwula
uNkulunkulu.

2 Kwakulosuku futhi lapho amadodana kaNkulunkulu
afika ukuzimisa phambi kweNkosi, uSathane laye
wafika phakathi kwawo ukuzimisa phambi kweNkosi. **2**
INkosi yasisithi kuSathane: Uvela ngaphi? USathane
wasephendula iNkosi wathi: Ekuzulazuleni emhlabeni
lekuhambahambeni kuwo. **3** INkosi yasisithi kuSathane:
Ubekile yini inhliziyo yakho encekwini yami uJobe?
Ngoba kakho onjengaye emhlabeni, umuntu opheleleyo
loqondileyo, owesaba uNkulunkulu, loxwaya ububi?
Usabambelele kubo ubuqotho bakhe, lanxa ungivuse
ukuze ngimchithe kungelasizatho. **4** USathane
wasephendula iNkosi wathi: Isikhumba ngesikhumba,
yebo, konke umuntu alakho uzakunikelela impilo yakhe.
5 Kodwa khathesi yelula isandla sakho, uthinte ithambo
lakhe lenyama yakhe; isibili uzakuthuka ebusweni bakho.
6 INkosi yasisithi kuSathane: Khangela, usesandleni
sakho; kodwa gcina impilo yakhe. **7** USathane
wasephuma phambi kweNkosi, wamtshaya uJobe
ngamathumba amabi, kusukela ngaphansi konyawo
lwakhe kuze kube enkanda yakhe. **8** Wasezithathela
udengezi ukuziphala ngalo, wahlala phakathi kwesilotha.
9 Umkakhe wasesithi kuye: Usabambelele yini
kubuqotho bakho? Thuka uNkulunkulu, ufe. **10** Kodwa
wathi kuye: Ukhuluma njengokukhuluma komunye
wabesifazana abayiziwula. Kambe, sizakwemukela
okuhle kuNkulunkulu, singemukeli lokubi yini? Kukho
konke lokhu uJobe konanga ngendebe zakhe. **11**
Abangane abathathu bakaJobe sebezwile ngakho konke
lokhu okubi okumehleleyo, beza, lowo lalowo evela
endaweni yakhe, uElifazi umThemani, loBilidadi umShuhi,
loZofari umNahama; bavumelana ndawonye ukuthi
beze bamkhalele bamduduze. **12** Lapho bephakamisa
amehlo abo bekhatshana, kabamazanga, baphakamisa
ilizwi labo, bakhala inyembezi, badabula ngulowo
ibhatshi lakhe, bavuvuzela uthuli emakhanda abo
ngasemazulwini. **13** Basebehlala laye emhlabathini
insuku eziyisikhombisa lobusuku obuyisikhombisa, njalo
kakho owakhuluma ilizwi kuye, ngoba babona ukuthi
ubuhlungu bukhulu kakhulu.

3 Emva kwalokho uJobe wavula umlomo wakhe,
waqalekisa usuku lwakhe. **2** UJobe wasephendula

wathi: 3 Kalubhubhe usuku engazalwa ngalo, lobusuku
okwathiwa ngalo: Kukhulelwe umntwana wesilisa. 4
Lolosuku kalube ngumnyama, uNkulunkulu angalunanzi
ephezulu, lokukhanya kungalukhanyisi. 5 Umnyama
lethunzi lokufa kakuluhlenge, iyezi lihlale phezu kwalo,
umnyama welanga ulwesabise. 6 Lobobusuku, umnyama
ububambe, lungathokozi ensukwini zomnyaka, lungezi
kunani lezinyanga. 7 Khangela, lobobusuku kabube
yinyumba, umsindo wentokozo ungangeni kubo. 8
Kababuqalekise abaqalekisi bosuku, abalungele ukuvusa
uLeviyathani. 9 Zibe mnyama inkanyezi zokusa
kwabo, bulindele ukukhanya, kodwa kungabi khona,
bungaboni inkophe zokusa. 10 Ngoba bungavalanga
iminyango yesisu sikamama wami, bungafihlanga usizi
emehlweni ami. 11 Kungani ngingafanga kusukela
esizalweni, ngiphele ekuphumeni kwami esiswini? 12
Kungani amadolo angandulela? Kungani lamabele ukuthi
ngimunye? 13 Ngoba khathesi ngabe ngacambalala
ngathula, ngalala, khona ngaba lokuphumula, 14 kanye
lamakhosi labeluleki bomhlaba abazakhela amanxiwa,
15 kumbe kanye leziphathamandla ezazilegolide
ezagcwalisa izindlu zazo ngesiliva. 16 Kumbe
njengomphunzo ofihliweyo ngingabi khona, njengensane
ezingabonanga ukukhanya. 17 Lapho ababi bayekela
ukuhlupha, lapho abakhathele ngamandla bephumula.
18 Izibotshwa ziyaphumula ndawonye, kazizwa ilizwi
lomcindezeli. 19 Omncinyane lomkhulu balapho, lesigqili
sikhululekile enkosini yaso. 20 Kungani enika ukukhanya
kohluphekayo, lempilo kwabalokubaba komphefumulo;
21 abalindele ukufa, kodwa kungekho, bekugebha
kulenotho efihliweyo, 22 abathabayo kakhulu ngentokozo,
bajabule lapho bethola ingcwaba? 23 Emuntwini yini,
ondlela yakhe ifihliwe, uNkulunkulu ambiyeleyo? 24
Ngoba ukububula kwami kuza phambi kokudla kwami,
lokubhonga kwami kuthululeka njengamanzi. 25 Ngoba
engikwesabayo ngokwesaba sekungehlele, lengilovalo
ngakho kufikile kimi. 26 Ngangingahlalisekanga,
ngingaphumuli, ngingelakuthula, lohlupho lweza.

4 UElifazi umThemani wasephendula wathi: 2 Uba
sizama ilizwi kuwe, uzadabuka yini? Kodwa ngubani
ongazibamba emazwini? 3 Khangela, uqondisile
abanengi, waqinisa izandla ezibuthakathaka. 4 Amazwi
akho amvusile okhubekayo, waqinisa amadolo axegayo.
5 Kodwa khathesi kufikile kuwe, uyadinwa; kuyakuthinta
wena, utshaywa luvalo. 6 Ukwesaba kwakho uNkulunkulu
kakusiso isibindi sakho yini, lobuqotho bendlela
zakho ithemba lakho? 7 Akukhumbule, ngubani
owake wachithwa engelacala? Kumbe abalungileyo
bake baqunywa ngaphi? 8 Njengengikubonileyo,
abalima ababi behlanyela udubo, bavuna khona.
9 Ngokuphephetha kukaNkulunkulu bayabhubha,
langokuphefumula kwamakhala akhe bayaphela. 10
Ukubhonga kwesilwane, lelizwi lesilwane esesabekayo,
lamazinyo amabhongo esilwane, kwephukile. 11 Isilwane
esidala siyabhubha ngokuswela impango, lemidlwane
yesilwanekazi isabalale. 12 Ngasenginyenyezelwa ilizwi,
lendlebe yami yemukela okuncinyane kwalo. 13 Phakathi
kwemicabango yemibono yebusuku, lapho ubuthongo
obukhulu busehlela abantu, 14 ukwesaba kwangifikela
lokuthuthumela okwenza ubunengi bamathambo ami
baqhaqhazela. 15 Kwasekusedlula umoya ebusweni
bami, loboya benyama yami bavuka. 16 Wema, kodwa
angikuqondanga ukubonakala kwawo; isimo sasiphambi
kwamehlo ami; kwathula, ngasengisizwa ilizwi lisithi:
17 Kambe umuntu angalunga okwedlula uNkulunkulu?
Umuntu angahlambuluka okwedlula uMenzi wakhe yini?
18 Khangela, kazithembi inceku zakhe, lengilosi zakhe
uthi zingabaphosisi. 19 Kangakanani abahlala endlini
zebumba, abasisekelo sabo sisethulini, abachotshozwa
phambi kwenundu. 20 Bakhandwa kusukela ekuseni
kuze kube kusihlwa, kungelakunanzwa bayabhubha
kuze kube nininini. 21 Ubuhle babo kabususwa labo
yini? Bayafa kodwa bengalanhlakanipho.

5 Ake umemeze, ukhona ongakuphendula yini?
Uzaphendukela kuwuphi wabangcwele? 2
Ngoba ulaka luyasibulala isiwula, lomhawu ubulale
isiphukuphuku. 3 Mina ngibone isiwula sigxila,
kodwa ngahle ngaqalekisa indawo yaso yokuhlala. 4
Abantwana baso bakhatshana losindiso, bachothozwa
esangweni, njalo kungekho umkhululi. 5 Osivuno saso
olambileyo uyasidla, esithatha lemeveni, lomphangi
uginya inotho yaso. 6 Ngoba usizi kaluveli ethulini,
lenhlupheko kayihlumi emhlabathini. 7 Kube kanti
umuntu uzalelwe inhlupheko njengoba inhlansi
ziqhatshela phezulu. 8 Kodwa mina bengizadinga
uNkulunkulu, lakuNkulunkulu bengizabeka udaba
lwami. 9 Owenza izinto ezinkulu lezingelakuhlolwa,
imimangaliso engelakubalwa. 10 Onika izulu ebusweni
bomhlaba, athumele amanzi ebusweni bamaphandle,
11 ukuze abamise phezulu abaphansi, ukuze abalilayo
baphakanyiselwe ekuvikelekeni. 12 Uchitha amacebo
abalobuqili, ukuze izandla zabo zingenzi cebo. 13
Ubamba abahlakaniphileyo ebuqilini babo, ukuze icebo
labangaqondanga liwiselwe phansi. 14 Bahlangana
lomnyama emini, baphumputhe phakathi kwemini
njengebusuku. 15 Kodwa ukhulula umyanga enkembeni,
emlonyeni wabo, lesandleni solamandla. 16 Ngakho
umyanga ulethemba, lobubi buzavala umlomo wabo. 17
Khangela, ubusisiwe lowomuntu uNkulunkulu amlayayo;
ngakho ungadeleli ukukhuza kukaSomandla. 18
Ngoba yena uzwisa ubuhlungu, abuye abophe;
uyalimaza, lezandla zakhe ziyapholisa. 19 Uzakukhululula
enhluphekweni eziyisithupha, lakweziyisikhombisa ababi
kabuyikukuthinta. 20 Endlaleni uzakuhlenga ekufeni,
lempini emandleni enkemba. 21 Uzafihlelwa isiswepu
solimi, njalo kawuyikwesaba incithakalo lapho ifika. 22
Uzahleka incithakalo lendlala, njalo kawuyikwesaba izilo

zomhlaba. 23 Ngoba uzakuba lesivumelwano lamatshe
eganga, lezilo zeganga zizakuba lokuthula lawe. 24 Njalo
uzakwazi ukuthi ithente lakho lilokuthula, uzakwethekela
indawo yakho yokuhlala ungasweli lutho. 25 Uzakwazi
futhi ukuthi inzalo yakho izakuba nengi, lembewu
yakho njengotshani bomhlaba. 26 Uzafika engcwabeni
lakho usuluphele, njengenqumbi zamabele zisenyuka
ngesikhathi sawo. 27 Khangela lokhu, sesikuhlolile;
kunjalo. Kuzwe, uzazele wena.

6 UJobe wasephendula wathi: 2 Kungathi
ukudabuka kwami bekungalinganiswa lokulinganiswa,
lenhlupheko yami ibekwe ndawonye esikalini! 3 Ngoba
khathesi kungaba nzima kuletshebetshebe lolwandle.
Ngenxa yalokho amazwi ami angawamawala. 4 Ngoba
imitshoko kaSomandla iphakathi kwami, obuhlungu bayo
umoya wami uyabunatha; izesabiso zikaNkulunkulu
ziyazihlela zimelene lami. 5 Ubabhemi weganga
uyakhala yini esohlazeni, kumbe inkabi iyakhonya
yini ekudleni kwayo? 6 Kambe okuduma kungadliwa
kungelatshwayi? Kulokuhlabusa kokumhlophe kweqanda
yini? 7 Umphefumulo wami uyala ukukuthinta,
kunjengokudla kwami okunengekayo. 8 Kungathi
isicelo sami singafika, njalo uNkulunkulu anginike
ithemba lami, 9 ukuthi kumthokozise uNkulunkulu
ukungichoboza, ayekele isandla sakhe, angiqume. 10
Khona kungahlala kube yinduduzo yami, bengingajabula
ebuhlungwini obungayekeliyo; ngoba kangiwafihlanga
amazwi oNgcwele. 11 Ayini amandla ami ukuze
ngithembe? Lokuphela kwami kuyini ukuze ngelule
impilo yami? 12 Amandla ami angamandla amatshe yini?
Inyama yami ilithusi yini? 13 Usizo lwami kalukimi yini?
Lenhlakanipho iyaxotshwa kimi yini? 14 Ohluphekayo
nga ehawukelwa ngumngane wakhe, kodwa udela
ukwesabeka kukaSomandla. 15 Abafowethu kabenzanga
ngokuthembeka njengesifula, njengempophoma yezifula
bayedlula, 16 ezimnyama ngenxa yongqwaqwane,
okucatsha kizo iliqhwa elikhithikileyo. 17 Ngesikhathi
sokufudumala kwazo ziyanyamalala, sekutshisa zicitshe
endaweni yazo. 18 Imikhondo yendlela yazo iyajika,
yenyukele enkangala ibhubhe. 19 Izihambi zeTema
zakhangela, indwendwe zezihambi zeShebha zalindela
kuyo. 20 Zaba lenhloni ngoba zazithembile, zafika kuyo
zayangeka. 21 Ngoba khathesi kalisilutho; liyabona
isesabiso, liyesaba. 22 Ngitshilo yini ukuthi: Lethani kimi?
Kumbe: Phanini isipho ngenxa yami empahleni yenu?
23 Kumbe: Ngikhululani esandleni sesitha? Kumbe:
Lingihlenge esandleni sabalesihluku? 24 Ngifundisani,
khona mina ngizathula; lingenze ngiqedisise engiduhe
khona. 25 Alamandla angakanani amazwi aqotho;
kodwa ukusola okuvela kini kusolani? 26 Likhumbula
amazwi okusola yini, lezinkulumo zophelelwe lithemba
zingumoya? 27 Yebo, liziwisela phezu kwentandane,
ligebhele umngane wenu umgodi. 28 Ngakho-ke,
vumani lingikhangele, ngoba kuphambi kobuso benu nxa
ngiqamba amanga. 29 Ake liphenduke, kungabi lobubi,
yebo, libuye liphenduke, ukulunga kwami kukukho. 30
Kambe kukhona ububi olimini lwami? Ukunambitha
kwami bekungehlukanise yini izinto ezimbi?

7 Kakukho yini imfazo kumuntu emhlabeni, lensuku
zakhe kazinjengensuku zoqhatshiweyo yini? 2
Njengesigqili sikhefuzelela umthunzi, lanjengesiqatshwa
silindele iholo laso, 3 ngokunjalo mina ngidliswe ilifa
lenyanga zeze, lobusuku bezinhlupheko bubalelwe mina.
4 Lapho ngilala phansi ngithi: Ngizavuka nini? Ngoba
ubusuku bude, njalo ngigcwele ukutshukuma kuze
kuse. 5 Inyama yami yembethe impethu lamagade
othuli; isikhumba sami siyadabuka siyenyanyeka. 6
Insuku zami ziyaphangisa kuleselukiso someluki, ziphele
kungelathemba. 7 Khumbula ukuthi impilo yami
ingumoya; ilihlo lami kaliyikuphinda libone okuhle. 8
Ilihlo longibonayo kaliyikungibona futhi; amehlo akho
aphezu kwami, kodwa ngizakuba ngingasekho. 9 Iyezi
liyaphela linyamalale; ngokunjalo owehlela engcwabeni
kayikwenyuka. (Sheol h7585) 10 Kaphindi abuyele emzini
wakhe, lendawo yakhe kayisayikumazi. 11 Ngakho
mina kangiyikubamba umlomo wami; ngizakhuluma
ekucindezelweni komoya wami, ngisole ekubabeni
komphefumulo wami. 12 Ngilulwandle yini, kumbe isilo
solwandle, ukuze lingibekele abalindi? 13 Lapho ngisithi:
Umbheda wami uzangiduduza, icansi lami liphungule
ukusola kwami; 14 ubusungiqhaqhazelisa ngamaphupho,
angethuse ngemibono; 15 ukuze umphefumulo wami
ukhethe ukuklinywa, ukufa kulamathambo ami. 16
Ngiyanengwa yikho, kangiyikuphila njalonjalo; ngiyekele,
ngoba insuku zami ziyize. 17 Uyini umuntu ukuthi
umkhulise, lokuthi ubeke inhliziyo yakho kuye, 18
lokuthi umhambele ikuseni yonke, umlinge sonke
isikhathi? 19 Koze kube nini ungayekeli ukungiqaphela,
ungangiyekeli ngize ngiginye amathe ami yini? 20
Ngonile, ngizakwenzani kuwe, wena mlindi wabantu?
Ungimiseleni ngibe yinto yakho yokunenjwa, ngize
ngibe ngumthwalo kimi? 21 Njalo kawuthetheleli ngani
isiphambeko sami, ususe isono sami? Ngoba sengizalala
phansi othulini; uzangidinga ngovivi, kodwa kangiyikuba
khona.

8 Wasephendula uBilidadi umShuhi wathi: 2 Koze
kube nini ukhuluma lezizinto, lamazwi omlomo
wakho abe ngumoya olamandla? 3 UNkulunkulu
uyahlanekela isahlulelo yini? Kumbe uSomandla
uyahlanekela ukulunga yini? 4 Uba abantwana
bakho bonile kuye, yena usebalahlile emandleni
esiphambeko sabo; 5 uba wena umdinga uNkulunkulu
ngovivi, uncenge kuSomandla; 6 uba uhlambulukile,
uqotho; isibili khathesi ubezavuka ngenxa yakho,
aphumelelise indawo yokuhlala yokulunga kwakho. 7
Lanxa ukuqala kwakho bekukuncinyane, kube kanti

isiphetho sakho sizakwanda kakhulu. **8** Ngoba ake ubuze
esizukulwaneni sakuqala, uzilungisele isidingo saboyise.
9 Ngoba singabezolo, njalo kasazi, ngoba insuku zethu
emhlabeni ziyisithunzi. **10** Kabayikukufundisa yini,
bakutshele, bakhuphe amazwi enhliziyweni yabo? **11**
Imihlanga ingakhula lapho okungelaxhaphozi khona
yini? Ibhuma likhule lapho okungelamanzi khona? **12**
Nxa lisebuluhlazeni balo lingakakhiwa, kube kanti libuna
kuqala kwazo zonke izihlahlakazana. **13** Zinjalo indlela
zabo bonke abamkhohlwayo uNkulunkulu, lethemba
lomzenzisi lizabhubha. **14** Othemba lakhe lizaqunywa,
lokuthemba kwakhe kuyibulembu besayobe. **15** Uyeyama
endlini yakhe, kodwa kayimi; ubambelela kiyo, kodwa
kayihlali. **16** Uluhlaza phambi kwelanga, lamahlumela
akhe aphuma esivandeni sakhe. **17** Impande zakhe
zithandele enqunjini; ubona indawo yamatshe. **18** Uba
emchitha endaweni yakhe, izamphika ithi: Kangizange
ngikubone. **19** Khangela, le yintokozo yendlela yakhe;
njalo kuzakhula abanye emhlabathini. **20** Khangela,
uNkulunkulu kayikumlahla opheleleyo, kabambi isandla
sabenzi bobubi. **21** Aze agcwalise umlomo wakho
ngohleko, lezindebe zakho ngokumemeza kwentokozo.
22 Abakuzondayo bazakwembeswa ngenhloni, lethente
lababi lingabi khona.

9 UJobe wasephendula wathi: **2** Ngeqiniso ngiyazi
ukuthi kunjalo. Kodwa umuntu angalunga njani
kuNkulunkulu? **3** Uba efisa ukuphikisana laye,
kayikumphendula okukodwa phakathi kwenkulungwane.
4 Uhlakaniphile enhliziyweni, uqinile emandleni: Ngubani
oziqinisileyo wamelana laye waphumelela? **5** Osusa
izintaba njalo zingazi, ozigenqula entukuthelweni
yakhe. **6** Onyikinya umhlaba awususe endaweni yawo,
lensika zawo zizamazame. **7** Olaya ilanga ukuthi
lingaphumi, avalele inkanyezi ngophawu. **8** Owendlala
amazulu eyedwa, anyathele phezu kwezingqonga
zolwandle. **9** Owenza iBhere, iziNja, lesiLimela,
lamakamelo eningizimu. **10** Owenza izinto ezinkulu
ezingelakuhlolwa, lezimangalisayo ezingelakubalwa. **11**
Khangela, uyedlula phansi kwami ngingamboni, edlulele
phambili ngingamuzwa. **12** Khangela, uyahluthuna,
ngubani ongamnqanda? Ngubani ongathi kuye: Wenzani?
13 UNkulunkulu kayinqandi intukuthelo yakhe. Abasizi
bakaRahabi bayakhothama phansi kwakhe. **14**
Pho-ke, mina ngingamphendula ngithini, ngikhethe
amazwi ami okuqondana laye? **15** Ebengingeke
ngamphendula loba bengilungile; ngizacela isihawu
kumahluleli wami. **16** Uba bengibizile, wangiphendula,
bengingayikukholwa ukuthi ubekile indlebe elizwini lami.
17 Ngoba uyangihlifiza ngesiphepho, andise amanxeba
ami kungelasizatho. **18** Kangivumeli ukukhokha
umoya, kodwa engigcwalisa ngezinto ezibabayo. **19**
Uba kungamandla, khangela, ulamandla. Njalo uba
kungesahlulelo, ngubani ozangibiza? **20** Aluba ngilungile,
umlomo wami uzangilahla; uba ngiphelele, uzakuthi
ngonakele. **21** Ngiphelele, angikhathaleli umphefumulo
wami, ngidelela impilo yami. **22** Kunye lokho, ngenxa
yalokho ngithi: Uyabhubhisa olungileyo lomubi. **23** Lapho
isiswepu sibulala ngokujumayo, uzahleka ukudangala
kwabangelacala. **24** Umhlaba unikelwe esandleni
somubi; wembesa ubuso babehluleli bawo. Uba
kungenjalo, pho, ngubani? **25** Njalo insuku zami
zilejubane kulesigijimi; ziyabaleka, kaziboni okuhle.
26 Ziyedlula njengezikepe zomhlanga, njengokhozi
olutheleka empangweni. **27** Uba ngisithi: Ngizakhohlwa
ukusola kwami, ngitshiye ukunyukumala kwami,
ngithokoze, **28** ngiyesaba zonke insizi zami, ngiyazi ukuthi
kawuyikungiphatha njengongelacala. **29** Ngilecala mina,
pho, ngizatshikatshikelelani ize? **30** Uba ngizigezisa
ngamanzi eliqhwa elikhithikileyo, ngihlambulule izandla
zami ngesepa, **31** khona uzangiphosela emgodini,
besengisenyanywa yizigqoko zami. **32** Ngoba kasuye
umuntu njengami ukuze ngimphendule, ukuze siye
ndawonye kusahlulelo. **33** Kakukho umqamuli phakathi
kwethu ongabeka isandla sakhe phezu kwethu sobabili.
34 Kasuse uswazi lwakhe kimi, njalo uvalo ngaye
lungangethusi. **35** Bengingakhuluma ngingamesabi,
kodwa anginjalo ngokwami.

10 Umphefumulo wami ukhathele yimpilo yami;
ngizatshiya insolo yami phezu kwami;
ngizakhuluma ekubabeni komphefumulo wami. **2**
Ngizakuthi kuNkulunkulu: Ungangilahli; ngazisa ukuthi
kungani uphikisana lami. **3** Kuhle yini kuwe ukuthi
ucindezele, ukuthi udelele umsebenzi wezandla
zakho, ukhanye phezu kwecebo lababi? **4** Ulamehlo
enyama yini? Ubona njengokubona komuntu? **5**
Insuku zakho zinjengensuku zomuntu na? Iminyaka
yakho injengensuku zomuntu yini, **6** ukuthi udinge
ngobubi bami, uhlolisise ngesono sami? **7** Ngoba
usazi ukuthi kangikhohlakalanga, lokuthi kakho
ongakhulula esandleni sakho. **8** Izandla zakho
zangibumba zangenza kanyekanye inhlangothi zonke,
kanti uyangichitha. **9** Ake ukhumbule ukuthi wangenza
njengebumba. Pho, uzangibuyisela ethulini? **10**
Kawungithululanga njengochago, wangijiyisa njengamasi
yini? **11** Ungigqokise isigogo lenyama, wangihlanganisa
ndawonye ngamathambo langemisipha. **12** Ungenzele
impilo lomusa, lokunakekela kwakho kulondolozile
umoya wami. **13** Kanti lezizinto uzifihlile enhliziyweni
yakho; ngiyazi ukuthi lokhu kukuwe. **14** Uba ngisona,
ungiqaphele, kawuyikungiyekela ngingelacala esonweni
sami. **15** Uba ngimubi, maye kimi! Uba ngilungile,
bengingayikuphakamisa ikhanda lami. Ngigcwele
ihlazo, ngakho bona inhlupheko yami. **16** Ngoba
kuyaziphakamisa; uyangizingela njengesilwane;
ubuye uzenze okumangalisayo kimi. **17** Uyavuselela
abafakazi bakho abamelene lami, wandise ulaka
lwakho kimi; izinguquko lempi kulami. **18** Pho kungani
wangikhupha esizalweni? Kungathi ngabe ngaphela,

lelihlo lingangibonanga! 19 Ngangizakuba njengokungathi
kangikho; ngangizathwalwa ngisuswe esizalweni ngisiwe
engcwabeni. 20 Insuku zami kazinlutshwana yini?
Khawula phela, ungiyekele ukuze ngithokoze kancinyane,
21 ngingakayi - ngingabuyi- elizweni lomnyama lethunzi
lokufa, 22 ilizwe lomnyama, njengobumnyama, ithunzi
lokufa, elingelahlelo, lokukhanya kunjengobumnyama.

11 Wasephendula uZofari umNahama wathi: 2
Kambe kabuphendulwa yini ubunengi bamazwi?
Njalo isilawuli singalungisiswa yini? 3 Ukulawula
kwakho kuzathulisa abantu yini? Lapho ukloloda, kakho
ongakuyangisa yini? 4 Ngoba uthe: Imfundiso yami
ihlanzekile, ngihlambulukile emehlweni akho. 5 Kodwa-ke
kungathi uNkulunkulu angakhuluma, avule indebe zakhe
kuwe, 6 ukuze akwazise imfihlakalo zenhlakanipho,
ukuthi ziphindwe kabili ngenhlakanipho eqotho. Yazi-ke
ukuthi uNkulunkulu ubiza kuwe okulutshwana kulecala
lakho. 7 Ungafumana ukujula kukaNkulunkulu na?
Ungamfumana yini uSomandla kuze kube sekupheleleni?
8 Kuphakeme njengamazulu, ungenzani? Kutshonile
kulesihogo, ungazini? **(Sheol h7585)** 9 Isilinganiso sakho
side kulomhlaba, sibanzi kulolwandle. 10 Uba esedlula
avalele kumbe abuthanise, ngubani-ke ongamnqanda?
11 Ngoba yena uyabazi abantu abayize, uyabona ububi;
ngakho kayikukuqaphelisa yini? 12 Ngoba umuntu
oyisiphukuphuku angaba lokuqedisisa, lanxa umuntu
engazalwa njengethole likababhemi weganga. 13 Uba
wena ulungisa inhliziyo yakho, welulele izandla zakho
kuye, 14 uba ububi busesandleni sakho, bubeke
khatshana, lobubi kabungahlali emathenteni akho. 15
Ngoba lapho uzaphakamisa ubuso bakho ungelasici,
njalo uqine, ungesabi. 16 Ngoba wena uzakhohlwa
usizi lwakho, ulukhumbule njengamanzi asedlulile. 17
Lobude bempilo yakho buzakhanya kulemini enkulu;
loba kulomnyama kuzakuba njengekuseni. 18 Njalo
uzakuba lethemba ngoba kulethemba; uzagebha, uzalala
ngokuvikeleka. 19 Uzalala, njalo kakho ozakwethusa,
labanengi bazancenga phambi kwakho. 20 Kodwa
amehlo ababi azafiphala, lesiphephelo sizachitheka
kubo, lethemba labo lizakuba yikuphela komphefumulo.

12 Wasephendula uJobe wathi: 2 Ngoba isibili
lingabantu, lenhlakanipho izakufa lani. 3 Lami
ngilengqondo njengani, kangiphansi kulani. Njalo ngubani
ongelazo izinto ezinje? 4 Ngiyinhlekisa kumngane
wami, obiza kuNkulunkulu amphendule; olungileyo
oqondileyo uyinhlekisa. 5 Uyisibane esidelelekayo
emnakanweni wowonwabileyo; ulungele ukutshelela
ngonyawo. 6 Amathente abaphangi alokuthula,
labamthukuthelisayo uNkulunkulu bavikelekile, kulowo
oletha uNkulunkulu esandleni sakhe. 7 Kodwa-ke
buza khathesi inyamazana, zizakufundisa, lenyoni
zamazulu, zizakutshela. 8 Kumbe khuluma lomhlaba,
uzakufundisa, lenhlanzi zolwandle zizakulandisela. 9
Ngubani ongaziyo phakathi kwakho konke lokhu ukuthi
isandla sikaJehova sikwenzile lokhu? 10 Okusesandleni
sakhe umphefumulo wakho konke okuphilayo, lomoya
wayo yonke inyama yomuntu. 11 Indlebe kayihloli
yini amazwi, njengolwanga luzinambithela ukudla? 12
Kwabadala kakhulu kulenhlakanipho, lebudeni bezinsuku
kulokuqedisisa. 13 Kuye kukhona inhlakanipho lamandla,
uleseluleko lokuqedisisa. 14 Khangela, udiliza, kungabe
kusakhiwa; uvalela umuntu, kungabe kusavulwa. 15
Khangela, uvimbela amanzi, atshe; abesewathuma,
agenqule umhlaba. 16 Kuye kukhona amandla
lenhlakanipho; okhohlisiweyo lomkhohlisi bangabakhe.
17 Ukhupha abeluleki bahambe behlutshulwe, enze
abehluleli babe yizithutha. 18 Uthukulula isibopho
samakhosi, abophe umbhinco enkalweni zawo. 19
Ukhupha abapristi bahambe behlutshulwe, awise
abalamandla. 20 Uphambula inkulumo yabathembekileyo,
asuse ukuqedisisa kwabasebekhulile. 21 Uthela
ukudelela phezu kweziphathamandla, axegise umbhinco
wabalamandla. 22 Wembula izinto ezijulileyo
ezisemnyameni, akhuphele ekukhanyeni ithunzi lokufa.
23 Enze izizwe zibe zinkulu, abesezichitha; andise
izizwe, abesezisusa. 24 Ususa inhliziyo yenhloko
zabantu bomhlaba, aziduhise enkangala engelandlela.
25 Ziphumputhe emnyameni kungelakukhanya, uzenza
zidiyazele njengodakiweyo.

13 Khangela, konke ilihlo lami likubonile, indlebe
yami izwile yakuqedisisa. 2 Njengokolwazi
lwenu lami ngiyakwazi; kangiphansi kulani. 3 Kodwa
mina ngizakhuluma loSomandla, ngifisa ukuqondisana
loNkulunkulu. 4 Kodwa lina-ke ligcona ngamanga, lonke
lingabelaphi abangelamsebenzi. 5 Kungathi ngabe
liyathula lithi zwi; lokhu kube yinhlakanipho kini! 6 Ake
lizwe ukuzivikela kwami, lilalele impikiso zendebe zami.
7 Lizamkhulumela uNkulunkulu ngokubi, limkhulumele
ngenkohliso yini? 8 Lizakwemukela ubuso bakhe,
lizammela yini uNkulunkulu? 9 Kuzakuba kuhle yini lapho
elihlola? Lizamkhohlisa yini njengokhohlisa umuntu?
10 Isibili uzalisola, uba lisemukela ubuso ensitha. 11
Ubukhulu bakhe kabulethusi yini, lokwesabeka kwakhe
kulehlele? 12 Izikhumbuzo zenu ziyizaga zomlotha,
izivikelo zenu ziyizivikelo zebumba. 13 Thulani lingiyekele,
ukuze ngikhulume mina; kungehlele loba kuyini. 14
Ngizayithathelani inyama yami ngamazinyo ami, ngibeke
impilo yami esandleni sami? 15 Lanxa ezangibulala,
ngizathemba kuye. Kanti ngizazimela indlela zami phambi
kwakhe. 16 Njalo uzakuba lusindiso lwami; ngoba
umzenzisi kayikuza phambi kwakhe. 17 Zwisisani ilizwi
lami, lengcazelo yami ngendlebe zenu. 18 Khangelani-
ke, sengilubeke kuhle udaba lwami, ngiyazi ukuthi
mina ngizalungisiswa. 19 Ngubani lowo ozaphikisana
lami? Nxa khathesi ngithula ngizaphela. 20 Kuphela
ungenzi izinto ezimbili kimi; khona ngingayikucatshela
ubuso bakho. 21 Susela khatshana lami isandla sakho,

lokwesabeka kwakho kungangethusi. 22 Ubusungibiza,
mina ngizaphendula; kumbe ngikhulume, ungiphendule.
23 Zingaki iziphambeko lezono engilazo? Ngazisa
isiphambeko sami lesono sami. 24 Ufihlelani ubuso
bakho, ungiphathe njengesitha sakho? 25 Uzakwethusa
yini ihlamvu eliphephethekayo? Njalo uzaxotshana
lomule owomileyo yini? 26 Ngoba ubale izinto ezibabayo
umelene lami, wangenza ngadla ilifa leziphambeko
zobutsha bami. 27 Ufake lenyawo zami esigodweni,
waqaphela zonke indlela zami, wazidweba uluphawu
empandeni zezinyawo zami. 28 Yena-ke njengokubolileyo
uyaguga, njengesembatho inundu esidlayo.

14 Umuntu, ozelwe ngowesifazana ulensuku
ezimfitshane, ezigcwele inhlupheko. 2 Uyavela
njengeluba, abune, abaleke njengesithunzi, akemi. 3
Kambe onjalo umvulela amehlo akho, ungingenise
ekwahlulelweni kanye lawe. 4 Ngubani ongaveza
okuhlambulukileyo kokungcolileyo? Kakho loyedwa. 5
Lokhu insuku zakhe zimisiwe, inani lenyanga zakhe
likuwe, ummisele imingcele yakhe angeyedlule; 6
ungamkhangeli, ukuze aphumule, aze athokoze ngosuku
lwakhe njengesiqatshwa. 7 Ngoba kukhona ithemba
esihlahleni uba siganyulwa ukuthi sizabuya sihlume,
lokuthi ihlumela laso kaliyikuphela. 8 Lanxa impande
yaso isiba ndala emhlabeni, lesiphunzi saso sifele
emhlabathini, 9 ngephunga lamanzi sizahluma, senze
ingatsha njengesithombo. 10 Kodwa umuntu uyafa
alaliswe phansi, yebo, umuntu uyaphela, ungaphi-
ke? 11 Amanzi ayemuka elwandle, lomfula uyoma
utshe, 12 ngokunjalo umuntu uyalala phansi angavuki;
kuze kuthi amazulu angabikho, bangavuki, kumbe
bangaphatshanyiswa ebuthongweni babo. 13 Kungathi
ungangifihla engcwabeni, ungithukuze, ize iphenduke
intukuthelo yakho, ungimisele isikhathi esimisiweyo,
ungikhumbule! **(Sheol h7585)** 14 Uba umuntu esifa,
uzabuya aphile yini? Zonke insuku zemfazo yami
ngizalinda, kuze kufike ukukhululwa kwami. 15 Uzabiza,
mina-ke ngizasabela, uzalangatha umsebenzi wezandla
zakho. 16 Kanti khathesi uyazibala izinyathelo zami;
kawuyikuqaphelisa ngesono sami yini? 17 Isiphambeko
sami sinanyekwe esikhwameni, wasusibekela isono
sami. 18 Isibili-ke intaba ewayo iyabhidlika, ledwala
liyasuswa endaweni yalo. 19 Amanzi ayaguguda
amatshe, impophoma zawo ziyakhukhula ubhuqu
lomhlaba. Uyachitha-ke ithemba lomuntu. 20 Uyamehlula
phakade, adlule; uyaguqula ubuso bakhe, umxotshe.
21 Amadodana akhe ayadunyiswa, kodwa engakwazi;
kumbe ayehliselwa phansi, kodwa angakunanzeleli. 22
Kodwa inyama yakhe kuye isebuhlungwini, lomphefumulo
wakhe kuye uyalila.

15 Wasephendula uElifazi umThemani wathi:
2 Ohlakaniphileyo angaphendula yini ulwazi
olungumoya, agcwalise isisu sakhe ngomoya
wempumalanga? 3 Aphikise ngamazwi angasizi lutho,
langenkulumo ezingelanzuzo yini? 4 Yebo, wena
uyachitha ukwesaba, uvimbela umkhuleko phambi
kukaNkulunkulu. 5 Ngoba umlomo wakho ufundisa
ububi bakho, ukhethe ulimi lwamaqili. 6 Umlomo
wakho uyakulahla, kayisimi; yebo, indebe zakho
ziyafakaza ngawe. 7 Ungumuntu wokuqala owazalwayo
yini? Kumbe wazalwa mandulo kwamaqaqa yini? 8
Uzwile yini icebo langasese likaNkulunkulu? Kumbe
uzigodlele inhlakanipho yini? 9 Kuyini okwaziyo
esingakwaziyo? Kuyini okuqedisisayo okungekho kithi?
10 Kukhona phakathi kwethu lempunga lekhehla,
omdala ngensuku kuloyihlo. 11 Zincinyane yini kuwe
induduzo zikaNkulunkulu, lelizwi elikhulunywa kuhle
lawe? 12 Kungani inhliziyo yakho ikumukisa? Njalo
kungani amehlo akho ephayiza, 13 ukuthi uphendule
umoya wakho umelane loNkulunkulu, ukhuphe amazwi
anje emlonyeni wakho? 14 Umuntu uyini ukuthi abe
ngohlambulukileyo, lozelwe ngowesifazana ukuthi abe
ngolungileyo? 15 Khangela, kathembeli kwabangcwele
bakhe, lamazulu kawahlambulukanga emehlweni akhe.
16 Kukangakanani umuntu onengekayo lowonakeleyo,
onatha ububi njengamanzi! 17 Ngizakutshengisa,
ungilalele, lengikubonileyo ngizakulandisa, 18 lokho
izihlakaniphi ezikukhulumileyo kusukela kuboyise, njalo
kazikufihlanga, 19 okwanikwa kuzo zodwa ilizwe,
lokungadlulanga izihambi phakathi kwazo. 20 Insuku
zonke zokhohlakeleyo uzizwisa ubuhlungu, lenani
leminyaka ebekelelwe umcindezeli. 21 Umsindo
wezethuso usendlebeni zakhe; empumelelweni umchithi
uzamfikela. 22 Kakholwa ukuthi uzaphenduka
emnyameni, kodwa ukuthi ulindelwe yinkemba. 23 Uzulela
ukudla. Kungaphi? Uyazi ukuthi usuku lobumnyama
lulungisiwe esandleni sakhe. 24 Uhlupho losizi
kuyamethusa, kumehlule njengenkosi elungele impi.
25 Ngoba welule isandla sakhe emelene loNkulunkulu,
wenza ngamandla ukumelana loSomandla. 26 Wagijima
emelene laye ngentamo, ngohlonzi lwamaqhubu
ezihlangu zakhe. 27 Ngoba wambomboza ubuso
bakhe ngamafutha akhe, wenza ukhalo lwakhukhumala
ngamafutha. 28 Uhlala emizini echithekileyo, izindlu
abangahlali kuzo, ezilungele ukuba zinqumbi. 29
Kayikunotha, lenotho yakhe kayiyikuma, lenzuzo yakhe
kayiyikusabalala emhlabeni. 30 Kayikusuka emnyameni;
ilangabi lizakomisa ihlumela lakhe, njalo uzasuka
ngokuphefumula komoya wakhe. 31 Oduhisiweyo
kangathembeli ezenini, ngoba ize lizakuba ngumvuzo
wakhe. 32 Kuzafezwa kungakabi lusuku lwakhe, logatsha
lwakhe aluyikuba luhlaza. 33 Uzawohloza izithelo
zakhe ezingavuthwanga njengevini, athintithe impoko
zakhe njengesihlahla somhlwathi. 34 Ngoba inhlangano
yabazenzisi izakuba ngengelazithelo, lomlilo uzaqothula
amathente ezivalamlomo. 35 Bamitha uhlupho, bazale
isono, lesizalo sabo silungisa inkohliso.

16 Wasephendula uJobe wathi: **2** Ngizwile izinto
ezinengi ezinje; lingabaduduzi abakhathazayo lina
lonke. **3** Kuzakuba lesiphetho yini emazwini angumoya?
Kumbe kuyini okulicunulayo ukuthi liphendule? **4** Lami
bengingakhuluma njengani uba umphefumulo wenu
ubusendaweni yomphefumulo wami; bengingabuthelela
amazwi phezu kwenu, ngilinikinele ikhanda lami.
5 Bengingaliqinisa ngomlomo wami, lokunyikinyeka
kwendebe zami bekungadedisaubuhlungu benu. **6** Uba
ngikhuluma, ubuhlungu bami kabudedi; uba ngiyekela,
kuyini okusuka kimi? **7** Kodwa khathesi ungidinisile
yena, wena uchithile yonke inhlangano yami. **8**
Ungitshwabhanisile, kube yibufakazi, lokucaka kwami
kungivukele, kuyafakaza ebusweni bami. **9** Ulaka
lwakhe luyangidwengula, njalo uyangizonda; ungigedlela
amazinyo akhe; isitha sami singicijisela amehlo
aso. **10** Bangikhamisela umlomo wabo, bangiwakala
esihlathini ngokuyangisa, bengihlanganyela ndawonye.
11 UNkulunkulu unginikele kokhohlakeleyo, wangiphosela
ezandleni zababi. **12** Ngangonwabile, kodwa
wangichoboza, wangidumela ngentamo, wangiphahlaza,
wangimisa ngaba yinto yakhe yokunenjwa. **13** Abatshoki
bakhe bangigombolozela; uqhekeze izinso zami,
engayekeli, wachithela emhlabathini inyongo yami.
14 Wangivodloza ngokuvodlovodloza, wagijimela kimi
njengeqhawe. **15** Ngathunga isaka phezu kwesikhumba
sami, ngathukuza uphondo lwami othulini. **16** Ubuso bami
bubomvu ngokukhala, lenkotsheni zami kulethunzi lokufa,
17 lanxa kungekho isihluku ezandleni zami, lomkhuleko
wami uhlanzekile. **18** Mhlaba, ungaligqibeli igazi lami,
lokukhala kwami kakungabi landawo. **19** Lakhathesi,
khangelani, ubufakazi bami busemazulwini, lomfakazi
wami usezindaweni eziphakemeyo. **20** Abangane bami
bayangiklolodela; ilihlo lami liyathonta kuNkulunkulu.
21 Kungathi kungaba khona ongamlamulela umuntu
kuNkulunkulu, njengendodana yomuntu kumngane
wayo. **22** Ngoba iminyaka emilutshwana izafika, njalo
ngizahamba ngendlela engingayikubuya ngayo.

17 Umoya wami wonakele, insuku zami zicitshiwe,
amangcwaba ngawami. **2** Kabakho lami
yini abaklolodayo, lelihlo lami lichitha ubusuku
ekuvukeleni kwabo? **3** Akubeke isibambiso sami
kuwe; ngubani yena ozatshaya esandleni sami?
4 Ngoba inhliziyo yabo uyifihlele ukuqedisisa;
ngenxa yalokhu kawuyikubaphakamisa. **5** Okhuluma
ngokuyenga kubangane, lamehlo abantwana bakhe
azafiphala. **6** Njalo ungimise ngaba yisaga sezizwe,
ngaze ngaba ngokhafulelwayo phambi kwazo. **7**
Njalo ilihlo lami lifiphele ngosizi, lamalunga ami
anjengesithunzi wonke. **8** Abaqotho bazakwethuswa
yikho, longelacala uvukela ongamesabiyo uNkulunkulu.
9 Lolungileyo uzabambelela endleleni yakhe, lolezandla
ezihlambulukileyo uzakwengeza amandla. **10** Kodwa-
ke lina lonke, phendukani ake libuye, ngoba kangitholi
ohlakaniphileyo phakathi kwenu. **11** Insuku zami zedlule,
amacebo ami adabuke phakathi, lezifiso zenhliziyo yami.
12 Bamisa ubusuku bube yimini; ukukhanya kuseduze
phambi kobumnyama. **13** Uba ngilinda, ingcwaba lizakuba
yindlu yami; ngendlala umbheda wami emnyameni. **(Sheol h7585)**
14 Ngibiza ingcwaba ngisithi: Wena ungubaba;
impethu ngisithi: Umama lodadewethu. **15** Pho-ke
ithemba lami lingaphi? Yebo, ithemba lami ngubani
ozalibona? **16** Kuzakwehlela kumijabo yengcwaba, lapho
sizaphumula khona ndawonye enhlabathini. **(Sheol h7585)**

18 Wasephendula uBilidadi umShuhi wathi: **2** Koze
kube nini libekela amazwi imigibe? Nanzelelani,
lemva kwalokho sikhulume. **3** Kungani sithiwa
sizinyamazana, singcolile emehlweni enu? **4** Udwengula
umphefumulo wakhe ngokuthukuthela kwakhe. Umhlaba
uzatshiywa ngenxa yakho yini, loba idwala lisuswe
endaweni yalo? **5** Yebo, ukukhanya kwabakhohlakeleyo
kuzacitshwa, lenhlansi yomlilo wakhe kayiyikukhanya.
6 Ukukhanya kuzafiphala ethenteni lakhe, lesibane
sakhe ngaphezu kwakhe sizacitshwa. **7** Izinyathelo
zamandla akhe zizafinyezwa, lecebo lakhe lizamwisela
phansi. **8** Ngoba uzaphoselwa embuleni zinyawo zakhe,
ahambe phezu kwembule. **9** Umjibila uzambamba
isithende, isihitshela sizamkhulela. **10** Igoda lakhe
lifihlwe emhlabathini, lomjibila wakhe endleleni. **11**
Izesabiso zizamethusa inhlangothi zonke, zixotshane laye
enyaweni zakhe. **12** Amandla akhe azaqedwa yindlala,
lengozi ilindele ukukhubeka kwakhe. **13** Kuzakudla
ingxenye zesikhumba sakhe; izibulo lokufa lidle ingxenye
zakhe. **14** Ithemba lakhe lizahluthunwa ethenteni lakhe,
njalo kumenze aye enkosini yezesabiso. **15** Kuzahlala
ethenteni lakhe elingeyisilo lakhe; isolufa izavuvuzelwa
phezu kwendawo yakhe yokuhlala. **16** Impande
zakhe zizakoma ngaphansi, logatsha lwakhe lubune
ngaphezulu. **17** Ukukhunjulwa kwakhe kuzabhubha
emhlabeni, angabi labizo ezitaladeni. **18** Bazamfuqa
bamsuse ekukhanyeni bamuse emnyameni, bamxotshe
emhlabeni. **19** Kayikuba lenzalo lasizukulwana ebantwini
bakibo; kakuyikuba lansali endaweni zakhe zokuhlala. **20**
Abalandelayo bazakwethuswa lusuku lwakhe, labokuqala
bazabanjwa yisesabiso. **21** Isibili zinjalo indawo zokuhlala
zomubi, njalo yiyo le indawo yongamaziyo uNkulunkulu.

19 Wasephendula uJobe wathi: **2** Koze kube
nini lihlupha umphefumulo wami, lingiphahlaza
ngamazwi? **3** Lezizikhathi ezilitshumi lingithela ngehlazo;
kalilanhloni, lingiphatha kubi. **4** Uba-ke kuliqiniso ukuthi
ngiduhile, ukuduha kwami kuzahlala lami. **5** Uba isibili
lizikhukhumeza phezu kwami, liphikisane lami ngehlazo
lami, **6** yazini-ke ukuthi nguNkulunkulu ongihlanekeleyo,
wangigombolozela ngembule lakhe. **7** Khangela,
ngiyamemeza ngithi: Okubi! Kodwa kangiphendulwa.
Ngicela usizo, kodwa akulasahlulelo. **8** Uyivalile indlela

yami ngomduli ukuze ngingedluli, wamisa umnyama
emikhondweni yami. 9 Ungihlubule udumo lwami,
wasusa umqhele wekhanda lami. 10 Ungibhidlizile
inhlangothi zonke, sengihambile, ulisiphule ithemba
lami njengesihlahla. 11 Ulumathisile ulaka lwakhe kimi,
ungibale njengezitha zakhe kuye. 12 Amabutho akhe
afika kanyekanye, abuthelela indlela yawo emelene
lami, amisa inkamba agombolozela ithente lami. 13
Ubeke abafowethu khatshana lami, labangaziyo isibili
sebengabemzini kimi. 14 Izihlobo zami zinyamalele,
labazana lami bangikhohliwe. 15 Abahlala endlini
yami lencekukazi zami bangibala njengowezizwe;
ngingumfokazi emehlweni abo. 16 Ngabiza inceku yami,
kodwa kayiphendulanga; ngayincenga ngomlomo wami.
17 Umoya wami uyenyanyeka kumkami, sengiyisinengiso
kumadodana esizalo sami. 18 Labantwana abancinyane
bayangidelela; ngasukuma, basebekhuluma bemelene
lami. 19 Bonke abantu besifuba sami banengwa yimi,
labo ebengibathanda sebengiphendukele. 20 Ithambo
lami linamathelana lesikhumba sami lenyama yami,
njalo ngiphephe ngesikhumba samazinyo ami. 21
Ngihawukelani, ngihawukelani, lina bangane bami; ngoba
isandla sikaNkulunkulu singithintile. 22 Lingizingelelani
njengoNkulunkulu, lingeneliswa yinyama yami? 23
Kungathi ngabe khathesi amazwi ami abhaliwe! Kungathi
ngabe acindezelwe egwalweni! 24 Ngabe abazwe
ngepheni yensimbi langomnuso edwaleni kuze kube
nininini! 25 Ngoba mina ngiyazi ukuthi umhlengi wami
uyaphila, lekupheleni uzakuma emhlabathini. 26 Lapho
sekutshabalalise lokhu emva kwesikhumba sami, kanti
enyameni yami ngizambona uNkulunkulu, 27 mina
engizazibonela yena, lamehlo ami azabona, hatshi
omunye. Izinso zami seziphelile ngaphakathi kwami.
28 Kodwa lithi: Kungani simzingela? Ngoba impande
yendaba itholakala kimi. 29 Lina yesabeni inkemba,
ngoba ulaka luletha izijeziso zenkemba, ukuze lazi ukuthi
sikhona isahlulelo.

20 Wasephendula uZofari umNahama wathi: 2
Ngakho imicabango yami ingenza ngiphendule,
langenxa yokuphangisa kwami phakathi kwami. 3
Ngizwile isijeziso sehlazo lami, lomoya wokuqedisisa
kwami ungenza ngiphendule. 4 Uyakwazi lokhu
yini, kusukela endulo, selokhu kwabekwa umuntu
emhlabeni, 5 ukuthi injabulo yababi imfitshane,
lentokozo yomzenzisi ngeyesikhatshana nje? 6 Loba
ubukhosi bakhe busenyukela emazulwini, lekhanda
lakhe lifinyelela emayezini, 7 uzabhubha phakade
njengobulongwe bakhe; labo abambonileyo bathi:
Ungaphi? 8 Uzaphapha njengephupho, bangabe
besamthola; yebo, uzaxotshwa njengombono webusuku.
9 Ilihlo elike lambona aliyikuphinda, lendawo yakhe
kayisayikumbona. 10 Abantwana bakhe bazadinga
ukuthokozisa abayanga, lezandla zakhe zibuyisele
inotho yakhe. 11 Amathambo akhe ayegcwele ubutsha
bakhe, kodwa azalala kanye laye enhlabathini. 12 Uba
ububi bumnandi emlonyeni wakhe, ebufihla ngaphansi
kolimi lwakhe, 13 ebugodla, engabuyekeli, kodwa
ebugcina phakathi komlomo wakhe, 14 ukudla kwakhe
kuzaphenduka esiswini sakhe, kuzakuba yibuhlungu
bezinyoka phakathi kwakhe. 15 Uginye inotho, kodwa
uzayihlanza; uNkulunkulu uzayikhupha esiswini sakhe.
16 Uzamunya ubuhlungu bezinyoka, lolimi lwebululu
luzambulala. 17 Kayikubona izifula, imifula, izifudlana
zoluju lolaza. 18 Uzabuyisela lokho akusebenzelayo,
angakuginyi; njengokwenotho izakuba njalo inhlawulo,
njalo kayikuthokoza. 19 Ngoba ubacindezele wabadela
abayanga, waphanga indlu abengayakhanga. 20
Ngoba kakwazi ukuthula esiswini sakhe, kayikusindisa
lutho kusifiso sakhe. 21 Kakuyikusala lutho ekudleni
kwakhe; ngenxa yalokhu okuhle kwakhe kakuyikuma. 22
Ekugcwaleni kokwanela kwakhe uzakuba lencindezelo;
sonke isandla sohluphekayo sizamfikela. 23 Kuzakuthi
lapho egcwalisa isisu sakhe, uNkulunkulu athumele kuye
ukuvutha kwentukuthelo yakhe, akunise phezu kwakhe
ekudleni kwakhe. 24 Uzabalekela isikhali sensimbi,
idandili lethusi lizamhlaba. 25 Uyalihwatsha, liphume
emhlana, lokubenyezelayo kuzaphuma enyongweni
yakhe; izesabiso ziphezu kwakhe. 26 Ubumnyama
bonke bugcinelwe izinto zakhe ezibekelelweyo; umlilo
ongavuthelwayo uzamqeda; kuzakuba kubi kunsali
ethenteni lakhe. 27 Amazulu azakwembula ububi
bakhe, lomhlaba umvukele. 28 Ukwanda kwendlu yakhe
kuzanyamalala, kukhukhulwe osukwini lwentukuthelo
yakhe. 29 Lesi yisabelo somuntu omubi esivela
kuNkulunkulu, lelifa alimiselwa nguNkulunkulu.

21 Wasephendula uJobe wathi: 2 Zwanini lilalele
ilizwi lami, lalokho kube zinduduzo zenu. 3
Ngibekezelelani, ukuthi mina ngikhulume; lemva
kokukhuluma kwami lingakloloda. 4 Mina-ke ukusola
kwami kusemuntwini yini? Kodwa uba kunjalo, kungani
umoya wami ungekhathazeke? 5 Ngikhangelani,
likhakhamale, libeke isandla phezu komlomo. 6 Yebo,
lapho ngikhumbula, ngitshaywa luvalo, lokuthuthumela
kubamba inyama yami. 7 Ababi baphilelani, babe
badala, yebo, bakhule emandleni? 8 Inzalo yabo izinze
phambi kwabo kanye labo, lembewu yabo emehlweni
abo. 9 Izindlu zabo zilokuthula kungelakwesaba,
loswazi lukaNkulunkulu kaluphezu kwabo. 10 Inkunzi
yakhe iyakhwela ingaphuthi; inkomokazi yakhe iyazala,
ingaphunzi. 11 Bakhupha abantwanyana babo
njengomhlambi, labantwana babo bayagida. 12
Baphakamisa ilizwi ngesigujana lechacho, bathokoze
ngelizwi lomhlanga. 13 Bachitha insuku zabo ngokuhle,
behlele engcwabeni ngokucwayiza kwelihlo. **(Sheol
h7585)** 14 Babesebesithi kuNkulunkulu: Suka kithi; ngoba
kasifisi ulwazi lwendlela zakho. 15 Uyini uSomandla
ukuthi simkhonze? Sizazuzani uba simncenga? 16
Khangela, okuhle kwabo kakukho esandleni sabo;

icebo lababi likhatshana lami. 17 Kukangaki isibane
sababi sicitshwa, kusiza ukuchitheka kwabo phezu
kwabo! UNkulunkulu ubabela ubuhlungu elakeni lwakhe.
18 Banjengamahlanga phambi komoya, lanjengomule
isiphepho esiwuphephulayo. 19 UNkulunkulu ubekela
abantwana bakhe usizi lwakhe. Uyamvuza, njalo
uzakwazi. 20 Amehlo akhe azabona ukuchitheka kwakhe,
anathe okolaka lukaSomandla. 21 Ngoba iyini intokozo
yakhe endlini yakhe emva kwakhe, lapho inani lenyanga
zakhe liqunywa? 22 Kukhona ongafundisa uNkulunkulu
ulwazi yini? Ngoba yena wehlulela abaphezulu. 23
Lo uyafa esemandleni akhe apheleleyo, yena wonke
onwabile, elokuthula. 24 Iziphathelo zakhe zigcwele
uchago, lomnkantsho wamathambo akhe umanzi. 25
Lomunye ufa elomphefumulo obabayo, engadlanga
kokuhle. 26 Balala ndawonye ethulini, lempethu
zibasibekele. 27 Khangelani, ngiyayazi imicabango yenu,
lamacebo eliwaceba limelene lami. 28 Ngoba lithi: Ingaphi
indlu yesiphathamandla? Njalo lingaphi ithente lendawo
zababi zokuhlala? 29 Kalibabuzanga yini abadlula
ngendlela, njalo kalinanzeleli iziboniso zabo? 30 Ukuthi
omubi uyekelwa osukwini lokubhujiswa; bazalethwa
osukwini lwezintukuthelo. 31 Ngubani ozamtshela
indlela yakhe ebusweni? Ngubani ozamphindisela
ngakwenzileyo? 32 Kanti yena uzasiwa engcwabeni,
lilindwe idundulu. 33 Amagade esihotsha amnandi
kuye, njalo udonsa wonke umuntu emva kwakhe,
njengoba bengelakubalwa abaphambi kwakhe. 34 Pho
lizangiduduza njani ngeze, ngoba empendulweni zenu
kusele inkohliso?

22 Wasephendula uElifazi umThemani wathi: 2
Umuntu angaba losizo kuNkulunkulu yini, ngoba
ohlakaniphileyo elusizo kuye ngokwakhe? 3 Kuyintokozo
yini kuSomandla ukuthi ulungile? Kumbe inzuzo kuye
ukuthi uphelelise indlela zakho? 4 Uzakusola yini
ngenxa yokwesaba kwakho? Uzangena lawe kusahlulelo.
5 Ububi bakho kabubukhulu yini, lezono zakho
kazilakuphela? 6 Ngoba uthethe isibambiso kubafowenu
kungelasizatho, wahlubula abanqunu izigqoko. 7
Kawumnathisanga amanzi odiniweyo, lolambileyo
umgodlele ukudla. 8 Kodwa umuntu olengalo, umhlaba
ungowakhe, lowemukeleka ebusweni wahlala kuwo. 9
Uxotshile abafelokazi bengelalutho, lengalo zezintandane
zichotshoziwe. 10 Ngakho-ke imijibila ikuhanqile,
lovalo luhle lwakwesabisa, 11 kumbe ubumnyama
ukuze ungaboni, lesikhukhula samanzi sikusibekele.
12 UNkulunkulu kakho yini engqongeni yamazulu?
Bona-ke ingqonga yezinkanyezi, ukuthi ziphakeme
kangakanani. 13 Kanti uthi: UNkulunkulu wazini?
Angahlulela yini engemuva komnyama onzima? 14
Amayezi amnyama ayisisibekelo sakhe ukuze angaboni,
uhamba esigombolozini samazulu. 15 Usunanzelele
indlela endala yini abantu ababi abanyathela kuyo? 16
Abahluthunwa kungakabi yisikhathi; uzamcolo wathululwa
phezu kwesisekelo sabo. 17 Abathi kuNkulunkulu:
Suka kithi. LoSomandla wayenzeni kubo? 18 Kanti
yena wayegcwalise izindlu zabo ngokuhle; kodwa icebo
labakhohlakeleyo likhatshana lami. 19 Abalungileyo
bayakubona bathokoze, lomsulwa ubahleka usulu.
20 Isibili isitha sethu sichithiwe, lomlilo uqede insali
yabo. 21 Ake wejwayelane laye, ube lokuthula,
ngalokho okuhle kuzakuza kuwe. 22 Ake wemukele
umlayo ovela emlonyeni wakhe, ubeke amazwi akhe
enhliziyweni yakho. 23 Uba ubuyela kuSomandla,
uzakwakhiwa, ususe okubi khatshana lamathente akho.
24 Ubusubeka igolide lakho othulini, legolide leOfiri
elitsheni lezifula. 25 Ngakho uSomandla uzakuba ligolide
lakho, lesiliva sakho esinengi. 26 Ngoba ngalesosikhathi
uzazithokozisa ngoSomandla, uphakamisele ubuso
bakho kuNkulunkulu. 27 Uzakhuleka kuye, akuzwe,
ukhokhe izifungo zakho. 28 Uzaquma-ke udaba,
luqiniseke kuwe, lokukhanya kukhanye endleleni
zakho. 29 Nxa behliselwe phansi, ubususithi: Phezulu!
Abesesindisa othobekileyo ngamehlo. 30 Uzamkhulula
ongemsulwa; njalo ukhululwa ngokuhlanzeka kwezandla
zakho.

23 Wasephendula uJobe wathi: 2 Lalamuhla
isikhalazo sami silokubaba; isandla sami sinzima
phezu kokububula kwami. 3 Kungathi ngabe ngiyazi
lapho engingamthola khona! Bengingeza enkundleni
yakhe! 4 Ngibeke kuhle udaba lwami phambi
kwakhe, ngigcwalise umlomo wami ngokuphikisa.
5 Bengingawazi amazwi azangiphendula ngawo,
ngiqedisise azakutsho kimi. 6 Uzaphikisana lami
ngobukhulu bamandla yini? Hatshi, kodwa uzabeka
inhliziyo yakhe kimi. 7 Lapho oqotho angaphikisana laye;
ngakho bengizaphepha phakade kumahluleli wami. 8
Khangelani ngiya phambili, kodwa kakho, lemuva, kodwa
kangimboni. 9 Ngakwesokhohlo ekusebenzeni kwakhe,
kodwa kangimboni; uyacatsha ngakwesokunene,
kodwa kangimboni. 10 Kanti uyayazi indlela elami;
kangihlole, ngizaphuma njengegolide. 11 Unyawo
lwami lubambelele enyathelweni lakhe, ngiyigcinile
indlela yakhe, kangiphambukanga. 12 Kangisukanga
lemlayweni wezindebe zakhe, ngawalondoloza amazwi
omlomo wakhe okwedlula isabelo sami. 13 Kodwa
yena ukokukodwa, ngubani-ke ongambuyisela emuva?
Lokho umphefumulo wakhe okufisayo uyakwenza. 14
Ngoba uzaphelelisa engikumiselweyo; lezinto ezinengi
ezinjalo zikuye. 15 Ngenxa yalokho ngitshaywa luvalo
phambi kwakhe; ngicabanga, ngiyamesaba. 16 Ngoba
uNkulunkulu wenze inhliziyo yami yaphela amandla,
loSomandla ungethusile. 17 Ngoba kangiqunywanga
phambi komnyama, wagubuzela ubumnyama ebusweni
bami.

24 Kungani izikhathi zingafihlelwanga uSomandla,
labamaziyo bengaboni insuku zakhe? **2**
Bathuthukisa imingcele, baphange imihlambi bayeluse.
3 Baxotsha ubabhemi wezintandane, bathathe
inkabi yomfelokazi ibe yisibambiso. **4** Baphambula
abaswelayo emigwaqweni; abayanga bomhlaba bacatsha
ndawonye. **5** Khangelani, bangobabhemi beganga
enkangala, baphumela emsebenzini wabo, badinge
impango ngovivi; inkangala ibe yikudla kwakhe
lokwabantwana. **6** Emasimini bavuna ukudla kwakhe,
bakhothoze esivinini somubi. **7** Balala beze ebusuku
bengelasembatho, bengelasigubuzelo emqandweni. **8**
Bamanzi ngezihlambo zezintaba, babambelela edwaleni
ngoba bengelasiphephelo. **9** Bahluthuna intandane
ebeleni, bathathe lesibambiso kumyanga. **10** Bahamba
beze bengelasigqoko, labalambileyo bathwala isithungo.
11 Phakathi kwemiduli yabo bahluza amafutha, banyathela
izikhamelo zewayini, kodwa bomile. **12** Abantu
bayabubula besemzini, lomphefumulo wabalimeleyo
uyakhala; kodwa uNkulunkulu kababaleli ukungalungi.
13 Bona baphakathi kwabavukela ukukhanya; kabazazi
indlela zakhe, kabahlali emikhondweni yakhe. **14**
Umbulali uyavuka ngovivi, abulale umyanga loswelayo;
lebusuku unjengesela. **15** Lelihlo lesiphingi lilindela
ukuhlwa, sisithi: Kakulalihlo elizangibona; sifake
isimbombozo ebusweni baso. **16** Emnyameni ugebha
aphutshele ezindlini abaziphawulele zona emini;
kabakwazi ukukhanya. **17** Ngoba ikuseni kanyekanye
ilithunzi lokufa kubo; uba besaziwa bakuzesabiso
zethunzi lokufa. **18** Ulula phezu kobuso bamanzi;
isabelo sabo siqalekisiwe emhlabeni; kaphendukeli
endleleni yezivini. **19** Imbalela lokutshisa kuqeda
amanzi eliqhwa elikhithikileyo, ngokunjalo ingcwaba
abonileyo. **(Sheol h7585)** **20** Isizalo sizamkhohlwa,
impethu izammunya, engabe esakhunjulwa, lenkohlakalo
izakwephulwa njengesihlahla. **21** Udla ngokuminza
inyumba engazaliyo, kamenzeli okuhle umfelokazi. **22**
Njalo udonsa abalamandla ngamandla akhe, uyavuka,
njalo kungabi lolethemba lempilo. **23** Uyamnika
ukuze alondolozeke, eseyama kukho, kodwa amehlo
akhe aphezu kwendlela zabo. **24** Bayaphakanyiswa
okwesikhatshana, babesebengasekho, behliselwa
phansi, bavalelwe njengaye wonke, bayaqunywa
njengesihloko sesikhwebu. **25** Uba-ke kungenjalo,
ngubani ongangenza umqambimanga, enze inkulumo
yami ibe yize?

25 Wasephendula uBilidadi umShuhi wathi: **2** Ukubusa
lokwesabeka kulaye; uyenza ukuthula endaweni
zakhe eziphezulu. **3** Kukhona inani yini lamabutho akhe?
Ngubani okungamphumeliyo ukukhanya kwakhe? **4** Pho
umuntu angalunga njani kuNkulunkulu? Kumbe ozelwe
ngowesifazana angahlambuluka njani? **5** Khangela
kuze kube senyangeni, njalo kayikhazimuli, lezinkanyezi
kazihlambulukanga emehlweni akhe. **6** Pho kangakanani
umuntu oyimpethu, lendodana yomuntu engumswenya!

26 Wasephendula uJobe wathi: **2** Umsize njani
ongelamandla, wasindisa ingalo engelamandla?
3 Umeluleke njani ongelakuhlakanipha, watshumayela
ngobunengi ulwazi oluqotho? **4** Utshele bani amazwi?
Njalo ngumoya kabani ophume kuwe? **5** Abafileyo
bayathuthumela ngaphansi kwamanzi, labahlali bawo.
6 Isihogo sinqunu phambi kwakhe, lencithakalo
kayilasisibekelo. **(Sheol h7585)** **7** Welulela inyakatho phezu
kwendawo engelalutho, aphanyeke umhlaba phezu
kweze. **8** Uyabophela amanzi emayezini akhe, kodwa
amayezi kawadabuki ngaphansi kwawo. **9** Uyasibekela
ubuso besihlalo sakhe sobukhosi, endlale iyezi phezu
kwaso. **10** Udwebe umngcele oyisigombolozi phezu
kobuso bamanzi, kuze kube sekucineni kokukhanya
lomnyama. **11** Insika zamazulu ziyathuthumela, zethuswa
yikukhuza kwakhe. **12** Ngamandla akhe uthulisa ulwandle,
langenhlakanipho yakhe uphahlaza ukuziqhenya. **13**
Ngomoya wakhe ucecise amazulu; isandla sakhe
sagwaza inyoka ebalekayo. **14** Khangela, lokhu
kungamaphethelo ezindlela zakhe; kodwa kuzwakala into
encinyane kangakanani ngaye! Kanti umdumo wamandla
akhe ngubani ongawuqedisisa?

27 UJobe wasebuya ephakamisa isaga sakhe wathi:
2 Kuphila kukaNkulunkulu osuse ilungelo lami,
loSomandla owenze umphefumulo wami wababa. **3** Isibili
ngaso sonke isikhathi umphefumulo usekimi, lomoya
kaNkulunkulu usemakhaleni ami, **4** oqotho indebe zami
kaziyikukhuluma okubi, lolimi lwami sibili lungakhulumi
inkohliso. **5** Kakube khatshana lami ukuthi ngithi lilungile;
ngize ngiphele kangiyikususa ubuqotho bami kimi.
6 Ngizabambelela ekulungeni kwami ngingakuyekeli;
inhliziyo yami kayiyikusola ensukwini zami. **7** Isitha sami
kasibe njengomubi, longivukelayo njengongalunganga.
8 Ngoba liyini ithemba longamesabiyo uNkulunkulu,
esequnyiwe, uNkulunkulu esekhuphile umphefumulo
wakhe? **9** UNkulunkulu uzakuzwa yini ukukhala
kwakhe, ukuhlupheka sekwehlele phezu kwakhe? **10**
Uzazithokozisa yini ngoSomandla? Uzabiza uNkulunkulu
yini sonke isikhathi? **11** Ngizalifundisa ngesandla
sikaNkulunkulu; okukuSomandla kangiyikukufihla. **12**
Khangela, lina lonke likubonile. Pho, kungani selibe
yize lokuba yize ngokunjalo? **13** Lesi yisabelo somuntu
omubi kuNkulunkulu, lelifa labalesihluku abalemukela
kuSomandla. **14** Uba abantwana bakhe besanda,
kungokwenkemba, lenzalo yakhe kayiyikusutha isinkwa.
15 Insali zakhe zizangcwatshwa ekufeni, labafelokazi
bakhe kabayikukhala inyembezi. **16** Lanxa ebuthelela
isiliva njengothuli, elungisa isigqoko njengodaka; **17**
angalungisa, kodwa olungileyo uzasigqoka, longelacala
uzakwaba isiliva. **18** Wakha indlu yakhe njengenundu,
lanjengedumba umlindi alenzayo. **19** Ulala enothile,

kodwa kabuthwa; uvula amehlo akhe, kasekho. **20** Izesabiso zizambamba njengamanzi; ebusuku isiphepho sizameba. **21** Umoya wempumalanga uzamthatha, ahambe, umphephule asuke endaweni yakhe. **22** Abesephosela phezu kwakhe angayekeli; phambi kwesandla sakhe uzabaleka isibili. **23** Abantu bazatshaya izandla zabo ngaye, bamncifele endaweni yakhe.

28 Isibili kukhona umthapho wesiliva, lendawo yegolide abalicengayo. **2** Insimbi ithathwa enhlabathini, lethusi lincibilikiswa elitsheni. **3** Umisela umnyama umngcele, udingisisa kuze kube sekuphelelelni konke, amatshe obumnyama lethunzi lokufa. **4** Uqhekeza umgodi khatshana lalapho okuhlala khona abantu, lapho abakhohlwe khona lunyawo; bayalenga bejikajika khatshana labantu. **5** Umhlaba, kuphuma ukudla kuwo, langaphansi kwawo kuphenduka kwangathi ngumlilo. **6** Amatshe awo ayindawo yesafire, njalo ulothuli lwegolide. **7** Inyoni edla inyama kayiyazi indlela, lelihlo lelinqe kaliyibonanga. **8** Imidlwane yokuziqhenyayo kayiyinyathelanga, isilwane kasihambanga kuyo. **9** Uyelula isandla sakhe elitsheni elilukhuni, uyagenqula izintaba ezimpandeni. **10** Aqhekeze imisele emadwaleni, lelihlo lakhe libona konke okuligugu. **11** Uyabopha izifula zingathonti, lokufihlakeleyo ukukhuphela ekukhanyeni. **12** Kodwa inhlakanipho ingatholakala ivela ngaphi? Lendawo yokuqedisisa ingaphi? **13** Umuntu kalazi ixabiso lakho, njalo kakutholakali elizweni labaphilayo. **14** Ukujula kuthi: Kakukho kimi. Lolwandle luthi: Kakulami. **15** Igolide elihle lingenikwe endaweni yakho, lesiliva singelinganiselwe intengo yakho. **16** Kungelingane legolide leOfiri, le-onikse eligugu, lesafire. **17** Igolide lekristali kungelingane lakho, futhi kungenaniswe ngesitsha segolide elicwengekileyo. **18** Ikorali lekristali kakuyikukhunjulwa, ngoba intengo yenhlakanipho ingaphezu kwamatshe aligugu. **19** Itopazi leEthiyophiya lingelinganiswe lakho, kungelingane legolide elicwengekileyo. **20** Pho, inhlakanipho ivela ngaphi? Lendawo yokuqedisisa ingaphi? **21** Ngoba kusithekile emehlweni abo bonke abaphilayo, kwafihlwa ezinyonini zamazulu. **22** Ukubhujiswa lokufa kuthi: Sizwile ngendlebe zethu umbiko wakho. **23** UNkulunkulu uyayiqedisisa indlela yakho, njalo yena uyayazi indawo yakho. **24** Ngoba yena uyakhangela kuze kube semikhawulweni yomhlaba, abone ngaphansi kwawo wonke amazulu. **25** Esenzela umoya isisindo, walinganisa amanzi ngesilinganiso. **26** Lapho esenzela izulu isimiso, lombane wokuduma indlela. **27** Ngalesosikhathi wakubona, walandisa ngakho; wakulungisa, yebo, wakuhlolisisa. **28** Wasesithi emuntwini: Khangela, ukwesaba iNkosi, lokhu kuyinhlakanipho, lokusuka ebubini kuyikuqedisisa.

29 UJobe wasebuya ephakamisa isaga sakhe wathi: **2** Kungathi ngabe nginjengenyangeni zamandulo, njengensukwini uNkulunkulu angigcine ngazo, **3** lapho isibane sakhe sakhanya phezu kwekhanda lami; ngahamba emnyameni ngokukhanya kwakhe! **4** Njengoba nganginjalo ensukwini zokuvuthwa kwami, lapho iseluleko sikaNkulunkulu sasiphezu kwethente lami, **5** lapho uSomandla wayeseselami, labantwana bami bengiphahlile, **6** lapho ngagezisa izinyathelo zami ngolaza, ledwala langithululela imifula yamafutha! **7** Lapho ngaphuma ngaya esangweni ngidabula umuzi, ngalungisa isihlalo sami emdangeni; **8** amajaha angibona, acatsha; lamaxhegu asukuma ema; **9** iziphathamandla zayekela ukukhuluma, zabeka isandla phezu komlomo wazo; **10** ilizwi labakhulu lacatsha, lolimi lwabo lwanamathela elwangeni lwabo. **11** Lapho indlebe isizwa yangibusisa, lelihlo libona langifakazela, **12** ngoba ngakhulula umyanga okhalayo, lentandane, longelamsizi. **13** Isibusiso sobhubhayo sehlele phezu kwami, njalo ngenza inhliziyo yomfelokazi ihlabele ngentokozo. **14** Ngembatha ukulunga, kwangembesa; isahlulelo sami saba njengesembatho lomqhele. **15** Ngangingamehlo koyisiphofu, ngangizinyawo kusiqhuli. **16** Nganginguyise wabayanga, lendaba engingayaziyo ngayihlolisisa. **17** Ngasengisephula umhlathi womubi, ngamenza alahle impango emazinyweni akhe. **18** Ngasengisithi: Ngizaphela lesidleke sami, ngandise insuku njengetshebetshebe. **19** Impande zami zinabele emanzini, lamazolo alale ubusuku ogatsheni lwami. **20** Udumo lwami lutsha kimi, ledandili lami laguquka esandleni sami. **21** Bangilalela, belindele, bathulela iseluleko sami. **22** Emva kwelizwi lami kabaphendulanga, lelizwi lami lathontela phezu kwabo. **23** Bangilindela njengezulu, lomlomo wabo bawukhamisela izulu lokucina. **24** Lapho ngibahlekela, kabakholwanga, lokukhanya kobuso bami kabakuwiselanga phansi. **25** Ngakhetha indlela yabo ngahlala ngiyinhloko, ngahlala njengenkosi phakathi kweviyo, njengoduduza abalilayo.

30 Kodwa khathesi abatsha kulami ngensuku bayangihleka, oyise babo engangingabadelela ukubafaka lezinja zomhlambi wami. **2** Yebo, amandla ezandla zabo ayengaba yini kimi, ukuvuthwa kwabo sekuphelile? **3** Ngenswelo langendlala bajujukile, bangqathuze elizweni elomileyo, elalikade liyinkangala legwadule. **4** Abakha imibhida yetshwayi enkotheni, lempande yesihlahla serotemu iyikudla kwabo. **5** Baxotshwa phakathi kwabantu; bamemeza ngabo kungathi lisela; **6** ukuthi bahlale eliweni lezihotsha, imigodi yenhlabathi, lamadwala. **7** Bayakhonya phakathi kwenkotha, babuthane phansi kokhula. **8** Bangabantwana beziphukuphuku, yebo abantwana abangelabizo; betshaywa, bexotshwa emhlabeni. **9** Khathesi sengiyingoma yabo, sengiyisiga sabo. **10** Banengwa yimi, bamela khatshana lami; kabayekeli ukungikhafulela ebusweni ngamathe. **11** Ngoba ukhulule intambo yami, wangicindezela, ngakho balahle

itomu phambi kwami. 12 Ngakwesokunene abatsha
bayasukuma, bafuqa inyawo zami, bangivusela indlela
zabo zokubhubhisa. 13 Badiliza indlela yami, bancedisa
ukuqhubela phambili incithakalo yami, kabalamncedisi.
14 Beza kungathi bafohlela esikhaleni esibanzi; phakathi
kwencithakalo batheleka. 15 Izesabiso ziphendukele
phezu kwami; baxotshana lodumo lwami njengomoya,
lempumelelo yami yedlula njengeyezi. 16 Khathesi-
ke umphefumulo wami uyazithulula phezu kwami;
insuku zosizi zingibambile. 17 Ubusuku bugwaza
amathambo ami phakathi kwami, lokungingqathuzayo
kakuphumuli. 18 Ngobunengi bamandla akhe isembatho
sami siyaguqulwa; uyangibhinca njengesiphika sebhatshi
lami. 19 Ungiphosele odakeni, senginjengothuli
lomlotha. 20 Ngiyakhala kuwe, kodwa kawungiphenduli;
ngiyasukuma, unginanzelele nje. 21 Usuphenduke
waba lesihluku kimi; ngamandla esandla sakho
umelana lami. 22 Ungiphakamisela emoyeni, ungigadise
kuwo, ungincibilikisele kusiphepho. 23 Ngoba ngiyazi
ukuthi uzangibuyisela ekufeni, lendlini emiselwe
bonke abaphilayo. 24 Kodwa umuntu kayikwelulela
isandla engcwabeni, kumbe encithakalweni yakhe
akhalele usizo. 25 Kangimkhalelanga inyembezi
yini owayelensuku ezilukhuni, umphefumulo wami
wadabuka ngongumyanga? 26 Lapho ngilindele okuhle,
kweza okubi; lapho ngilindele ukukhanya, kweza
umnyama. 27 Imibilini yami yabila, kayithulanga,
lensuku zosizi zingandulele. 28 Ngahamba ngilila,
kungelalanga; ngasukuma ebandleni ngakhalela usizo.
29 Ngingumfowabo wemigobho, lomngane wezintshe. 30
Isikhumba sami simnyama phezu kwami, lamathambo
ami atshile ngokutshisa. 31 Ichacho lami selibe yisililo,
lomhlanga wami uyilizwi labakhala inyembezi.

31 Ngenza isivumelwano lamehlo ami; pho
ngingananzelela njani intombi? 2 Ngoba
siyini isabelo sikaNkulunkulu esivela phezulu, lelifa
likaSomandla elivela endaweni eziphezulu? 3 Incithakalo
kayisiyomubi yini, lengozi yabenzi bobubi? 4 Yena
kaziboni yini indlela zami, abale zonke izinyathelo
zami? 5 Uba ngihambe ngokuyize, kumbe unyawo
lwami luphuthumele enkohlisweni, 6 kangilinganise
ngesilinganiso esilungileyo, ukuze uNkulunkulu azi
ubuqotho bami. 7 Uba inyathelo lami liphambukile
endleleni, lenhliziyo yami yalandela amehlo ami, kumbe
kunamathele isici ezandleni zami; 8 kangihlanyele,
kodwa kudle omunye, lezilimo zami zisitshulwe. 9
Uba inhliziyo yami iyengwe ngowesifazana, kumbe
ngacathama emnyango kamakhelwane wami, 10 umkami
kacholele omunye, labanye kabaguqe phezu kwakhe. 11
Ngoba lokho kuyinkohlakalo, njalo kuyisono ngabahluleli.
12 Ngoba ngumlilo odla kuze kube yincithakalo, usiphule
sonke isivuno sami. 13 Uba ngalile udaba lwenceku
yami loba olwencekukazi yami, lapho ziphikisana
lami, 14 pho ngizakwenzani lapho uNkulunkulu
esukuma? Lalapho esethekela, ngizaphendulani kuye?
15 Lowo owangenza esiswini kamenzanga yena yini,
lowasibumba esiswini munye? 16 Uba ngigodlele
umyanga isifiso, kumbe ngifiphaze amehlo omfelokazi,
17 kumbe ngadla ucezu lwami ngedwa, ukuze intandane
ingadli kulo 18 (ngoba kwasebutsheni bami yakhula
lami nginjengoyise, ngamqondisa kusukela esizalweni
sikamama), 19 uba ngabona obhubha ngenxa yokuswela
isigqoko, loba umyanga engelasembatho, 20 uba
inkalo zakhe zingangibusisanga, ngoba ekhudunyezwe
yiboya bezimvu zami, 21 uba ngaphakamisa isandla
sami ngimelene lentandane, lapho ngabona usizo
lwami esangweni, 22 kaliwe ihlombe lami esiphangeni
sami, lengalo yami iqamuke ethanjeni layo. 23 Ngoba
incithakalo kaNkulunkulu yayiyisesabiso kimi, ngingenelisi
ngenxa yobukhulu bakhe. 24 Uba ngenzile igolide laba
lithemba lami, ngathi kugolide elihle: Themba lami. 25
Uba ngithokozile ngoba inotho yami inengi, langoba
isandla sami sithole okunengi; 26 uba ngikhangele ilanga
lapho libenyezela, loba inyanga ehamba enkazimulweni,
27 lenhliziyo yami yayengwa ensitha, kumbe isandla sami
sange umlomo wami, 28 lalokho yisiphambeko phambi
kwabehluleli, ngoba ngabe ngimphikile uNkulunkulu
waphezulu. 29 Uba ngithokozile ngokuchitheka
kongizondayo, kumbe ngajabula lapho ububi bumthola;
30 njalo ngingavumelanga umlomo wami ukuthi wone,
ngokucela umphefumulo wakhe ngesiqalekiso; 31 uba
abantu bethente lami bebengatshongo ukuthi: Hawu,
aluba besilokwenyama yakhe, ngabe kasisuthanga.
32 Owemzini kazanga alale esitaladeni; iminyango
yami ngayivulela isihambi. 33 Uba ngasibekela
iziphambeko zami njengoAdamu, ngokufihla isono
sami esifubeni sami. 34 Ngoba ngethuswa lixuku
elikhulu, lokudelelwa ngabensendo kwangesabisa,
ngakho ngathula, kangaze ngaphuma emnyango. 35
Kungathi ngabe ngilongangizwa! Khangelani uphawu
lwami. Kungathi uSomandla angangiphendula, lokuthi
ophikisana lami ngabe ubhale ugwalo! 36 Isibili,
bengingaluthwala ehlombe lami, ngilubophe lube
ngumqhele kimi. 37 Ngimtshele inani lezinyathelo zami,
ngisondele kuye njengesiphathamandla. 38 Uba umhlaba
wami ukhalile ngami, lemifolo yawo ililile ndawonye, 39
uba ngidlile amandla awo kungelamali, kumbe ngenza
umphefumulo wabaniniwo uphele, 40 kakuhlume ukhula
oluhlabayo endaweni yengqoloyi, lokhula olunukayo
endaweni yebhali. Amazwi kaJobe asephelile.

32 Lawomadoda amathathu aseyekela ukumphendula
uJobe, ngoba wayelungile emehlweni akhe. 2
Lwaseluvutha ulaka lukaElihu indodana kaBarakeli
umBuzi, owosendo lukaRamu. Ulaka lwakhe lwavuthela
uJobe ngoba wazilungisisa yena kuloNkulunkulu. 3 Ulaka
lwakhe lwabavuthela labo abangane bakhe abathathu,
ngoba bengatholanga impendulo, kube kanti bamlahla

uJobe. 4 Kodwa UElihu wayelindele uJobe ekhuluma,
ngoba babebadala ngensuku kulaye. 5 UElihu esebonile
ukuthi kwakungelampendulo emlonyeni walamadoda
amathathu, ulaka lwakhe lwaseluvutha. 6 Ngakho
uElihu indodana kaBarakeli umBuzi waphendula wathi:
Mina ngingomncinyane ngezinsuku, lina-ke libadala;
ngenxa yalokhu bengithikaza, ngesaba ukulitshela
umcabango wami. 7 Ngathi: Kakukhulume izinsuku,
lobunengi beminyaka bazise inhlakanipho. 8 Isibili umoya
ukhona emuntwini, lokuphefumulela kukaSomandla
kuyabanika ukuqedisisa. 9 Abakhulu kabahlakaniphi
ngezikhathi zonke, labalupheleyo kabaqedisisi isahlulelo.
10 Ngakho ngithi: Lalelani kimi; lami ngizatshengisa
umcabango wami. 11 Khangelani, bengiwalindele
amazwi enu, ngabeka indlebe ekukhulumeni kwenu
okuhlakaniphileyo, lisadinga amazwi. 12 Yebo, ngalilalela,
khangelani-ke, kakho phakathi kwenu omvumisileyo
uJobe, owaphenduleyo amazwi akhe. 13 Hlezi lithi:
Sitholile inhlakanipho; nguNkulunkulu ozamxotsha,
hatshi umuntu. 14 Kodwa kangihlelelanga amazwi,
langamazwi enu kangiyikumphendula. 15 Badideka,
kabasaphendulanga, basusa amazwi kubo. 16
Ngasengilinda, kodwa kabakhulumanga, ngoba bema,
kabasaphendulanga. 17 Lami ngizaphendula ingxenye
yami, lami ngitshengise umcabango wami. 18 Ngoba
ngigcwele amazwi, umoya wesisu sami uyangiqhubezela.
19 Khangelani, isisu sami sinjengewayini engavulwanga,
njengemigodla emitsha sizadabuka. 20 Ngizakhuluma
ukuze ngiphefumule; ngivule indebe zami, ngiphendule.
21 Ake ngingaphakamisi ubuso bomuntu, ngingabizi
umuntu ngebizo lokubamba amehlo. 22 Ngoba
kangikwazi ukunika amabizo okubamba amehlo;
masinyane umenzi wami angangisusa.

33 Kube kanti-ke, Jobe, ake uzwe inkulumo
zami, ubeke indlebe kuwo wonke amazwi
ami. 2 Khangelani, sengivule umlomo wami, ulimi
lwami lukhuluma emlonyeni wami. 3 Amazwi
ami angawokuqonda kwenhliziyo yami, azakhuluma
ulwazi lwendebe zami ngokuhlanzeka. 4 UMoya
kaNkulunkulu wangenza, lokuphefumula kukaSomandla
kwanginika impilo. 5 Uba ulakho ngiphendula; zihlele
phambi kwami, uzimise. 6 Khangela, nginjengawe
kuNkulunkulu, lami ngathatshwa ebumbeni. 7 Khangela,
ukwethusa kwami kungakwethusi, lesandla sami singabi
nzima phezu kwakho. 8 Isibili ukhulume endlebeni
zami, ngezwa ilizwi lamazwi, uthi: 9 Ngimsulwa,
kangilasiphambeko, ngihlanzekile, njalo kakulababi
kimi. 10 Khangela, uthola amathuba okumelana
lami, ungibala njengesitha sakhe. 11 Ufaka inyawo
zami esigodweni, aqaphele zonke indlela zami. 12
Khangela, kulokhu kawulunganga; ngizakuphendula,
ngoba uNkulunkulu mkhulu kulomuntu. 13 Umphikiselani?
Ngoba engaphenduli leyodwa yezindaba zakhe. 14 Ngoba
uNkulunkulu ukhuluma kanye, yebo, kabili, engekho
onanzayo. 15 Ephutsheni, kumbono webusuku, lapho
ubuthongo obunzima busehlela abantu, ekuwozeleni
embhedeni; 16 abesesembula indlebe yabantu, aphawule
ukuqondiswa kwabo; 17 ukuze aphambule umuntu
ekwenzenikwakhe, afihle ukuzigqaja emuntwini, 18
anqande umphefumulo wakhe egodini, lempilo yakhe
ekwedluleni ngenkemba. 19 Njalo ujeziswa ngobuhlungu
embhedeni wakhe, langokuqaqamba kwamathambo akhe
okungapheliyo, 20 ize impilo yakhe inengwe yisinkwa,
lomphefumulo wakhe yikudla okuloyisekayo. 21 Inyama
yakhe iyaphela, ingabonakali, lamathambo akhe abekade
engabonakali avele. 22 Lomphefumulo wakhe useduze
legodi, lempilo yakhe kubabulali. 23 Uba kulesithunywa
kanye laye, umlamuli, oyedwa phakathi kwenkulungwane,
ukutshela umuntu ukuqonda kwakhe, 24 uzakuba lomusa
kuye athi: Mkhulule ekwehleleni egodini, sengithole
inhlawulo. 25 Inyama yakhe izakuba ntsha okwedlula
ubutsha; abuyele ensukwini zobutsha bakhe. 26
Akhuleke kuNkulunkulu, ozakuba lesisa kuye, abone
ubuso bakhe ngentokozo; ngoba uzabuyisela emuntwini
ukulunga kwakhe. 27 Ukhangela ebantwini athi: Ngonile,
ngahlanekela okulungileyo, kodwa kakungisizanga. 28
Uhlengile umphefumulo wami ekwedluleni egodini,
lempilo yami izabona ukukhanya. 29 Khangelani, lezizinto
uNkulunkulu uyazenza ngomuntu kabili kumbe kathathu,
30 ukuze abuyise umphefumulo wakhe egodini, ukuze
akhanyiswe ngokukhanya kwabaphilayo. 31 Zwana,
Jobe, ungilalele, uthule, njalo mina ngikhulume. 32
Uba kulamazwi, ungiphendule; khuluma, ngoba ngifisa
ukutshengisa ukuthi ulungile. 33 Uba kungenjalo, wena
ngilalela; thula, njalo ngizakufundisa inhlakanipho.

34 Wasephendula uElihu wathi: 2 Zwanini amazwi
ami, zihlakaniphi, lani zazi, libeke indlebe kimi. 3
Ngoba indlebe ihlola amazwi, njengolwanga lunambitha
ukudla. 4 Asizikhetheleni isahlulelo; sazi phakathi
kwethu okuhle. 5 Ngoba uJobe uthe: Ngilungile, kodwa
uNkulunkulu ususe isahlulelo sami; 6 ngiqamba amanga
ngimelene lelungelo lami; umtshoko wami kawelapheki,
ngaphandle kwesiphambeko. 7 Nguwuphi umuntu
onjengoJobe? Unatha ukuklolodelwa njengamanzi, 8
ahambahambe exukwini labenzi bobubi, ahambe labantu
benkohlakalo. 9 Ngoba uthe: Kakumsizi umuntu nxa
ethokoza ngoNkulunkulu. 10 Ngakho, bantu bengqondo,
ngilalelani: Kakube khatshana loNkulunkulu ukwenza
inkohlakalo, loSomandla ukwenza isiphambeko. 11
Ngoba umsebenzi womuntu uzawubuyisela kuye, amenze
athole njengendlela yalowo lalowo. 12 Yebo, isibili
uNkulunkulu kenzi okubi, njalo uSomandla kagobisi
isehlulelo. 13 Ngubani owambeka phezu komhlaba?
Kumbe ngubani owamisa umhlaba wonke? 14 Uba
ebeka inhliziyo yakhe phezu kwakhe, uzabuthela umoya
wakhe lomphefumulo wakhe kuye. 15 Inyama yonke
ibizaphela kanyekanye, lomuntu abuyele ethulini. 16
Uba kulokuqedisisa-ke, zwana lokhu, ubeke indlebe

elizwini lamazwi ami. **17** Kambe, ozonda isehlulelo
ubengabusa yini? Kambe uzamlahla yini olungileyo
kakhulu? **18** Angatsho yini enkosini: Mkhohlisi;
kuziphathamandla: Lina abangelaNkulunkulu? **19** Kuye
ongemukeli ubuso beziphathamandla, engananzi isinothi
phambi komyanga? Ngoba bonke bangumsebenzi
wezandla zakhe. **20** Bayafa ngesikhatshana; laphakathi
kobusuku abantu bayaqhuqhiswa, bedlule; kuzasuswa
olamandla kungelasandla. **21** Ngoba amehlo akhe
aphezu kwendlela zomuntu, uyabona zonke izinyathelo
zakhe. **22** Kakulamnyama njalo kakulathunzi lokufa lapho
abenzi bobubi abangacatsha khona. **23** Ngoba kabi lokhu
enaka umuntu, ukuthi aye kuNkulunkulu esahlulelweni.
24 Uyaphahlaza abalamandla kungahlolwanga, amise
abanye endaweni zabo. **25** Ngakho uyayazi imisebenzi
yabo, uyabagenqula ebusuku, bachotshozwe. **26**
Uyabatshaya njengababi endaweni yababukelayo.
27 Ngenxa yokuthi bephambukile ekumlandeleni,
benganananzanga leyodwa yezindlela zakhe, **28** baze
benza ukukhala komyanga kufike kuye, njalo wakuzwa
ukukhala kwabahluphekayo. **29** Lapho yena ethulisa,
ngubani-ke ongaziphatha ngenkohliso? Lapho efihla
ubuso, ngubani-ke ongambona? Loba esizweni loba
emuntwini eyedwa. **30** Ukuze abantu abangabazenzisi
bangabusi, ukuze bangabi yimijibila ebantwini. **31** Isibili
uthe kuNkulunkulu: Ngithwele isijeziso, kangiyikona. **32**
Lokhu engingakuboniyo ngifundise wena; uba ngenze
okubi kangisayikukwenza futhi. **33** Uzaphindisela
yini njengokuthanda kwakho, loba uyala, loba wena
ukhetha, njalo kungesimi? Wazini-ke? Khuluma. **34**
Abantu abalokuqedisisa bazakhuluma kimi, lomuntu
ohlakaniphileyo uzangizwa. **35** UJobe ukhulume
engelalwazi, lamazwi akhe kawalanhlakanipho. **36**
Kungathi ngabe uJobe uyahlolwa kuze kube sekupheleni,
ngenxa yempendulo zakhe njengabantu ababi. **37**
Ngoba esonweni sakhe wengezelela ububi, etshaya
izandla phakathi kwethu, esandisa amazwi akhe emelene
loNkulunkulu.

35 UElihu wasephendula wathi: **2** Ukhumbula
ukuthi lokhu kuqondile yini? Uthe: Ukulunga
kwami kwedlula okukaNkulunkulu. **3** Ngoba uthe
kusizani kuwe, kungisizani okwedlula isono sami?
4 Mina ngizakuphendula, labangane bakho kanye
lawe. **5** Khangela amazulu ubone; ukhangele amayezi,
aphakeme kulawe. **6** Uba usona, wenzani kuye?
Uba iziphambeko zakho zizinengi, wenzani kuye? **7**
Uba ulungile, umnikani, kumbe wemukelani esandleni
sakho? **8** Ububi bakho buthinta umuntu onjengawe,
lokulunga kwakho indodana yomuntu. **9** Ngenxa
yobunengi bencindezelo babenza bakhale; bayakhala
ngenxa yengalo yabalamandla. **10** Kodwa kakho othi:
Ungaphi uNkulunkulu umenzi wami, onika amahubo
ebusuku, **11** osifundisa okwedlula inyamazana zomhlaba,
asenze sihlakaniphe okwedlula inyoni zamazulu?
12 Lapho bayakhala, kodwa kaphenduli, ngenxa
yokuzigqaja kwababi. **13** Isibili uNkulunkulu kayikuzwa
ize, loSomandla kayikukunanza. **14** Yebo, lanxa usithi:
Kawumboni, kanti isahlulelo siphambi kwakhe; ngakho
umlindele. **15** Kodwa khathesi, ngoba intukuthelo
yakhe ingajezisanga, laye kayikwejwayela kakhulu yini
ukuziphakamisa? **16** Ngakho uJobe uvule umlomo wakhe
ngeze, wandisa amazwi engelalwazi.

36 UElihu waseqhubeka wathi: **2** Ngibekezelela
kancinyane, ngizakubonisa ukuthi kuseselamazwi
ngoNkulunkulu. **3** Ngizathatha ulwazi lwami luvela
khatshana, nginike ukulunga kuMenzi wami. **4** Ngoba
isibili amazwi ami kawayisiwo amanga; opheleleyo
elwazini ulawe. **5** Khangela, uNkulunkulu ulamandla,
njalo keyisi; mkhulu emandleni okuqedisisa. **6** Kayekeli
omubi aphile, kodwa unika abayanga okulungileyo. **7**
Kasusi amehlo akhe kolungileyo, kodwa balamakhosi
esihlalweni sobukhosi; yebo, uyawahlalisa phakade,
abesephakama. **8** Njalo uba bebotshiwe ngezibopho,
bethunjwe ngezintambo zenhlupheko, **9** abesebatshela
isenzo sabo, leziphambeko zabo, ukuthi zazilamandla.
10 Uyavula indlebe yabo ekulayweni, alaye baphenduke
ebubini. **11** Uba belalela, bamkhonze, bazachitha
insuku zabo kokuhle, leminyaka yabo ezintokozweni. **12**
Kodwa uba bengalaleli, bazadlula ngomkhonto, baphele
bengelalwazi. **13** Labangamesabiyo uNkulunkulu
ngenhliziyo babuthelela intukuthelo; kabakhali
esebabophile. **14** Umphefumulo wabo uzafela ebutsheni,
lempilo yabo phakathi kwezinkotshana. **15** Uzakhulula
ohluphekayo ekuhluphekeni kwakhe, avule indlebe
yabo ecindezelweni. **16** Yebo, lawe wakuhuga ukuthi
uphume emlonyeni wocindezelo uye endaweni ebanzi,
okungelacindezelo kuyo, lokuphezu kwetafula lakho
kuzagcwala amanono. **17** Kodwa ugcwalise isigwebo
somubi; isigwebo lokulunga kukubambile. **18** Qaphela
ulaka lungakuhugeli ekuklolodeni, lobukhulu benhlawulo
bungakuphambuli. **19** Ubengalinganisa inotho yakho,
ukuthi ubungebe ecindezelweni, lemizamo yonke
elamandla? **20** Ungakhefuzeleli lobobusuku bokususwa
kwabantu endaweni yabo. **21** Qaphela, ungaphendukeli
ebubini, ngoba ukhethe lokho kulokuhlupheka. **22**
Khangela, uNkulunkulu uziphakamisa ngamandla akhe;
ngubani ongumfundisi njengaye? **23** Ngubani ommisele
indlela yakhe? Kumbe ngubani othe: Wenze ububi? **24**
Khumbula ukuthi ukhulise umsebenzi wakhe, abahlabela
ngawo abantu. **25** Bonke abantu bayawubona; umuntu
uyawukhangela ekhatshana. **26** Khangela, uNkulunkulu
uphakeme, njalo kasimazi, lenani leminyaka yakhe
kayilakuhlolwa. **27** Ngoba wenyusa amathonsi amanzi,
ahlambulule izulu njengenkungu yawo; **28** amayezi
alithululela phansi, lithonte kakhulu phezu komuntu.
29 Yebo, kukhona yini ongaqedisisa ukwendlaleka

kwamayezi, umsindo wedumba lakhe? 30 Khangela,
wendlala ukukhanya kwakhe phezu kwawo, agubuzele
impande zolwandle. 31 Ngoba ngawo uyehlulela abantu,
anike ukudla ngobunengi. 32 Ngezandla usibekela
ukukhanya, abesekulaya ngalelo elingena phakathi. 33
Umdumo wakhe ubika ngakho, lenkomo ngenkungu
eyenyukayo.

37 Langenxa yalokho inhliziyo yami iyathuthumela,
yeqe endaweni yayo. 2 Zwana lokuzwa umdumo
welizwi lakhe, lomsindo ophuma emlonyeni wakhe. 3
Uyakukhulula ngaphansi kwamazulu wonke, lokukhanya
kwakhe kuze kube semikhawulweni yomhlaba. 4
Emva kwalokho kubhonga ilizwi, uyaduma ngelizwi
lokuphakama kwakhe, angakunqandi lapho kuzwakala
ilizwi lakhe. 5 UNkulunkulu uyaduma ngelizwi lakhe
ngokumangalisayo kakhulu, wenza izinto ezinkulu,
esingeziqedisise. 6 Ngoba kuliqhwa elikhithikileyo uthi:
Woba semhlabeni; lakuzihlambo zezulu, lakuzihlambo
zezulu elikhulu lamandla akhe. 7 Uyanamathelisa
isandla somuntu wonke, ukuze bazi bonke abantu
bomsebenzi wakhe. 8 Inyamazana ziyangena emihomeni
yazo, zihlale ezikhundleni zazo. 9 Isivunguzane
siphuma ekamelweni leningizimu, lomqando emimoyeni
yenyakatho. 10 Ngomoya kaNkulunkulu kunikwa
ungqwaqwane, lamanzi abanzi abe yilitshe. 11
Njalo uthwalisa amayezi ngobumanzi, ahlakaze iyezi
lokukhanya kwakhe. 12 Njalo lona liyajikajika liphenduka
ngokuqondisa kwakhe, ukuze enze konke awalaye khona,
ebusweni bomhlaba emhlabathini. 13 Loba ngoswazi,
loba ngomhlaba wakhe, loba ngomusa, uyakufikisa.
14 Beka indlebe kukho, Jobe; mana, unanzelele
imisebenzi emangalisayo kaNkulunkulu. 15 Uyazi yini
ukuthi uNkulunkulu uwalungisa nini, enze ukukhanya
kwamayezi akhe kukhanye? 16 Uyazi yini ukulengiswa
kwamayezi, izimangaliso zopheleleyo elwazini? 17
Ukuthi izigqoko zakho zikhudumala njani, ekuthuliseni
umhlaba ngomoya weningizimu? 18 Uwendlalile yini
amayezi kanye laye, aqine njengesibuko esibunjiweyo
ngokuncibilikisa? 19 Sifundise ukuthi sizakuthini
kuye; singeke silungise lutho ngenxa yomnyama.
20 Kungalandiswa kuye yini ukuthi ngiyakhuluma?
Uba umuntu engakhuluma, isibili uzaginywa. 21
Khathesi-ke kabakuboni ukukhanya okubenyezelayo
okusemayezini, lapho umoya udlula uwahlambulula.
22 Igolide livela enyakatho. KuNkulunkulu kulobukhosi
obesabekayo. 23 USomandla singemfumane; uphakeme
ngamandla, langokwahlulela, njalo mkhulu ngokulunga;
kacindezeli. 24 Ngakho abantu bayamesaba; kanaki
wonke owabahlakaniphileyo ngenhliziyo.

38 INkosi yasimphendula uJobe isesivunguzaneni
yathi: 2 Ngubani lo ofiphaza iseluleko ngamazwi
angelalwazi? 3 Bopha-ke ukhalo lwakho njengendoda,
njalo ngizakubuza, njalo ungenze ngazi. 4 Wawungaphi
lapho ngimisa izisekelo zomhlaba? Tshono uba usazi
ukuqedisisa. 5 Ngubani owabeka izilinganiso zawo, uba
ukwazi? Kumbe ngubani owelulela intambo yokulinganisa
phezu kwawo? 6 Izisekelo zawo zamiswa phezu kwani?
Kumbe ngubani owabeka ilitshe lawo lengonsi, 7 lapho
inkanyezi zokusa zahlabela kanyekanye, lamadodana
wonke kaNkulunkulu amemeza ngenjabulo? 8 Kumbe
ngubani owavalela ulwandle ngezivalo, lapho lufohla
luphuma esiswini, 9 lapho ngimisa iyezi laba yisembatho
salo, lomnyama onzima waba yimbeleko yalo? 10 Njalo
ngaluqumela isimiso, ngamisa imigoqo lezivalo, 11
ngathi: Uzafika kuze kube lapha, kodwa ungedluli, lalapha
kuzamelana lokuzigqaja kwamagagasi akho. 12 Kusukela
ensukwini zakho walawula ukusa yini, wenza ukudabuka
kokusa ukuthi kwazi indawo yakho, 13 ukuthi kubambe
imiphetho yomhlaba, ukuze kuthintithe ababi kuwo? 14
Kuyaguquka njengebumba lophawu lokunamathisela,
kuzimisa njengesembatho. 15 Lakwababi ukukhanya
kwabo kuyagodlwa, lengalo ephakemeyo iyephulwa.
16 Usungenile emithonjeni yolwandle yini, wahamba
usiya le lale ekudingeni inziki? 17 Amasango okufa
wawembulelwa yini, wawabona amasango ethunzi
lokufa? 18 Uqedisisile yini kuze kube sebubanzini
bomhlaba? Tshono uba ukwazi konke. 19 Ingaphi indlela
lapho okuhlala khona ukukhanya? Lomnyama, ingaphi
indawo yawo, 20 ukuze ukuse emngceleni wakho,
lokuthi uqedisise izindlela zomuzi wakho? 21 Uyazi,
ngoba wawusuzelwe, lenani lensuku zakho likhulu.
22 Usungenile eziphaleni zeliqhwa elikhithikileyo yini,
wabona iziphala zesiqhotho, 23 engizigodle kuze kube
yisikhathi sokuhlupheka, kuze kube lusuku lokulwa
lolwempi? 24 Ingaphi indlela lapho ukukhanya okwabiwa
khona, umoya wempumalanga ohlakazeka khona
emhlabeni? 25 Ngubani owehlukanisela impophoma
indlela yamanzi, lendlela yombane wemidumo, 26
ukuthi line emhlabeni lapho okungelamuntu khona,
enkangala okungelamuntu kuyo, 27 ukusuthisa inkangala
legwadule, lokuhlumisa ukuphuma kotshani? 28 Izulu
liloyise yini, kumbe ngubani owazala amathonsi amazolo?
29 Ungqwaqwane waphuma esiswini sikabani? Njalo
ngubani owazala iliqhwa lamazulu? 30 Amanzi afihlakele
njengelitshe, lobuso bokujula bujiyile. 31 Ungazibopha
yini izibopho zesiLimela, kumbe uthukulule intambo
zeziNja? 32 Ungakhupha yini izinkanyezi ngesikhathi
sazo? Ungakhokhela yini iBhere kanye labantwana balo?
33 Uyazazi yini izimiso zamazulu, kumbe ungamisa
umbuso wazo emhlabeni? 34 Ungaphakamisela yini
ilizwi lakho emayezini, ukuthi ubunengi bamanzi
bukusibekele? 35 Ungathuma yini imibane ukuthi
ihambe, ithi kuwe: Khangela, silapha? 36 Ngubani
owabeka inhlakanipho emibilini? Kumbe ngubani onike
ukuqedisisa engqondweni? 37 Ngubani ongabala
amayezi ngenhlakanipho? Njalo ngubani ongalalisa
imbodlela zamazulu, 38 lapho uthuli luqina lube yizigaqa,

lamagade anamathelane? 39 Ungasizingelela yini
isilwane ukudla, kumbe usuthise ukulamba kwezilwane
ezintsha, 40 lapho zicathame emihomeni, zihlala
esikhundleni ukuthi zicathame? 41 Ngubani olungisela
iwabayi ukudla kwalo, lapho amaphuphu alo ekhala
kuNkulunkulu, ezulazula ngoba kungelakudla?

39 Uyasazi yini isikhathi sokuzala kwamagogo
edwala? Uyananzelela yini ukuhelelwa
kwezimpala? 2 Ungazibala yini inyanga ezizigcwalisayo?
Njalo uyasazi yini isikhathi sokuzala kwazo? 3 Zigoba,
zizale abantwana bazo, zikhuphe imihelo yazo. 4
Amazinyane azo aqine akhule egangeni; asuke ahambe,
angabuyi kuzo. 5 Ngubani owakhupha ubabhemi
weganga ekhululekile? Njalo ngubani othukulule izibopho
zikababhemi weganga, 6 engimmisele inkangala
ibe ngumuzi wakhe, lesimunyu sibe zindawo zakhe
zokuhlala? 7 Uhleka umsindo womuzi, angezwa
imisindo yomtshayeli. 8 Udinga izintaba ezilidlelo lakhe,
edinga elandela konke okuluhlaza. 9 Inyathi iyavuma
yini ukukusebenzela? Izalala yini esibayeni sakho
ebusuku? 10 Ungayibophela inyathi yini ngentambo
yayo emfolweni? Ingabhuqa yini izihotsha emva
kwakho? 11 Ungathembela kuyo yini ngoba amandla
ayo makhulu? Ungayiyekelela yini umtshikatshika
wakho? 12 Ungayikholwa yini ukuthi izabuyisa inhlanyelo
yakho, njalo iyibuthele ebaleni lokubhulela lakho? 13
Impiko zezintshe ziyaphaphazela ngentokozo; kodwa
zizimpiko lezinsiba zengabuzane yini? 14 Ngoba
itshiya amaqanda ayo emhlabathini, iwakhudumeze
othulini, 15 iyakhohlwa ukuthi unyawo lungawachoboza,
lokuthi isilo seganga singawanyathela. 16 Iwaphatha
kalukhuni amaphuphu ayo, kungathi kawayisiwo
awayo; umtshikatshika wayo uyize, ingelakwesaba.
17 Ngoba uNkulunkulu wayithathela inhlakanipho,
kayabelanga ukuqedisisa. 18 Lapho sekuyisikhathi
iyaziphakamisela phezulu, ihleke ibhiza lomgadi walo.
19 Uzanika yini ibhiza amandla? Uyayigqokisa yini
intamo yalo ngomhlonga oyephuzelayo? 20 Uyalenza
leqe yini njengentethe? Ubukhosi bokukhala kwalo
buyesabeka. 21 Liyaphanda esihotsheni, lithokoze
ngamandla alo, liphume ukuhlangabeza izikhali. 22
Liyakuhleka ukwesaba, kalesabi, kaliphenduki phambi
kwenkemba. 23 Phezu kwalo isamba semitshoko
siyakhehlezela, umkhonto ophazimayo lomdikadika. 24
Ngokuqhuqha lokufutheka liginye umhlaba; kalikholwa
ukuthi ngumsindo wophondo. 25 Ekukhaleni kophondo
lithi: Aha! Linuke impi ikhatshana, umdumo wezinduna,
lokumemeza. 26 Ukhozi luyaphapha yini ngokuqedisisa
kwakho, luselulela impiko zalo eningizimu? 27 Ilinqe
liyaqonga ngokulaya kwakho, lakhe isidleke salo
engqongeni yini? 28 Lihlala lilale ebusuku edwaleni,
engqongeni yedwala leyenqaba. 29 Lisuka lapho lidinga
ukudla; amehlo alo abonela khatshana. 30 Lamaphuphu
alo azitika ngegazi; lalapho okukhona ababuleweyo
likhona.

40 INkosi yasiphendula uJobe yathi: 2 Ophikisana
loSomandla uzamqondisa yini? Osola uNkulunkulu
kakuphendule. 3 UJobe waseyiphendula iNkosi
wathi: 4 Khangela, ngiphansi; ngingakuphendula
ngithini? Ngibeka isandla sami emlonyeni wami.
5 Ngikhulumile kanye, kodwa kangiyikuphendula;
kumbe kabili, kodwa kangiyikuqhubeka. 6 INkosi
yasimphendula uJobe isesivunguzaneni yathi: 7 Bopha
khathesi ukhalo lwakho njengendoda; ngizakubuza,
ubusungazisa. 8 Isibili, uzachitha isahlulelo sami
yini? Ungilahle, ukuze ube ngolungileyo yini? 9 Njalo
ulengalo yini njengoNkulunkulu? Kumbe ungaduma yini
ngelizwi njengaye? 10 Khathesi zicecise ngobukhosi
lokuphakama, uzembese ngodumo lenkazimulo. 11
Usabalalise intukuthelo zolaka lwakho, ukhangele
wonke ozigqajayo, umthobise. 12 Khangela wonke
ozigqajayo, umehlisele phansi, unyathelele phansi ababi
endaweni yabo. 13 Ubafihle bonke ethulini, ubophe
ubuso babo ngasese. 14 Khona lami ngizavuma kuwe,
ukuthi isandla sakho sokunene singakusindisa. 15
Ake ukhangele imvubu engayenza kanye lawe; idla
utshani njengenkabi. 16 Ake ukhangele, amandla
ayo asekhalweni lwayo, lokuqina kwayo kusemisipheni
yesisu sayo. 17 Iyagobisa umsila wayo njengomsedari;
imisipha yemilenze yayo yelukene. 18 Amathambo ayo
anjengempompi zethusi, amathambo ayo anjengemigoqo
yensimbi. 19 Ingeyokuqala yezindlela zikaNkulunkulu;
owayenzayo wasondeza inkemba yayo. 20 Ngoba intaba
ziyayivezela ukudla, lapho okudlala khona inyamazana
zonke zeganga. 21 Ilala phansi kwesihlahla esiluhlaza,
ekusithekeni kwemihlanga lamaxhaphozi. 22 Izihlahla
eziluhlaza ziyayisibekela ngomthunzi wazo; imidubu
yesifula iyayiphahla. 23 Khangela, umfula uyayicindezela,
kayiphangisi; ilesibindi lanxa iJordani ingaphuphumela
emlonyeni wayo. 24 Ongayibamba yini ngamehlo ayo?
Ongahlaba yini amakhala ayo ngemijibila?

41 Ungamhudula yini uLeviyathani ngengwegwe,
kumbe ulimi lwakhe ngentambo oyenza itshone?
2 Ungafaka yini umhlanga ekhaleni lakhe, kumbe
ubhoboze umhlathi wakhe ngameva? 3 Uzakuncenga
kanengi yini? Uzakhuluma lawe ngathambileyo yini?
4 Uzakwenza isivumelwano lawe yini? Uzamthatha
abe yinceku kokuphela yini? 5 Uzadlala laye yini
njengenyoni? Kumbe uzambophela amantombazana
akho yini? 6 Abathengi bazathengiselana ngaye
yini? Bazakwehlukaniselana ngaye yini phakathi
kwabathengisayo? 7 Uzagcwalisa yini isikhumba
sakhe ngezinhlendla, lekhanda lakhe ngemikhonto
yenhlanzi? 8 Beka isandla sakho phezu kwakhe,
khumbula impi, ungakwenzi futhi. 9 Khangela, ithemba
lakhe lizakuba ngamanga. Laye uzaphoselwa phansi

yini ngokumbona? **10** Kakho olesihluku sokuthi amvuse.
Ngubani-ke yena ongazimisa phambi kwami? **11** Ngubani
onganduleleyo ukuthi ngimbhadale? Okungaphansi
kwamazulu wonke ngokwami. **12** Kangiyikuthula
mayelana lezitho zakhe, lendaba yamandla akhe, lobuhle
besimo sakhe. **13** Ngubani ongabonakalisa ubuso
besembatho sakhe? Ngubani ongeza lamatomu akhe
aphindwe kabili? **14** Ngubani ongavula iminyango
yobuso bakhe? Amazinyo akhe ayesabeka inhlangothi
zonke. **15** Imizila yamahawu akhe ilokuziqhenya,
ivalelwe ngophawu oluqinisiweyo. **16** Elinye lisondele
kwelinye, ukuze kungangeni umoya phakathi kwawo.
17 Ahlangene, abambana, ukuze angehlukaniswa. **18**
Ukuthimula kwakhe kuphazima ukukhanya, lamehlo akhe
anjengenkophe zemadabukakusa. **19** Emlonyeni wakhe
kuphuma izihlanti, ziqhatshe ziphume inhlansi zomlilo.
20 Emakhaleni akhe kuphuma intuthu, njengembiza
ebilayo lemihlanga. **21** Umoya wakhe uvuthela amalahle,
lelangabi liphume emlonyeni wakhe. **22** Entanyeni
yakhe kuhlala amandla, laphambi kwakhe kugiya
usizi. **23** Amavinqo enyama yakhe anamathelene,
aqinile kuye, kawanyikinyeki. **24** Inhliziyo yakhe iqinile
njengelitshe, yebo, ilukhuni njengelitshe lokuchola
elingaphansi. **25** Ekuvukeni kwakhe amaqhawe ayesaba,
ngenxa yokwephulwa bayazihlambulula. **26** Ofinyelela
kuye ngenkemba angeme, umkhonto, umtshoko,
lomdikadika. **27** Uthatha insimbi njengotshani, ithusi
njengogodo olubolileyo. **28** Umtshoko kawumenzi
abaleke; amatshe esavutha aphendulwa nguye abe yizibi.
29 Isagila sitshaywa njengezibi; uhleka ukugenqeza
komdikadika. **30** Ngaphansi kwakhe kulendengezi
ezibukhali; wendlala izinto ezibukhali odakeni. **31**
Wenza inziki zibile njengembiza, enze ulwandle lube
njengembiza yamafutha. **32** Ngemva kwakhe wenza
indlela ikhanye; inziki zingathiwa ziyimpunga. **33** Kakukho
emhlabeni okufanana laye, owenziwa angabi lokwesaba.
34 Ukhangela konke okuphakemeyo; uyinkosi phezu
kwabo bonke abantwana bokuzigqaja.

42 UJobe waseyiphendula iNkosi wathi: **2** Ngiyazi
ukuthi ungakwenza konke, lokuthi kakulacebo
elingavinjelwa kuwe. **3** Ngubani lo ofiphaza
iseluleko engelalwazi? Ngakho ngikhulumile lokho
ebengingakuqedisisi, izinto ezimangalisayo kakhulu
kimi, ebengingazazi. **4** Ake uzwe, ngizakhuluma
mina. Ngizakubuza, njalo wenze ngazi. **5** Ngokuzwa
kwendlebe ngikuzwile, kodwa khathesi ilihlo lami
liyakubona. **6** Ngakho-ke ngiyazinenga, ngiyaphenduka
ethulini lemlotheni. **7** Kwasekusithi iNkosi isikhulume
lamazwi kuJobe, iNkosi yathi kuElifazi umThemani:
Ulaka lwami luyavutha kuwe lakubangane bakho
ababili, ngoba kalikhulumanga ngami okuqondileyo
njengenceku yami uJobe. **8** Ngakho-ke zithatheleni
amajongosi ayisikhombisa lenqama eziyisikhombisa, liye
encekwini yami uJobe, lizinikelele umnikelo wokutshiswa,
njalo uJobe inceku yami uzalikhulekela; ngoba isibili
ngizakwemukela ubuso bakhe, ukuze ngingenzi kini
njengobuthutha benu; ngoba kalikhulumanga ngami
okuqondileyo njengenceku yami uJobe. **9** Ngakho
bahamba oElifazi umThemani loBilidadi umShuhi
loZofari umNahama, benza njengokutsho kweNkosi
kubo; njalo iNkosi yemukela ubuso bukaJobe. **10**
INkosi yasiphendula ukuthunjwa kukaJobe esekhulekele
abangane bakhe; njalo iNkosi yengezelela konke uJobe
ayelakho kuze kuphindwe kabili. **11** Kwasekufika kuye
bonke abafowabo labo bonke odadewabo, labo bonke
ababemazi mandulo, badla isinkwa laye endlini yakhe,
bamkhalela, bamduduza ngakho konke okubi iNkosi
eyayimehlisele khona; bamnika ngulowo lalowo uhlamvu
lwemali, langulowo lalowo isongo legolide. **12** INkosi
yasibusisa isiphetho sikaJobe okwedlula ukuqala kwakhe;
ngoba waba lezimvu ezizinkulungwane ezilitshumi
lane, lamakamela azinkulungwane eziyisithupha,
lezipane zenkabi eziyinkulungwane, labobabhemi
abasikazi abayinkulungwane. **13** Wasesiba lamadodana
ayisikhombisa lamadodakazi amathathu. **14** Wasebiza
ibizo leyokuqala wathi nguJemima, lebizo leyesibili
wathi nguKeziya, lebizo leyesithathu wathi nguKereni-
Hapuki. **15** Njalo kakutholakalanga abesifazana abahle
njengamadodakazi kaJobe elizweni lonke; loyise
wawanika ilifa phakathi kwabanewabo. **16** Lemva
kwalokho uJobe waphila iminyaka elikhulu lamatshumi
amane; wabona amadodana akhe, lamadodana
amadodana akhe, kwaze kwaba yizizukulwana ezine. **17**
UJobe wasesifa, emdala, enele ngezinsuku.

Amahubo

1 Ubusisiwe umuntu ongahambi ngeseluleko sababi,
ongemi endleleni yezoni, ongahlali esihlalweni
sabagconayo; **2** kodwa intokozo yakhe isemlayweni
weNkosi, uzindla ngomlayo wayo emini lebusuku. **3** Njalo
uzakuba njengesihlahla esihlanyelwe emifuleni yamanzi,
esithela isithelo saso ngesikhathi saso, ohlamvu laso
kaliyikubuna; lakho konke akwenzayo kuzaphumelela.
4 Ababi kabanjalo, kodwa banjengamakhoba umoya
owaphephulayo. **5** Ngakho ababi kabayikuma
ekwahlulelweni, lezoni enhlanganweni yabalungileyo.
6 Ngoba iNkosi iyayazi indlela yabalungileyo, kodwa
indlela yababi izabhubha.

2 Kungani izizwe zixokozela, labantu benakana
okuyize? **2** Amakhosi omhlaba azimisela, lababusi
benza ugobe ndawonye bemelene leNkosi njalo
bemelene logcotshiweyo wayo, besithi: **3** Asiqamule
izibopho zabo, silahle intambo zabo zisuke kithi.
4 Ohlezi emazulwini uzahleka, iNkosi izabahleka
usulu. **5** Khona izakhuluma kubo entukuthelweni
yayo, ibethuse ngokuvutha kolaka lwayo. **6** Kube
kanti mina ngibekile iNkosi yami phezu kweZiyoni,
intaba yami engcwele. **7** Ngizalandisa ngesimiso:
INkosi ithe kimi: Wena uyiNdodana yami, lamuhla
ngikuzele. **8** Cela kimi, ngizanika izizwe zibe
yilifa lakho, lemikhawulo yomhlaba ibe yimfuyo
yakho. **9** Uzazephula ngentonga yensimbi, uziphahlaze
njengembiza yebumba. **10** Ngakho-ke hlakaniphani
makhosi, lilayeke bahluleli bomhlaba. **11** Ikhonzeni iNkosi
ngokwesaba, lithokoze ngokuthuthumela, **12** liyange
iNdodana, hlezi ithukuthele, libhubhe endleleni, nxa
ulaka lwayo seluvutha kancinyane. Babusisiwe bonke
abaphephela kuyo.

3 Nkosi, zande kangakanani izitha zami! Banengi
abangivukelayo. **2** Banengi abathi ngomphefumulo
wami: Kakulasindiso lwakhe kuNkulunkulu. (Sela) **3**
Kodwa wena Nkosi, uyisihlangu sami, udumo lwami,
lomphakamisi wekhanda lami. **4** Ngakhala ngelizwi lami
eNkosini, yasingiphendula isentabeni yayo engcwele.
(Sela) **5** Mina ngalala phansi, ngajumeka; ngavuka, ngoba
iNkosi yangisekela. **6** Kangiyikwesaba izinkulungwane
ezilitshumi zabantu abangihanqileyo bemelana lami. **7**
Vuka, Nkosi! Ngisindisa, Nkulunkulu wami. Ngoba zonke
izitha zami uzitshayile emhlathini, wephule amazinyo
ababi. **8** Usindiso ngolweNkosi. Isibusiso sakho siphezu
kwabantu bakho. (Sela)

4 Ngiphendula ekukhaleni kwami, Nkulunkulu
wokulunga kwami. Ekucindezelweni wangenzela
indawo ebanzi. Woba lomusa kimi, uzwe umkhuleko
wami. **2** Madodana abantu, koze kube nini liphendula
udumo lwami lube lihlazo, lithanda okuyize, lidinga
amanga? (Sela) **3** Kodwa yazini ukuthi iNkosi
izehlukanisele owesaba uNkulunkulu; iNkosi iyangizwa
lapho ngikhala kuyo. **4** Thuthumelani, lingoni; khulumani
lenhliziyo yenu embhedeni wenu, lithule. (Sela) **5**
Nikelani imihlatshelo yokulunga, lithembe eNkosini.
6 Banengi abathi: Ngubani ozasitshengisa okuhle?
Nkosi, phakamisela ukukhanya kobuso bakho phezu
kwethu. **7** Ubeke intokozo enhliziyweni yami okwedlula
isikhathi lapho amabele abo lewayini labo elitsha
kwandile. **8** Ngizacambalala ngokuthula, khonokho ngilale
ubuthongo, ngoba wena Nkosi wedwa uyangihlalisa
ngokulondolozeka.

5 Beka indlebe emazwini ami, Nkosi; unanzelele
ukububula kwami. **2** Lalela ilizwi lokukhala kwami,
Nkosi yami loNkulunkulu wami; ngoba ngikhuleka kuwe.
3 Nkosi, ekuseni uzalizwa ilizwi lami; ekuseni ngizahlela
umkhuleko wami ngakuwe, ngilinde. **4** Ngoba kawusuye
uNkulunkulu othokoza ebubini; omubi kayikuhlala lawe.
5 Abazikhukhumezayo kabayikuma phambi kwamehlo
akho; uzonda bonke abenzi bobubi. **6** Uzababhubhisa
abaqamba amanga. INkosi iyamenyanya umuntu wegazi
lenkohliso. **7** Kodwa mina, ngizangena endlini yakho
ngobukhulu besihawu sakho, ngikhothame ngikhangele
ethempelini lakho elingcwele, ngokukwesaba. **8** Nkosi,
ngikhokhelele ekulungeni kwakho ngenxa yezitha zami,
wenze indlela yakho iqonde phambi kwami. **9** Ngoba
kalikho iqiniso emlonyeni wazo, ingaphakathi yazo
izinkohlakalo; umphimbo wazo ulingcwaba elivulekileyo,
zibamba amehlo ngolimi lwazo. **10** Tshono uthi zilecala,
Nkulunkulu, kaziwe ngamacebo azo; uzilahle ngenxa
yobunengi beziphambeko zazo, ngoba zikuvukele.
11 Kodwa kabathabe bonke abathembela kuwe,
bamemeze kokuphela ngentokozo, ngoba ubavikele;
lalabo abathanda ibizo lakho kabajabule kuwe. **12** Ngoba
wena Nkosi, uzabusisa olungileyo, uzamhanqa ngomusa
njengesihlangu esikhulu.

6 Nkosi, ungangikhuzi entukuthelweni yakho,
ungangijezisi ekuvutheni kolaka lwakho. **2** Woba
lomusa kimi, Nkosi, ngoba ngibuthakathaka. Nkosi,
ngisilisa mina, ngoba amathambo ami ayakhathazeka. **3**
Lomphefumulo wami ukhathazekile kakhulu: Kodwa
wena, Nkosi, koze kube nini? **4** Phenduka, Nkosi, khulula
umphefumulo wami; ungisindise ngenxa yomusa wakho.
5 Ngoba ekufeni kakukho ukukukhumbula; engcwabeni
ngubani ozakubonga? **(Sheol h7585)** **6** Ngikhathele
yikububula kwami; ubusuku bonke ngintshezisa icansi
lami, ngezinyembezi zami ngimanzise umbheda wami.
7 Ilihlo lami lidliwe ngenxa yosizi, liyaguga ngenxa
yezitha zami zonke. **8** Sukani kimi, lonke benzi bobubi,
ngoba iNkosi izwile ilizwi lokulila kwami. **9** INkosi izwile
ukuncenga kwami; iNkosi izakwemukela umkhuleko
wami. **10** Zonke izitha zami zizayangeka zitshaywe
luvalo kakhulu; zizaphenduka, zihle ziyangeke.

7 Nkosi, Nkulunkulu wami, ngiyathembela kuwe;
ngisindisa kubo bonke abangizingelayo, ungikhulule.
2 Hlezi adabule umphefumulo wami njengesilwane,
edabudabula, kungekho okhululayo. **3** Nkosi, Nkulunkulu
wami, uba ngikwenzile lokhu, uba kukhona okubi
ezandleni zami, **4** uba ngiphindisele okubi kosekuthuleni
lami (kuphela ngaphanga oyisitha sami ngaphandle
kwesizatho), **5** isitha kasizingele umphefumulo wami,
siwufice, siyinyathelele impilo yami emhlabathini, senze
udumo lwami luhlale ethulini. (Sela) **6** Vuka, Nkosi,
ngolaka lwakho, ziphakamise ngenxa yentukuthelo
yezitha zami; vuka ungimele; ulayile isahlulelo. **7** Ngakho
inhlangano yezizwe izakuhanqa; buya ngaphezulu phezu
kwayo. **8** INkosi izakwahlulela izizwe. Ngahlulela, Nkosi,
njengokulunga kwami lanjengobuqotho bami obukimi. **9**
Ake buphele ububi bababi, kodwa umqinise olungileyo,
ngoba ohlola inhliziyo lezinso nguNkulunkulu olungileyo.
10 Isihlangu sami sikuNkulunkulu osindisa abaqotho
enhliziyweni. **11** UNkulunkulu ngumahluleli olungileyo,
njalo nguNkulunkulu othukuthelela omubi insuku zonke.
12 Uba engaphenduki, uzalola inkemba yakhe; useligobile
idandili lakhe walilungisa. **13** Usemlungisele izikhali
zokufa, wenzela abazingeli imitshoko yakhe etshisayo.
14 Khangela, uhelelwa ngobubi, akhulelwe yikona, azale
amanga. **15** Agebhe umgodi awugubhe, abesewela
egodini alenzileyo. **16** Ububi bakhe buzabuyela phezu
kwekhanda lakhe, lodlame lwakhe lwehlele enkanda
yakhe. **17** Ngizayidumisa iNkosi njengokulunga kwayo,
ngihlabelele ibizo leNkosi ephezu konke.

8 Nkosi, Nkosi yethu, lilenkazimulo kangakanani
ibizo lakho emhlabeni wonke! Omise ubukhosi
bakho ngaphezu kwamazulu. **2** Emlonyeni wezingane
lowabamunyayo umisile amandla ngenxa yezitha
zakho, ukuze uthulise isitha lomphindiseli. **3** Lapho
ngikhangela amazulu akho, umsebenzi weminwe yakho,
inyanga lenkanyezi owazimisayo, **4** uyini umuntu ukuthi
umkhumbule, lendodana yomuntu ukuthi uyihambele? **5**
Kanti wamenza waba ngaphansi kancinyane kulengilosi,
wamethwesa umqhele wobukhosi lodumo. **6** Wamenza
wabusa phezu kwemisebenzi yezandla zakho, konke
wakubeka ngaphansi kwenyawo zakhe, **7** izimvu lenkabi
zonke, kanye lezinyamazana zeganga, **8** inyoni zamazulu,
lezinhlanzi zolwandle, okudlula ezindleleni zenlwandle. **9**
Nkosi, Nkosi yethu, lilenkazimulo kangakani ibizo lakho
emhlabeni wonke!

9 Ngizakudumisa, Nkosi, ngenhliziyo yami yonke,
ngilandise zonke izimangaliso zakho. **2** Ngizathaba
ngithokoze kuwe, ngihlabele indumiso ebizweni lakho,
wena oPhezukonke. **3** Lapho izitha zami zibuyela
emuva, zizakuwa, zibhubhe phambi kwakho. **4** Ngoba
ulimele ilungelo lami lodaba lwami, wahlala esihlalweni
sobukhosi, wahlulela ngokulungileyo. **5** Uzikhuzile izizwe,
wabhubhisa omubi; walesula ibizo labo kuze kube
nini lanini. **6** Izitha ziphelile, izincithakalo eziphakade;
uyidilizile imizi; ukukhunjulwa kwabo kubhubhe kanye
labo. **7** Kodwa iNkosi izahlala kuze kube phakade,
isihlalo sayo sobukhosi isilungisele isahlulelo. **8** Yona-
ke izawahlulela umhlaba ngokulunga, ibagwebe abantu
ngokuqonda. **9** Njalo iNkosi izakuba yisiphephelo
socindezelweyo, isiphephelo ngezikhathi zokuhlupheka.
10 Labalaziyo ibizo lakho bazathemba kuwe, ngoba
wena Nkosi, kawubatshiyanga abakudingayo. **11**
Hlabelani indumiso eNkosini ehlezi eZiyoni, limemezele
phakathi kwabantu izenzo zayo. **12** Nxa idinga igazi,
iyabakhumbula, kayikhohlwa ukukhala kwabahlutshwayo.
13 Woba lomusa kimi, Nkosi, ubone uhlupho lwami
oluvela kwabangizondayo, wena ongiphakamisayo
emasangweni okufa, **14** ukuze ngilandise yonke
indumiso yakho emasangweni endodakazi yeZiyoni,
ngithokoze kusindiso lwakho. **15** Izizwe zitshone emgodini
ezawenzayo, embuleni ezalithiyayo unyawo lwazo
lubanjiwe. **16** INkosi izazisile, yenza isahlulelo; omubi
uthiywe emsebenzini wezandla zakhe. Higayoni. (Sela)
17 Abakhohlakeleyo bazabuyela esihogweni, zonke
izizwe ezimkhohlwayo uNkulunkulu. **(Sheol h7585)** **18**
Ngoba oswelayo kayikukhohlakala kokuphela; ithemba
labayanga kaliyikunyamalala phakade. **19** Vuka, Nkosi,
umuntu kanganqobi; izizwe kazigwetshwe phambi
kwakho. **20** Zitshayise ngovalo, Nkosi, izizwe kazikwazi
ukuthi zingabantu nje. (Sela)

10 Nkosi, umeleni khatshana? Ucatshelani
ezikhathini zokuhlupheka? **2** Omubi ekuzigqajeni
uyamzingelisisa umyanga; kababanjwe ngamagobe
abawacebileyo. **3** Ngoba omubi uyazikhukhumeza
ngesifiso somphefumulo wakhe, uyasibusisa isihwaba,
ayeyise iNkosi. **4** Omubi, ngokuzigqaja kobuso bakhe
uthi: Kakubizi; kakho uNkulunkulu emicabangweni
yakhe yonke. **5** Indlela zakhe ziqinile isikhathi
sonke; izahlulelo zakho ziphakeme zikhatshana laye;
izitha zakhe zonke uyazivuthela. **6** Uthi enhliziyweni
yakhe: Kangiyikunyikinywa; ngoba esizukulwaneni
lesizukulwana kangiyikuba sebunzimeni. **7** Umlomo
wakhe ugcwele ukuthuka lezinkohliso lobuqili; ngaphansi
kolimi lwakhe kukhona ukona lobubi. **8** Uhlezi endaweni
yokucathama yemizi, ezindaweni ezisithekileyo ubulala
ongelacala; amehlo akhe akhangele othithibeleyo
ngasese. **9** Uyacatsha ekusithekeni njengesilwane
ebhalwini lwaso; ucatshela ukumbamba ongumyanga,
uyabamba ongumyanga ngokumhudulela embuleni
lakhe. **10** Uyaqutha, uyakhothama, njalo umyanga awe
ngokulamandla kwakhe. **11** Uthi enhliziyweni yakhe:
UNkulunkulu ukhohliwe, ufihle ubuso bakhe, kasoze
abone lanini. **12** Sukuma, Nkosi! Nkulunkulu, phakamisa
isandla sakho, ungabakhohlwa abahluphekayo. **13**
Kungani omubi edelela uNkulunkulu? Uthi enhliziyweni
yakhe: Kawuyikukubiza. **14** Uyabona, ngoba wena

uyakhangela ububi lenhlupheko, ukukubeka esandleni
sakho. Umyanga uyazinikela kuwe; wena ungumsizi
wezintandane. 15 Yephula ingalo yokhohlakeleyo lomubi;
dinga inkohlakalo yakhe ukuze ungabe usayithola. 16
UJehova yiNkosi kuze kube nini lanini; izizwe zibhubhile
elizweni layo. 17 Nkosi, uzwile isifiso sabathobekileyo,
uzaqinisa inhliziyo yabo, wenze indlebe yakho izwe, 18
ukwahlulela intandane locindezelweyo, ukuze umuntu
wasemhlabeni angabe esesabeka.

11 Ngithembela eNkosini. Lingatsho njani
emphefumulweni wami: Balekela entabeni yenu
njengenyoni. 2 Ngoba, khangela, ababi bayagobisa
idandili, balungisa umtshoko wabo entanjeni, ukuze
batshoke emnyameni abaqotho ngenhliziyo. 3 Nxa
izisekelo zidilizwa, angenzani olungileyo? 4 INkosi
isethempelini layo elingcwele; iNkosi, isihlalo sayo
sobukhosi sisemazulwini; amehlo ayo ayakhangela,
inkophe zayo ziyahlola, abantwana babantu. 5
INkosi iyamhlola olungileyo, kodwa omubi lothanda
ubudlwangudlwangu, umphefumulo wayo uyamzonda.
6 Uzanisa phezu kwababi imijibila, umlilo, lesolufa,
lomoya otshisayo, kuzakuba yisabelo senkezo yabo. 7
Ngoba ilungile iNkosi, iyathanda ukulunga; ubuso bayo
buyabona oqotho.

12 Siza, Nkosi, ngoba owesaba uNkulunkulu kasekho,
ngoba abathembekileyo banyamalele basuka
ebantwaneni babantu. 2 Bakhuluma okuyize, ngulowo
lalowo lomakhelwane wakhe; indebe ezilalisayo,
bakhuluma nganhliziyombili. 3 INkosi izaquma
zonke indebe ezilalisayo, ulimi olukhuluma izinto
zokuzidla; 4 abathi: Sizanqoba ngolimi lwethu, indebe
zethu ngezethu; ngubani oyinkosi phezu kwethu?
5 Ngenxa yokubandezelwa kwabayanga, ngenxa
yokububula kwabaswelayo, sengizavuka, kutsho iNkosi.
Ngizabeka ekulondolozekeni amvuthelayo. 6 Amazwi
eNkosi angamazwi ahlambulukileyo, isiliva esizanywe
esithandweni senhlabathi, sihlanjululwe kasikhombisa. 7
Wena, Nkosi, uzabagcina, ubavikele kulesisizukulwana
kuze kube nininini. 8 Ababi bayahambahamba
inhlangothi zonke, lapho amanyala ephakanyiswa
phakathi kwabantwana babantu.

13 Koze kube nini, Nkosi, ungikhohlwa kokuphela?
Koze kube nini ungifihlela ubuso bakho? 2
Koze kube nini ngizicebisa emphefumulweni wami,
ngilosizi enhliziyweni yami insuku zonke? Koze kube nini
isitha sami siphakanyiswa phezu kwami? 3 Khangela,
ungiphendule, Nkosi, Nkulunkulu wami; khanyisa amehlo
ami hlezi ngilale ubuthongo bokufa, 4 hlezi isitha sami
sithi: Sengimehlule; labangihluphayo bathokoze lapho
nginyikinywa. 5 Kodwa mina ngithembele emuseni
wakho, inhliziyo yami izathaba ngosindiso lwakho. 6
Ngizayihlabelela iNkosi, ngoba ingenzele okuhle kakhulu.

14 Isithutha sithi enhliziyweni yaso: KakulaNkulunkulu.
Bonakele, benza imisebenzi eyenyanyekayo;
kakho owenza okuhle. 2 INkosi yakhangela phansi
isemazulwini phezu kwabantwana babantu, ukubona
ukuthi ukhona yini oqedisisayo, odinga uNkulunkulu. 3
Baphambukile bonke, bebonke bonakele; kakho owenza
okuhle, kakho loyedwa. 4 Kabazi yini bonke abenza
okubi, abadla abantu bami njengoba besidla isinkwa?
Kabayibizi iNkosi. 5 Lapho besaba lokwesaba, ngoba
uNkulunkulu usesizukulwaneni solungileyo. 6 Liliyangisile
icebo lomyanga, ngoba iNkosi iyisiphephelo sakhe. 7
Kungathi usindiso lukaIsrayeli lungavela eZiyoni! Lapho
iNkosi ibuyisa ukuthunjwa kwabantu bayo, uJakobe
uzathaba, uIsrayeli athokoze.

15 Nkosi, ngubani ozahlala ethenteni lakho? Ngubani
ozakwakha entabeni yakho engcwele? 2 Ngulowo
ohamba ngobuqotho, lowenza okulungileyo, lokhuluma
iqiniso enhliziyweni yakhe, 3 ongahlebiyo ngolimi lwakhe,
ongenzi okubi kumngane wakhe, longaphakamiseli
umakhelwane wakhe ihlazo; 4 olahliweyo uyenyanyeka
emehlweni akhe, kodwa uyabahlonipha abayesabayo
iNkosi; ofunga ngokuzilimaza, kodwa kaphenduki, 5
onganiki imali yakhe ukuthi azuze inzuzo, longemukeli
umvuzo wokuthengwa ngongelacala. Owenza lezizinto
kayikunyikinywa kuze kube nininini.

16 Ngilondoloza, Nkulunkulu, ngoba ngithembela
kuwe. 2 Ngithe eNkosini: UyiNkosi yami,
ukulunga kwami kakufiki kuwe. 3 Kodwa kubangcwele
abasemhlabeni, labahlekazi, ontokozo yami yonke ikubo.
4 Zizakwanda insizi zabagijimela omunye unkulunkulu;
kangiyikunikela iminikelo yabo yokunathwayo yegazi;
lamabizo abo kangiyikuwaphatha endebeni zami.
5 INkosi iyisabelo selifa lami lesenkezo yami;
wena uphethe isabelo sami. 6 Imizila iwele kimi
ezindaweni ezithokozisayo; yebo, ngilelifa elibukekayo.
7 Ngizayibonga iNkosi engelulekayo; lebusuku izinso
zami ziyangiqondisa. 8 Ngibekile iNkosi phambi
kwami njalonjalo; ngoba ingakwesokunene sami,
kangiyikunyikinywa. 9 Ngakho inhliziyo yami iyathokoza,
lodumo lwami luyajabula, lenyama yami izahlala
ivikelekile. 10 Ngoba kawutshiyanga umphefumulo wami
esihogweni, njalo kawuyikunikela ongcwele wakho ukuthi
abone ukubola. **(Sheol h7585)** 11 Uzangazisa indlela
yempilo; ukugcwala kwentokozo kusebukhoneni bakho,
ngakwesokunene sakho kukhona izinjabulo phakade.

17 Zwana ukulunga, Nkosi, ulalele ukukhala kwami;
ubeke indlebe emkhulekweni wami ongaphumi
ezindebeni ezilenkohliso. 2 Ukwahlulelwa kwami
kakuphume ebukhoneni bakho, amehlo akho kawabone
izinto eziqondileyo. 3 Uyilingile inhliziyo yami,
wangihambela ebusuku; ungihlolile, kawuficanga
lutho; ngihlosile, umlomo wami kawuyikuphambuka.

4 Mayelana lezenzo zabantu, ngelizwi lendebe
zakho, mina ngizinqandile ezindleleni zomchithi, 5
ukusekela izinyathelo zami emikhondweni yakho,
ukuze inyawo zami zingatsheleli. 6 Mina ngikubizile,
ngoba uzangiphendula, Nkulunkulu; beka indlebe
yakho kimi, uzwe inkulumo yami. 7 Tshengisa
ngokumangalisayo uthandolomusa wakho, wena
osindisa ngesandla sakho sokunene labo abathembela
kuwe kwabavukelayo. 8 Ngigcine njengenhlamvu
yelihlo; ungifihle emthunzini wempiko zakho, 9
kubo ubuso bababi abangicindezelayo, izitha zempilo
yami ezingihanqileyo. 10 Bayazivalela ngamahwahwa
abo; ngomlomo wabo bakhuluma ngokuzigqaja. 11
Sebesihanqile emanyathelweni ethu; amehlo abo
bawamise besithobele emhlabathini. 12 Unjengesilwane
esikhuthalele ukudabula, lanjengesilwane esitsha
esiquthileyo endaweni ezisithekileyo. 13 Vuka, Nkosi!
Uhlangabeze ubuso bakhe, umphosele phansi. Khulula
umphefumulo wami komubi, oyinkemba yakho, 14
kubo abantu, abayisandla sakho, Nkosi, ebantwini
bomhlaba, osabelo sabo sikulokhukuphila, osisu sabo
usigcwalisa ngokuligugu kwakho; bagcwele abantwana,
njalo batshiyele izingane zabo okuseleyo kwabo. 15 Mina,
ngizakhangela ubuso bakho ekulungeni, ngeneliswe
yisimo sakho ekuphaphameni kwami.

18 Ngizakuthanda, Nkosi, mandla ami. 2 INkosi
ilidwala lami, lenqaba yami, lomkhululi wami;
uNkulunkulu wami, idwala lami, engizaphephela kulo,
isihlangu sami, lophondo losindiso lwami, inqaba
yami ephakemeyo. 3 Ngizabiza iNkosi edumisekayo,
ngakho ngizasindiswa ezitheni zami. 4 Izibopho zokufa
zangizingelezela, lezikhukhula zobubi zangethusa. 5
Izibopho zesihogo zangigombolozela, imijibila yokufa
yayiphambi kwami. **(Sheol h7585)** 6 Ekuhluphekeni kwami
ngayibiza iNkosi, ngakhala kuNkulunkulu wami; walizwa
ilizwi lami esethempelini lakhe, lokukhala kwami kweza
phambi kwakhe, endlebeni zakhe. 7 Khona umhlaba
wazamazama, wanyikinyeka, lezisekelo zezintaba
zaqhaqhazela, zazamazama, ngoba wayethukuthele.
8 Kwenyuka intuthu emakhaleni akhe, lomlilo ophuma
emlonyeni wakhe waqothula; amalahle avuthiswa
yiwo. 9 Wasekhothamisa amazulu, wehlela phansi,
lomnyama onzima wawungaphansi kwenyawo zakhe.
10 Wasegada ikherubhi, waphapha, wandiza phezu
kwempiko zomoya. 11 Wamisa umnyama waba yindawo
yakhe yensitha, idumba lakhe inhlangothi zonke zakhe,
amanzi amnyama, amayezi amnyama omkhathi. 12
Ekukhazimuleni okuphambi kwakhe amayezi akhe
amnyama edlula, isiqhotho lamalahle omlilo. 13
INkosi yasiduma emazulwini, oPhezukonke wazwakalisa
ilizwi lakhe, isiqhotho lamalahle omlilo. 14 Yasithuma
imitshoko yayo, yabachitha; lemibane eminengi,
yabaphaphathekisa. 15 Khona kwabonakala imisele
yamanzi, kwembulwa izisekelo zomhlaba ekusoleni
kwakho, Nkosi, ekuvutheleni komoya wamakhala
akho. 16 Yathuma iphezulu, yangibamba, yangenyula
emanzini amanengi. 17 Yangophula esitheni sami
esilamandla, lakibo abangizondayo, ngoba babelamandla
kulami. 18 Babephambi kwami osukwini lwenhlupheko
yami, kodwa iNkosi yaba yisisekelo sami. 19
Yangikhuphela endaweni ebanzi, yangikhulula ngoba
yayithokoza ngami. 20 INkosi yangivuza njengokulunga
kwami; yangibuyisela njengokuhlanzeka kwezandla
zami. 21 Ngoba ngizilondolozile indlela zeNkosi,
kangisukanga kuNkulunkulu wami ngenkohlakalo. 22
Ngoba zonke izahlulelo zayo zaziphambi kwami,
lezimiso zayo kangiziphambulanga kimi. 23 Njalo
ngangiqondile kuyo, ngizinqandile ebubini bami. 24
Ngakho iNkosi ingibuyisele njengokulunga kwami,
njengokuhlanzeka kwezandla zami phambi kwamehlo
ayo. 25 Kolesihawu uzaziveza ulesihawu; koqotho
uzaziveza uqotho; 26 kohlanzekileyo uzaziveza
uhlanzekile; lakophambukileyo uzaziveza uphambukile.
27 Ngoba wena uzabasindisa abantu ababhlutshwayo;
kodwa amehlo aphakemeyo uzawehlisela phansi.
28 Ngoba wena uzalumathisa isibane sami; iNkosi,
uNkulunkulu wami, izakhanyisa ubumnyama bami.
29 Ngoba ngawe ngigijimile ngadabula phakathi
kwebutho, langoNkulunkulu wami ngeqe umthangala.
30 UNkulunkulu, indlela yakhe iphelele; ilizwi leNkosi
lihloliwe; uyisihlangu kubo bonke abaphephela kuye. 31
Ngoba ngubani onguNkulunkulu ngaphandle kweNkosi?
Njalo ngubani olidwala ngaphandle kukaNkulunkulu
wethu? 32 NguNkulunkulu ongibhincisa amandla, owenza
indlela yami iphelele. 33 Owenza inyawo zami zibe
njengezezimpala, wangimisa ezingqongeni zami. 34
Ofundisela izandla zami impi, ukuze idandili lethusi
ligotshiswe zingalo zami. 35 Unginikile lesihlangu
sosindiso lwakho, lesandla sakho sokunene singisekele,
lobumnene bakho bungikhulisile. 36 Wenze zaba
banzi izinyathelo zami ngaphansi kwami, ukuze
inyawo zami zingatsheleli. 37 Ngixotshene lezitha
zami, ngazifica, kangibuyanga ngaze ngaziqeda. 38
Ngazigwaza, zaze zehluleka ukuvuka, zawa ngaphansi
kwenyawo zami. 39 Ngoba ungibhincise amandla
kusenzelwa impi, wabakhothamisela phansi kwami
abangivukelayo. 40 Unginike intamo yezitha zami, labo
abangizondayo ngababhubhisa. 41 Bakhala, kodwa
engekho umsindisi; eNkosini, kodwa kayibaphendulanga.
42 Ngasengibacholisisa njengothuli phambi komoya,
ngabachitha njengodaka lwezitalada. 43 Wangikhulula
ekuphikiseni kwabantu, wangimisa ngaba yinhloko
yezizwe; abantu engangingabazi bangisebenzela. 44
Bangenela ukuzwa ngendlebe bazangilalela, abezizweni
bazazithoba kimi ngokuzenzisa. 45 Abezizweni bazabuna,
baphume ezinqabeni zabo bethuthumela. 46 INkosi
iyaphila; njalo kalidunyiswe idwala lami, kaphakanyiswe
uNkulunkulu wosindiso lwami. 47 UNkulunkulu onginika

impindiselo, lowehlisela izizwe ngaphansi kwami; **48** ongikhulula ezitheni zami; yebo, phezu kwabangivukelayo wangiphakamisa, emuntwini wodlakela wangikhulula. **49** Ngenxa yalokhu ngizakudumisa, Nkosi, phakathi kwezizwe, ngihlabelele ibizo lakho indumiso. **50** Iyanika inkosi yayo usindiso olukhulu, isenzela ogcotshiweyo wayo umusa, kuDavida, lenzalweni yakhe kuze kube nininini.

19 Amazulu alandisa ngodumo lukaNkulunkulu, lomkhathi utshumayela umsebenzi wezandla zakhe. **2** Usuku kusuku luphumisela inkulumo, lobusuku kubusuku butshengisa ulwazi. **3** Kakukho nkulumo, kawakho lamazwi, lapho ilizwi lawo elingezwakali khona. **4** Intambo yawo iphumele emhlabeni wonke, lamazwi awo emkhawulweni womhlaba. Ulimisele ilanga ithente kuwo. **5** Elinjengomyeni ephuma ekamelweni lakhe, lithokoza njengeqhawe ligijima endleleni. **6** Ukuphuma kwalo kusukela emkhawulweni wamazulu, lokuzingeleza kwalo kuze kube semikhawulweni yawo; njalo kakukho okufihliweyo ekutshiseni kwalo. **7** Umlayo weNkosi uphelele, uphendula umphefumulo; ubufakazi beNkosi buqinisile, buhlakaniphisa ongelalwazi; **8** izimiso zeNkosi zilungile, zithokozisa inhliziyo; umthetho weNkosi uhlambulukile, ukhanyisa amehlo. **9** Ukuyesaba iNkosi kuhlanzekile, kumi kuze kube nininini; izahlulelo zeNkosi ziliqiniso, zilungile ngokupheleleyo. **10** Ziyaloyiseka kakhulu kulegolide, yebo kulegolide elicwengekileyo elinengi; njalo zimnandi kuloluju lolujuluka ohlangeni loluju. **11** Futhi inceku yakho iyelulekwa ngazo; ekuzigcineni kulomvuzo omkhulu. **12** Ngubani oqedisisa iziphosiso zakhe? Ngikhulula kwezisithekileyo. **13** Igcine inceku yakho lezonweni zokuzincoma; kazingabusi phezu kwami. Khona ngizakuba ngoqondileyo, ngibe msulwa esiphambekweni esikhulu. **14** Amazwi omlomo wami lezizindlo zenhliziyo yami kakwemukeleke phambi kwakho, Nkosi, dwala lami lomhlengi wami.

20 INkosi ikuphendule osukwini lokuhlupheka; ibizo likaNkulunkulu kaJakobe likuvikele. **2** Kayikuthumele usizo oluvela endaweni engcwele, ikusekele iseZiyoni. **3** Kayikhumbule yonke iminikelo yakho, njalo yemukele umnikelo wakho wokutshiswa. (Sela) **4** Ikunike njengokwenhliziyo yakho, njalo igcwalise icebo lakho lonke. **5** Simemeze ngentokozo esindisweni lwakho, lebizweni likaNkulunkulu wethu siphakamise iziboniso! INkosi igcwalise konke ukucela kwakho. **6** Sengisazi ukuthi iNkosi isindisa ogcotshiweyo wayo; izamphendula isemazulwini ayo angcwele ngamandla asindisayo esandla sayo sokunene. **7** Abanye bathembela enqoleni, labanye emabhizeni, kodwa thina sizakhumbula ibizo leNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu. **8** Bona bakhothanyisiwe bawa, kodwa thina sisukumile simi. **9** Jehova, sindisa; inkosi isiphendule osukwini lokukhala kwethu.

21 Jehova, inkosi izajabula emandleni akho, lesindisweni lwakho izathaba kangakanani! **2** Uyinikile isifiso senhliziyo yayo, kawuyincitshanga isicelo sendebe zayo. (Sela) **3** Ngoba uyihlangabeze ngezibusiso zokuhle, wayethwesa umqhele wegolide elihle ekhanda layo. **4** Yacela impilo kuwe, wayinika yona, ubude bezinsuku kuze kube nini lanini. **5** Lukhulu udumo lwayo ekusindiseni kwakho, inkazimulo lobukhosi wakubeka phezu kwayo. **6** Ngoba uyenze yabusiseka kakhulu kuze kube nininini, uyayithokozisa ngenjabulo ebukhoneni bakho. **7** Ngoba inkosi ithembela kuJehova, langomusa woPhezukonke kayiyikunyikinywa. **8** Isandla sakho sizazithola zonke izitha zakho, lesandla sakho sokunene sizabathola labo abakuzondayo. **9** Uzabenza babe njengesithando somlilo esikhathini solaka lwakho. INkosi izabaginya ekuthukutheleni kwayo, lomlilo uzabaqothula. **10** Uzachitha isithelo sabo emhlabeni, lenzalo yabo phakathi kwabantwana babantu. **11** Ngoba bezimisela okubi bemelene lawe, beceba ugobe, bazakwehluleka. **12** Ngoba uzabafulathelisa, ngezintambo zedandili uzalungisa imitshoko imelane lobuso babo. **13** Phakama, Nkosi, ngamandla akho! Sizahlabela sidumise amandla akho.

22 Nkulunkulu wami, Nkulunkulu wami, ungitshiyeleni na? Ukhatshana lokungisiza, lamazwi okubhonga kwami? **2** Nkulunkulu wami, ngiyakhala emini, kodwa kawungiphenduli, lebusuku, kodwa kangilakho ukuthula. **3** Kodwa wena ungcwele, ohlezi ezibongweni zikaIsrayeli. **4** Obaba bethu bathemba kuwe, bathemba, wasubakhulula. **5** Bakhala kuwe, bakhululwa; bathembela kuwe, kabayangekanga. **6** Kodwa ngingumswenya, kangisuye muntu, ihlazo labantu, ngeyiswa ngabantu. **7** Bonke abangibonayo bayangihleka usulu, bakhamisa indebe, banikine ikhanda, **8** besithi: Wathembela eNkosini; kayimkhulule, imophule, ngoba yathokoza kuye. **9** Kodwa nguwe owangikhupha esiswini, wangenza ngathemba ngisemabeleni kamama. **10** Ngalahlelwa phezu kwakho kusukela esizalweni; kusukela esiswini sikamama unguNkulunkulu wami. **11** Ungabi khatshana lami, ngoba uhlupho luseduze, ngoba kakho osizayo. **12** Izinkunzi ezinengi zingihanqile, ezilamandla zeBashani zingizingelezele. **13** Zangikhamisela umlomo wazo, isilwane esiphangayo lesibhongayo. **14** Ngithululiwe njengamanzi, lamathambo ami wonke ehlukene; inhliziyo yami injengengcino, incibilikile phakathi kwemibilini yami. **15** Amandla ami omile njengodengezi, lolimi lwami lunamathele emihlathini yami; ungibeke ethulini lokufa. **16** Ngoba izinja zingigombolozele; inhlangano yababi ingihanqile; izandla zami lenyawo zami bazibhobozile. **17** Ngingabala wonke amathambo ami; bona bayakhangela bayangijolozela. **18** Babelana izigqoko zami, benza inkatho yokuphosa ngezembatho zami. **19** Kodwa, wena Nkosi, ungabi khatshana; mandla ami, phangisa ukungisiza. **20** Khulula umphefumulo wami kuyo

inkemba, wona wodwa owami emandleni enja. **21** Ngisindisa emlonyeni wesilwane; ngoba empondweni zezinyathi ungiphendule. **22** Ngizalandisa ibizo lakho kubafowethu, phakathi kwebandla ngizakudumisa. **23** Lina elesaba iNkosi, idumiseni; lonke nzalo kaJakobe, ihlonipheni; liyesabe, lonke nzalo kaIsrayeli. **24** Ngoba kayidelelanga kayinengwanga yinhlupheko yohluphekayo; njalo kayimfihlelanga ubuso bayo; kodwa lapho ekhala kuyo, yezwa. **25** Indumiso yami izakuba ngawe ebandleni elikhulu; ngizakhokha izifungo zami phambi kwabayesabayo. **26** Abamnene bazakudla basuthe; bazayidumisa iNkosi labo abayidingayo. Inhliziyo yenu izaphila kuze kube phakade. **27** Imikhawulo yonke yomhlaba izakhumbula, iphendukele eNkosini; lezizukulwana zonke zezizwe zizakhonza phambi kwakho. **28** Ngoba umbuso ungoweNkosi, njalo iyabusa phakathi kwezizwe. **29** Bonke abakhulupheleyo bomhlaba bazakudla bakhonze; bonke abehlela othulini bazakhothama phambi kwayo, longagcini umphefumulo wakhe uphila. **30** Inzalo izayikhonza; izabalelwa eNkosini kuso isizukulwana. **31** Bazakuza bamemezele ukulunga kwayo ebantwini abazazalwa, ukuthi ikwenzile.

23 INkosi ingumelusi wami, kangiyikuswela. **2** Iyangilalisa emadlelweni aluhlaza; iyangiholela emanzini okuphumula. **3** Ibuyisa umphefumulo wami, ingiholele endleleni zokulunga ngenxa yebizo layo. **4** Yebo, loba ngihamba esihotsheni sethunzi lokufa, kangiyikwesaba okubi, ngoba wena ulami; intonga yakho lodondolo lwakho, khona kuyangiduduza. **5** Uyalungisa itafula phambi kwami ngaphambi kwezitha zami; ugcoba ikhanda lami ngamafutha, inkezo yami iyaphuphuma. **6** Isibili okuhle lesihawu kuzangilandela insuku zonke zempilo yami; njalo ngizahlala endlini yeNkosi kuze kube nininini.

24 Umhlaba ungoweNkosi, lokugcwala kwawo, ilizwe, labahlala kulo. **2** Ngoba yona yawusekela phezu kwezinlwandle, yawumisa phezu kwemifula. **3** Ngubani ozakwenyukela entabeni yeNkosi? Kumbe ngubani ozakuma endaweni yayo engcwele? **4** Ngulowo olezandla ezihlanzekileyo lenhliziyo emhlophe, ongaphakamiseli umphefumulo wakhe kokuyize longafungi ngenkohliso. **5** Uzakwemukela isibusiso eNkosini, lokulunga kuNkulunkulu wosindiso lwakhe. **6** Lesi yisizukulwana salabo abayidingayo, abadinga ubuso bakho, ngitsho Jakobe. (Sela) **7** Phakamisani inhloko zenu, lina masango, phakanyiswani, lina minyango yaphakade, ukuze kungene iNkosi yenkazimulo. **8** Ingubani liNkosi yenkazimulo? INkosi elamandla leliqhawe, iNkosi elamandla empini. **9** Phakamisani inhloko zenu, lina masango, yebo, phakamani, lina minyango yaphakade, ukuze kungene iNkosi yenkazimulo. **10** Ingubani liNkosi yenkazimulo? INkosi yamabandla, yiyo eyiNkosi yenkazimulo. (Sela)

25 Kuwe, Nkosi, ngiphakamisela umphefumulo wami. **2** Nkulunkulu wami, ngithembela kuwe; kangingayangeki; izitha zami kazingathokozi phezu kwami. **3** Yebo, kungayangeki loyedwa kulabo abakulindelayo; kabayangeke labo abaphambukayo kungelasizatho. **4** Ngazisa izindlela zakho, Nkosi, ungifundise imikhondo yakho. **5** Ngikhokhelela eqinisweni lakho, ungifundise, ngoba unguNkulunkulu wosindiso lwami; ngilindele wena usuku lonke. **6** Khumbula izihawu zakho, Nkosi, lobubele bakho, ngoba kwakukhona kusukela phakade. **7** Ungazikhumbuli izono zobutsha bami leziphambeko zami; ngokomusa wakho wena ungikhumbule, ngenxa yokulunga kwakho, Nkosi. **8** INkosi ilungile iqondile; ngakho-ke izazifundisa izoni ngendlela. **9** Izabakhokhela abathobekileyo ekwahlulelweni, ibafundise abathobekileyo indlela yayo. **10** Zonke indlela zeNkosi zingumusa leqiniso kulabo abalondoloza isivumelwano sayo lezifakazelo zayo. **11** Ngenxa yebizo lakho, Nkosi, thethelela isiphambeko sami, ngoba sikhulu. **12** Nguwuphi umuntu owesaba iNkosi? Izamfundisa ngendlela ezayikhetha. **13** Umphefumulo wakhe uzahlala ebuhleni, lenzalo yakhe izalidla ilifa lelizwe. **14** Imfihlo yeNkosi ingeyabayesabayo, izabazisa isivumelwano sayo. **15** Amehlo ami ahlala eseNkosini, ngoba yiyo ezakhupha inyawo zami embuleni. **16** Phendukela kimi, ube lomusa kimi, ngoba ngilesizungu, ngihluphekile. **17** Inkathazo zenhliziyo yami zanda, ungikhuphe ezinhluphekweni zami. **18** Khangela inhlupheko yami losizi lwami, uthethelele zonke izono zami. **19** Khangela izitha zami ngoba zinengi, ziyangizonda ngenzondo elesihluku. **20** Londoloza umphefumulo wami, ungikhulule; kangingayangeki, ngoba ngiphephela kuwe. **21** Ubuqotho lokuqonda kakungilondoloze, ngoba ngilindele wena. **22** Nkulunkulu, hlenga uIsrayeli kuzo zonke inkathazo zakhe.

26 Ngahlulela, Nkosi, ngoba mina ngihambe ngobuqotho bami, njalo ngithembele eNkosini, angiyikutshelela. **2** Ngihlola, Nkosi, ungilinge, uhlole izinso zami lenhliziyo yami. **3** Ngoba uthandolomusa wakho luphambi kwamehlo ami, njalo ngihambe eqinisweni lakho. **4** Kangihlalanga labantu benkohliso, kangihambelani labazenzisayo. **5** Ngiyizondile inhlangano yabenzi bobubi, kangihlali lababi. **6** Ngizageza izandla zami ngokungelacala, ngizingelezele ilathi lakho, Nkosi. **7** Ukuze ngizwakalise ngelizwi lokubonga, lokuze ngilandise zonke izenzo zakho ezimangalisayo. **8** Nkosi, ngiyayithanda inhlalo yendlu yakho, lendawo yokuhlala yenkazimulo yakho. **9** Ungabuthi umphefumulo wami kanye lezoni, kumbe impilo yami kanye labantu abomele igazi. **10** Ozandla zabo zilobubi, lesandla sabo sokunene sigcwele izivalamlomo. **11** Kodwa mina ngizahamba ngobuqotho bami; ngihlenga, ube lomusa kimi. **12**

Unyawo lwami lumi endaweni elingeneyo; ngizayidumisa
iNkosi emabandleni.

27 INkosi iyikukhanya kwami losindiso lwami;
ngizakwesaba bani? INkosi ingamandla empilo
yami; ngizakwethuka bani? **2** Lapho ababi, izitha
zami labamelana lami, besondela kimi ukudla inyama
yami, bona bakhubeka bawa. **3** Loba ibutho lingamisa
inkamba limelene lami, inhliziyo yami kayiyikwesaba;
loba impi ingangivukela, kulokhu ngizathemba. **4**
Into yinye engiyicela eNkosini, yiyo engizayidinga,
yikuthi ngihlale endlini yeNkosi insuku zonke zempilo
yami, ukuze ngibone ubuhle beNkosi, ngibuzisise
ethempelini layo. **5** Ngoba izangifihla edumbeni layo
ngosuku lobubi, ingifihle ekusithekeni kwethente layo,
ingiphakamisele edwaleni. **6** Khathesi-ke ikhanda lami
lizaphakanyiswa phezu kwezitha zami ezingihanqileyo;
ngakho ngizanikela iminikelo yokuthaba ethenteni
layo; ngizahlabela, yebo ngihlabele indumiso eNkosini.
7 Zwana, Nkosi, ilizwi lami lapho ngikhala, njalo
ungihawukele, ungiphendule. **8** Uthe: Dingani ubuso
bami. Inhliziyo yami yathi kuwe: Ubuso bakho,
Nkosi, ngizabudinga. **9** Ungangifihleli ubuso bakho;
ungayixotshi inceku yakho ngokuthukuthela; ubulusizo
lwami; ungangitshiyi, ungangideli, Nkulunkulu wosindiso
lwami. **10** Lapho umama lobaba bengitshiya, khona
iNkosi izangemukela. **11** Ngifundisa indlela yakho, Nkosi,
ungikhokhele endleleni eqondileyo, ngenxa yezitha
zami. **12** Unganginikeli entandweni yezitha zami, ngoba
abafakazi bamanga bangivukele, lovutha isihluku. **13**
Ngangizaphela ngaphandle kokuthi ngakholwa ukuthi
ngizabona okuhle kweNkosi elizweni labaphilayo. **14**
Lindela iNkosi, ube lamandla, lenhliziyo yakho iqine,
yebo, lindela iNkosi.

28 Ngiyakhala kuwe, Nkosi; dwala lami, ungangithuleli,
hlezi nxa ungithulela, ngifanane labehlela emgodini.
2 Zwana ilizwi lokuncenga kwami lapho ngikhala
kuwe, lapho ngiphakamisela izandla zami endaweni
yakho yelizwi engcwele. **3** Ungangihuduli kanye lababi
njalo kanye labenzi bobubi, abakhuluma ukuthula
labomakhelwane babo, kodwa ububi busenhliziyweni
yabo. **4** Ubanike njengokwenza kwabo, lanjengobubi
bezenzo zabo; ubanike njengokomsebenzi wezandla
zabo, ubabuyisele isenzo sabo. **5** Ngoba kabayinanzi
imisebenzi yeNkosi lokwenza kwezandla zayo,
izababhidliza ingabakhi. **6** Kayibongwe iNkosi,
ngoba ilizwile ilizwi lokuncenga kwami. **7** INkosi
ingamandla ami lesihlangu sami; inhliziyo yami ithembela
kuyo, ngiyasizwa; ngakho inhliziyo yami iyathokoza,
ngiyidumise ngengoma yami. **8** INkosi ingamandla
abo, njalo iyinqaba yezinsindiso zogcotshiweyo wayo.
9 Sindisa abantu bakho, ubusise ilifa lakho, beluse,
ubaphakamise kuze kube nininini.

29 Inikeni iNkosi, lina madodana abalamandla,
inikeni iNkosi udumo lamandla. **2** Inikeni iNkosi
udumo lwebizo layo, likhothame eNkosini ebuhleni
bobungcwele. **3** Ilizwi leNkosi liphezu kwamanzi;
uNkulunkulu wenkazimulo uyaduma; iNkosi iphezu
kwamanzi amanengi. **4** Ilizwi leNkosi lilamandla, ilizwi
leNkosi lilobukhosi. **5** Ilizwi leNkosi lephula imisedari,
yebo, iNkosi yephula imisedari yeLebhanoni. **6** Yenza
yona-ke iqolotshe njengethole, iLebhanoni leSiriyoni
njengethole lenyathi. **7** Ilizwi leNkosi lidabula amalangabi
omlilo. **8** Ilizwi leNkosi lizamazamisa inkangala, iNkosi
izamazamisa inkangala yeKadeshi. **9** Ilizwi leNkosi lizalisa
izimpala, lihlubule amahlathi; lethempelini layo konke
kuthi: Udumo. **10** UJehova uhlezi phezu kukazamcolo,
yebo, uJehova uhlezi eyiNkosi kuze kube nininini. **11**
INkosi izanika abantu bayo amandla; iNkosi ibusise
abantu bayo ngokuthula.

30 Ngizakuphakamisa, Nkosi, ngoba ungenyusile,
njalo kawuthokozisanga izitha zami ngami. **2**
Nkosi Nkulunkulu wami, ngakhalela kuwe, wangisilisa. **3**
Nkosi, uwukhuphulile umphefumulo wami engcwabeni,
ungigcinile ngiphila, ukuze ngingehleli emgodini. **(Sheol
h7585)** **4** Hlabelelani eNkosini, lina bangcwele bayo,
libonge ekukhunjulweni kobungcwele bayo. **5** Ngoba
ukuthukuthela kwayo kungokwesikhatshana, impilo
isemuseni wayo. Ukulila kungahlala kusihlwa, kanti
ekuseni kulentokozo. **6** Mina-ke ngathi ekuphumeleleni
kwami: Kangiyikunyikinywa laphakade. **7** Nkosi,
ngomusa wakho wenzile intaba yami iqine; wabufihla
ubuso bakho, ngahlupheka. **8** Ngakhala kuwe, Nkosi;
ngancenga eNkosini. **9** Kulenzuzo bani egazini lami
ekutshoneni kwami emgodini? Uthuli luzakudumisa na?
Luzatshumayela iqiniso lakho yini? **10** Zwana, Nkosi, ube
lomusa kimi; Nkosi, woba ngumsizi wami. **11** Uphendule
ukukhala kwami kwaba yikusina; ukhuphile isaka lami,
wangibhincisa intokozo, **12** ukuze udumo lwami luhlabele
indumiso kuwe, lungathuli; Nkosi, Nkulunkulu wami,
ngizakubonga kuze kube nininini.

31 Kuwe, Nkosi, ngiyathemba, kangingayangeki lanini,
ngikhulule ngokulunga kwakho. **2** Beka kimi
indlebe yakho, ngikhulule masinyane, ube lidwala
elilamandla kimi, indlu yezinqaba yokungisindisa. **3**
Ngoba wena ulidwala lami lenqaba yami; ngakho
ngenxa yebizo lakho ngikhokhela ungiqondise. **4**
Ngikhupha embuleni abangithiye ngalo ensitha, ngoba
uyinqaba yami. **5** Esandleni sakho ngibeka umoya
wami; ungihlengile, Nkosi, Nkulunkulu weqiniso. **6**
Ngibazondile labo abananzelela okuyize kwamanga;
kodwa mina ngithembela eNkosini. **7** Ngizathaba
ngithokoze emuseni wakho, ngoba ubonile uhlupho
lwami, wazile umphefumulo wami ezinkathazweni.
8 Njalo kawungivalelanga esandleni sesitha, umise
inyawo zami endaweni ebanzi. **9** Woba lomusa kimi,

Nkosi, ngoba ngilohlupho; ilihlo lami liqedwa lusizi,
umphefumulo wami lesisu sami. 10 Ngoba impilo yami
iphela ngosizi, leminyaka yami ngokububula; amandla
ami ayadeda ngenxa yeziphambeko zami, lamathambo
ami ayaqedwa. 11 Sengilihlazo phakathi kwazo
zonke izitha zami, kodwa ikakhulu kwabakhelene lami,
sengiyikwesabeka kwabangejwayeleyo; abangibonayo
ngaphandle bayangibalekela. 12 Bakhohlwe ngami
njengofileyo enhliziyweni; nginjengesitsha esifileyo. 13
Ngoba ngizwile ukunyunda kwabanengi, ukwesaba
inhlangothi zonke, becebisana bemelene lami, beceba
ukuthatha impilo yami. 14 Kodwa mina ngithemba
kuwe, Nkosi, ngithi: UnguNkulunkulu wami. 15
Izikhathi zami zisesandleni sakho; ngikhulula esandleni
sezitha zami lakwabangizingelayo. 16 Khanyisa ubuso
bakho phezu kwenceku yakho; ungisindise ngothando
lwakho. 17 Nkosi, kangingayangeki, ngoba ngikubizile;
kabayangeke ababi, bathule engcwabeni. **(Sheol h7585)**
18 Kazithuliswe indebe zamanga, ezikhuluma kalukhuni
zimelene lolungileyo ngokuzigqaja langokweyisa. 19
Kukhulu kangakanani ukulunga kwakho, okubekele
labo abakwesabayo, okwenzela labo abathembela
kuwe, phambi kwabantwana babantu! 20 Uzabafihla
ekusithekeni kobukhona bakho basuke kumagobe
omuntu, ubafihle ethenteni ekuphikisaneni kwenlimi.
21 Kayibongwe iNkosi, ngoba ingenzele uthando
olumangalisayo emzini oyinqaba. 22 Ngoba mina ngathi
ekuphangiseni kwami: Ngiqunyiwe ngasuswa phambi
kwamehlo akho. Loba kunjalo uzwile ilizwi lokuncenga
kwami ekukhaleni kwami kuwe. 23 Ithandeni iNkosi lonke
bangcwele bayo. INkosi ilondoloza abathembekileyo,
iyamphindisela kakhulukazi owenze ngokuzigqaja. 24
Qinani, izaqinisa inhliziyo yenu, lina lonke elithembela
eNkosini.

32 Ubusisiwe lowo osiphambeko sakhe sithethelelwe,
osono sakhe sisitshekelwe. 2 Ubusisiwe umuntu
iNkosi engambaleli ububi, lokungekho inkohliso emoyeni
wakhe. 3 Lapho ngathula, amathambo ami aguga
ngenxa yokubhonga kwami usuku lonke. 4 Ngoba
emini lebusuku isandla sakho sasinzima phezu kwami;
ubumanzi bami baguqulelwa ekomeni kwehlobo. (Sela)
5 Ngakwazisa isono sami, kangifihlanga isiphambeko
sami, ngathi: Ngizavuma ngeziphambeko zami eNkosini.
Wena wasuthethelela icala lesono sami. (Sela) 6
Ngenxa yalokhu ngulowo lalowo owesaba uNkulunkulu
uzakhuleka kuwe ngesikhathi ongatholwa ngaso. Isibili,
esikhukhuleni samanzi amakhulu kawayikufinyelela kuye.
7 Wena uyindawo yami yokucatsha, uyangilondoloza
ekuhluphekeni, ungiphahle ngamahubo okukhululwa.
(Sela) 8 Ngizakulaya ngikufundise endleleni ozahamba
ngayo, ngizakweluleka, ilihlo lami libe phezu kwakho. 9
Ungabi njengebhiza, njengembongolo engelakuqedisisa,
omlomo wayo onqandwa ngomkhala langetomu, hlezi
kusondele kuwe. 10 Zinengi izinhlupheko zomubi, kodwa
othembela eNkosini, umusa uzamphahla. 11 Jabulani
eNkosini, lithabe, balungileyo; memezani ngokuthaba,
lonke baqotho enhliziyweni.

33 Thokozani eNkosini, balungileyo. Ukudumisa
kubafanele abaqotho. 2 Dumisani iNkosi
ngechacho, lihlabelele kuyo ngogubhu olulentambo
ezilitshumi. 3 Ihlabeleleni ingoma entsha, litshaye
kuhle ngenhlokomo. 4 Ngoba ilizwi leNkosi liqotho,
lomsebenzi wayo wonke ngowobuqotho. 5 Ithanda
ukulunga lesahlulelo; umhlaba ugcwele umusa weNkosi.
6 Ngelizwi leNkosi amazulu enziwa, lalo lonke ibutho
lawo ngomoya womlomo wayo. 7 Ibuthelela amanzi
olwandle njengenqumbi, ifake inziki eziphaleni. 8
Umhlaba wonke kawuyesabe iNkosi, bonke abakhileyo
bomhlaba kabathuthumele ngayo. 9 Ngoba yona
yakhuluma, kwaba khona; yona yalaya, kwema. 10 INkosi
ichitha icebo lezizwe, iphuthisa imicabango yabantu.
11 Icebo leNkosi limi kuze kube nininini, imicabango
yenhliziyo yayo ezizukulwaneni ngezizukulwana. 12
Sibusisiwe isizwe esiNkulunkulu waso yiNkosi, abantu
ebakhethileyo baba yilifa layo. 13 INkosi iyakhangela
phansi isemazulwini, ibone bonke abantwana babantu.
14 Isendaweni emisiweyo yokuhlala kwayo ikhangela
bonke abakhileyo bomhlaba. 15 Ibumba inhliziyo yabo
bonke, inanzelele zonke izenzo zabo. 16 Kayikho
inkosi esindiswa yibunengi bebutho, iqhawe kalikhululwa
ngamandla amakhulu. 17 Ibhiza liyize ekunqobeni, njalo
kalikhululi ngobukhulu bamandla alo. 18 Khangela, ilihlo
leNkosi liphezu kwabayesabayo, kwalabo abathembela
emuseni wayo, 19 ukukhululula umphefumulo wabo
ekufeni, lokubaphilisa endlaleni. 20 Umphefumulo wethu
ulindela iNkosi; ilusizo lwethu lesihlangu sethu. 21
Ngoba inhliziyo yethu izathokoza kuyo, ngoba sithembele
ebizweni layo elingcwele. 22 Umusa wakho, Nkosi,
kawube phezu kwethu, njengokulindela kwethu kuwe.

34 Ngizayibonga iNkosi ngesikhathi sonke;
ukudunyiswa kwayo kuzahlala kusemlonyeni
wami. 2 Umphefumulo wami uzazincoma eNkosini;
abathobekileyo bazakuzwa bathokoze. 3 Ikhuliseni
iNkosi kanye lami, asiliphakamise ibizo layo kanyekanye.
4 Ngayidinga iNkosi, yangiphendula, yasingikhulula
kukho konke ukwesaba kwami. 5 Bakhangela kuyo,
bakhazimula, lobuso babo kabubanga lenhloni. 6
Lo umyanga wakhala, leNkosi yezwa, yasimsindisa
kuzo zonke inkathazo zakhe. 7 Ingilosi yeNkosi imisa
inkamba izingelezele labo abayesabayo, ibakhulule. 8
Nambithanini libone ukuthi iNkosi ilungile. Ubusisiwe
lowomuntu othembela kuyo. 9 Yesabeni iNkosi,
bangcwele bayo, ngoba kakulakuswela kwabayesabayo.
10 Izilwane ezintsha ziyaswela zilambe, kodwa labo
abayidingayo iNkosi kabasweli lutho oluhle. 11 Wozani,
bantwana, lingilalele, ngizalifundisa ukwesaba iNkosi. 12
Ngubani umuntu ofisa impilo, othanda izinsuku ukuthi

abone okuhle? 13 Londa ulimi lwakho kokubi, lendebe
zakho ekukhulumeni inkohliso. 14 Suka kokubi, wenze
okuhle, dinga ukuthula, kunxwanele. 15 Amehlo eNkosi
akwabalungileyo, lezindlebe zayo kukukhala kwabo.
16 Ubuso beNkosi bumelene labenza okubi, ukuquma
ukukhunjulwa kwabo kusuke emhlabeni. 17 Bakhala,
iNkosi yezwa; iyabakhulula kuzo zonke izinhlupheko
zabo. 18 INkosi iseduze labo abalenhliziyo ezephukileyo,
iyabasindisa abalomoya odabukileyo. 19 Zinengi
inhlupheko zolungileyo, kodwa iNkosi iyamkhulula
kuzo zonke. 20 Iyawagcina wonke amathambo akhe,
kakwaphulwa lelilodwa kuwo. 21 Okubi kuzambulala
okhohlakeleyo; labazonda olungileyo bazalahlwa. 22
INkosi iyahlenga umphefumulo wenceku zayo; njalo
bonke abathemba kuyo kabayikulahlwa.

35 Phikisana, Nkosi, labaphikisana lami, ulwe labalwa
lami. 2 Xhakalaza ihawu lesihlangu esikhulu,
usukumele usizo lwami. 3 Hwatsha lomkhonto,
uvimbe indlela umelane labangizingelayo; tshono
emphefumulweni wami ukuthi: Ngilusindiso lwakho. 4
Kabayangeke babe lehlazo labo abadinga umphefumulo
wami. Kabahlehliselwe emuva babe lenhloni labo
abaceba ububi ngami. 5 Kababe njengamakhoba phambi
komoya, lengilosi yeNkosi kayibadudule. 6 Indlela yabo
kayibe mnyama itshelele, lengilosi yeNkosi ibaxotshe.
7 Ngoba kungelasizatho bangifihlele imbule labo
emgodini, kungelasizatho bawugebhele umphefumulo
wami. 8 Ukubhujiswa kakumjume, lembule lakhe
alifihlileyo kalimbambe yena, awele kulo, ekubhujisweni.
9 Kodwa umphefumulo wami uzathokoza eNkosini,
ujabule esindisweni lwayo. 10 Wonke amathambo ami
azakuthi: Nkosi, ngubani onjengawe, okhulula umyanga
kulowo olamandla kulaye, yebo, umyanga loswelayo
komphangayo? 11 Abafakazi bamanga basukuma,
bangibuza engingakwaziyo. 12 Bangibuyisela okubi
endaweni yokuhle, umphefumulo wami ulahlekelwa. 13
Kanti mina, ekuguleni kwabo isembatho sami sasilisaka,
ngathobisa umphefumulo wami ngokuzila ukudla,
lomkhuleko wami wabuyela esifubeni sami. 14 Ngahamba
ngokungathi ungumngane ngokungathi ungumfowethu;
ngikhotheme kwezimnyama njengolilela unina. 15 Kodwa
ekukhubekeni kwami bathokoza, babuthana ndawonye,
abalahliweyo babuthana ndawonye bemelene lami, njalo
ngangingakwazi; badabula kabemanga. 16 Kanye lababi
abaklolodayo edilini, bangigedlela amazinyo abo. 17
Nkosi, uzabukela kuze kube nini? Buyisa umphefumulo
wami ekubhubhiseni kwabo, wona wodwa owami
emabhongweni ezilwane. 18 Ngizakubonga ebandleni
elikhulu, ngikudumise phakathi kwabantu abanengi.
19 Bangajabuli ngami abayizitha zami ngamanga,
kabangangificeli ilihlo labo abangizonda ngeze. 20
Ngoba kabakhulumi ukuthula, kodwa baceba amazwi
enkohliso bemelene labachumileyo emhlabeni. 21 Kanti
bangikhamisela kakhulu umlomo wabo bathi: Aha, aha,
ilihlo lethu likubonile! 22 Nkosi, usukubonile; ungathuli.
Nkosi, ungabi khatshana lami. 23 Zivuse, uvukele
ilungelo lami, udaba lwami, Nkulunkulu wami leNkosi
yami. 24 Ngahlulela, Nkosi Nkulunkulu wami, ngokulunga
kwakho; kabangathokozi ngami. 25 Kabangatsho
enhliziyweni yabo ukuthi: Hiya, yisifiso sethu! Bangatsho
ukuthi: Simginyile. 26 Kabayangeke babe lenhloni
ndawonye abajabula ngosizi lwami; bembathiswe
ngenhloni lehlazo labo abazikhukhumeza ngami. 27
Kabamemeze ngenjabulo bathabe abaloyisa ukulunga
kwami, yebo kabatsho njalonjaloukuthi: Kayikhuliswe
iNkosi ethokoza ngokuhlala kuhle kwenceku yayo. 28
Lolimi lwami luzakhuluma ukulunga kwakho, usuku lonke
indumiso yakho.

36 Kulenkulumo yesiphambeko kokhohlakeleyo;
ngaphakathi kwenhliziyo yami ngathi: Kakukho
ukwesaba uNkulunkulu phambi kwamehlo akhe. 2
Ngoba uyazikhohlisa emehlweni akhe, ububi bakhe
buze butholakale buzondeka. 3 Amazwi omlomo
wakhe ayibubi lenkohliso; uyekele inhlakanipho ukwenza
okuhle. 4 Uceba okubi embhedeni wakhe, azimise
endleleni engalunganga, kakwali okubi. 5 Nkosi,
umusa wakho usemazulwini, uthembeko lwakho luze
lufike emayezini. 6 Ukulunga kwakho kunjengezintaba
zikaNkulunkulu, izahlulelo zakho ziyinziki enkulu;
uyalondoloza umuntu lenyamazana, Nkosi. 7 Luligugu
kangakanani uthandolomusa wakho, Nkulunkulu! Ngakho
abantwana babantu baphephela emthunzini wempiko
zakho. 8 Bazasutha kakhulu ngamanono endlu yakho,
ubanathise okomfula wentokozo yakho. 9 Ngoba ukuwe
umthombo wempilo; ekukhanyeni kwakho sizabona
ukukhanya. 10 Luqhubele phambili uthandolomusa wakho
kulabo abakwaziyo, lokulunga kwakho kubo abaqotho
enhliziyweni. 11 Unyawo lwabazigqajayo lungezi kimi,
lesandla sababi singangixotshi. 12 Nampo abenzi bobubi
sebewile, bawiselwe phansi, kabalakuvuka.

37 Ungazikhathazi ngababi, ungabi lomhawu ngabenzi
bobubi. 2 Ngoba bazaqunywa masinyane
njengotshani, babune njengohlaza. 3 Themba eNkosini,
wenze okuhle, uhlale elizweni, uzondle ngothembeko.
4 Zithokozise eNkosini, njalo izakunika iziloyiso
zenhliziyo yakho. 5 Nikela indlela yakho eNkosini,
uthembe kuyo; yona izakwenza. 6 Izaveza ukulunga
kwakho njengokukhanya, lelungelo lakho njengemini
enkulu. 7 Thula eNkosini, uyilindele; ungazikhathazi
ngophumelelayo ngendlela yakhe, ngomuntu owenza
amacebo amabi. 8 Yekela intukuthelo, utshiye ulaka;
ungazikhathazi langokwenza okubi. 9 Ngoba ababi
bazaqunywa, kodwa labo abalindele iNkosi bona
bazakudla ilifa lelizwe. 10 Kuseyisikhatshana nje, omubi
angabe esaba khona; loba uhlola indawo yakhe uyabe
engasekho. 11 Kodwa abamnene bazakudla ilifa lelizwe,
bazithokozise ngobunengi bokuthula. 12 Omubi uyaceba

emelene lolungileyo, amgedlele amazinyo akhe. 13
INkosi izamhleka, ngoba iyabona ukuthi usuku lwakhe
luyeza. 14 Ababi sebehwatshe inkemba, bagobise
idandili labo, ukumlahla phansi umyanga loswelayo,
ukubulala abaqotho ngendlela. 15 Inkemba yabo
izangena kweyabo inhliziyo, kwephulwe amadandili abo.
16 Okuncinyane alakho olungileyo kungcono kulenotho
yababi abanengi. 17 Ngoba ingalo zababi zizakwephulwa,
kodwa iNkosi iyabasekela abalungileyo. 18 INkosi iyazazi
izinsuku zabaqotho, lelifa labo lizakuba sephakadeni. 19
Kabayikuyangeka ngesikhathi esibi, langensuku zendlala
bazasutha. 20 Kodwa ababi bazabhubha; lezitha zeNkosi
zizanyamalala njengamafutha amawundlu, zinyamalale
entuthwini. 21 Omubi uyeboleka, angabuyiseli, kodwa
olungileyo uyahawukela, aphe. 22 Ngoba ababusiswe
yiyo bazakudla ilifa lelizwe, kodwa abaqalekiswe
yiyo bazaqunywa. 23 Izinyathelo zomuntu olungileyo
ziqondiswa yiNkosi, iyathokoza endleleni yakhe. 24
Loba esiwa, kayikulahlwa phansi, ngoba iNkosi isekela
isandla sakhe. 25 Ngangimutsha, sengimdala, kanti
kangibonanga olungileyo etshiyiwe, lenzalo yakhe idinga
ukudla. 26 Usuku lonke ulomusa, uyeboleka, lenzalo
yakhe iyisibusiso. 27 Suka ebubini, wenze okuhle; uhlale
kuze kube nininini. 28 Ngoba iNkosi ithanda isahlulelo,
kayiyikubatshiya abangcwele bayo. Bazalondolozwa
kuze kube nininini; kodwa inzalo yababi izaqunywa.
29 Abalungileyo bazakudla ilifa lelizwe, bahlale kulo
kuze kube nininini. 30 Umlomo wolungileyo ukhuluma
inhlakanipho, lolimi lwakhe lukhuluma isahlulelo. 31
Umlayo kaNkulunkulu wakhe usenhliziyweni yakhe;
izinyathelo zakhe kazitsheleli. 32 Omubi uyamqaphela
olungileyo, udinga ukumbulala. 33 INkosi kayiyikumyekela
esandleni sakhe, kayiyikumlahla lapho esahlulelwa. 34
Lindela eNkosini, ugcine indlela yayo, izakuphakamisa
ukuthi udle ilifa lelizwe; uzabona lapho ababi bequnywa.
35 Ngambona omubi elamandla amakhulu, eziqhelisa
njengesihlahla semvelo esiluhlaza. 36 Kube kanti wedlula,
khangela-ke, wayengasekho; yebo ngamdinga, kodwa
katholakalanga. 37 Nanzelela opheleleyo, umbone
oqotho, ngoba ukuphela kwalowomuntu kuyikuthula.
38 Kodwa abaphambukayo bazabhujiswa kanyekanye;
ukuphela kwababi kuzaqunywa. 39 Kodwa usindiso
lwabalungileyo luvela eNkosini, inqaba yabo esikhathini
sokuhlupheka. 40 Njalo iNkosi izabasiza ibakhulule;
izabakhulula kwababi, ibasindise, ngoba baphephela
kuyo.

38 Nkosi, ungangikhuzi entukuthelweni yakho,
ungangijezisi ekuvutheni kolaka lwakho. 2 Ngoba
imitshoko yakho ihlabe yatshona kimi, lesandla sakho
sehle nzima phezu kwami. 3 Kakukho ukuphila enyameni
yami ngenxa yentukuthelo yakho; kakukho ukuthula
emathanjeni ami ngenxa yesono sami. 4 Ngoba
iziphambeko zami zedlule phezu kwekhanda lami,
njengomthwalo onzima zinzima kakhulu kimi. 5 Izilonda
zami zilevumba zilobomvu ngenxa yobuthutha bami. 6
Ngigungubele, ngagotshiselwa phansi kakhulu, usuku
lonke ngihamba ngikwezimnyama. 7 Ngoba ukhalo lwami
lugcwele okutshileyo, njalo kakukho ukuphila enyameni
yami. 8 Ngibuthakathaka ngichobozekile kakhulukazi,
ngiyabhonga ngenxa yokububula kwenhliziyo yami.
9 Nkosi, sonke isiloyiso sami siphambi kwakho,
lokububula kwami kakufihlakalanga kuwe. 10 Inhliziyo
yami iyatshaya, amandla ami angitshiyile; lokukhanya
kwamehlo ami lakho kakukho kimi. 11 Abangithandayo
labangane bami bema ummango lenhlupheko yami,
labakwethu bema khatshana lami. 12 Labo abadinga
impilo yami bayangithiya, labo abadinga ukoniwa
kwami bakhuluma izincithakalo, bezindla inkohliso usuku
lonke. 13 Kodwa mina nginjengesacuthe, kangizwa,
lanjengesimungulu, esingavuli umlomo waso. 14 Yebo,
nginjengomuntu ongezwayo, okungekho ukuphikisa
emlonyeni wakhe. 15 Ngoba kuwe, Nkosi, ngiyathemba;
wena uzaphendula, Nkosi Nkulunkulu wami. 16
Ngoba ngathi: Hlezi bathokoze ngami, lapho unyawo
lwami lutshelela, bazikhukhumeze bemelene lami. 17
Ngoba sengiseduze lokuwa, lobuhlungu bami buphambi
kwami njalonjalo. 18 Ngoba ngizakwazisa ububi bami,
ngizakhathazeka ngesono sami. 19 Kodwa izitha zami
ziphilile zilamandla, labangizonda ngeze sebandile. 20
Abaphindisela okubi esikhundleni sokuhle bayizitha
zami, ngoba nginxwanela okulungileyo. 21 Ungangitshiyi,
Nkosi; Nkulunkulu wami, ungabi khatshana lami. 22
Phangisa ungisize, Nkosi, nsindiso yami.

39 Ngathi: Ngizaqaphelisa izindlela zami, ukuze
ngingoni ngolimi lwami; ngizagcina umlomo wami
ngetomu, omubi esesekhona phambi kwami. 2 Ngaba
yisimungulu ngokuthula; ngathula kokuhle; lokuhlupheka
kwami kwavuswa. 3 Inhliziyo yami yatshisa phakathi
kwami, ngisacabanga umlilo wavutha; ngakhuluma
ngolimi lwami, 4 ngathi: Nkosi, ngazisa isiphetho
sami lesilinganiso sensuku zami ukuthi siyini, ukuze
ngazi ukuthi ngiyedlula kangakanani. 5 Khangela,
wenze insuku zami zaba yibubanzi besandla, lobudala
bami bunjengento engesilutho phambi kwakho; isibili
ngulowo lalowomuntu ekumeni kwakhe uyize nje.
(Sela) 6 Isibili, umuntu uhambahamba esesithunzini;
isibili, bayakhathazeka ngeze; uyabuthelela, kodwa kazi
ukuthi ngubani ozakubutha. 7 Pho-ke, ngilindeleni,
Nkosi? Ithemba lami likuwe. 8 Ngikhulula kuzo zonke
iziphambeko zami. Ungangenzi ihlazo lesithutha. 9
Ngaba yisimungulu, kangivulanga umlomo wami, ngoba
wakwenza wena. 10 Susa uswazi lwakho kimi, ngoba
ngiyaqedwa yisidutshulo sesandla sakho. 11 Lapho
ulaya umuntu ngokukhuza ngenxa yesiphambeko,
wenza ubuhle bakhe buncibilike njengenundu; isibili
ngulowo lalowomuntu uyize. (Sela) 12 Zwana umkhuleko

wami, Nkosi, ubeke indlebe ekukhaleni kwami;
ungathuleli izinyembezi zami, ngoba ngingowemzini
kuwe, ohlala njengowezizwe, njengabo bonke obaba.
13 Ungangihwaqeli ukuze ngihlumelele, ngingakasuki,
ngingabe ngisaba khona.

40 Ngalindela lokuyilindela iNkosi; yangithobela,
yezwa ukukhala kwami. 2 Yangenyula emgodini
ohlokomayo, exhaphozini lodaka, yabeka inyawo
zami phezu kwedwala, yaqinisa izinyathelo zami. 3
Yafaka ingoma entsha emlonyeni wami, indumiso
kuNkulunkulu wethu. Abanengi bazabona besabe,
bathembe eNkosini. 4 Ubusisiwe umuntu oyenzayo iNkosi
ibe lithemba lakhe, ongaphendukeli kwabazigqajayo,
lalabo abaphendukela emangeni. 5 Minengi wena
oyenzileyo, Nkosi, Nkulunkulu wami, imisebenzi yakho
emangalisayo lemicabango yakho kithi; ingelandiswe
ngokulandelana kuwe. Ngingayilandisa ngiyitsho, minengi
kulokuthi ibalwe. 6 Umhlatshelo lomnikelo kawukufisi;
izindlebe zami uzivulile; umnikelo wokutshiswa lomnikelo
wesono kawuwubizi. 7 Ngasengisithi: Khangela, ngiyeza;
emqulwini wogwalo kulotshiwe ngami. 8 Ngiyathokoza
ukwenza intando yakho, Nkulunkulu wami, lomlayo
wakho uphakathi kwemibilini yami. 9 Ngitshumayele
ukulunga ebandleni elikhulu; khangela, kangibambanga
indebe zami, Nkosi, wena uyakwazi. 10 Ukulunga kwakho
kangikufihlanga phakathi kwenhliziyo yami; ngikhulumile
ngobuqotho bakho langosindiso lwakho; kangifihlanga
uthandolomusa wakho leqiniso lakho ebandleni
elikhulu. 11 Wena Nkosi, ungangigodleli isihawu sakho;
uthandolomusa wakho leqiniso lakho kakungilondoloze
njalonjalo. 12 Ngoba ububi obungebalwe bungihanqile,
iziphambeko zami zingibambile, ukuze ngingabi lakho
ukubona; zinengi okwedlula inwele zekhanda lami;
ngakho inhliziyo yami ingitshiyile. 13 Thokoza,
Nkosi, ukungikhulula. Nkosi, phangisa ukungisiza.
14 Kabayangeke babe lenhloni ndawonye abadinga
umphefumulo wami ukuwuchitha; kababuyiselwe emuva
bayangiswe abangifisela okubi. 15 Kabachitheke
kube ngumvuzo wehlazo labo abathi kimi: Aha, aha!
16 Kabathabe bajabule kuwe bonke abakudingayo;
abathanda usindiso lwakho kabatsho njalonjalo bathi:
Kayikhuliswe iNkosi! 17 Kodwa ngingumyanga
ngiyaswela; iNkosi iyangikhumbula; ungumsizi wami
lomkhululi wami; Nkulunkulu wami, ungalibali.

41 Ubusisiwe onanzelela obuthakathaka. INkosi
izamkhulula ngosuku lobubi. 2 INkosi
izamlondoloza, imgcine ephila; uzabusiswa emhlabeni;
kawuyikumnikela entandweni yezitha zakhe. 3 INkosi
izamsekela embhedeni wokugula kwakhe; wena
uzaguqula lonke icansi lakhe emkhuhlaneni wakhe. 4
Mina ngathi: Nkosi, woba lomusa kimi, silisa umphefumulo
wami, ngoba ngonile kuwe. 5 Izitha zami zikhuluma
okubi ngami zisithi: Uzakufa nini, lebizo lakhe lichitheke?
6 Lalapho efika ukungibona, ukhuluma inkohliso; inhliziyo
yakhe izibuthela okubi, esephumile phandle akhulume.
7 Bonke abangizondayo banyenyezelana bemelene lami,
bangisongele ukungona. 8 Into embi inamathele kuye;
njalo njengoba elele phansi kasayikuvuka. 9 Yebo,
indoda yobungane bami engiyithembayo, ebikade isidla
isinkwa sami, ingiphakamisele isithende imelene lami.
10 Kodwa, wena Nkosi, woba lomusa kimi, ungilulamise
ukuze ngibaphindisele. 11 Ngalokhu ngiyazi ukuthi
uyangithanda, ngoba isitha sami kasithabanga phezu
kwami. 12 Kodwa mina, ungisekele ebuqothweni bami,
wangimisa phambi kwakho kuze kube nininini. 13
Kayibongwe iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, kusukela
phakade kuze kube phakade. Ameni, loAmeni.

42 Njengalokhu indluzele inxwanele izifula zamanzi,
ngokunjalo umphefumulo wami unxwanela wena,
Nkulunkulu. 2 Umphefumulo wami womela uNkulunkulu,
uNkulunkulu ophilayo. Ngizafika nini ngibonakale
phambi kobuso bukaNkulunkulu? 3 Inyembezi zami
beziyikudla kwami emini lebusuku, lapho besithi
kimi usuku lonke: Ungaphi uNkulunkulu wakho? 4
Ngikhumbula lezizinto ngathulula umphefumulo wami
phakathi kwami, ngoba ngadlula lexuku, ngaya labo
endlini kaNkulunkulu ngelizwi lentokozo lendumiso,
ixuku eligubha umkhosi. 5 Udanelani mphefumulo
wami? Ukhathazekelani phakathi kwami? Themba
kuNkulunkulu, ngoba ngisezamdumisa, ngosizo lobuso
bakhe. 6 Nkulunkulu wami, umphefumulo wami udanile
phakathi kwami; ngakho ngizakukhumbula ngiselizweni
leJordani lelamaHermoni, ngisentabeni iMizari. 7 Inziki
ibiza inziki ekuhlokomeni kwezimpophoma zakho; wonke
amagagasi akho lamaza akho adlule phezu kwami. 8
Emini iNkosi izalaya uthandolomusa wayo, lebusuku
ingoma yayo izakuba lami; umkhuleko wami kuNkulunkulu
wempilo yami. 9 Ngizakuthi kuNkulunkulu, idwala
lami: Ungikhohlweleni? Ngihambelani ngikwezimnyama
ngenxa yocindezelo lwesitha? 10 Njengokuchoboza
emathanjeni ami, izitha zami ziyangiklolodela, lapho
zisithi kimi usuku lonke: Ungaphi uNkulunkulu wakho?
11 Udaneleni mphefumulo wami? Njalo ukhathazekelani
phakathi kwami? Themba kuNkulunkulu, ngoba
ngisezamdumisa, usindiso lobuso bami, loNkulunkulu
wami.

43 Ngahlulela, Nkulunkulu, umele udaba lwami
esizweni esingesabi uNkulunkulu; ungikhulule
emuntwini wenkohliso longalunganga. 2 Ngoba wena
unguNkulunkulu wesiphephelo sami; ungilahleleni?
Ngihambelani ngikwezimnyama ngenxa yocindezelo
lwesitha? 3 Thumela ukukhanya kwakho leqiniso
lakho, kungikhokhele, kungise entabeni yakho engcwele
lemathabhanekeleni akho. 4 Khona ngizakuya
elathini likaNkulunkulu, kuNkulunkulu injabulo yentokozo
yami; yebo ngizakudumisa ngechacho, Nkulunkulu,

Nkulunkulu wami. 5 Udanelani mphefumulo wami? Njalo
ukhathazekelani phakathi kwami? Themba kuNkulunkulu,
ngoba ngisezamdumisa, ukusiliswa kobuso bami,
loNkulunkulu wami.

44 Nkulunkulu, sizwile ngendlebe zethu, obaba
basitshelile, umsebenzi owawenza ensukwini zabo,
ensukwini zendulo. 2 Wena ngesandla sakho wazixotsha
izizwe elifeni, wabahlanyela bona; wazihlupha izizwe,
kodwa wabasabalalisa bona. 3 Ngoba kabadlanga ilifa
lelizwe ngenkemba yabo, lengalo yabo kayibasindisanga,
kodwa isandla sakho sokunene, lengalo yakho,
lokukhanya kobuso bakho, ngoba wawubathanda. 4
Wena uyiNkosi yami, Nkulunkulu; laya ukukhululwa
kukaJakobe. 5 Ngawe sizadudula izitha zethu; ngebizo
lakho sizabanyathelela phansi abasivukelayo. 6
Ngoba kangithembeli kulo idandili lami, lenkemba yami
kayiyikungisindisa. 7 Kodwa usisindisile ezitheni zethu,
wayangisa abasizondayo. 8 KuNkulunkulu siyazincoma
usuku lonke; lebizo lakho sizalidumisa kuze kube nininini.
(Sela) 9 Kodwa ulahlile wasiyangisa, njalo kawuphumi
lamabutho ethu. 10 Usenze ukuthi sibuyele emuva sisuka
esitheni; labasizondayo baziphangela. 11 Usinikele
njengezimvu zokudliwa, wasichithachitha phakathi
kwezizwe. 12 Uthengisile abantu bakho ngokungelanotho,
awuzuzanga lutho ngentengo yabo. 13 Usenze
saba lihlazo kwabakhelene lathi, inhlekisa lendumazo
kwabasiphahlileyo. 14 Usenze saba yisiga phakathi
kwezizwe, ukunikinwa kwekhanda phakathi kwabantu.
15 Usuku lonke ukudunyazwa kwami kuphambi kwami,
lehlazo lobuso bami lingigubuzele, 16 ngenxa yelizwi
lomgconi lomhlambazi, ngenxa yesitha lomphindiseli. 17
Konke lokhu kusehlele, kube kanti kasikukhohlwanga,
kasenzanga ngenkohliso esivumelwaneni sakho. 18
Inhliziyo yethu kayibuyelanga emuva, lezinyathelo
zethu kaziphambukanga emkhondweni wakho,
19 lanxa usichobozile endaweni yamaganyana,
usembese ngethunzi lokufa. 20 Uba besilikhohliwe
ibizo likaNkulunkulu wethu, loba selulela izandla
zethu kunkulunkulu wezizweni, 21 uNkulunkulu
ubengayikukuhlola lokhu yini? Ngoba uyayazi imfihlo
yenhliziyo. 22 Yebo, ngenxa yakho siyabulawa
usuku lonke, kuthiwa sinjengezimvu zokuhlatshwa. 23
Phaphama, ulaleleni, Nkosi? Vuka, ungalahli kokuphela.
24 Ufihlelani ubuso bakho, ukhohlwe ukuhlupheka
kwethu locindezelo lwethu? 25 Ngoba umphefumulo
wethu ukhothamele othulini, isisu sethu sinamathela
emhlabathini. 26 Sukumela usizo lwethu, usihlenge
ngenxa yomusa wakho.

45 Inhliziyo yami iphuphuma ngendaba enhle;
ngikhuluma ngezinto engizenzele inkosi; ulimi
lwami lulusiba lombhali ophangisayo. 2 Umuhle
kulabantwana babantu; umusa uthululwe endebeni
zakho; ngenxa yalokho uNkulunkulu ukubusisile kuze
kube phakade. 3 Bhinca inkemba yakho emlenzeni,
qhawe, udumo lwakho lobukhosi bakho. 4 Lebukhosini
bakho gada uphumulele, ngenxa yeqiniso lobumnene
bokulunga; lesandla sakho sokunene sikufundise izinto
ezesabekayo. 5 Imitshoko yakho ibukhali enhliziyweni
yezitha zenkosi; izizwe zizakuwa ngaphansi kwakho. 6
Isihlalo sakho sobukhosi, Nkulunkulu, ngesaphakade
laphakade; intonga yakho yobukhosi iyintonga yobuqotho.
7 Uthanda ukulunga, njalo uzonda ububi; ngenxa yalokho
uNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu wakho, ukugcobile ngamafutha
entokozo ngaphezu kwabanakwenu. 8 Izembatho zakho
zonke ziqholiwe ngemure lenhlaba lekhasiya; ezigodlweni
zempondo zendlovu abakwenze wathokoza ngazo. 9
Amadodakazi amakhosi aphakathi kwabesifazana bakho
abadumileyo; indlovukazi imi esandleni sokunene sakho
yembethe igolide leOfiri. 10 Zwana, ndodakazi, unakane,
ubeke indlebe yakho; ukhohlwe abantu bakini lendlu
kayihlo; 11 khona inkosi izalangatha ubuhle bakho; ngoba
iyinkosi yakho, njalo khothama kuyo. 12 Lendodakazi
yeTire ilesipho, labanothileyo ebantwini, bazancenga
ubuso bakho. 13 Indodakazi yenkosi iyakhazimula
yonke ngaphakathi, isembatho sayo singesegolide
elelukiweyo. 14 Izalethwa enkosini yembethe isembatho
esifekethisiweyo; izintombi eziyilandelayo, abangane
bayo, zizalethwa kuwe. 15 Zizalethwa ngokuthaba
lenjabulo, zizangena esigodlweni senkosi. 16
Esikhundleni saboyihlo kuzakuba ngamadodana akho,
uzawabeka abe yiziphathamandla emhlabeni wonke.
17 Ibizo lakho ngizalenza likhunjulwe ezizukulwaneni
zonke; ngenxa yalokho izizwe zizakudumisa kuze kube
nini lanini.

46 UNkulunkulu uyisiphephelo sethu lamandla ethu,
uyatholwa elusizo kakhulu ekuhluphekeni. 2
Ngenxa yalokhu kasiyikwesaba ekuguqukeni komhlaba,
lanxa izintaba zidilikela phakathi kwenlwandle. 3 Amanzi
alo kawahlokome, akhaphazele, izintaba zizamazame
ngokukhukhumala kwalo. (Sela) 4 Kulomfula, izifula
zawo zithokozisa umuzi kaNkulunkulu, indawo engcwele
yamathabhanekele oPhezukonke. 5 UNkulunkulu
uphakathi kwawo, kawuyikunyikinywa; uNkulunkulu
uzawusiza ngovivi lokusa. 6 Izizwe ziyaxokozela, imibuso
izamazame; wakhupha ilizwi lakhe, umhlaba wancibilika.
7 INkosi yamabandla ilathi, uNkulunkulu kaJakobe
uyinqaba yethu. (Sela) 8 Wozani libone imisebenzi
yeNkosi, incithakalo eyenzileyo emhlabeni. 9 Yenza
izimpi ziphele kuze kube semkhawulweni womhlaba;
yephula idandili, iqumaqume umkhonto, itshise izinqola
emlilweni. 10 Thulani, lazi ukuthi mina nginguNkulunkulu,
ngizaphakanyiswa phakathi kwezizwe, ngiphakanyiswe
emhlabeni. 11 INkosi yamabandla ilathi, uNkulunkulu
kaJakobe uyinqaba yethu. (Sela)

47 Tshayani isandla, zizwe zonke, hlokomani
kuNkulunkulu ngelizwi lentokozo. 2 Ngoba

iNkosi, oPhezukonke, iyesabeka, yiNkosi enkulu
phezu komhlaba wonke. 3 Izakwehlisela abantu
ngaphansi kwethu, lezizwe ngaphansi kwenyawo
zethu. 4 Izasikhethela ilifa lethu, udumo lukaJakobe
emthandayo. (Sela) 5 UNkulunkulu wenyukile
ngokuhlokoma, iNkosi ngokukhala kophondo. 6
Hlabelani indumiso kuNkulunkulu, hlabelelani indumiso.
Hlabelani indumiso eNkosini yethu, hlabelelani
indumiso. 7 Ngoba uNkulunkulu uyiNkosi yomhlaba
wonke; hlabelelani indumiso ngokuqedisisa. 8
UNkulunkulu uyabusa phezu kwezizwe; uNkulunkulu
uhlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi sobungcwele bakhe. 9
Iziphathamandla zabantu zibuthene ndawonye, abantu
bakaNkulunkulu kaAbrahama. Ngoba izihlangu zomhlaba
zingezikaNkulunkulu; uphakeme kakhulu.

48 Yinkulu iNkosi, ingeyokudunyiswa kakhulu emzini
kaNkulunkulu wethu, intaba yobungcwele bayo.
2 Yinhle ngokuphakama, yintokozo emhlabeni wonke
intaba yeZiyoni, enhlangothini zenyakatho, umuzi
weNkosi enkulu. 3 Ezigodlweni zawo uNkulunkulu
uyaziwa ukuthi uyinqaba. 4 Ngoba, khangela,
amakhosi abuthana, adlula kanyekanye. 5 Wona
awubona, ngokunjalo amangala, atshaywa luvalo,
aphaphatheka. 6 Ukuthuthumela kwawabamba lapho,
umhelo njengowesifazana obelethayo. 7 Ngomoya
wempumalanga uphahlaza imikhumbi yeTarshishi.
8 Njengesikuzwileyo ngokunjalo sikubonile emzini
weNkosi yamabandla, emzini kaNkulunkulu wethu;
uNkulunkulu uzawumisa kuze kube nininini. (Sela) 9
Sizindle ngothandolomusa wakho, Nkulunkulu, phakathi
kwethempeli lakho. 10 Njengalo ibizo lakho, Nkulunkulu,
injalo indumiso yakho kuze kube semikhawulweni
yomhlaba; isandla sakho sokunene sigcwele ukulunga.
11 Kayithokoze intaba yeZiyoni, amadodakazi akoJuda
athabe, ngenxa yezahlulelo zakho. 12 Ibhodeni iZiyoni,
liyizingeleze, libale imiphotshongo yayo, 13 liqaphelise
umthangala wayo, lidabule lihlole izigodlo zayo, ukuze
lilandisele isizukulwana esilandelayo. 14 Ngoba lo
uNkulunkulu unguNkulunkulu wethu kuze kube nini lanini;
yena uzasikhokhela kuze kube sekufeni.

49 Zwanini lokhu lonke bantu. Bekani indlebe lonke
bakhileyo bomhlaba, 2 bonke abantukazana
labaphakemeyo, abanothileyo labayanga, ndawonye. 3
Umlomo wami uzakhuluma izinhlakanipho, lokuzindla
kwenhliziyo yami kuzakuba yikuqedisisa. 4 Ngizabeka
indlebe yami kuso isaga, ngizavula ilibho lami ngechacho.
5 Ngizakwesabelani ensukwini zobubi, nxa ububi
babagwenxi bami buzangihanqa. 6 Abathemba ingcebo
yabo, abazincoma ngobunengi benotho yabo, 7 umuntu
kasoze ahlenge lokuhlenga umfowabo, kasoze amnike
uNkulunkulu inhlawulo yakhe, 8 (ngoba uhlengo
lomphefumulo wabo luligugu, futhi luyaphela laphakade)
9 ukuze ahlale ephila phakade, angaboni ukubola. 10
Ngoba ubona ukuthi abahlakaniphileyo bayafa, lokuthi
isithutha kanye lesiphukuphuku bayabhubha, batshiyele
inotho yabo abanye. 11 Umcabango wabo wangaphakathi
uyikuthi izindlu zabo zizakuba ngezaphakade, izindawo
zabo zokuhlala zibe ngezezizukulwana, babize amazwe
ngamabizo abo. 12 Kodwa umuntu elodumo kayikuma,
uyafanana lenyamazana ezibhubhayo. 13 Le indlela yabo
iyibuthutha babo; kube kanti ababalandelayo bathokoza
ngomlomo wabo. (Sela) 14 Njengezimvu bamiselwe
ingcwaba, ukufa kuzabelusa; labaqotho bazababusa
ekuseni, isimo sabo ngesokuqedwa lingcwaba ukuze
bangabi lendawo yokuhlala. **(Sheol h7585)** 15 Kodwa
uNkulunkulu uzahlenga umphefumulo wami emandleni
engcwaba, ngoba uzangemukela. (Sela) **(Sheol h7585)**
16 Ungesabi nxa umuntu enotha, nxa udumo lwendlu
yakhe lusanda; 17 ngoba ekufeni kwakhe kayikuthatha
lutho, udumo lwakhe kaluyikwehla lumlandele. 18
Lanxa empilweni yakhe wabusisa umphefumulo wakhe,
njalo bakudumisa nxa uzenzela okuhle, 19 uzakuya
esizukulwaneni saboyise, kabayikubona ukukhanya kuze
kube phakade. 20 Umuntu olodumo, engaqedisisi,
unjengezinyamazana ezibhubhayo.

50 USomandla, uNkulunkulu, iNkosi, ukhulumile,
ubiza umhlaba kusukela ekuphumeni kwelanga
kuze kube sekutshoneni kwalo. 2 EseZiyoni, ukuphelela
kobuhle, uNkulunkulu ukhanyile. 3 UNkulunkulu
wethu uzakuza, kayikuthula; umlilo phambi kwakhe
uzaqothula, enhlangothini zonke zakhe kuzakuba
lesiphepho esikhulu. 4 Uzabiza amazulu ephezulu,
lomhlaba, ukwahlulela abantu bakhe. 5 Buthelani
kimi abangcwele bami, abenza isivumelwano lami
ngomhlatshelo. 6 Lamazulu azatshumayela ukulunga
kwakhe, ngoba uNkulunkulu ngokwakhe ungumahluleli.
(Sela) 7 Zwanini bantu bami, ngizakhuluma; Israyeli,
ngizafakaza ngimelene lawe. NginguNkulunkulu,
uNkulunkulu wakho. 8 Kangikusoli ngenxa yemihlatshelo
yakho; leminikelo yakho yokutshiswa ihlala iphambi
kwami. 9 Kangiyikuthatha ijongosi elivela emzini
wakho, lezimpongo ezivela ezibayeni zakho. 10
Ngoba ngeyami yonke inyamazana yehlathi, izinkomo
ezisentabeni eziyizinkulungwane. 11 Ngiyazazi izinyoni
zonke zezintaba, lezilo zommango zikimi. 12 Uba
bengilambile, bengingayikukutshela, ngoba umhlaba
ngowami lokugcwala kwawo. 13 Ngizayidla yini
inyama yezinkunzi, kumbe nginathe igazi lezimpongo?
14 Nikela kuNkulunkulu umhlatshelo wokubonga,
ukhokhe izithembiso zakho koPhezukonke. 15 Ungibize
osukwini lokuhlupheka, ngizakukhulula, ubusungidumisa.
16 Kodwa komubi uNkulunkulu uthi: Ulani lokuthi
utshumayele izimiso zami, kumbe uthathe isivumelwano
sami emlonyeni wakho? 17 Ngoba wena uzonda
ukuqondiswa, ulahla amazwi ami emva kwakho.
18 Uba ubona isela, uthokozelana lalo, lesabelo

sakho sisezifebeni. 19 Umlomo wakho uyawunikela
ebubini, lolimi lwakho luqambe inkohliso. 20 Uhlala
ukhulume umelene lomfowenu, uhlebe indodana
kanyoko. 21 Lezizinto uzenzile, ngathula; wacabanga
ukuthi nginjengawe kanye. Ngizakukhuza, ngikuhlele
phambi kwamehlo akho. 22 Kuqapheleni-ke lokhu,
lina elikhohlwa uNkulunkulu, hlezi ngilidabule, kungabi
khona okukhululayo. 23 Onikela umnikelo wokubonga
uyangidumisa; lolungisa indlela yakhe ngizambonisa
usindiso lukaNkulunkulu.

51 Ngihawukela, Nkulunkulu, ngokothandolomusa
wakho; ngobunengi besihawu sakho yesula
iziphambeko zami. 2 Ungigezisise ebubini bami,
ungihlambulule esonweni sami. 3 Ngoba mina
ngiyazivuma iziphambeko zami, lesono sami sihlezi
siphambi kwami. 4 Ngonile kuwe, kuwe wedwa,
ngenze okubi emehlweni akho, ukuze kuthiwe
ulungile ekukhulumeni kwakho, uhlanzeke ekwahluleleni
kwakho. 5 Khangela, ngazalelwa ebubini, lomama
wangomulela esonweni. 6 Khangela, uthanda iqiniso
endaweni ezingaphakathi; lekusithekeni ungenza ngazi
inhlakanipho. 7 Ngihlanze ngehisope, ngizahlambuluka;
ngigezisa, ngizakuba mhlophe kuleliqhwa elikhithikileyo.
8 Ngizwise intokozo lenjabulo, ukuze athabe
amathamboowachobozileyo. 9 Fihla ubuso bakho
ezonweni zami, wesule zonke iziphambeko zami.
10 Nkulunkulu, dala kimi inhliziyo ehlambulukileyo,
njalo uvuselele umoya oqinileyo phakathi kwami. 11
Ungangilahli ebusweni bakho, njalo ungasusi umoya
wakho ongcwele kimi. 12 Buyisela kimi intokozo yosindiso
lwakho, ungisekele ngomoya ovumayo. 13 Khona
ngizafundisa abaphambukayo indlela zakho, lezoni
zizaphendukela kuwe. 14 Ngikhulula ecaleni legazi,
Nkulunkulu, Nkulunkulu wosindiso lwami, ulimi lwami
luzahlabelela kakhulu ngokulunga kwakho. 15 Nkosi,
vula indebe zami, lomlomo wami uzamemezela indumiso
yakho. 16 Ngoba kawuthandi umhlatshelo, ngoba
bengizawunika; kawuthokozi ngomnikelo wokutshiswa.
17 Imihlatshelo kaNkulunkulu ingumoya odabukileyo;
inhliziyo edabukileyo leyephukileyo, Nkulunkulu,
kawuyikuyidelela. 18 Yenzele iZiyoni okuhle ngokuthanda
kwakho; uyakhe imiduli yeJerusalema. 19 Khona
uzajabulela iminikelo yokulunga, umnikelo wokutshiswa,
lomnikelo wonke; khona bezanikela amajongosi phezu
kwelathi lakho.

52 Uzincomelani ngokubi, qhawe? Umusa
kaNkulunkulu ukulo lonke usuku. 2 Ulimi lwakho
luceba konke ukuganga, njengensingo ebukhali,
lwenza inkohliso. 3 Uthanda okubi kulokuhle; amanga
kulokukhuluma iqiniso. (Sela) 4 Uthanda wonke
amazwi okuginya, limi lwenkohliso. 5 UNkulunkulu
laye uzakubhidliza phakade, akususe, akuhluthune
ethenteni, akusiphune elizweni labaphilayo. (Sela) 6
Abalungileyo bazakubona besabe, bazamhleka, besithi:
7 Khangelani, umuntu ongamenzanga uNkulunkulu
abe yinqaba yakhe, kodwa wathembela ebunengini
benotho yakhe, eqinile ekugangeni kwakhe. 8
Kodwa nginjengesihlahla somhlwathi esiluhlaza endlini
kaNkulunkulu. Ngiyathemba emuseni kaNkulunkulu
phakade laphakade. 9 Ngizakudumisa kuze kube
phakade ngoba ukwenzile. Ngizalindela ibizo lakho,
ngoba lihle phambi kwabangcwele bakho.

53 Isithutha sithi enhliziyweni yaso: KakulaNkulunkulu.
Bonakele, benza ububi obunengekayo; kakho
owenza okuhle. 2 UNkulunkulu wakhangela phansi
esemazulwini phezu kwabantwana babantu, ukubona
ukuthi ukhona yini oqedisisayo, odinga uNkulunkulu.
3 Bonke ngamunye wabo babuyele emuva, bonke
bonakele; kakho owenza okuhle, kakho loyedwa. 4
Kabazi yini bonke abenzi bobubi, abadla abantu bami
njengoba besidla isinkwa? Kababizi uNkulunkulu. 5 Lapho
besaba lokwesaba, kungekho okwesabekayo. Ngoba
uNkulunkulu uchithachithe amathambo akhe omisa
inkamba emelane lawe; ubayangisile, ngoba uNkulunkulu
ubadelile. 6 Kungathi insindiso zikaIsrayeli zingavela
eZiyoni! Lapho uNkulunkulu ebuyisa ukuthunjwa
kwabantu bakhe, uJakobe uzathaba, uIsrayeli athokoze.

54 Nkulunkulu, ngisindisa ngebizo lakho, ungahlulele
ngamandla akho. 2 Nkulunkulu, zwana umkhuleko
wami, ubeke indlebe emazwini omlomo wami. 3
Ngoba abemzini bangivukele, abalolunya badinga
umphefumulo wami, kababekanga uNkulunkulu phambi
kwabo. (Sela) 4 Khangela, uNkulunkulu ungumsizi
wami; iNkosi ilalabo abasekela umphefumulo wami. 5
Izaphindisela ububi ezitheni zami. Baqume ngeqiniso
lakho. 6 Ngizanikela umhlatshelo kuwe ngokukhululeka,
ngizadumisa ibizo lakho, Nkosi, ngoba lihle. 7 Ngoba
ungikhulule ekuhluphekeni konke, lelihlo lami libonile
isiloyiso sami ezitheni zami.

55 Beka indlebe, Nkulunkulu, emkhulekweni wami,
ungazifihli ekunxuseni kwami. 2 Lalela kimi,
ungiphendule; ngiyazulazula ekukhalazeni kwami,
ngenza umsindo, 3 ngenxa yelizwi lesitha, ngenxa
yembandezelo yomubi; ngoba bangethwesa ububi,
langentukuthelo bayangizonda. 4 Inhliziyo yami iyafutha
phakathi kwami, lezethuso zokufa ziwele phezu kwami.
5 Uvalo lokuthuthumela kungifikele, lokwesaba okukhulu
kungigubuzele. 6 Ngasengisithi: Kungathi ngabe
ngilempiko njengejuba! Bengizaphaphela khatshana,
ngiphumule. 7 Khangela, bengingabalekela khatshana
ngihlale enkangala. (Sela) 8 Bengizaphangisisa
ukuphunyuka kwami, ngisuke emoyeni ovunguzayo,
esiphephweni. 9 Sanganisa, Nkosi, yehlukanisa ulimi
lwabo. Ngoba ngibone udlakela lokuxabana emzini. 10
Emini lebusuku bayawubhoda phezu kwemithangala

yawo; njalo ububi lenkathazo kuphakathi kwawo. **11** Inkohlakalo iphakathi kwawo; imbandezelo lenkohliso kakusuki emgwaqweni wawo. **12** Ngoba kakusisitha esingiyangisayo, uba kunjalo bengizakuthwala; kakusuye ongizondayo oziphakamisa phezu kwami; uba kunjalo bengizamcatshela. **13** Kodwa nguwe, umuntu olingana lami, umngane wami lowejwayelene lami. **14** Esasicebisana ngokumnandi sonke, saya endlini kaNkulunkulu silixuku. **15** Ukufa kakubazume, kabehlele esihogweni bephila, ngoba ububi busemizini yabo, phakathi kwabo. **(Sheol h7585)** **16** Mina ngizabiza uNkulunkulu, iNkosi ingisindise-ke. **17** Kusihlwa lekuseni lemini ngizakhalaza ngikhale kakhulu, ibisilizwa ilizwi lami. **18** Ikhululile umphefumulo wami ngokuthula empini emelene lami, ngoba babebanengi kimi. **19** UNkulunkulu uzakuzwa, abahluphe, ngitsho yena obehlezi endulo. (Sela) Ngoba bengelazinguquko, ngakho kabamesabi uNkulunkulu. **20** Welule isandla sakhe kwabaxolelene laye, wasingcolisa isivumelwano sakhe. **21** Umlomo wakhe wawubutshelezi kulolaza, kanti inhliziyo yakhe yimpi; amazwi akhe abuthakathaka kulamafutha, kanti azinkemba ezihwatshiweyo. **22** Phosela umthwalo wakho phezu kweNkosi, yona izakusekela; kayiyikuvuma lanini ukuthi olungileyo anyikinywe. **23** Kodwa wena, Nkulunkulu, uzabehlisela emgodini wokubhujiswa; abantu begazi lenkohliso kabayikufinyelela lengxenyeni eyodwa kwezimbili yensuku zabo. Kodwa mina ngizathemba kuwe.

56 Woba lomusa kimi, Nkulunkulu, ngoba umuntu ufuna ukungiginya; usuku lonke esilwa uyangicindezela. **2** Izitha zami zifuna ukungiginya usuku lonke, ngoba zinengi ezilwa zimelene lami ngokuziphakamisa. **3** Mhla ngisesaba, mina ngizathemba kuwe. **4** KuNkulunkulu ngizadumisa ilizwi lakhe, kuNkulunkulu ngiyathemba, angiyikwesaba. Inyama ingenzani kimi? **5** Usuku lonke baphambanisa amazwi ami; yonke imicabango yabo imelene lami ngokubi. **6** Bayabuthana, bagugube, bona baqaphelise izinyathelo zami, lapho belindele umphefumulo wami. **7** Bazaphunyuka yini ngobubi? Ekuthukutheleni wisela phansi abantu, Nkulunkulu. **8** Ukuzulazula kwami ukubalile; wena faka izinyembezi zami embodleleni yakho; kazikho ogwalweni lwakho yini? **9** Khona izitha zami zizabuyela emuva mhla ngibizayo. Ngiyakwazi lokhu ukuthi uNkulunkulu ukimi. **10** KuNkulunkulu ngizadumisa ilizwi, eNkosini ngizadumisa ilizwi. **11** KuNkulunkulu ngiyathemba, angiyikwesaba. Umuntu angenzani kimi? **12** Nkulunkulu, izifungo zakho ziphezu kwami; ngizabuyisela kuwe izindumiso. **13** Ngoba uwukhulule umphefumulo wami ekufeni, yebo, inyawo zami ekukhubekeni, ukuze ngihambe phambi kukaNkulunkulu ekukhanyeni kwabaphilayo.

57 Ngihawukela, Nkulunkulu, ngihawukela, ngoba umphefumulo wami uthembela kuwe; yebo, emthunzini wempiko zakho ngizaphephela, zize zedlule incithakalo. **2** Ngizakhala kuNkulunkulu oPhezukonke, kuNkulunkulu ongiphelelisela khona. **3** Uzathumela esemazulwini, angisindise, ayangise ofuna ukungiginya. (Sela) UNkulunkulu uzathumela umusa wakhe leqiniso lakhe. **4** Umphefumulo uphakathi kwezilwane, ngilala phakathi kwabavuthayo, amadodana abantu, omazinyo abo ayimikhonto lemitshoko, lolimi lwabo luyinkemba ebukhali. **5** Phakama ngaphezu kwamazulu, Nkulunkulu; ubukhosi bakho bube phezu komhlaba wonke. **6** Balungisele izinyathelo zami imbule; umphefumulo wami ukhotheme; bagebhe igodi phambi kwami; bawele phakathi kwalo. (Sela) **7** Inhliziyo yami iqinisiwe, Nkulunkulu, inhliziyo yami iqinisiwe. Ngizahlabelela ngihube indumiso. **8** Vuka, dumo lwami! Vuka, gubhu lwezintambo lechacho! Ngizavusa ukusa. **9** Ngizakudumisa phakathi kwabantu, Nkosi, ngihlabelele kuwe phakathi kwezizwe. **10** Ngoba umusa wakho mkhulu kuze kube semazulwini, leqiniso lakho kuze kube semayezini. **11** Phakama ngaphezu kwamazulu, Nkulunkulu; ubukhosi bakho bube phezu komhlaba wonke.

58 Isibili likhuluma okulungileyo yini, babusi? Lehlulela ngokuqonda yini, madodana abantu? **2** Yebo, enhliziyweni lenza okubi, lilinganisa udlakela lwezandla zenu emhlabeni. **3** Ababi baba ngabemzini kusukela esiswini, bayaduha kusukela esizalweni, beqamba amanga. **4** Ubuhlungu babo bunjengobuhlungu benyoka, banjengebululu elingezwayo, elivimba indlebe yalo, **5** ukuze lingezwa ilizwi labalumbi abalumba amalumbo ngokuhlakanipha. **6** Nkulunkulu, yephula amazinyo abo emlonyeni wabo, uphohloze amazinyo emihlathi yamabhongo ezilwane, Nkosi. **7** Kabancibilike njengamanzi agelezayo; nxa egobisa idandili lakhe ukutshoka umtshoko wakhe, babe njengabaqunywe iziqa. **8** Kahambe njengomnenke oncibilikayo; njengomphunzo owesifazana, kabangaliboni ilanga. **9** Imbiza zenu zingakaluzwa ukhuni lwameva, uzabaphephula esiphephweni njengabaphilayo njengentukuthelweni. **10** Olungileyo uzathokoza lapho ebona impindiselo, uzageza inyawo zakhe egazini lomubi. **11** Ukuze umuntu athi: Impela ukhona umvuzo wolungileyo; impela ukhona uNkulunkulu owahlulela emhlabeni.

59 Ngikhulula ezitheni zami, Nkulunkulu wami, ungimise ngaphezu kwabangivukelayo. **2** Ngikhulula kubenzi bobubi, ungisindise ebantwini abomele igazi. **3** Ngoba, khangela, bacathamela umphefumulo wami; abalamandla bayangihlanganyela, kungekho siphambeko sami njalo kungekho sono sami, Nkosi. **4** Ngaphandle kwecala bayagijima bezilungisa. Vuka, ungisize, ubone. **5** Wena-ke, Nkosi

Nkulunkulu wamabandla, Nkulunkulu kalsrayeli; vuka
ukuze uhambele zonke izizwe, ungahawukeli lamunye
wabakhohlisayo ebubini. (Sela) 6 Bayabuyela kusihlwa,
behlaba umkhulungwane njengenja, bezingelezela umuzi.
7 Khangela, bempompoloza ngomlomo wabo, inkemba
zisendebeni zabo, ngoba bathi: Ngubani ozwayo? 8
Kodwa wena, Nkosi, uzabahleka, uzaziklolodela zonke
izizwe. 9 Ngenxa yamandla akhe ngizalindela kuwe,
ngoba uNkulunkulu uyinqaba yami. 10 UNkulunkulu
womusa wami uzangandulela; uNkulunkulu uzangenza
ngibone isiloyiso sami ezitheni zami. 11 Ungazibulali,
hlezi abantu bakithi bakhohlwe; uzizulazulise ngamandla
akho, uzehlisele phansi, wena sihlangu sethu, Nkosi.
12 Ngesono somlomo wazo, ngelizwi lendebe zazo,
kazibanjwe ekuzigqajeni kwazo, langenxa yokuhlambaza
lokuqamba amanga ezikukhulumayo. 13 Uziqede
ngokuthukuthela, uziqede zingabi khona, ukuze bazi
ukuthi uNkulunkulu uyabusa koJakobe, kuze kube
sekupheleni komhlaba. (Sela) 14 Kababuyele-ke kusihlwa
behlaba umkhulungwane njengenja, bezingelezela umuzi.
15 Bona kabazulazulele ukudla, nxa bengasuthanga
kabalale. 16 Kodwa mina ngizahlabelela ngamandla akho;
yebo, ngizahlabelela kakhulu ekuseni ngomusa wakho;
ngoba ube yinqaba yami lesiphephelo sami ngosuku
lokuhlupheka kwami. 17 Mandla ami, ngizahlabelela
kuwe, ngoba uNkulunkulu uyinqaba yami, uNkulunkulu
womusa wami.

60 Nkulunkulu, ubusilahlile, wasibhidliza,
wathukuthela; buyela kithi. 2 Uzamazamisile
umhlaba, wawuqhekeza; silisa imikenke yawo, ngoba
uyazamazama. 3 Abantu bakho ubabonisile okulukhuni;
usinathise iwayini lokudiyazela. 4 Ubanikile labo
abakwesabayo isiboniso, ukuze siphakanyiswe ngenxa
yeqiniso. (Sela) 5 Ukuze abathandekayo bakho
bakhululwe; sindisa ngesandla sakho sokunene,
usiphendule. 6 UNkulunkulu ukhulumile ebungcweleni
bakhe. Ngizathaba, ngilabe iShekema, ngilinganise
isihotsha seSukothi. 7 Ngeyami iGileyadi, njalo ngowami
uManase, loEfrayimi ungamandla ekhanda lami, uJuda
ngumnikumthetho wami. 8 UMowabi ungumganu
wami wokugezela; phezu kukaEdoma ngizaphosela
inyathela lami; mayelana lami, wena Filisti, memeza
ngokunqoba. 9 Ngubani ozangisa emzini oqinileyo?
Ngubani ozangiholela eEdoma? 10 Kawusilahlanga yini,
Nkulunkulu; kawuphumanga, Nkulunkulu, lamabutho
ethu? 11 Siphe usizo ekuhlupheni, ngoba luyize uncedo
lomuntu. 12 KuNkulunkulu sizakwenza ngobuqhawe,
ngoba yena uzanyathelela phansi izitha zethu.

61 Zwana, Nkulunkulu, ukukhala kwami, ulalele
umkhuleko wami. 2 Ngisemkhawulweni womhlaba
ngizakhala kuwe, inhliziyo yami isiphela amandla;
ngikhokhelela edwaleni eliphakemeyo kulami. 3
Ngoba ubuyisiphephelo sami, inqaba eqinileyo kuso
isitha. 4 Ngizahlala ethenteni lakho kuze kube
nininini, ngiphephele kungubudo yempiko zakho. (Sela)
5 Ngoba wena, Nkulunkulu, uzwile izifungo zami,
wanginika ilifa labesaba ibizo lakho. 6 Uzakwengeza
izinsuku ezinsukwini zenkosi; iminyaka yayo izakuba
njengesizukulwana lesizukulwana. 7 Kayihlale phambi
kukaNkulunkulu kuze kube nininini; umise umusa leqiniso,
ukuze kuyilondoloze. 8 Ngalokho ngizahlabela indumiso
ebizweni lakho kuze kube nininini, ukuze ngigcwalise
izifungo zami insuku ngensuku.

62 Ngoqotho, umphefumulo wami uyamlindela
uNkulunkulu ngokuthula; luvela kuye usindiso
lwami. 2 Nguye kuphela olidwala lami losindiso lwami,
inqaba yami; kangiyikunyikinywa kakhulu. 3 Koze kube
nini liceba ububi limelene lomuntu? Lonke lizabulawa,
njengomduli otshekileyo, uthango oludilikayo. 4 Baceba
kuphela ukumwisa ekuphakameni kwakhe, bathokoza
ngamanga; ngomlomo wabo bayabusisa, kodwa
ngaphakathi kwabo bayathuka. (Sela) 5 Mphefumulo
wami, lindela ngokuthula kuNkulunkulu kuphela; ngoba
ithemba lami livela kuye. 6 Nguye kuphela olidwala lami
losindiso lwami, inqaba yami; kangiyikunyikinywa. 7
LukuNkulunkulu usindiso lwami lodumo lwami, idwala
lamandla ami, isiphephelo sami, kukuNkulunkulu. 8
Thembani kuye isikhathi sonke, lina bantu; lithulule
inhliziyo yenu phambi kwakhe; uNkulunkulu uyisiphephelo
sethu. (Sela) 9 Ngoqotho, abantukazana bayize, izikhulu
ziyinkohliso; esilinganisweni balula kuleze bebonke. 10
Lingathembeli embandezelweni, lingamisi ithemba eliyize
ekuphangeni; uba inotho isanda, lingabeki inhliziyo kuyo.
11 UNkulunkulu ukhulumile kwaba kanye, ngikuzwile
lokhu kabili, ukuthi amandla angakaNkulunkulu. 12
Lomusa ungowakho, Nkosi; ngoba wena uyamphindisela
wonke umuntu njengokomsebenzi wakhe.

63 Nkulunkulu, unguNkulunkulu wami, ngizakudinga
ngovivi; umphefumulo wami womela wena; inyama
yami iyakulangatha, elizweni elomileyo leligagadekileyo,
elingelamanzi. 2 Njengoba ngikubonile endaweni
engcwele, ngibone amandla akho lobukhosi bakho.
3 Ngoba uthandolomusa wakho lungcono kulempilo;
indebe zami zizakudumisa. 4 Ngokunjalo ngizakubonga
ngisaphila, ngiphakamise izandla zami ebizweni lakho. 5
Umphefumulo wami uzasutha kungathi ngomnkantsho
lamahwahwa, lomlomo wami uzadumisa ngezindebe
ezithabisayo. 6 Lapho ngikukhumbula embhedeni
wami, emilindweni yebusuku ngizindla ngawe. 7
Ngoba ubulusizo lwami, ngakho emthunzini wempiko
zakho ngizahlabela ngithokoze. 8 Umphefumulo wami
unamathele ekukulandeleni, isandla sakho sokunene
siyangisekela. 9 Kodwa abadinga umphefumulo wami
ukuwuchitha bazakuya ezindaweni zomhlaba eziphansi.
10 Bazanikelwa emandleni enkemba, babe yisabelo
samakhanka. 11 Kodwa inkosi izathokoza kuNkulunkulu;

wonke ofunga ngaye uzazincoma; kodwa umlomo
wabaqamba amanga uzavalwa.

64 Zwana, Nkulunkulu, ilizwi lami esikhalazweni sami,
ulondoloze impilo yami ekwesabeni isitha. **2**
Ungifihle ecebeni elifihliweyo lababi, ekuxokozeleni
kwabenzi bobubi, **3** abalola ulimi lwabo njengenkemba,
bagobise umtshoko wabo, ngitsho amazwi ababayo,
4 ukutshoka opheleleyo besekusithekeni; bahle
bamtshoke, bengesabi. **5** Baziqinisa edabeni olubi,
bekhuluma ngokuthiya, bathi: Ngubani ongayibona? **6**
Badingisisa iziphambeko; silungile ngecebo elicetshwe
ngobuqili; umcabango wangaphakathi womuntu kanye
lenhliziyo kujulile. **7** Kodwa uNkulunkulu uzabatshoka
ngomtshoko masinyane; bazalinyazwa. **8** Njalo
bazakwenza olwabo ulimi luwele phezu kwabo; bonke
abababonayo bazabaleka. **9** Labo bonke abantu
bazakwesaba, batshumayele isenzo sikaNkulunkulu,
baqedisise umsebenzi wakhe. **10** Olungileyo uzajabula
eNkosini, aphephele kuyo; bonke abaqotho ngenhliziyo
bazazincoma.

65 Ukulinda ngokuthula kuyindumiso kuwe,
Nkulunkulu, eZiyoni, lesifungo sizagcwaliswa
kuwe. **2** Wena ozwa umkhuleko, yonke inyama izakuza
kuwe. **3** Izinto zobubi zingehlule. Iziphambeko zethu,
wena uzenzele inhlawulo yokuthula. **4** Ubusisiwe
omkhethayo, omsondezayo ukuthi ahlale emagumeni
akho. Sizasutha ngokuhle kwendlu yakho, ithempeli lakho
elingcwele. **5** Ngezinto ezesabekayo uzasiphendula,
Nkulunkulu wosindiso lwethu, themba lemikhawulo
yonke yomhlaba, lelabakhatshana elwandle. **6** Omisa
izintaba ngamandla akhe, ebhince amandla. **7** Othulisa
ukuduma kwezinlwandle, lenhlokomo yamagagasi azo,
lokuxokozela kwabantu. **8** Labakhileyo emikhawulweni
bayesaba iziboniso zakho; wenza kuhlabele kuthokoze
ukuphuma kokusa lokokuhlwa. **9** Uyahambela umhlaba
uwuthelele, uwuvundise kakhulu; umfula kaNkulunkulu
ugcwele amanzi; uyabalungisela amabele, lapho
uwulungisa ngokunjalo. **10** Uyathelela kakhulu imisele
yawo, ulalise imigelo yawo, uyithambise ngezihlambo,
ubusise ukumila kwawo. **11** Uyethesa umnyaka
ngomqhele wobuhle bakho; lemikhondo yakho ithonta
amafutha. **12** Ithontela amadlelo eganga, lamaqaqa
embethe intokozo. **13** Amadlelo embethe imihlambi,
lezigodi zisitshekelwe ngamabele; kuyajabula kakhulu,
njalo kuhlabele.

66 Mhubeleni ngentokozo uNkulunkulu, mhlaba
wonke. **2** Hlabelani ubukhosi bebizo lakhe, lenze
udumo lwakhe lube lenkazimulo. **3** Tshonini kuNkulunkulu
lithi: Yeka ukwesabeka kwezenzo zakho! Ngenxa
yobukhulu bamandla akho izitha zakho zizakuthobela
ngenkohliso. **4** Umhlaba wonke uzakukhonza, uhlabelele
kuwe, bahlabelele ibizo lakho. (Sela) **5** Wozani
libone izenzo zikaNkulunkulu; uyesabeka ekwenzeni
ebantwaneni babantu. **6** Ulwandle waluphendula lwaba
ngumhlaba owomileyo; bachapha umfula ngenyawo.
Lapho sathokoza kuye. **7** Ubusa ngamandla akhe
kuze kube nininini; amehlo akhe ayazilinda izizwe;
abalenkani kabangaziphakamisi. (Sela) **8** Bongani
uNkulunkulu, zizwe, lizwakalise ilizwi lendumiso yakhe.
9 Obeka umphefumulo wethu empilweni, ongavumanga
ukuthi unyawo lwethu lutshelele. **10** Ngoba usihlolile,
Nkulunkulu, wasicenga njengokucengwa kwesiliva. **11**
Wasingenisa embuleni, wabeka inhlupheko enkalweni
zethu. **12** Wenze abantu bagade phezu kwekhanda lethu;
sadabula emlilweni lasemanzini, kodwa wasikhuphela
endaweni elokunengi. **13** Ngizangena endlini yakho
ngileminikelo yokutshiswa; ngizakhokha kuwe izifungo
zami, **14** indebe zami eziziphumisileyo, lomlomo wami
ozikhulumileyo ngisekuhluphekeni. **15** Ngizanikela kuwe
iminikelo yokutshiswa yezinonileyo, kanye lempepha
yezinqama; ngizanikela inkomo kanye lezimpongo. (Sela)
16 Wozani lizwe lina lonke elimesabayo uNkulunkulu,
ngizalandisa akwenzele umphefumulo wami. **17** Ngakhala
kuye ngomlomo wami, waphakanyiswa ngaphansi
kolimi lwami. **18** Uba benginanze ububi enhliziyweni
yami, ibingayikuzwa iNkosi. **19** Qotho uNkulunkulu
uzwile, walalela ilizwi lomkhuleko wami. **20** Kabongwe
uNkulunkulu, ongabuyiselanga emuva umkhuleko wami,
kumbe umusa wakhe kimi.

67 Nkulunkulu, woba lomusa kithi usibusise, ukhanyise
ubuso bakho phezu kwethu. (Sela) **2** Ukuze
indlela yakho yaziwe emhlabeni, usindiso lwakho
ezizweni zonke. **3** Kazikudumise izizwe, Nkulunkulu,
kabakudumise abantu bonke. **4** Izizwe kazijabule
zihlabele ngentokozo, ngoba uzabahlulela abantu
ngokuqonda, uhole izizwe emhlabeni. (Sela) **5**
Kazikudumise izizwe, Nkulunkulu, kabakudumise
abantu bonke. **6** Umhlaba uzathela izithelo zawo;
uNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu wethu uzasibusisa. **7**
UNkulunkulu uzasibusisa, layo yonke imikhawulo
yomhlaba izamesaba.

68 UNkulunkulu kavuke, zihlakazeke izitha zakhe,
labamzondayo babaleke phambi kwakhe.
2 Njengokuphetshethwa kwentuthu baphephethe;
njengokuncibilikiswa kwengcino phambi komlilo,
ababi kabachithwe phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **3**
Kodwa abalungileyo kabajabule, bathabe phambi
kukaNkulunkulu, njalo bathokoze ngentokozo. **4**
Hlabelelani kuNkulunkulu, hlabelelani indumiso ebizweni
lakhe, limphakamise lowo ogade esedlula emagcekeni
enkangala ngebizo lakhe uJehova, njalo thokozani
phambi kwakhe. **5** Unguyise wezintandane lomahluleli
wabafelokazi, uNkulunkulu endaweni yakhe yokuhlala
engcwele. **6** UNkulunkulu uhlalisa ababodwa emulini,
ukhupha ababotshiweyo ebasa empumelelweni,

kodwa abalenkani bahlala elizweni elomileyo. 7
Nkulunkulu, ekuphumeni kwakho phambi kwabantu
bakho, ekuhambeni kwakho enkangala; (Sela) 8
Umhlaba wazamazama, lawo amazulu athontisa phambi
kukaNkulunkulu, le iSinayi, phambi kukaNkulunkulu,
uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli. 9 Walinisa izulu elikhulu,
Nkulunkulu; waliqinisa wena ilifa lakho selikhathele.
10 Ibandla lakho lahlala kulo; wamlungisela ngobuhle
bakho oswelayo, Nkulunkulu. 11 INkosi yanika
ilizwi; abesifazana ababika izindaba babelixuku
elikhulu. 12 Amakhosi amabutho ayabaleka, ayabaleka.
Owesifazana ohlezi ekhaya wayaba impango. 13
Lanxa lilala phakathi kwezibaya zezimvu, lizakuba
njengempiko zejuba ezisitshekelwe ngesiliva, lezinsiba
zalo ngegolide eliliganu. 14 Lapho uSomandla
echitha amakhosi kulo, kwaba mhlophe njengeliqhwa
elikhithikileyo eZalimoni. 15 Intaba yeBashani yintaba
kaNkulunkulu, intaba elezingqonga, intaba yeBashani.
16 Likhangelelani ngomhawu, lina zintaba zezingqonga?
Lintaba uNkulunkulu uyiloyisele ukuhlala kwakhe. Yebo,
iNkosi izahlala kuyo kuze kube nininini. 17 Izinqola
zikaNkulunkulu ziyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amabili, izinkulungwane zezinkulungwane, iNkosi
iphakathi kwazo, iSinayi endaweni engcwele. 18 Wena
wenyukele phezulu, wathumba abathunjiweyo; wemukela
izipho ebantwini, yebo, lakwabalenkani; ukuze uJehova
uNkulunkulu ahlale khona. 19 Kayibongwe iNkosi;
isethwesa insuku ngensuku; uNkulunkulu ulusindiso
lwethu. (Sela) 20 UNkulunkulu wethu unguNkulunkulu
wezinsindiso; lakuJehova iNkosi kulokuphuma ekufeni.
21 Kodwa uNkulunkulu uzaphohloza ikhanda lezitha
zakhe, ukhakhayi olulenwele lwalowo ohamba ezonweni
zakhe. 22 INkosi yathi: Ngizababuyisa bevela eBashani,
ngibabuyise bevela enzikini yolwandle, 23 ukuze
inyawo zakho uzigxamuze egazini lezitha, inlimi
zezinja zakho kulo. 24 Zibonile izindwendwe zakho,
Nkulunkulu; izindwendwe zikaNkulunkulu wami, iNkosi
yami, endaweni engcwele. 25 Ngaphambili kuhamba
abahlabelayo, ngemuva abatshayi bamachacho,
phakathi izintombi zitshaya izigubhu. 26 Bongani
uNkulunkulu emabandleni, iNkosi, kuvela emthonjeni
kaIsrayeli. 27 Nango uBhenjamini omncinyane
umbusi wabo, iziphathamandla zikaJuda, inkundla
yazo, iziphathamandla zikaZebuluni, iziphathamandla
zikaNafithali. 28 UNkulunkulu wakho ulaye amandla
akho; qinisa, Nkulunkulu, lokho osenzele khona.
29 Ngenxa yethempeli lakho eJerusalema amakhosi
azakulethela isipho. 30 Sikhuze isilo somhlanga,
umhlambi wezinkunzi kanye lamankonyana abantu,
kuze kuthobeke kulenhlamvu zesiliva; ubahlakaze
abantu abathokoza ezimpini. 31 Iziphathamandla
zizakuza zivela eGibhithe; iEthiyophiya izakwelulela
izandla zayo kuNkulunkulu ngokuphangisa. 32 Mibuso
yomhlaba, hlabelelani kuNkulunkulu, lihlabelele indumiso
eNkosini. (Sela) 33 Kuyo egade phezu kwamazulu
amazulu awendulo; khangelani, iphumisa ilizwi layo,
ilizwi elilamandla. 34 Phanini amandla kuNkulunkulu;
ubukhosi bakhe buphezu kukaIsrayeli, lamandla akhe
asemayezini. 35 Uyesabeka, Nkulunkulu, ezindaweni
zakho ezingcwele; uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli nguye onika
abantu bakhe amandla lengalo. Kabongwe uNkulunkulu.

69 Ngisindisa, Nkulunkulu, ngoba amanzi asengene
kuwo umphefumulo. 2 Ngiyatshona odakeni
olujulileyo, lapho okungelakuma khona; ngingene
emanzini atshonayo, lapho impophoma iyangicwilisa.
3 Ngidiniwe yikukhala kwami, umphimbo wami
womile qha; amehlo ami ayafiphala ekulindeleni
uNkulunkulu wami. 4 Abangizondayo ngeze banengi
okwedlula inwele zekhanda lami; abangangibhubhisa,
izitha zami ngaphandle kwecala, balamandla.
Lokho engingakwebanga ngasengikubuyisela. 5
Nkulunkulu, wena uyabazi ubuthutha bami, lezono
zami kazifihlakalanga kuwe. 6 Kabangayangeki ngenxa
yami labo abakulindeleyo, Nkosi Jehova wamabandla;
bangadunyazwa ngenxa yami labo abakudingayo,
Nkulunkulu kaIsrayeli. 7 Ngoba ngenxa yakho ngithwele
ihlazo; inhloni zisibekele ubuso bami. 8 Sengaba
ngowemzini kubafowethu, lowezizweni kubantwana
bakamama. 9 Ngoba ukutshisekela indlu yakho kungidlile,
lenhlamba yabakuhlambazayo iwele phezu kwami. 10
Ngasengililа ekuzileni ukudla komphefumulo wami,
njalo kwaba yikudunyazwa kimi. 11 Ngasengisenza
isaka isembatho sami, ngaba yisiga kibo. 12 Abahlezi
esangweni bakhuluma ngami, njalo ngaba yingoma
yabanatha okunathwayo okulamandla. 13 Kodwa mina
umkhuleko wami ukuwe, Nkosi, ngesikhathi somusa,
Nkulunkulu, ngobunengi besihawu sakho, ngiphendule,
ngeqiniso losindiso lwakho. 14 Ungophule odakeni,
ngingatshoni; ngikhululwe kwabangizondayo lenzikini
yamanzi. 15 Impophoma yamanzi kayingangicwilisi,
lenziki ingangiginyi, lomgodi ungavali umlomo wawo
phezu kwami. 16 Ngiphendula, Nkosi, ngoba
uthandolomusa wakho lulungile; ngobunengi besihawu
sakho uphendukele kimi. 17 Njalo ungayifihleli
ubuso bakho inceku yakho; ngoba ngiyahlupheka,
phangisa ungiphendule. 18 Sondela emphefumulweni
wami, uwuhlenge, ungikhulule ngenxa yezitha zami.
19 Wena uyakwazi ukuthukwa kwami lehlazo lami
lokudunyazwa kwami; izitha zami zonke ziphambi
kwakho. 20 Ukuthukwa kuyidabule inhliziyo yami, njalo
ngibuthakathaka. Bengilindele ongangihawukela, kodwa
wayengekho, labaduduzayo, kodwa kangibatholanga.
21 Basebengipha inyongo ibe yikudla kwami, lekomeni
kwami banginathisa iviniga. 22 Itafula labo eliphambi
kwabo kalibe ngumjibila, ibe yisifu sabonwabileyo. 23
Amehlo abo kawafiphale ukuze bangaboni, njalo wenze
inkalo zabo zihlale zithuthumele. 24 Thela intukuthelo
yakho phezu kwabo, lolaka lwakho oluvuthayo lubafice.

25 Indawo yabo yokuhlala kayibe lunxiwa, kungabi
khona ohlala emathenteni abo. 26 Ngoba omtshayileyo
wena bayamzingela, njalo baxoxa kube buhlungu
kwabalinyazwe nguwe. 27 Yengezelela ukona ekoneni
kwabo, ukuze bangangeni ekulungeni kwakho. 28
Kabesulwe ogwalweni lwabaphilayo, bangabalwa kanye
labalungileyo. 29 Kodwa mina ngilusizi, ngiyafuthelwa;
usindiso lwakho, Nkulunkulu, kalungimise phezulu
ngivikelekile. 30 Ngizadumisa ibizo likaNkulunkulu
ngehubo, ngimkhulise ngokubonga. 31 Kuzakuba kuhle-
ke eNkosini okwedlula inkabi kumbe ijongosi elilempondo
lenklagu. 32 Abathobekileyo bazabona, bathokoze; lina
elidinga uNkulunkulu inhliziyo yenu izaphila. 33 Ngoba
iNkosi iyabezwa abaswelayo, njalo kayideleli izibotshwa
zayo. 34 Kakuthi amazulu lomhlaba kuyidumise,
izinlwandle lakho konke okunyakaza phakathi kwazo.
35 Ngoba uNkulunkulu uzasindisa iZiyoni, ayakhe imizi
yakoJuda; njalo bahlale khona badle ilifa layo. 36 Lenzalo
yenceku zakhe izakudla ilifa layo, labathanda ibizo lakhe
bazahlala kuyo.

70 Nkulunkulu, ngophula, Nkosi, phangisa ungisize.
2 Kabayangeke babe lenhloni bonke abadinga
umphefumulo wami; kababuyiselwe emuva bayangiswe
abaloyisa ukulimala kwami. 3 Kababuyele emuva kube
ngumvuzo wehlazo labo abathi: Aha, aha! 4 Kabathabe
bajabule kuwe bonke abakudingayo; labathanda usindiso
lwakho kabatsho njalo bathi: Kabe mkhulu uNkulunkulu!
5 Kodwa ngingumyanga njalo ngiyaswela; Nkulunkulu,
phangisa uze kimi. Wena ungumsizi wami lomkhululi
wami; Nkosi, ungaphuzi.

71 Kuwe, Nkosi, ngiyaphephela; kangingayangeki
lanininini. 2 Ngikhulula ngokulunga kwakho,
ungophule; beka indlebe yakho kimi, ungisindise. 3
Woba lidwala lokuhlala kimi, ngiye kulo njalonjalo; ulayile
ukungisindisa, ngoba ulidwala lami lenqaba yami. 4
Nkulunkulu wami, ngophula esandleni somubi lesandleni
songalunganga lolesihluku. 5 Ngoba wena, ulithemba
lami Nkosi, Jehova, ithemba lami kwasebutsheni
bami. 6 Ngeyame kuwe kwasesizalweni; nguwe
owangikhupha esiswini sikamama; indumiso yami ingawe
njalonjalo. 7 Benginjengesimangaliso kwabanengi;
kodwa wena uyisiphephelo sami esiqinileyo. 8 Umlomo
wami kawugcwaliswe ngendumiso yakho, usuku lonke
ngodumo lwakho. 9 Ungangilahli esikhathini sokuluphala,
ungangitshiyi ekupheleni kwamandla ami. 10 Ngoba
izitha zami zikhuluma zimelene lami, labacathamela
umphefumulo wami bayacebisana, 11 besithi:
UNkulunkulu umtshiyile; zingelani, limbambe, ngoba
kakho okhululayo. 12 Nkulunkulu, ungabi khatshana
lami; Nkulunkulu wami, phangisela usizo lwami.
13 Kabayangeke baphele abayizitha zomphefumulo
wami, kabasitshekelwe yikuyangeka lehlazo labo
abadinga ukoniwa kwami. 14 Kodwa mina ngizathemba
njalonjalo, ngengeze ekudunyisweni kwakho konke.
15 Umlomo wami uzalandisa ukulunga kwakho, usuku
lonke usindiso lwakho, ngoba kangiwazi amanani
akho. 16 Ngizahamba emandleni eNkosi uJehova,
ngiqambe ukulunga kwakho, okwakho kuphela. 17
Nkulunkulu, ungifundisile kusukela ebutsheni bami,
njalo kuze kube khathesi ngitshumayele izimangaliso
zakho. 18 Lalapho sengiluphele sengiyimpunga,
Nkulunkulu, ungangitshiyi, ngize ngitshumayele ingalo
yakho kuso isizukulwana, amandla akho kuye wonke
ozakuza. 19 Lokulunga kwakho, Nkulunkulu, kufika
ezingqongeni, owenze izinto ezinkulu; Nkulunkulu,
ngubani onjengawe? 20 Ongenze ngabona inhlupheko
ezinengi lezibuhlungu, uzangivuselela futhi, ungikhuphule
futhi ezinzikini zomhlaba. 21 Uzakwandisa ubukhulu bami,
ungiduduze inhlangothi zonke. 22 Lami ngizakudumisa
ngogubhu lwezintambo, iqiniso lakho, Nkulunkulu wami;
ngizahlabelela izibongo kuwe ngechacho, wena ongcwele
kaIsrayeli. 23 Indebe zami zizamemeza ngentokozo lapho
ngihlabelela kuwe, lomphefumulo wami owuhlengileyo.
24 Futhi ulimi lwami luzakhuluma ngokulunga kwakho
usuku lonke, ngoba bayangekile, ngoba badumazeka,
abadinga ukoniwa kwami.

72 Nkulunkulu, nika inkosi izahlulelo zakho lokulunga
kwakho endodaneni yenkosi. 2 Izakwehlulela
abantu bakho ngokulunga, labayanga bakho
ngokuqonda. 3 Izintaba zizalethela abantu ukuthula,
lamaqaqa, ngokulunga. 4 Izakwahlulela abahluphekayo
babantu, isindise abantwana babaswelayo, ifohloze
umcindezeli. 5 Bazakwesaba wena lisekhona ilanga,
isekhona lenyanga, kuzizukulwana ngezizukulwana.
6 Izakwehla njengezulu etshanini obugundiweyo,
njengezihlambo ezithambisa umhlaba. 7 Ensukwini zayo
olungileyo uzahluma; lokwanda kokuthula, ize ingabi
khona inyanga. 8 Izabusa-ke kusukela elwandle kusiya
elwandle, lakusukela emfuleni kusiya emikhawulweni
yomhlaba. 9 Abahlala enkangala bazakhothama phambi
kwayo; izitha zayo zizakhotha uthuli. 10 Amakhosi
eTarshishi lawezihlengeni azaletha izipho, amakhosi
eShebha leSeba asondeze izipho. 11 Amakhosi
wonke azayikhothamela, izizwe zonke ziyikhonze. 12
Ngoba izamkhulula oswelayo ekhala, longumyanga,
longelamsizi. 13 Izahawukela ongumyanga loswelayo,
isindise imiphefumulo yabaswelayo. 14 Izahlenga
umphefumulo wabo ecindezelweni ledlakeleni; legazi
labo lizakuba ligugu emehlweni ayo. 15 Izaphila,
inikwe okwegolide leShebha, ikhulekelwe njalonjalo,
usuku lonke ibusiswe. 16 Kuzakuba khona inala
yamabele elizweni ezingqongeni zezintaba; izithelo zawo
zihatshazele njengeLebhanoni; labomuzi bazahluma
njengotshani bomhlaba. 17 Ibizo layo lizakuba
khona kuze kube phakade, lebizo layo lizakwanda
lisekhona ilanga. Njalo bazabusiswa kuyo; izizwe
zonke zizakuthi ibusisiwe. 18 Kayibongwe iNkosi

uNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, onguye yedwa
owenza imimangaliso. 19 Kalibusiswe ibizo lakhe
elilodumo kuze kube nininini; umhlaba wonke ugcwaliswe
ngodumo lwakhe. Ameni, loAmeni! 20 Imikhuleko
kaDavida indodana kaJese isiphelile.

73 Qotho uNkulunkulu ulungile kuIsrayeli, kulabo
abahlambulukileyo enhliziyweni. 2 Kodwa mina
inyawo zami zaphose zasuka, izinyathelo zami
zaphose zatshelela. 3 Ngoba ngaba lomhawu
ngabazikhukhumezayo, ngibona ukuphumelela kwababi.
4 Ngoba kakulazibopho ekufeni kwabo, kodwa
amandla abo aqinile. 5 Kabakho enhluphekweni
njengabanye abantu, njalo kabahlutshwa njengabanye
abantu. 6 Ngakho-ke ukuzigqaja kuyabazungeza
njengeketane, udlame luyabasibekela njengesembatho.
7 Amehlo abo aqumbile ngamafutha; iminakano
yenhliziyo iyaphuphuma. 8 Bayakloloda, bakhulume
ngobubi ngocindezelo; bakhuluma besekuphakameni.
9 Bamisa umlomo wabo umelene lamazulu, lolimi
lwabo luhamba emhlabeni. 10 Ngakho abantu bakhe
bayaphendukela lapha, lamanzi enkezo egcweleyo
akhanyelwa bona. 11 Njalo bathi: UNkulunkulu
wazi njani? Kukhona ulwazi yini koPhezukonke?
12 Khangela, laba ngabangelaNkulunkulu, kanti
bayaphumelela elizweni, bandisa inotho. 13 Isibili
ngihlambulule inhliziyo yami ngeze, ngageza izandla zami
ngokungelacala. 14 Ngoba ngihlutshiwe usuku lonke,
lesijeziso sami sisekuseni yonke. 15 Uba bengingathi:
Ngizakhuluma ngokunje, khangela, ngabe ngisikhohlisile
isizukulwana sabantwana bakho. 16 Lapho nganakana
ukwazi lokhu, kwakubuhlungu emehlweni ami, 17
ngaze ngangena ezindlini ezingcwele zikaNkulunkulu;
ngasengikuqedisisa ukuphela kwabo. 18 Isibili ubamisa
endaweni ezitshelelayo, ubawisela ekubhujisweni. 19
Yeka ukuchitheka kwabo njengokucwayiza kwelihlo!
Baphela baqedwe ngokwesabisayo. 20 Njengephupho
ekuphaphameni, Nkosi, nxa uvuka uzadelela umfanekiso
wabo. 21 Ngakho inhliziyo yami yaba buhlungu,
ngahlatshwa ezinsweni zami. 22 Njalo ngaba
yisiphukuphuku esingaziyo, ngaba njengenyamazana
kuwe. 23 Kodwa mina ngihlezi ngilawe; ubambe
isandla sami sokunene. 24 Uzangikhokhela ngeseluleko
sakho, lemva kwalokho ungemukele enkazimulweni. 25
Ngilobani emazulwini ngaphandle kwakho? Njalo kakukho
engikufisayo emhlabeni ngaphandle kwakho. 26 Inyama
yami lenhliziyo yami kuyaphela; uNkulunkulu ulidwala
lenhliziyo yami lesabelo sami kuze kube nininini. 27 Ngoba
khangela, abakhatshana lawe bazabhubha; ubachithile
bonke abaphingayo ngokusuka kuwe. 28 Kodwa
mina kungilungele ukusondela kuNkulunkulu; ngibeke
isiphephelo sami eNkosini uJehova, ukutshumayela
zonke izenzo zakho.

74 Nkulunkulu, usilahleleni kokuphela? Ulaka lwakho
luvuthelani ngakuzo izimvu zedlelo lakho? 2
Khumbula ibandla lakho owalithenga endulo, intonga
yelifa lakho owayihlengayo, le intaba yeZiyoni ohlala
kuyo. 3 Phakamisa inyawo zakho ezincithakalweni
eziqhubekayo, konke okubi izitha ezikwenzileyo
endaweni engcwele. 4 Izitha zakho zibhongile phakathi
kwezindawo zakho zokubuthanela, zamisa impawu zazo
zibe zimpawu. 5 Umuntu waziwa njengophakamisa
amahloka eguswini lezihlahla. 6 Kodwa khathesi
zitshaye okubaziweyo kwayo ndawonye ngamahloka
lezando. 7 Zinikele indlu yakho engcwele emlilweni,
zangcolisa indawo yokuhlala yebizo lakho ngokuyiwisela
emhlabathini. 8 Zathi enhliziyweni yazo: Kasibachithe
ndawonye. Zatshisa zonke indawo zokubuthanela
zikaNkulunkulu elizweni. 9 Impawu zethu kasiziboni;
kakusekho mprofethi; kakho kithi owaziyo ukuthi koze
kube nini. 10 Koze kube nini, Nkulunkulu, umcindezeli
edelela? Isitha sizahlambaza ibizo lakho kokuphela
yini? 11 Usifinyezeleni isandla sakho, yebo isandla
sakho sokunene? Sikhuphe phakathi kwesifuba sakho.
12 Kanti uNkulunkulu uyiNkosi yami kusukela endulo,
eyenza insindiso phakathi komhlaba. 13 Nguwe
owehlukanisa ulwandle ngamandla akho; wafohloza
amakhanda emigobho emanzini. 14 Nguwe owachoboza
amakhanda kaLeviyathani, wamnikela waba yikudla
kwabantu enkangala. 15 Nguwe owaqhekeza umthombo
lesifula, nguwe owomisa imifula egeleza njalo. 16
Usuku ngolwakho, lobusuku ngobakho; nguwe owamisa
ukukhanya lelanga. 17 Nguwe owamisa yonke imikhawulo
yomhlaba; nguwe owenza ihlobo lobusika. 18 Khumbula
lokhu, isitha siyangisile, Nkosi, labantu abayizithutha
bahlambazile ibizo lakho. 19 Ungawunikeli umphefumulo
wejuba lakho ezinyamazaneni zendle; ungakhohlwa
ixuku lezihlupheki zakho phakade. 20 Nanzelela
isivumelwano; ngoba indawo ezimnyama zomhlaba
zigcwele indawo zokuhlala zesihluku. 21 Kangabuyeli
eyangekile ocindezelweyo; ohluphekayo loswelayo
kabalidumise ibizo lakho. 22 Vuka, Nkulunkulu! Ulumele
udaba lwakho, ukhumbule ihlazo lakho ngoyisiwula
usuku lonke. 23 Ungakhohlwa ilizwi lezitha zakho,
ukuxokozela kwabakuvukelayo kwenyuka njalonjalo.

75 Siyakubonga, Nkulunkulu, siyabonga, ukuthi
ibizo lakho liseduze, iyalandisa imisebenzi
yakho emangalisayo. 2 Lapho ngisemukela isikhathi
esimisiweyo ngizakwahlulela ngokuqonda. 3 Umhlaba
labo bonke abakhileyo kuwo kuncibilikile; mina ngiqinisa
insika zawo. (Sela) 4 Ngathi kwabayiziwula: Lingabi
yiziwula. Lakwababi: Lingaphakamisi uphondo. 5
Lingaphakamiseli phezulu uphondo lwenu, lingakhulumi
ngentamo elukhuni. 6 Ngoba ukuphakanyiswa kakuveli
empumalanga kumbe entshonalanga njalo hatshi
enkangala. 7 Kodwa uNkulunkulu ungumahluleli, uyehlisa
omunye, aphakamise omunye. 8 Ngoba esandleni

seNkosi kulenkezo; lewayini liphuphuma, ligcwele
inhlanganiso; iyathulula okwalo; kodwa izibhidi zalo,
ababi bonke bomhlaba bazazihluza bazinathe. 9 Kodwa
mina ngizatshumayela njalonjalo, ngihlabele indumiso
kuNkulunkulu kaJakobe. 10 Njalo zonke impondo zababi
ngizaziquma; impondo zabalungileyo zizaphakanyiswa.

76 UNkulunkulu uyaziwa koJuda; ibizo lakhe likhulu
koIsrayeli. 2 Njalo idumba lakhe liseSalema,
lendawo yakhe yokuhlala eZiyoni. 3 Lapho wephula
imitshoko evuthayo yedandili, isihlangu, lenkemba, lempi.
(Sela) 4 Uyakhazimula, ulobukhosi okwedlula izintaba
zempango. 5 Baphangiwe abaqinileyo ngenhliziyo,
balele ubuthongo babo; njalo kakho emaqhaweni othole
izandla zawo. 6 Ekukhalimeni kwakho, Nkulunkulu
kaJakobe, kokubili inqola lebhiza kulele ubuthongo
obukhulu. 7 Wena, wena uyesabeka. Ngubani-ke ongema
phambi kwakho kusukela esikhathini solaka lwakho?
8 Wenza isahlulelo sizwakale usemazulwini; umhlaba
wesaba wathula, 9 mhla uNkulunkulu evukela isahlulelo,
ukusindisa bonke abathobekileyo bomhlaba. (Sela)
10 Qotho, ulaka lomuntu luzakudumisa; uzazibhinca
ngensalela yolaka. 11 Fungani, likhokhe eNkosini
uNkulunkulu wenu, lonke eliyihanqileyo lilethe izipho kuye
ofanele esatshwe. 12 Izaquma umoya weziphathamandla;
iyesabeka emakhosini omhlaba.

77 Ilizwi lami likuNkulunkulu, njalo ngiyakhala,
ilizwi lami likuNkulunkulu, wasebeka indlebe
kimi. 2 Osukwini lokuhlupheka kwami ngayidinga
iNkosi; isandla sami selulwa ebusuku, kasiphezanga,
umphefumulo wami wala ukududuzwa. 3 Ngamkhumbula
uNkulunkulu, ngabubula; ngakhalaza, lomoya wami
waphela amandla. (Sela) 4 Ubambe amehlo ami
ukuthi angalali; ngakhathazeka, kangisakhulumanga.
5 Ngakhumbula insuku zasendulo, iminyaka yekadeni.
6 Ngakhumbula ingoma yami, ebusuku, ngakhuluma
lenhliziyo yami, lomoya wami wahlolisisa. 7 INkosi izalahla
kokuphela yini? Njalo kayiselakuphinda ibe lomusa
yini? 8 Uthandolomusa wayo seluphelile kokuphela
yini? Isithembiso sesiphelile kusukela kusizukulwana
kusiya kusizukulwana na? 9 UNkulunkulu usekhohliwe
ukuba lomusa yini? Usevalele isihawu sakhe ngolaka
yini? (Sela) 10 Ngasengisithi: Lobu yibuthakathaka
bami; iminyaka yesandla sokunene soPhezukonke. 11
Ngizakhumbula izenzo zeNkosi. Isibili, ngizakhumbula
izimangaliso zakho ezindala. 12 Ngizazindla ngomsebenzi
wakho wonke, ngikhulume ngezenzo zakho. 13
Nkulunkulu, indlela yakho isendaweni engcwele. Ngubani
unkulunkulu omkhulu njengoNkulunkulu? 14 Wena
unguNkulunkulu owenza isimangaliso; wazisa amandla
akho phakathi kwezizwe. 15 Ngengalo yakho uhlengile
abantu bakho, amadodana kaJakobe loJosefa. (Sela)
16 Amanzi akubona, Nkulunkulu, amanzi akubona,
ethuka; izinziki lazo zathuthumela. 17 Amayezi
athulula amanzi, lezibhakabhaka zaduma; imitshoko
yakho layo yaya le lale. 18 Ilizwi lokuduma kwakho
lalisesivunguvungwini; imibane yakhanyisa umhlaba;
lomhlaba wagedezela wazamazama. 19 Indlela yakho
iselwandle, lomkhondo wakho emanzini amanengi,
lezinyathelo zakho zazingaziwa. 20 Wakhokhela abantu
bakho njengomhlambi ngesandla sikaMozisi loAroni.

78 Lalelani, bantu bami, umthetho wami, libeke
indlebe yenu emazwini omlomo wami. 2 Ngizavula
umlomo wami ngomfanekiso, ngikhuphe izimfihlakalo
zendulo, 3 esizizwileyo lesizaziyo, obaba abasitshela
zona. 4 Kasiyikuzifihlela abantwana babo, kusizukulwana
esilandelayo, silandisa izindumiso zeNkosi, lamandla
ayo, lezimangaliso ezenzileyo. 5 Ngoba wamisa
ubufakazi koJakobe, wabeka umlayo koIsrayeli, awulaya
obaba, ukuze bawazise abantwana babo, 6 ukuze
isizukulwana esilandelayo sazi, abantwana abazazalwa,
basukume batshele abantwana babo, 7 ukuze
babeke ithemba labo kuNkulunkulu, bangayikhohlwa
imisebenzi kaNkulunkulu, kodwa bagcine imithetho
yakhe; 8 njalo bangabi njengaboyise, isizukulwana
esilenkani lesivukelayo, isizukulwana esingaqondisanga
inhliziyo yaso, lesimoya waso ungathembekanga
kuNkulunkulu. 9 Abantwana bakoEfrayimi, behlomile
betshoka ngamadandili, babuyela emuva mhla wempi.
10 Kabasilondolozanga isivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu,
bala ukuhamba emlayweni wakhe. 11 Bakhohlwa
izenzo zakhe lezimangaliso zakhe ayebatshengisa zona.
12 Phambi kwaboyise wenza isimangaliso elizweni
leGibhithe, egangeni leZowani. 13 Waqhekeza ulwandle,
wabachaphisa, wenza amanzi ema njengenqumbi.
14 Wabakhokhela ngeyezi emini, lebusuku bonke
ngokukhanya komlilo. 15 Waqhekeza amadwala
enkangala, wabanathisa kungathi kuvela ezinzikini
ezinkulu. 16 Waseveza izifula edwaleni, wenza amanzi
ehla njengemifula. 17 Kodwa baphinda futhi ukona
kuye, ngokumvukela oPhezukonke enkangala. 18
Bamlinga uNkulunkulu enhliziyweni yabo ngokucela
ukudla kwenkanuko yabo. 19 Basebekhuluma bemelene
loNkulunkulu bathi: UNkulunkulu angalungisa itafula
enkangala yini? 20 Khangela, watshaya idwala,
kwampompoza amanzi, lezifula zagabha; anganika
lesinkwa yini? angalungisela abantu bakhe inyama
na? 21 Ngakho iNkosi yezwa yathukuthela; umlilo
wasubaselwa uJakobe, njalo lolaka lwavukela uIsrayeli,
22 ngoba kabakholwanga kuNkulunkulu, kabathembanga
esindisweni lwakhe. 23 Lanxa walaya amayezi
ngaphezulu, wavula iminyango yamazulu, 24 wabanisela
imana ukuthi badle, wabapha amabele amazulu. 25
Umuntu wadla isinkwa sabalamandla; wabathumela
ukudla ukuze basuthe. 26 Wenza umoya wempumalanga
wavunguza emazulwini; langamandla akhe waqhuba
umoya weningizimu. 27 Wasenisela phezu kwabo inyama
njengothuli, lenyoni ezilempiko njengetshebetshebe

lolwandle; 28 wazenza zawela phakathi kwenkamba
yabo, zagombolozela indawo zabo zokuhlala. 29
Ngakho badla basutha kakhulu, ngoba wabalethela
isiloyiso sabo. 30 Kabehlukananga lenkanuko yabo;
ukudla kusesemlonyeni wabo, 31 ulaka lukaNkulunkulu
lwaselubavukela, wabulala kwabakhulupheleyo babo,
watshaya abakhethiweyo bakoIsrayeli. 32 Kulokhu
konke bajinga besona, njalo kabakholwanga ngenxa
yezimangaliso zakhe. 33 Ngakho waziqeda izinsuku zabo
ngeze, leminyaka yabo ovalweni. 34 Lapho ebabulala,
bamdinga, baphenduka, bamdingisisa uNkulunkulu.
35 Bakhumbula ukuthi uNkulunkulu ulidwala labo,
loNkulunkulu oPhezukonke ungumhlengi wabo. 36 Kodwa
bamyenga ngomlomo wabo, baqamba amanga kuye
ngolimi lwabo. 37 Ngoba inhliziyo yabo yayingaqondanga
kuye, njalo bengathembekanga esivumelwaneni sakhe.
38 Kodwa yena elesihawu wathethelela ububi babo,
kababhubhisanga; yebo, kanengi walunqanda ulaka
lwakhe, kakuvusanga konke ukuthukuthela kwakhe. 39
Ngoba wakhumbula ukuthi bayinyama, umoya odlulayo,
ongabuyiyo. 40 Kanengi kangakanani bemvukela ehlane,
bemdabukisa enkangala. 41 Yebo baphenduka bamlinga
uNkulunkulu, bamdabukisa oNgcwele kaIsrayeli. 42
Kabasikhumbulanga isandla sakhe, usuku abahlenga
ngalo esitheni. 43 Ukuthi wamisa njani izibonakaliso
zakhe eGibhithe, lezimangaliso zakhe emmangweni
weZowani, 44 lokuthi waphendula imifula yabo yaba
ligazi, lezifula zabo, ukuze banganathi. 45 Wathumela
phakathi kwabo umtshitshi wezibawu, ezabadlayo,
lamaxoxo ababhubhisayo. 46 Wasenika imihogoyi
isivuno sabo, lomsebenzi wabo isikhonyane. 47
Wabulala ivini labo ngesiqhotho, lemikhiwa yabo
yesikhamore ngongqwaqwane. 48 Wasenikela izifuyo
zabo esiqhothweni, lemihlambi yabo kuyo imibane.
49 Waphosela phezu kwabo ukuvutha kolaka lwakhe,
ukuthukuthela, lokucunuka, lokuhlupheka, ngokuthuma
izithunywa zobubi. 50 Walungisela ulaka lwakhe indlela,
kanqandanga umphefumulo wabo ekufeni, kodwa
wanikela impilo yabo kumatshayabhuqe wesifo. 51
Wasetshaya wonke amazibulo eGibhithe, okokuqala
kwamandla emathenteni kaHamu. 52 Wasebakhupha
abantu bakhe njengezimvu, wabakhokhela enkangala
njengomhlambi. 53 Wasebakhokhela bephephile
ukuze bangesabi; kodwa ulwandle lwasibekela izitha
zabo. 54 Wasebafikisa emkhawulweni wendawo
yakhe engcwele, le intaba, isandla sakhe sokunene
esayizuzayo. 55 Wasebaxotsha abezizwe phambi
kwabo; wababela ilifa ngomzila, wahlalisa izizwe
zakoIsrayeli emathenteni azo. 56 Kanti bamlinga,
bamvukela uNkulunkulu oPhezukonke, kabazigcinanga
izifakazelo zakhe. 57 Kodwa babuyela emuva,
benza ngokungathembeki njengaboyise, baphanjulwa
njengedandili elikhohlisayo. 58 Ngoba bamthukuthelisa
ngezindawo zabo eziphakemeyo, bavusa umona wakhe
ngezithombe zabo ezibaziweyo. 59 UNkulunkulu
esizwa wathukuthela, wamenyanya kakhulu uIsrayeli.
60 Ngakho walitshiya ithabhanekele leShilo, ithente
alimisa phakathi kwabantu. 61 Wasenikela amandla
akhe ekuthunjweni, lenkazimulo yakhe esandleni
sesitha. 62 Wasenikela abantu bakhe enkembeni,
waselithukuthelela ilifa lakhe. 63 Umlilo waqeda amajaha
abo, lezintombi zabo kazihlatshelelwanga. 64 Abapristi
babo bawa ngenkemba, labafelokazi babo kabalilanga.
65 Khona iNkosi yavuka njengobelele, njengeqhawe
eliklabalala ngenxa yewayini. 66 Yazitshaya izitha zayo
emuva, yazithela ihlazo phakade. 67 Yasilahla ithente
likaJosefa, kayikhethanga isizwe sakoEfrayimi. 68 Kodwa
yakhetha isizwe sakoJuda, intaba yeZiyoni eyithandayo.
69 Yayakha indlu yayo engcwele njengezingqonga,
njengomhlaba ewusekeleyo kuze kube nininini. 70
Yasikhetha uDavida inceku yayo, yamthatha ezibayeni
zezimvu; 71 ekulandeleni izimvukazi ezenyisayo,
yamletha ukwelusa uJakobe abantu bayo, loIsrayeli
ilifa layo. 72 Njalo wabelusa njengobuqotho benhliziyo
yakhe, wabakhokhela ngobugabazi bezandla zakhe.

79 Nkulunkulu, abezizwe sebengenile elifeni
lakho; balingcolisile ithempeli lakho elingcwele;
iJerusalema bayenze yaba zinqumbi. 2 Banikile izidumbu
zezinceku zakho zaba yikudla kwenyoni zamazulu,
inyama yabangcwele bakho kuzo izilo zomhlaba. 3
Balichithile igazi labo njengamanzi inhlangothi zonke
zeJerusalema; njalo kakubanga khona ongcwabayo. 4
Sesibe yinhlamba kubomakhelwane bethu, inhlekisa
loklolodelo kwabasiphahlileyo. 5 Koze kube nini,
Nkosi? Uzathukuthela phakade yini? Ubukhwele bakho
buzavutha njengomlilo yini? 6 Thulula ulaka lwakho
phezu kwabezizwe abangakwaziyo, laphezu kwemibuso
engabizi ibizo lakho. 7 Ngoba bamdlile uJakobe,
lomuzi wakhe sebewenze unxiwa. 8 Ungakhumbuli
umelene lathi izono zethu zendulo; isihawu sakho
kasize masinyane phambi kwethu, ngoba sehliselwe
phansi kakhulu. 9 Sisize, Nkulunkulu wosindiso lwethu,
ngenxa yodumo lwebizo lakho; sikhulule, uhlawulele
izono zethu, ngenxa yebizo lakho. 10 Kungani abezizwe
bezakuthi: Ungaphi uNkulunkulu wabo? Kawaziwe
phakathi kwezizwe phambi kwamehlo ethu, impindiselo
yegazi lenceku zakho elachithwayo. 11 Ukububula
kwezibotshwa kakuze phambi kwakho; njengobukhulu
bengalo yakho ulondoloze abantwana bokufa. 12
Uphindisele omakhelwane bethu kasikhombisa esifubeni
sabo ukuthuka kwabo, abakuthuka ngakho, Nkosi.
13 Khona thina abantu bakho, izimvu zedlelo lakho,
sizakubonga kuze kube nininini, silandise udumo lwakho
esizukulwaneni ngesizukulwana.

80 Melusi kaIsrayeli, beka indlebe, okhokhela uJosefa
njengomhlambi, ohlezi phakathi kwamakherubhi,
khanyisa. 2 Phambi kukaEfrayimi loBhenjamini loManase

vusa amandla akho, uze ube lusindiso lwethu. 3
Siphendule, Nkulunkulu, wenze ubuso bakho bukhanye,
ngakho sizasindiswa. 4 Nkosi Nkulunkulu wamabandla,
koze kube nini uthukuthelela umkhuleko wabantu bakho?
5 Ubenze badla isinkwa sezinyembezi, wabanathisa
izinyembezi ngesilinganiso. 6 Usenza sibe yingxabano
kubomakhelwane bethu, lezitha zethu ziyahlekisana
ngathi. 7 Siphendule, Nkulunkulu wamabandla, wenze
ubuso bakho bukhanye, ngakho sizasindiswa. 8 Waliletha
ivini livela eGibhithe, wazixotsha izizwe, walihlanyela lona.
9 Walungisa indawo phambi kwalo, wagxilisa impande
zalo, laze lagcwala umhlaba. 10 Izintaba zembeswa
ngomthunzi walo, lezingatsha zalo zinjengemisedari
kaNkulunkulu. 11 Lanabisela ingatsha zalo elwandle,
lamahlumela alo emfuleni. 12 Uyibhobozeleni imiduli yalo,
ukuze balikhe bonke abadlula ngendlela? 13 Ingulube
yasehlathini iyalihlikiza, lenyamazana yeganga iyalidla.
14 Nkulunkulu wamabandla, akubuyele, ukhangele
phansi usemazulwini, ubone, wethekelele lelivini, 15
ngitsho isivini isandla sakho sokunene esasihlanyelayo,
lendodanaowaziqinisela yona. 16 Sitshisiwe ngomlilo,
saqunyelwa phansi; bayabhubha ngokukhuza kobuso
bakho. 17 Isandla sakho kasibe phezu komuntu
wesandla sakho sokunene, phezu kwendodana yomuntu,
oziqinisele yona. 18 Ngakho kasiyikubuyela emuva
sisuke kuwe; sivuselele, khona sizabiza ibizo lakho.
19 Nkosi, Nkulunkulu wamabandla, siphendule, wenze
ubuso bakho bukhanye, ngakho sizasindiswa.

81 Hlabelani kakhulu kuNkulunkulu amandla
ethu, lihlokome ngentokozo kuNkulunkulu
kaJakobe. 2 Thathani ingoma, lilethe isigujana,
ichacho elimnandi kanye logubhu lwezintambo. 3
Vuthelani uphondo ekuthwaseni kwenyanga, esikhathini
esimisiweyo, ngosuku lomkhosi wethu. 4 Ngoba
lokho kuyisimiso kuIsrayeli, umthetho kaNkulunkulu
kaJakobe. 5 Wakumisa kwaba yibufakazi kuJosefa,
ekuphumeni kwakhe emelene lelizwe leGibhithe;
ngezwa ulimi engingalwaziyo. 6 Ngasusa ihlombe
lakhe emthwalweni; izandla zakhe zakhululwa
ezimbizeni. 7 Wakhala usenhluphekweni, ngakukhulula;
ngakuphendula ekusithekeni komdumo; ngakuhlola
emanzini eMeriba. (Sela) 8 Zwana, sizwe sami,
ngizafakaza kuwe, Israyeli, aluba ungangilalela.
9 Kakungabi khona phakathi kwakho unkulunkulu
wezizweni, njalo ungakhonzi unkulunkulu wezizweni.
10 Mina ngiyiNkosi, uNkulunkulu wakho, owakwenyusa
usuka elizweni leGibhithe. Khamisa umlomo wakho ube
banzi, njalo ngizawugcwalisa. 11 Kodwa abantu bami
kabalilalelanga ilizwi lami; loIsrayeli kavumelananga
lami. 12 Ngakho ngabanikela enkanini yenhliziyo yabo,
ukuze bahambe kumacebo abo. 13 Kungathi abantu
bami bebengangilalela, uIsrayeli ahambe endleleni
zami! 14 Masinyane bengingazehlisela phansi izitha
zabo, ngiphendulele isandla sami kwabamelene labo.
15 Abayizondayo iNkosi bangatshotshobala phambi
kwayo ngokuzenzisa, kodwa isikhathi sabo besizakuba
phakade. 16 Wayezabondla ngamanono engqoloyi; njalo
bengizakusuthisa ngoluju oluvela edwaleni.

82 UNkulunkulu uyema enhlanganweni yabahluleli,
uyahlulela phakathi kwabonkulunkulu. 2 Koze kube
nini lisahlulela ngokungalunganga, lisemukela ubuso
bababi? (Sela) 3 Yahlulelani umyanga lentandane,
lilungisele ohluphekayo loswelayo. 4 Khululani umyanga
loswelayo, libophule esandleni sababi. 5 Kabazi
kabaqedisisi, baya le lale emnyameni; izisekelo
zonke zomhlaba ziyazamazama. 6 Mina ngathi:
Lingonkulunkulu, lonke lingamadodana oPhezukonke.
7 Kodwa lizakufa njengabantu, liwe njengesinye
seziphathamandla. 8 Vuka, Nkulunkulu! wahlulele
umhlaba; ngoba wena izizwe zonke ziyilifa lakho.

83 Nkulunkulu, ungazithuleli; ungathuli, ungathi zwi,
Nkulunkulu. 2 Ngoba, khangela, izitha zakho
ziyaxokozela, labakuzondayo baphakamise ikhanda. 3
Benzela abantu bakho iseluleko sobuqili, bacebisana
bemelene labafihliweyo bakho. 4 Bathi: Wozani,
sibaqume, bangabi yisizwe, lebizo likaIsrayeli lingabe
lisakhunjulwa. 5 Ngoba bacebisana nganhliziyonye,
benza isivumelwano esimelana lawe; 6 amathente
eEdoma, lamaIshmayeli; iMowabi, lamaHagari; 7
iGebali, leAmoni, leAmaleki; amaFilisti kanye labahlali
beTire; 8 iAshuri layo isizihlanganise labo; bebeyingalo
ebantwaneni bakaLothi. (Sela) 9 Yenza kubo
njengeMidiyani, njengoSisera, njengoJabini, esifuleni
iKishoni. 10 Babhubhela eEndori, baba ngumquba
womhlabathi. 11 Yenza zona izikhulu zabo zibe
njengoOrebi lanjengoZebi, lawo wonke amakhosana
abo abe njengoZeba lanjengoZalimuna, 12 abathi:
Kasizithathele amadlelo kaNkulunkulu abe ngawethu.
13 Nkulunkulu wami, benze babe njengokuhwithwayo,
njengamakhoba phambi komoya, 14 njengomlilo utshisa
ihlathi, lanjengelangabi lithungela izintaba. 15 Ngokunjalo
baxotshe ngesivunguzane sakho, ubethuse ngesiphepho
sakho. 16 Gcwalisa ubuso babo ngehlazo, ukuze
balidinge ibizo lakho, Nkosi. 17 Kababe lenhloni bethuke
kuze kube nininini, yebo, badunyazwe babhubhe. 18
Ukuze bazi ukuthi nguwe wedwa, obizo lakho nguJehova,
oPhezukonke emhlabeni wonke.

84 Athandeka kangakanani amathente akho, Nkosi
yamabandla! 2 Umphefumulo wami uyalangatha,
yebo ngitsho, uyaphela yikunxwanela amaguma eNkosi.
Inhliziyo yami lenyama yami kuyakhala kuNkulunkulu
ophilayo. 3 Intaka layo iyathola indlu, lenkonjane isidleke
sayo, lapho engabeka khona abantwana bayo, amalathi
akho, Nkosi yamabandla, Nkosi yami, loNkulunkulu
wami. 4 Babusisiwe abahlala endlini yakho, bazahlala
bedumisa wena. (Sela) 5 Ubusisiwe umuntu omandla

akhe akuwe, okukhona imigwaqo emikhulu enhliziyweni
yabo. 6 Abadabula isihotsha seBaka basenza sibe
ngumthombo; yebo, insewula iyakugoqela ngezibusiso. 7
Bahamba besuka emandleni besiya emandleni, ngulowo
lalowo abonakale phambi kukaNkulunkulu eZiyoni.
8 Nkosi Nkulunkulu wamabandla, zwana umkhuleko
wami, ubeke indlebe, Nkulunkulu kaJakobe. (Sela) 9
Nkulunkulu, sihlangu sethu, khangela ubone ubuso
bogcotshiweyo wakho. 10 Ngoba usuku emagumeni
akho lungcono kulenkulungwane. Ngikhetha ukuba
sembundwini womnyango endlini kaNkulunkulu wami
kulokuhlala emathenteni enkohlakalo. 11 Ngoba iNkosi
uNkulunkulu ililanga lesihlangu; iNkosi izakupha umusa
lodumo; kayibagodleli okuhle abahamba ngobuqotho. 12
Nkosi yamabandla, ubusisiwe umuntu othemba kuwe.

85 Nkosi, ubulomusa elizweni lakho. Ubuyisile
ukuthunjwa kukaJakobe. 2 Wathethelela ububi
babantu bakho, wasibekela zonke izono zabo. (Sela) 3
Ukususile konke ukuthukuthela kwakho, waphenduka
ekuvutheni kolaka lwakho. 4 Siphendule, Nkulunkulu
wosindiso lwethu, wenze ulaka lwakho kithi luphele.
5 Uzasithukuthelela kokuphela yini? Uzakwelulela
ulaka lwakho esizukulwaneni lesizukulwana yini? 6
Kawuyikubuya usivuselele yini, ukuze abantu bakho
bathokoze kuwe? 7 Sitshengise umusa wakho,
Nkosi, usinike usindiso lwakho. 8 Ngizakuzwa
lokho uNkulunkulu iNkosi azakukhuluma, ngoba
uzakhuluma ukuthula ebantwini bakhe, lakwabangcwele
bakhe, kodwa kabangabuyeli ebuwuleni. 9 Isibili
usindiso lwakhe luseduze kulabo abamesabayo ukuze
kuhlale udumo elizweni lakithi. 10 Umusa leqiniso
kuyahlangabezana, ukulunga lokuthula kwangene. 11
Iqiniso lizaphuma emhlabeni, lokulunga kuzakhangela
phansi kusemazulwini. 12 Yebo, iNkosi izanika okuhle,
lelizwe lethu lizathela isivuno salo. 13 Ukulunga
kuzahamba phambi kwayo, kwenzele izinyathelo zayo
indlela.

86 Beka indlebe yakho, Nkosi, ungiphendule,
ngoba ngingumyanga, ngiyaswela. 2 Londoloza
umphefumulo wami, ngoba ngiyamesaba uNkulunkulu;
wena Nkulunkulu wami, sindisa inceku yakho
ekuthembayo. 3 Woba lesihawu kimi, Nkosi, ngoba
ngikhala kuwe usuku lonke. 4 Thokozisa umphefumulo
wenceku yakho, ngoba kuwe, Nkosi, ngiyawuphakamisela
umphefumulo wami. 5 Ngoba wena, Nkosi, ulungile,
ungothethelelayo; umkhulu emuseni kubo bonke
abakubizayo. 6 Beka indlebe, Nkosi, emkhulekweni wami;
ulalele ilizwi lokuncenga kwami. 7 Ngosuku lokuhlupheka
kwami ngizakhala kuwe, ngoba uzangiphendula. 8
Kakho ofanana lawe phakathi kwabonkulunkulu, Nkosi,
njalo enjengemisebenzi yakho kayikho. 9 Izizwe zonke
ozenzileyo zizakuza zikhothame phambi kwakho, Nkosi,
zidumise ibizo lakho. 10 Ngoba wena umkhulu, wenza
izinto ezimangalisayo, unguNkulunkulu wena wedwa. 11
Ngifundisa indlela yakho, Nkosi, ngizahamba eqinisweni
lakho; hlanganisa inhliziyo yami ukuze yesabe ibizo lakho.
12 Ngizakudumisa, Nkosi Nkulunkulu wami, ngenhliziyo
yami yonke; ngilidumise ibizo lakho kuze kube nininini.
13 Ngoba umusa wakho phezu kwami mkhulu; njalo
wakhulula umphefumulo wami esihogweni esingaphansi
kakhulu. **(Sheol h7585)** 14 Nkulunkulu, abazigqajayo
bangivukele, lemibuthano yabalobudlwangudlwangu
idinga umphefumulo wami; njalo kabakubekanga phambi
kwabo. 15 Kodwa wena, Nkosi, unguNkulunkulu
olozwelo, lolesisa, ophuza ukuthukuthela, lomkhulu
emuseni leqinisweni. 16 Phendukela kimi, ungihawukele;
uyiphe inceku yakho amandla akho, usindise indodana
yencekukazi yakho. 17 Ngenzela isiboniso sokuhle,
ukuze labo abangizondayo babone bayangeke, ngoba
wena, Nkosi, ungisizile wangiduduza.

87 Isisekelo sayo siphezu kwentaba ezingcwele. 2
INkosi iyawathanda amasango eZiyoni kulazo
zonke indawo zokuhlala zikaJakobe. 3 Izinto ezidumileyo
zikhulunywa ngawe, muzi kaNkulunkulu! (Sela) 4
Ngizaqamba iRahabi leBhabhiloni kwabangaziyo;
khangela, iFilisti leTire kanye leEthiyophiya; lo wazalelwa
khona. 5 LangeZiyoni kuzakuthiwa: Lo lalowayana
bazalelwa kuyo. LoPhezukonke uqobo uzayiqinisa. 6
INkosi izabala ekubhaleni kwayo abantu, ukuthi lo
wazalelwa khona. (Sela) 7 Labahlabeleli kanye labagidi,
yonke imithombo yami ikuwe.

88 Nkosi Nkulunkulu wosindiso lwami, emini, ebusuku
ngakhala phambi kwakho. 2 Umkhuleko wami
kawuze phambi kwakho; beka indlebe yakho ekukhaleni
kwami. 3 Ngoba umphefumulo wami ugcwele
ukuhlupheka, lempilo yami ifinyelela engcwabeni.
(Sheol h7585) 4 Ngibalwa lalabo abehlela emgodini;
nginjengomuntu ongelamandla. 5 Ngikhululwe phakathi
kwabafileyo, nginjengababuleweyo abalele engcwabeni,
ongasabakhumbuliyo; ngoba bequnyiwe basuswa
esandleni sakho. 6 Ungifakile emgodini ongaphansi
kakhulu, emnyameni, ekujuleni. 7 Intukuthelo
yakho iyangeleka, langawo wonke amagagasi akho
ungihluphile. (Sela) 8 Ususele khatshana lami
abejwayelene lami; wangenza ngibe yisinengiso kubo;
ngivalelwe, ngingephume. 9 Ilihlo lami liyaphela ngenxa
yosizi. Ngikubizile lonke usuku, Nkosi, ngelulele izandla
zami kuwe. 10 Abafileyo uyabenzela izimangaliso
yini? Imimoya efileyo izavuka yini ikudumise? (Sela)
11 Uthando lwakho luzalandiswa yini engcwabeni?
Ukuthembeka kwakho encithakalweni yini? 12
Izimangaliso zakho zizakwaziwa yini emnyameni?
Lokulunga kwakho elizweni lokukhohlwa yini? 13
Kodwa mina, Nkosi, ngikhalile kuwe, lekuseni umkhuleko
wami uzakuza phambi kwakho. 14 Nkosi, ulahlelani
umphefumulo wami? Ubufihlelani ubuso bakho kimi? 15

Ngihluphekile ngingofayo kusukela ebutsheni, ngithwele
ukwesabeka kwakho, ngikhathazekile. 16 Ulaka lwakho
olutshisayo ludlulile phezu kwami, okwesabekayo
kwakho kungiqedile. 17 Kungizingelezile njengamanzi
usuku lonke, kungihanqile kanyekanye. 18 Ususele
khatshana lami othandayo lomngane, abejwayelene lami
basemnyameni.

89 Ngizahlabela ngezisa zeNkosi, kuze kube nininini;
ngomlomo wami ngizakwazisa ukuthembeka
kwakho kusizukulwana lesizukulwana. 2 Ngoba
ngithe: Umusa uzakwakhiwa kuze kube phakade;
emazulwini ngokwawo uzaqinisa uthembeko lwakho.
3 Ngenze isivumelwano lomkhethwa wami, ngifungile
kuDavida inceku yami. 4 Ngizaqinisa inzalo yakho
kuze kube nininini, ngakhe isihlalo sakho sobukhosi
esizukulwaneni lesizukulwana. (Sela) 5 Lamazulu
azadumisa izimangaliso zakho, Nkosi, lalo uthembeko
lwakho ebandleni labangcwele. 6 Ngoba ngubani
esibhakabhakeni ongafananiswa leNkosi? Ngubani
ofanana leNkosi phakathi kwamadodana abalamandla?
7 UNkulunkulu uyesabeka kakhulu emhlanganweni
wabangcwele, njalo umele ukuhlonitshwa phezu
kwabo bonke abamhanqileyo. 8 Nkosi Nkulunkulu
wamabandla, ngubani olamandla njengawe, Nkosi?
Lothembeko lwakho lukuhanqile. 9 Wena uyabusa
ukukhukhumala kolwandle; lapho amagagasi alo
ephakama wena uyawathulisa. 10 Wena wamchoboza
uRahabi njengobuleweyo, wazihlakaza izitha zakho
ngengalo yamandla akho. 11 Amazulu ngawakho,
lomhlaba ngowakho; ilizwe lokugcwala kwalo, wena
wakusekela. 12 Inyakatho leningizimu wakudala wena;
iThabhori leHermoni kuzajabula ngebizo lakho. 13
Ulengalo elamandla, isandla sakho siqinile, isandla
sakho sokunene siphakeme. 14 Ukulunga lesahlulelo
kuyisisekelo sesihlalo sakho sobukhosi; umusa leqiniso
kuhamba phambi kobuso bakho. 15 Babusisiwe abantu
abawaziyo umsindo wentokozo; bazahamba ekukhanyeni
kobuso bakho, Nkosi. 16 Ebizweni lakho bazathokoza
usuku lonke, langokulunga kwakho bazaphakanyiswa. 17
Ngoba wena uludumo lwamandla abo; langomusa wakho
uphondo lwethu luzaphakanyiswa. 18 Ngoba isihlangu
sethu singeseNkosi, lenkosi yethu ingeyoNgcwele
kaIsrayeli. 19 Khona wakhuluma ngombono kongcwele
wakho, wathi: Ngibekile usizo phezu kweqhawe,
ngimphakamisile okhethiweyo phakathi kwabantu.
20 Ngithole uDavida inceku yami, ngamafutha ami
angcwele ngimgcobile, 21 osandla sami sizakuba
laye siqinile, ingalo yami layo izamqinisa. 22
Isitha kasiyikumcindezela, lendodana yenkohlakalo
kayiyikumhlupha. 23 Ngizazichoboza izitha zakhe
phambi kobuso bakhe, ngihluphe abamzondayo. 24
Kodwa uthembeko lwami lomusa wami kuzakuba laye,
lebizweni lami luzaphakanyiswa uphondo lwakhe. 25
Njalo ngizabeka isandla sakhe olwandle, lesandla sakhe
sokunene emifuleni. 26 Yena uzangibiza ngokuthi: Wena
ungubaba wami, uNkulunkulu wami, ledwala losindiso
lwami. 27 Njalo mina ngizammisa abe lizibulo, aphakame
kakhulu kulamakhosi omhlaba. 28 Ngizaligcinela umusa
wami kuze kube nininini, lesivumelwano sami sizaqina
kuye. 29 Njalo ngizamisa inzalo yakhe kuze kube nininini,
lesihlalo sakhe sobukhosi njengensuku zamazulu.
30 Uba abantwana bakhe betshiya umlayo wami,
bangahambi ngezahlulelo zami, 31 uba besephula izimiso
zami, bengagcini imithetho yami, 32 ngizaphindisela
iziphambeko zabo ngenduku, lesono sabo ngenswazi.
33 Kodwa kangiyikulususa du uthandolomusa wami kuye,
ngingakhohlisi ngothembeko lwami. 34 Kangiyikwephula
isivumelwano sami, lalokho okuphuma endebeni
zami kangiyikukuguqula. 35 Ngafunga kwaba kanye
ngobungcwele bami: Kangiyikuqamba amanga kuDavida.
36 Inzalo yakhe izakuba khona kuze kube nininini,
lesihlalo sakhe sobukhosi njengelanga phambi kwami. 37
Sizaqiniswa njengenyanga kuze kube nininini, lobufakazi
emayezini bumi buqinile. (Sela) 38 Kodwa wena
usulahlile wala, wamthukuthelela ogcotshiweyo wakho.
39 Usenze ize isivumelwano senceku yakho; wangcolisa
umqhele wakhe emhlabathini. 40 Uyibhobozile yonke
imithangala yakhe, wazenza inqaba zakhe amanxiwa.
41 Bonke abadlula ngendlela bayamphanga; ulihlazo
kubomakhelwane bakhe. 42 Usiphakamisile isandla
sokunene sabamelene laye; wazithokozisa zonke izitha
zakhe. 43 Futhi ubuyisele emuva ubukhali benkemba
yakhe; kawumenzanga ame empini. 44 Uyiqedile
inkazimulo yakhe, lesihlalo sakhe sobukhosi wasiphosela
emhlabathini. 45 Ufinyezile insuku zobutsha bakhe,
wamembesa ihlazo. (Sela) 46 Koze kube nini, Nkosi,
ucatsha kuze kube phakade? Ulaka lwakho luvutha
njengomlilo yini? 47 Khumbula ukuthi isikhathi sempilo
yami singakanani; kungani wadalela ize bonke abantwana
babantu? 48 Ngubani umuntu ophilayo ongaboni ukufa?
Akhulule umphefumulo wakhe esandleni sengcwaba na?
(Sela) **(Sheol h7585)** 49 Zingaphi izisa zakho zakuqala,
Nkosi, owazifunga kuDavida ngothembeko lwakho? 50
Khumbula, Nkosi, ihlazo lezinceku zakho, engilithwele
esifubeni sami, elazo zonke izizwe ezinengi, 51 izitha
zakho ezithuke ngalo, Nkosi, ezithuke ngalo izinyathelo
zogcotshiweyo wakho. 52 Kayibongwe iNkosi kuze kube
nininini. Ameni, loAmeni.

90 Nkosi, wena ubuyindawo yethu yokuhlala
kusizukulwana lesizukulwana. 2 Zingakazalwa
intaba, kumbe uveze umhlaba lelizwe, ngitsho
kusukela ephakadeni kuze kube sephakadeni
wena unguNkulunkulu. 3 Uyambuyisela umuntu
encithakalweni, uthi: Buyelani, bantwana babantu.
4 Ngoba iminyaka eyinkulungwane emehlweni
akho injengelanga lezolo selidlulile, lanjengomlindo
ebusuku. 5 Uyabakhukhula, banjengobuthongo, ekuseni
banjengotshani obuhlumayo. 6 Ekuseni buyakhahlela,

bukhule, ntambama buyasikwa, bubune. 7 Ngoba
siqedwa yikuthukuthela kwakho, langolaka lwakho
sibhujiswe. 8 Ubekile iziphambeko zethu phambi
kwakho, izono zethu ezifihlakeleyo ekukhanyeni kobuso
bakho. 9 Ngoba insuku zethu zonke ziyedlula elakeni
lwakho; sichitha iminyaka yethu njengokubeka iphika. 10
Insuku zeminyaka yethu, kuleminyaka engamatshumi
ayisikhombisa kuzo; njalo uba ngenxa yamandla
zingamatshumi ayisificaminwembili, kanti ukuzigqaja
kwayo kuyinhlupheko losizi, ngoba aphangisa aqunywe,
sibe sesiphapha sinyamalale. 11 Ngubani owaziyo
amandla okuthukuthela kwakho? Lanjengokwesabeka
kwakho lunjalo ulaka lwakho. 12 Ngokunjalo
sifundise ukubala insuku zethu, ukuze sizuze inhliziyo
yenhlakanipho. 13 Phenduka, Nkosi! Koze kube nini?
Hawukela izinceku zakho. 14 Sisuthise ekuseni ngomusa
wakho, ukuze sithabe sijabule insuku zethu zonke.
15 Sithokozise njengokwensuku owasihlupha ngazo,
iminyaka esabona okubi kuyo. 16 Umsebenzi wakho
kawubonakale ezincekwini zakho, lenkazimulo yakho
ebantwaneni bazo. 17 Ubuhle beNkosi, uNkulunkulu
wethu, kabube phezu kwethu; uqinise umsebenzi
wezandla zethu kithi, yebo, umsebenzi wezandla zethu
uwuqinise.

91 Ohlezi ekusithekeni koPhezukonke uzahlala
emthunzini kaSomandla. 2 Ngizakuthi eNkosini:
Uyisiphephelo sami lenqaba yami, uNkulunkulu wami,
engithemba kuye. 3 Sibili yena uzakukhulula emjibileni
womthiyi, kuye umatshayabhuqe wesifo obhubhisayo.
4 Uzakusibekela ngensiba zakhe, uzathembela
langaphansi kwempiko zakhe; iqiniso lakhe liyisihlangu
lehawu. 5 Kawuyikwesaba isesabiso sebusuku,
umtshoko ophaphayo emini, 6 umatshayabhuqe wesifo
ohambayo emnyameni, incithakalo ebhubhisayo emini
enkulu. 7 Bazakuwa abayinkulungwane eceleni kwakho,
labayizinkulungwane ezilitshumi ngakwesokunene sakho;
kuwe kakuyikusondela. 8 Uzakhangela nje ngamehlo
akho, ubone impindiselo kwababi. 9 Ngoba wena,
Nkosi, uyisiphephelo sami; umenzile oPhezukonke
waba yindawo yakho yokuhlala. 10 Kakulabubi
obuzakwehlela, lenhlupheko kayiyikusondela ethenteni
lakho. 11 Ngoba uzalaya ingilosi zakhe ngawe, ukuthi
zikulondoloze endleleni zakho zonke. 12 Zizakuphatha
ezandleni, hlezi utshayeke ngonyawo lwakho elitsheni.
13 Uzanyathela isilwane lebululu, uzagxoba ibhongo
lesilwane, lomgobho. 14 Ngoba uyangithanda kakhulu,
ngakho ngizamkhulula; ngizambeka phezulu, ngoba
uyalazi ibizo lami. 15 Uzangibiza, njalo ngimphendule;
ngibe laye ekuhluphekeni, ngimkhulule, ngimnike udumo.
16 Ngizamsuthisa ngobude bezinsuku, ngimtshengise
usindiso lwami.

92 Kuhle ukubonga iNkosi, lokuhlabela indumiso
ebizweni lakho, wena oPhezukonke; 2
ukutshumayela uthandolomusa wakho ekuseni,
lothembeko lwakho ebusuku bonke, 3 ngechacho
elilentambo ezilitshumi, langogubhu lwezintambo,
ngechacho elikhala kamnandi. 4 Ngoba ungithokozisile,
Nkosi, ngomsebenzi wakho; ngizamemeza ngenjabulo
ngemisebenzi yezandla zakho. 5 Mikhulu kangakanani
imisebenzi yakho, Nkosi! Izikile kakhulu imicabango
yakho. 6 Isiphukuphuku kasazi, lesithutha kasikuqedisisi
lokhu. 7 Lapho ababi behluma njengotshani, labo bonke
abenzi bobubi bekhahlela, kuyikuze babhujiswe kuze
kube phakade. 8 Kodwa wena, Nkosi, uphakeme kuze
kube nininini. 9 Ngoba khangela, izitha zakho, Nkosi,
ngoba khangela, izitha zakho zizabhubha; bonke abenzi
bobubi bazachitheka. 10 Kodwa uzaphakamisa uphondo
lwami njengolwenyathi; ngizagcotshwa ngamafutha
amatsha. 11 Lelihlo lami lizabona isiloyiso sami
ezitheni zami, indlebe zami zizakuzwa mayelana
lababi abangivukelayo. 12 Olungileyo uzahluma
njengesihlahla selala, akhule njengomsedari eLebhanoni.
13 Abahlanyelwe endlini yeNkosi, bazahluma emagumeni
kaNkulunkulu wethu. 14 Bazabe belokhu bethela
izithelo ebudaleni babo, bakhuluphale babeluhlaza, 15
ukutshumayela ukuthi iNkosi iqondile; ilidwala lami, njalo
kakukho ukungalungi kiyo.

93 INkosi iyabusa; yembethe ubukhosi; iNkosi
yembethe amandla; izibhincisile. Umhlaba lawo
uqinisiwe, kawuyikunyikinywa. 2 Isihlalo sakho
sobukhosi samiswa kwasendulo; usukela ephakadeni.
3 Imifula iphakamisile, Nkosi, imifula iphakamise
ukuholoba kwayo, imifula iphakamisile amagagasi
ayo agubhazelayo. 4 INkosi ephakemeyo ilamandla
kulokuduma kwamanzi amanengi, kulamagagasi
olwandle agubhazayo alamandla. 5 Izifakazelo zakho
ziqinisekile kakhulu; ubungcwele buyifanele indlu yakho,
Nkosi, kuze kube ebudeni bezinsuku.

94 Nkosi, Nkulunkulu wempindiselo, Nkulunkulu
wempindiselo, khanyisa! 2 Phakama, Mahluleli
womhlaba, uphindisele umvuzo kwabazigqajayo. 3 Nkosi,
koze kube nini ababi, koze kube nini ababi begiya? 4
Bepopota, bekhuluma ngokuziphakamisa, bonke abenzi
bobubi bezikhukhumeza? 5 Nkosi, bayabaphohloza
abantu bakho, bayalihlupha ilifa lakho. 6 Babulala
umfelokazi lowezizweni, lentandane bazibulale. 7
Kanti bathi: INkosi kayiboni, loNkulunkulu kaJakobe
kananzi. 8 Qedisisani, lina bobunyamazana phakathi
kwabantu; lani ziphukuphuku, lizahlakanipha nini? 9
Yena owagxumeka indlebe kezwa yini? Owabumba
ilihlo kaboni yini? 10 Yena olaya izizwe kajezisi
yini; yena ofundisa umuntu ulwazi, kazi yini? 11
INkosi iyayazi imicabango yomuntu ukuthi iyize. 12
Nkosi, ubusisiwe lowomuntu omlayayo, omfundisayo
okomlayo wakho, 13 ukumphumuza ezinsukwini zobubi,
kuze kugejelwe omubi umgodi. 14 Ngoba iNkosi

kayiyikubalahla abantu bayo, kayiyikulitshiya ilifa layo.
15 Kodwa isahlulelo sizabuyela ekulungeni, labo bonke
abaqotho enhliziyweni bazakulandela. 16 Ngubani
ozangisukumela amelane lababi? Ngubani ozangimela
kubenzi bobubi? 17 Uba iNkosi ibingesilo usizo lwami,
umphefumulo wami ubuzaphosa uhlale ekuthuleni zwi.
18 Lapho ngathi: Unyawo lwami luyatshelela, umusa
wakho, Nkosi, wangisekela. 19 Ebunengini bemicabango
yami engaphakathi kwami induduzo zakho zithokozisa
umphefumulo wami. 20 Isihlalo sobukhosi sobubi
singahlanganyela lawe, sibumba inkohlakalo ngomthetho
yini? 21 Bayahlangana ukumelana lomphefumulo
wolungileyo, balahla igazi elingelacala. 22 Kodwa iNkosi
iyinqaba yami, loNkulunkulu wami ulidwala lokuphephela
kwami. 23 Izaphindisela phezu kwabo ububi babo,
ibaqede enkohlakalweni yabo; iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu
izabaquma.

95 Wozani, siyihlabelele iNkosi, senze umsindo
wentokozo kulo idwala losindiso lwethu. 2
Kasize phambi kobuso bayo ngokubonga, senze
umsindo wentokozo kuyo ngezihlabelelo. 3 Ngoba
iNkosi inguNkulunkulu omkhulu, leNkosi enkulu phezu
kwabonkulunkulu bonke. 4 Okusesandleni sayo indawo
zomhlaba ezizikileyo, lezingqonga zezintaba zingezayo. 5
Olungolwayo ulwandle, yona-ke yalwenza, lezandla zayo
zabumba umhlabathi owomileyo. 6 Wozani, sikhonze
sikhothame, siguqe phambi kweNkosi, umenzi wethu. 7
Ngoba yona inguNkulunkulu wethu, thina-ke singabantu
bedlelo layo, lezimvu zesandla sayo. Lamuhla uba
lilizwa ilizwi layo, 8 lingayenzi ibe lukhuni inhliziyo yenu
njengekuphikisaneni, njengesukwini lokulinga enkangala,
9 lapho oyihlo bangilinga bengihlola, yebo babona
umsebenzi wami. 10 Iminyaka engamatshumi amane
nganengwa yilesisizukulwana ngaze ngathi: Bangabantu
abaduhayo enhliziyweni, bona kabazazi indlela zami.
11 Engafunga kubo ekuthukutheleni kwami, ngathi:
Kabayikungena ekuphumuleni kwami.

96 Hlabelani eNkosini ingoma entsha; hlabelelani
eNkosini, mhlaba wonke. 2 Hlabelani eNkosini,
lidumise ibizo layo, litshumayele usindiso lwayo insuku
ngensuku. 3 Landisani udumo lwayo phakathi kwezizwe,
izimangaliso zayo phakathi kwabantu bonke. 4 Ngoba
yinkulu iNkosi, ifanele ukudunyiswa kakhulu, yona
iyesabeka phezu kwabonkulunkulu bonke. 5 Ngoba
bonke onkulunkulu bezizwe bayizithombe; kodwa iNkosi
yenza amazulu. 6 Ubukhosi lenkazimulo kuphambi
kwayo, amandla lobuhle kusendlini yayo engcwele.
7 Inikeni iNkosi, zizukulwana zezizwe, inikeni iNkosi
udumo lamandla. 8 Inikeni iNkosi udumo lwebizo layo;
lethani umnikelo, lingene emagumeni ayo. 9 Ikhonzeni
iNkosi ebuhleni bobungcwele; lithuthumele phambi
kwayo, mhlaba wonke. 10 Tshonini phakathi kwezizwe:
INkosi iyabusa. Lomhlaba umisiwe, kawuyikunyikinyeka;
izabahlulela abantu ngokuqonda. 11 Kawathokoze
amazulu, lomhlaba ujabule; kaluhlokome ulwandle
lokugcwala kwalo. 12 Iganga kalithabe lakho konke
okukulo. Khona izihlahla zonke zegusu zizahlabela
ngentokozo 13 phambi kweNkosi, ngoba iyeza, ngoba
iyeza ukwahlulela umhlaba; izakwahlulela umhlaba
ngokulunga, labantu ngeqiniso layo.

97 INkosi iyabusa; kawuthokoze umhlaba, kazijabule
izihlenge ezinengi. 2 Amayezi lomnyama
kuyiphahlile; ukulunga lesahlulelo kuyisisekelo sesihlalo
sayo sobukhosi. 3 Umlilo uhamba phambi kwayo,
utshisa izitha zayo inhlangothi zonke. 4 Imibane yayo
ikhanyisa umhlaba; umhlaba wabona, wathuthumela.
5 Izintaba zancibilika njengengcino phambi kweNkosi,
phambi kweNkosi yomhlaba wonke. 6 Amazulu
atshumayela ukulunga kwayo, labantu bonke babona
inkazimulo yayo. 7 Bayayangeka bonke abakhonza
izithombe, abazikhukhumeza ngezithixo; ikhonzeni, lonke
bonkulunkulu. 8 IZiyoni yezwa, yathokoza, lamadodakazi
akoJuda athaba ngenxa yezahlulelo zakho, Nkosi.
9 Ngoba wena, Nkosi, uphakeme phezu komhlaba
wonke, uphakanyiswe kakhulu phezu kwabonkulunkulu
bonke. 10 Lina elithanda iNkosi, zondani okubi; iyagcina
imiphefumulo yabangcwele bayo, ibakhulule esandleni
sababi. 11 Ukukhanya kuhlanyelelwe olungileyo,
lentokozo abaqotho ngenhliziyo. 12 Thokozani eNkosini,
lina balungileyo, libonge ekukhumbuleni ubungcwele
bayo.

98 Hlabelelani iNkosi ingoma entsha, ngoba yenzile
izimangaliso; isandla sayo sokunene lengalo
yayo engcwele kuyizuzele ukunqoba. 2 INkosi yazisile
usindiso lwayo, yembule ukulunga kwayo emehlweni
ezizwe. 3 Ikhumbule umusa wayo leqiniso layo
kuyo indlu kaIsrayeli. Imikhawulo yonke yomhlaba
ibonile usindiso lukaNkulunkulu wethu. 4 Hlokomani
ngentokozo eNkosini, mhlaba wonke, lenze umsindo
omkhulu, lithokoze, lihlabele indumiso. 5 Hlabelelani
eNkosini ngechacho, ngechacho lelizwi lokuhlabelela.
6 Ngezimpondo langomsindo wophondo lwenqama
hlokomani ngentokozo phambi kweNkosi, uJehova.
7 Kaluholobe ulwandle lokugcwala kwalo, umhlaba
labahlala kuwo. 8 Imifula kayitshaye izandla, izintaba
zihlabelele ndawonye ngentokozo 9 phambi kweNkosi,
ngoba iyeza ukwahlulela umhlaba; izawahlulela umhlaba
ngokulunga, lezizwe ngokuqonda.

99 INkosi iyabusa; abantu kabathuthumele;
ihlezi phakathi kwamakherubhi; umhlaba
kawuzamazame. 2 INkosi yinkulu eZiyoni; njalo
iphakeme phezu kwezizwe zonke. 3 Kazidumise
ibizo lakho elikhulu lelesabekayo; lingcwele lona. 4
Lamandla eNkosi athanda isahlulelo; wena umisa
ukuqonda; wena wenza isahlulelo lokulunga kuJakobe.

5 Phakamisani iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu, likhonze
esenabelweni sezinyawo zayo. Ingcwele yona. 6
UMozisi loAroni phakathi kwabapristi bayo, loSamuweli
phakathi kwababiza ibizo layo, babiza iNkosi, yona
yasibaphendula. 7 Yakhuluma labo iphakathi kwensika
yeyezi; bagcina izifakazelo zayo lesimiso eyabanika
sona. 8 Nkosi Nkulunkulu wethu, wena wabaphendula;
waba nguNkulunkulu obathethelelayo, lanxa uphindisela
ezenzweni zabo. 9 Phakamisani iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wethu, likhonze entabeni yayo engcwele; ngoba iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wethu ingcwele.

100 Hlabelelani iNkosi ngokuthaba, mhlaba wonke.
2 Ikhonzeni iNkosi ngenjabulo, wozani phambi
kwayo ngokuhlabela ngentokozo. 3 Yazini ukuthi
iNkosi inguNkulunkulu. Yiyo eyasenzayo, njalo ayisithi:
singabantu bayo lezimvu zedlelo layo. 4 Ngenani
emasangweni ayo ngokubonga, emagumeni ayo
ngokudumisa. Ibongeni, lidumise ibizo layo. 5 Ngoba
iNkosi ilungile; umusa wayo uhlezi kuze kube nininini,
leqiniso layo esizukulwaneni lesizukulwana.

101 Ngizahlabela ngomusa lesahlulelo; ngizahlabela
kuwe, Nkosi. 2 Ngizaziphatha ngenhlakanipho
ngendlela eqotho. Uzakuza nini kimi? Ngizahamba
ngobuqotho benhliziyo yami phakathi kwendlu
yami. 3 Kangiyikubeka phambi kwamehlo ami into
embi. Ngiyakuzonda ukwenza kwabaphambukayo;
kakuyikunamathela kimi. 4 Inhliziyo ephambeneyo
izasuka kimi; kangiyikumazi omubi. 5 Ohleba
umakhelwane wakhe ensitha, yena ngizamquma.
Ophakeme ngamehlo, lolenhliziyo ezikhukhumezayo,
yena kangiyikumvumela. 6 Amehlo ami azakuba
kwabathembekileyo belizwe, ukuze bahlale lami. Ohamba
endleleni eqotho, yena uzangikhonza. 7 Owenza inkohliso
kayikuhlala phakathi kwendlu yami; okhuluma amanga
kayikuma phambi kwamehlo ami. 8 Insuku zonke ekuseni
ngizabaquma bonke ababi belizwe, ukuze ngibaqume
basuke emzini weNkosi bonke abenzi bobubi.

102 Nkosi, zwana umkhuleko wami, lokukhala
kwami kakuze kuwe. 2 Ungangifihleli ubuso
bakho osukwini lohlupho lwami; beka indlebe yakho
kimi; mhla ngibiza ungiphendule masinyane. 3 Ngoba
insuku zami ziyanyamalala njengentuthu, lamathambo
ami ayatsha njengeziko. 4 Inhliziyo yami itshayiwe,
yabuna njengotshani, ngaze ngakhohlwa ukudla isinkwa
sami. 5 Ngenxa yelizwi lokububula kwami amathambo
ami anamathela esikhumbeni sami. 6 Ngifanana
lewunkwe yenkangala, senginjengesikhova sezindawo
ezidilikileyo. 7 Ngiyalinda, senginjengenyoni ehlezi
yodwa ephahleni. 8 Izitha zami ziyangithuka usuku
lonke; abangihlanyelayo bafunga ngami. 9 Ngoba
ngidle umlotha njengesinkwa, ngixubanise okunathwayo
kwami lezinyembezi, 10 ngenxa yentukuthelo yakho
lolaka lwakho; ngoba ungiphakamisile, wasungilahla
phansi. 11 Insuku zami zinjengesithunzi eselulekayo,
njalo mina ngiyabuna njengotshani. 12 Kodwa wena,
Nkosi, uzahlala kuze kube nininini, lesikhumbuzo
sakho kusizukulwana lesizukulwana. 13 Wena uzavuka
uhawukele iZiyoni; ngoba isikhathi sokuyitshengisa
umusa, yebo, isikhathi esimisiweyo sesifikile. 14
Ngoba inceku zakho ziyawathanda amatshe ayo,
zilesihawu ethulini lwayo. 15 Khona izizwe zizalesaba
ibizo leNkosi, lamakhosi wonke omhlaba udumo
lwayo. 16 Lapho iNkosi izayakha iZiyoni, izabonakala
enkazimulweni yayo. 17 Izaphendukela emkhulekweni
wongelalutho, kayiyikudelela umthandazo wabo. 18
Lokhu kuzabhalelwa isizukulwana esilandelayo, labantu
abazadalwa bazadumisa iNkosi. 19 Ngoba yakhangela
phansi isekuphakameni kwendawo yayo engcwele;
iNkosi isemazulwini yakhangela emhlabeni, 20 ukuzwa
ukububula kwesibotshwa, ukukhulula abamiselwa ukufa;
21 ukulandisa ibizo leNkosi eZiyoni, lendumiso yayo
eJerusalema, 22 lapho izizwe zibuthana ndawonye,
lemibuso, ukuyikhonza iNkosi. 23 Yathoba amandla ami
endleleni, yafinyeza insuku zami. 24 Ngathi: Nkulunkulu
wami, ungangisusi phakathi kwensuku zami, iminyaka
yakho isesizukulwaneni lezizukulwana. 25 Endulo
wawusekela umhlaba, lamazulu angumsebenzi wezandla
zakho. 26 Lokho kuzabhubha, kodwa wena uzakuma.
Kuzaguga-ke konke njengesembatho, njengesigqoko
uzakuguqula, njalo kuzaguqulwa. 27 Kodwa wena
unguwe njalo, leminyaka yakho kayipheli. 28 Abantwana
benceku zakho bazahlala, lenzalo yazo izaqiniswa
phambi kwakho.

103 Bonga iNkosi, mphefumulo wami, lakho
konke okuphakathi kwami kubonge ibizo layo
elingcwele. 2 Busisa iNkosi, mphefumulo wami,
ungakhohlwa zonke izinzuzo zayo, 3 ethethelela
zonke izono zakho, eyelapha zonke izifo zakho, 4
ehlenga impilo yakho ekubhujisweni, ekwethwesa
umqhele womusa lezihawu, 5 esuthisa umlomo wakho
ngokuhle, ukuze ubutsha bakho buvuswe njengobokhozi.
6 INkosi iyabenzela ukulunga lezahlulelo bonke
abacindezelweyo. 7 Yamazisa uMozisi indlela zayo,
abantwana bakoIsrayeli izenzo zayo. 8 INkosi ilesihawu
lomusa, iyaphuza ukuthukuthela, njalo ivame ububele. 9
Kayiyikuphikisana njalonjalo, kayiyikugcina intukuthelo
kuze kube nininini. 10 Kayisenzelanga njengokwezono
zethu, kayisiphindiselanga njengokweziphambeko zethu.
11 Ngoba njengokuphakama kwamazulu ngaphezu
komhlaba, umkhulu umusa wayo kubo abayesabayo. 12
Njengobukhatshana bempumalanga kuyo intshonalanga,
ngokunjalo izisusele khatshana lathi iziphambeko
zethu. 13 Njengoyise ehawukela abantwana, iNkosi
iyabahawukela labo abayesabayo. 14 Ngoba iyakwazi
ukubunjwa kwethu, ikhumbula ukuthi siluthuli. 15 Umuntu,
insuku zakhe zinjengotshani; njengeluba leganga,

ngokunjalo uyakhahlela. 16 Ngoba umoya wedlula
phezu kwakhe, njalo angabikho, lendawo yakhe ingabe
isamazi. 17 Kodwa umusa weNkosi usukela ephakadeni
usiya ephakadeni phezu kwabayesabayo, lokulunga
kwayo kuze kube sebantwaneni babantwana, 18 kubo
abagcina isivumelwano sayo, lakubo abakhumbula
imithetho yayo ukuyenza. 19 INkosi imisile isihlalo sayo
sobukhosi emazulwini, lombuso wayo ubusa phezu
kwakho konke. 20 Busisani iNkosi, lina zingilosi zayo,
maqhawe alamandla, ezenza ilizwi layo, lilalela ilizwi
lelizwi layo. 21 Bongani iNkosi, lonke mabandla ayo,
zikhonzi zayo, ezenza intando yayo. 22 Bongani iNkosi,
lonke misebenzi yayo, endaweni zonke zombuso wayo.
Bonga iNkosi, mphefumulo wami.

104 Bonga iNkosi, mphefumulo wami. Nkosi
Nkulunkulu wami, umkhulu kakhulu; wembethe
ubukhosi lodumo. 2 Ozembesa ngokukhanya
njengesembatho, owendlala amazulu njengekhetheni.
3 Owabeka imijabo yamakamelo akhe aphezulu
emanzini, owenza amayezi abe yinqola yakhe, ohamba
phezu kwempiko zomoya. 4 Owenza izingilosi
zakhe zibe yimimoya, izinceku zakhe zibe ngumlilo
olamalangabi. 5 Wamisa umhlaba phezu kwezisekelo
zawo, kawuyikuzanyazanyiswa phakade laphakade.
6 Wawugubuzela ngokujula njengesembatho; amanzi
ema phezu kwezintaba. 7 Ekukhuzeni kwakho abaleka;
elizwini lokuduma kwakho aphangisa asuka; 8 - zenyuka
izintaba, zehla izihotsha - endaweni owawuwamisele
wona. 9 Wamisa umngcele angewudlule, kawayikubuya
agubuzele umhlaba. 10 Othumela imithombo ezihotsheni,
yahamba phakathi kwezintaba. 11 Yanathisa yonke
inyamazana yeganga, obabhemi beganga bacitsha
ukoma kwabo. 12 Inyoni zamazulu zakhela emaceleni
ayo, zizwakalisa ilizwi ziphakathi kwezingatsha. 13
Uthelela izintaba esemakamelweni akhe aphezulu;
umhlaba usuthiswa ngesithelo semisebenzi yakho.
14 Umilisela izifuyo utshani, lemibhida yokusiza
umuntu, ukuveza ukudla emhlabathini, 15 lewayini
elithokozisa inhliziyo yomuntu, ukwenza ubuso bukhanye
ngamafutha, lesinkwa esiqinisa inhliziyo yomuntu. 16
Ziyasutha izihlahla zeNkosi, imisedari yeLebhanoni
eyayihlanyelayo. 17 Lapho inyoni ezakhela khona
izidleke; ingabuzane, izihlahla zefiri ziyindlu yalo.
18 Intaba eziphakemeyo zingezamagogo, amadwala
ayisiphephelo sezimbila. 19 Inyanga wayenzela izikhathi
ezimisiweyo; ilanga liyazi ukutshona kwalo. 20
Wenza umnyama, kube sebusuku, phakathi kwabo
kuphume yonke inyamazana yehlathi. 21 Izilwane
ezintsha zibhongela impango, lokudinga ukudla kwazo
kuNkulunkulu. 22 Ilanga liphuma, zibuthane, zilale
ezikhundleni zazo. 23 Umuntu uphuma aye emsebenzini
wakhe lemtshikatshikeni wakhe kuze kuhlwe. 24
Minengi kangakanani imisebenzi yakho, Nkosi! Yonke
uyenze ngenhlakanipho; umhlaba ugcwele inotho yakho.
25 Lolulwandle olukhulu lolubanzi ngezinhlangothi,
lapho okulezihuquzelayo khona ezingelakubalwa, izinto
eziphilayo ezincinyane kanye lezinkulu. 26 Kuhamba
khona imikhumbi, uLeviyathani owambumbela ukuthi
adlale kulo. 27 Zonke lezi zilindele kuwe, ukuthi uzinike
ukudla kwazo ngesikhathi sazo. 28 Uyazinika, zibuthe;
uvula isandla sakho, zisuthe okuhle. 29 Ufihla ubuso
bakho, zikhathazeke; ususa umoya wazo, zife, zibuyele
ethulini lwazo. 30 Uthumela umoya wakho, zidalwe;
wenze bube butsha ubuso bomhlaba. 31 Udumo
lweNkosi kalume kuze kube nininini; iNkosi kayithokoze
ngemisebenzi yayo. 32 Ikhangela umhlaba, uthuthumele;
ithinta izintaba, zithunqe. 33 Ngizahlabelela iNkosi
ngisaphila; ngizahlabelela indumiso kuNkulunkulu wami
nxa ngisekhona. 34 Ukuzindla kwami ngaye kuzakuba
mnandi; mina ngizathokoza eNkosini. 35 Izoni kaziqedwe
emhlabeni, kungabe kusaba khona ababi. Bonga iNkosi,
mphefumulo wami. Dumisani iNkosi!

105 Bongani iNkosi, libize ibizo layo, lazise phakathi
kwezizwe izenzo zayo. 2 Hlabelelani kuyo,
lihlabelele amahubo kuyo, likhulume ngezenzo zayo
zonke ezimangalisayo. 3 Zincomeni ebizweni layo
elingcwele; kayithokoze inhliziyo yabadinga iNkosi.
4 Dingani iNkosi lamandla ayo, lidinge ubuso bayo
njalonjalo. 5 Khumbulani izenzo zayo ezimangalisayo
eyazenzayo, izimangaliso zayo lezahlulelo zomlomo
wayo, 6 nzalo kaAbrahama inceku yayo, bantwana
bakaJakobe abakhethiweyo bayo. 7 Yona iyiNkosi
uNkulunkulu wethu; izahlulelo zayo zisemhlabeni wonke.
8 Iyakhumbula isivumelwano sayo kuze kube nininini,
ilizwi eyalilaya kuzizukulwana eziyinkulungwane, 9
eyasenza loAbrahama, lesifungo sayo kuIsaka; 10
eyasiqinisa kuJakobe saba yisimiso, kuIsrayeli saba
yisivumelwano esilaphakade, 11 isithi: Ngizakunika
wena ilizwe leKhanani, isabelo selifa lakho. 12
Besebalutshwana ngenani, yebo, bebalutshwana,
labemzini kulo; 13 basebezula besuka esizweni
besiya esizweni, besuka komunye umbuso besiya
kwabanye abantu; 14 kayivumelanga muntu ukubahlupha;
yasikhuza amakhosi ngenxa yabo, 15 isithi: Lingathinti
abagcotshiweyo bami, lingoni abaprofethi bami. 16
Yasibiza indlala phezu kwelizwe, yephula udondolo
lonke lwesinkwa. 17 Yathuma indoda phambi kwabo:
UJosefa wathengiswa waba yisigqili. 18 Bazwisa
ubuhlungu inyawo zakhe ngamaketane, yena ngokwakhe
wafika ensimbini. 19 Kwaze kwaba yisikhathi sokufika
kwelizwi lakhe, ilizwi likaJehova lamlinga. 20 Inkosi
yathuma yamthukulula, umbusi wabantu wasemkhululula.
21 Yambeka waba yinkosi yendlu yayo, lombusi
wemfuyo yayo yonke, 22 ukubopha iziphathamandla
zayo ngokuthanda kwakhe, afundise abadala bakhe
ukuhlakanipha. 23 UIsrayeli wasefika eGibhithe; uJakobe

wahlala njengowezizwe elizweni lakoHamu. **24** Wenza
abantu bayo bazale kakhulu, yabenza baba lamandla
kulezitha zabo. **25** Yaphendula inhliziyo yabo ukuzonda
abantu bayo, ukuthi baphathe inceku zayo ngobuqili. **26**
Yasithuma uMozisi inceku yayo, uAroni eyayimkhethile.
27 Babeka phakathi kwabo izinto zezibonakaliso zayo,
lezimangaliso elizweni lakoHamu. **28** Yathumela
umnyama, yenza kwaba mnyama; njalo kabavukelanga
ilizwi layo. **29** Yaphendula amanzi abo aba ligazi,
yabulala inhlanzi zawo. **30** Ilizwe labo lanyakazela
amaxoxo, emakamelweni amakhosi abo. **31** Yakhuluma,
kwavela umtshitshi wezibawu, intwala emngceleni wabo
wonke. **32** Yabanika isiqhotho saba lizulu, umlilo
olamalangabi elizweni labo. **33** Yasitshaya isivini sabo
lomkhiwa wabo, yephula izihlahla zomngcele wabo.
34 Yakhuluma, kwasekuvela isikhonyane lemihogoyi,
okungelakubalwa, **35** okwaqeda yonke imibhida elizweni
labo, kwaqeda isithelo somhlabathi wabo. **36** Yasitshaya
amazibulo wonke elizweni labo, okokuqala kwamandla
abo wonke. **37** Yasibakhupha belesiliva legolide,
njalo kwakungekho owakhubekayo phakathi kwezizwe
zabo. **38** IGibhithe yathokoza ekuphumeni kwabo,
ngoba uvalo ngabo lwabehlela. **39** Yendlala iyezi laba
yisisibekelo, lomlilo wokukhanyisa ebusuku. **40** Bacela,
yasiletha izagwaca, yabasuthisa ngesinkwa samazulu.
41 Yavula idwala, kwampompoza amanzi; ahamba
endaweni ezomileyo njengomfula. **42** Ngoba yakhumbula
isithembiso sayo esingcwele, loAbrahama inceku yayo.
43 Yasikhupha abantu bayo ngentokozo, abakhethiweyo
bayo ngenjabulo. **44** Yasibanika amazwe abezizwe, njalo
badla ilifa lomtshikatshika wabantu, **45** ukuze bagcine
izimiso zayo, balondoloze imilayo yayo. Dumisani iNkosi!

106 Dumisani iNkosi! Ibongeni iNkosi ngoba ilungile,
ngoba umusa wayo umi kuze kube nininini.
2 Ngubani ongalandisa izenzo ezilamandla zeNkosi,
azwakalise yonke indumiso yayo? **3** Babusisiwe abagcina
izahlulelo, owenza ukulunga ngaso sonke isikhathi. **4**
Ngikhumbule, Nkosi, ngothando olalo kubantu bakho;
ngethekelele ngosindiso lwakho; **5** ukuze ngibone
okuhle kwabakhethiweyo bakho, ukuze ngithokoze
entokozweni yesizwe sakho, ukuze ngizincome kanye
lelifa lakho. **6** Sonile kanye labobaba, senze okubi, senza
ngenkohlakalo. **7** Obaba eGibhithe kabaqedisisanga
izimangaliso zakho; kabakhumbulanga ubunengi bezisa
zakho; kodwa benza umvukela elwandle, eLwandle
oluBomvu. **8** Loba kunjalo wabakhulula ngenxa yebizo
lakhe, ukuze azise amandla akhe. **9** Wasekhuza
uLwandle oluBomvu, lwatsha; wasebahambisa phakathi
kwezinziki njengenkangala. **10** Wasebasindisa esandleni
somzondi, wabahlenga esandleni sesitha. **11** Amanzi
asibekela izitha zabo; kakusalanga loyedwa kuzo. **12**
Basebekholwa amazwi akhe, bahlabelela indumiso
yakhe. **13** Baphanga bakhohlwa imisebenzi yakhe,
kabalindelanga iseluleko sakhe. **14** Kodwa bakhanuka
lokukhanuka ehlane, bamlinga uNkulunkulu enkangala.
15 Wasebanika isicelo sabo, kodwa wathumela ukucaka
emphefumulweni wabo. **16** Basebesiba lomhawu
ngoMozisi enkambeni, ngoAroni ongcwele weNkosi.
17 Umhlaba wavuleka waginya uDathani, wasibekela
iqembu likaAbiramu. **18** Lomlilo wavutha eqenjini labo,
ilangabi latshisa abakhohlakeleyo. **19** Benza ithole
eHorebe, bakhonza isithombe esibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa.
20 Basebeguqula inkazimulo yabo yaba yisifaniso
senkabi edla utshani. **21** Bamkhohlwa uNkulunkulu
umsindisi wabo, owayenze izinto ezinkulu eGibhithe,
22 izimangaliso elizweni likaHamu; izinto ezesabekayo
eLwandle oluBomvu. **23** Ngakho wathi uzababhubhisa,
ngaphandle kokuthi uMozisi okhethiweyo wakhe
wayemile ekufohleni phambi kwakhe ukuphendula ulaka
lwakhe ukuze angababhubhisi. **24** Yebo, baleyisa
ilizwe elihle, kabalikholwanga ilizwi lakhe. **25** Kodwa
bakhonona emathenteni abo, kabalilalelanga ilizwi
leNkosi. **26** Ngakho waphakamisa isandla sakhe
emelene labo, ukubawisa enkangala, **27** lokuwisa inzalo
yabo phakathi kwezizwe, lokubahlakaza emazweni. **28**
Basebezihlanganisa loBhali-Peyori, badla imihlatshelo
yabafileyo. **29** Basebemthukuthelisa ngezenzo zabo,
lenhlupheko yafohlela kibo. **30** Kwasekusukuma
uPhinehasi, wenza isigwebo, inhlupheko yasimiswa.
31 Lokhu kwasekubalelwa kuye kube yikulunga,
esizukulwaneni ngesizukulwana kuze kube nininini.
32 Basebemthukuthelisa emanzini empikisano, kwaze
kwaba kubi kuMozisi ngenxa yabo. **33** Ngoba
bacunula umoya wakhe, waze wakhuluma ngamawala
ngendebe zakhe. **34** Kabazibhubhisanga izizwe,
iNkosi eyayibatshele ngazo. **35** Kodwa bazihlanganisa
lezizwe, bafunda imisebenzi yazo. **36** Basebekhonza
izithombe zazo ezaba ngumjibila kubo. **37** Lamadodana
abo lamadodakazi abo bawahlabela amadimoni. **38**
Bachitha igazi elingelacala, igazi lamadodana abo
lamadodakazi abo, abawahlabela izithombe zeKhanani;
lelizwe langcoliswa ngegazi elinengi. **39** Basebengcola
ngemisebenzi yabo, baphinga ngezenzo zabo. **40**
Ngakho ulaka lweNkosi lwabavuthela abantu bayo,
yanengwa yilifa layo. **41** Yabanikela esandleni
sezizwe, lababazondayo bababusa. **42** Lezitha zabo
zabacindezela, basebethotshiswa ngaphansi kwesandla
sazo. **43** Yabakhulula kanengi; kodwa bona bayivukela
ngecebo labo, behliswa ngobubi babo. **44** Loba kunjalo
yabona ukuhlupheka kwabo, lapho isizwa ukukhala
kwabo. **45** Yabakhumbulela isivumelwano sayo, yazisola
njengobunengi bezisa zayo. **46** Yabanika izisa phambi
kwabo bonke ababebathumbile. **47** Sisindise, Nkosi
Nkulunkulu wethu, usibuthe sivela ezizweni, ukubonga
ibizo lakho elingcwele, ukuzincoma endumisweni yakho.
48 Kayibongwe iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, kusukela
phakade kuze kube sephakadeni! Abantu bonke kabathi:
Ameni. Dumisani iNkosi!

107 Ibongeni iNkosi, ngoba ilungile, ngoba umusa
wayo umi kuze kube phakade. **2** Kabatsho
njalo abahlengiweyo beNkosi ebahlengileyo esandleni
sesitha. **3** Yababutha bevela emazweni, empumalanga
lentshonalanga, enyakatho lelwandle. **4** Bazulazula
enkangala endleleni yenhlane, kabatholanga umuzi
wokuhlala. **5** Belambile njalo bomile, umphefumulo
wabo waphela amandla phakathi kwabo. **6** Khona
bakhala eNkosini ekuhluphekeni kwabo, yabakhulula
ezinsizini zabo. **7** Yabakhokhela ngendlela eqondileyo,
ukuze baye emzini wokuhlala. **8** Kabayidumise
iNkosingomusa wayo langemisebenzi yayo emangalisayo
ebantwaneni babantu! **9** Ngoba iyasuthisa umphefumulo
olangathayo, lomphefumulo olambileyo iwugcwalisa
ngokuhle. **10** Abahlala emnyameni lethunzini
lokufa, bebotshiwe ensizini lensimbini, **11** ngoba
bavukela amazwi kaNkulunkulu, badelela iseluleko
soPhezukonke. **12** Ngakho wathoba inhliziyo yabo
ngokuhlupheka; bakhubeka, njalo kwakungekho umsizi.
13 Khona bakhala eNkosini ekuhluphekeni kwabo,
yabasindisa ezinsizini zabo. **14** Yabakhupha emnyameni
lethunzini lokufa, yaqamula izibopho zabo. **15**
Kabayidumise iNkosingomusa wayo, langemisebenzi
yayo emangalisayo ebantwaneni babantu! **16** Ngoba
yephule izivalo zethusi, yaquma imigoqo yensimbi. **17**
Abayizithutha, ngenxa yendlela yeziphambeko zabo
langenxa yezono zabo, bahlutshiwe. **18** Umphefumulo
wabo wenyanya ukudla konke, basondela emasangweni
okufa. **19** Khona bakhala eNkosini ekuhluphekeni
kwabo, yabasindisa ezinsizini zabo. **20** Yathumela
ilizwi layo, yabasilisa, yabakhulula emigodini yabo. **21**
Kabayidumise iNkosingomusa wayo, langemisebenzi
yayo emangalisayo ebantwaneni babantu! **22** Njalo
kabahlabe imihlatshelo yokubonga, balandise izenzo
zayo ngokuthaba. **23** Abehlela olwandle ngemikhumbi,
abenza imisebenzi emanzini amakhulu; **24** laba
babona izenzo zeNkosi, lemisebenzi yayo emangalisayo
ekujuleni. **25** Ngoba iyakhuluma, ivuse isiphepho
somoya, esiqubula amagagasi alo. **26** Benyukela
emazulwini, behlele enzikini; umphefumulo wabo
uncibilika ngosizi. **27** Bayadengezela bebhadazela
njengesidakwa, lenhlakanipho yabo yonke iginyiwe.
28 Khona bakhala eNkosini ekuhluphekeni kwabo,
yabakhupha ezinsizini zabo. **29** Yenza isiphepho
sachuma, lamagagasi aso athula. **30** Basebethokoza
ngoba ayesethule, yasibaholela ethekwini lesifiso sabo.
31 Kabayibonge iNkosingomusa wayo, langemisebenzi
yayo emangalisayo ebantwaneni babantu! **32** Njalo
kabayiphakamise ebandleni labantu, bayidumise
esihlalweni sabadala! **33** Yenza imifula ibe yinkangala,
lemithombo yamanzi ibe ngumhlabathi owomileyo,
34 umhlabathi ovundileyo ube lugwadule, ngenxa
yobubi babahlezi kuwo. **35** Iphendula inkangala ibe
yisiziba samanzi, lelizwe elomileyo libe yimithombo
yamanzi. **36** Ihlalise khona abalambileyo, njalo bamise
umuzi wokuhlala; **37** bahlanyele amasimu, bagxumeke
izivini, ezithela izithelo zesivuno. **38** Njalo iyababusisa
ukuze bande kakhulu, lezifuyo zabo kayizinciphisi. **39**
Babuye banciphe, bathotshiswe ngocindezelo, ububi,
losizi. **40** Ithela ukudelelwa phezu kweziphathamandla,
ibazulisa enkangala, engelandlela. **41** Kube kanti ihlalisa
phezulu umyanga ekuhluphekeni, enze insapho zibe
njengomhlambi. **42** Abalungileyo bazabona bathokoze,
lobubi bonke buzavala umlomo wabo. **43** Loba ngubani
ohlakaniphileyo uzaqaphelisa lezizinto; labo bazaqedisisa
izisa zeNkosi.

108 Inhliziyo yami iqinile, Nkulunkulu. Ngizahlabelela
ngitshotshe, ngitsho udumo lwami! **2** Vukani
gubhu lwezintambo lechacho! Ngizavusa ukusa. **3**
Ngizakudumisa, Nkosi, phakathi kwabantu, ngihlabele
indumiso kuwe phakathi kwezizwe. **4** Ngoba
umusa wakho mkhulu phezu kwamazulu, leqiniso
lakho lifika emayezini. **5** Phakama, Nkulunkulu,
ngaphezu kwamazulu, lobukhosi bakho phezu
komhlaba wonke. **6** Ukuze abathandekayo bakho
bakhululwe; sindisa ngesandla sakho sokunene,
ungiphendule. **7** UNkulunkulu ukhulumile ebungcweleni
bakhe. Ngizathaba, ngiyabe iShekema, ngilinganise
isihotsha seSukothi. **8** Ngeyami iGileyadi, ngowami
uManase, loEfrayimi ungamandla ekhanda lami, uJuda
ungumnikumthetho wami. **9** UMowabi ungumganu wami
wokugezela; phezu kukaEdoma ngizaphosela inyathela
lami; phezu kweFilisti ngizamemeza ngokunqoba.
10 Ngubani ozangisa emzini oqinileyo? Ngubani
ozangiholela eEdoma? **11** Kawusilahlanga yini,
Nkulunkulu; kawuphumanga, Nkulunkulu, lamabutho
ethu? **12** Siphe usizo ekuhlupheni, ngoba luyize uncedo
lomuntu. **13** KuNkulunkulu sizakwenza ngobuqhawe,
ngoba yena uzanyathelela phansi izitha zethu.

109 Nkulunkulu wendumiso yami, ungathuli. **2** Ngoba
umlomo wokhohlakeleyo lomlomo wenkohliso
uvulekile umelene lami; bakhulume lami ngolimi
lwamanga. **3** Bangihanqa ngamazwi enzondo, balwa
bemelene lami kungelasizatho. **4** Esikhundleni sothando
lwami bayizitha zami, kodwa mina ngisemkhulekweni. **5**
Basebengibuyisela okubi esikhundleni sokuhle, lenzondo
esikhundleni sothando lwami. **6** Umise omubi phezu
kwakhe, loSathane kame ngakwesokunene sakhe. **7**
Ekwahlulelweni kwakhe kaphume elecala; lomkhuleko
wakhe ube yisono. **8** Insuku zakhe kazibe nlutshwana;
omunye athathe isikhundla sakhe. **9** Abantwana bakhe
kabangabi loyise, lomkakhe abe ngumfelokazi. **10**
Abantwana bakhe kabazulazule bephanza isinkwa sabo,
bacele bevela emanxiweni abo. **11** Umebolekisi kabambe
konke alakho, labezizweni baphange izithelo zomsebenzi
wakhe. **12** Kungabi khona omelulela umusa, futhi
kungabi khona ozwela intandane zakhe. **13** Inzalo

yakhe kayiqunywe, lebizo labo lesulwe esizukulwaneni
esilandelayo. 14 Ububi baboyise bukhunjulwe eNkosini,
lesono sikanina singesulwa. 15 Kabube phambi kweNkosi
njalonjalo, ukuze aqume ukukhunjulwa kwabo kusuke
emhlabeni. 16 Ngenxa yokuthi wayengakhumbuli
ukwenza umusa, kodwa wazingela umuntu ohluphekayo
longumyanga, lodabukileyo enhliziyweni ukumbulala. 17
Njengoba wathanda ukuqalekisa, ngakho kakwehlele
kuye; njengoba wayengathandi ukubusisa, ngakho
kakube khatshana laye. 18 Njengoba wagqoka isiqalekiso
njengesigqoko sakhe, ngakho kakungene emibilini
yakhe njengamanzi, lanjengamafutha emathanjeni akhe.
19 Kakube kuye njengesembatho azembesa ngaso,
kube libhanti azibopha ngalo njalonjalo. 20 Lokhu
kube ngumvuzo wezitha zami ovela eNkosini, lowalabo
abakhuluma okubi ngomphefumulo wami. 21 Kodwa
wena, Jehova, Nkosi, ngenzela ngenxa yebizo lakho;
ngoba umusa wakho ulungile, ngikhulule. 22 Ngoba
mina ngiyisihlupheki lomyanga, lenhliziyo yami ilimele
phakathi kwami. 23 Ngedlula njengesithunzi sisiba side;
ngizanyazanyiswe njengesikhonyane. 24 Amadolo ami
ayaxega ngokuzila ukudla, lenyama yami isicakile iswela
ukukhuluphala. 25 Mina sengibe lihlazo kubo, bengibona
banikina ikhanda labo. 26 Ngisize, Nkosi, Nkulunkulu
wami, ungisindise ngokomusa wakho. 27 Ukuze bazi
ukuthi lesi yisandla sakho; wena, Nkosi, ukwenzile. 28
Kabathuke bona, kodwa wena ubusise; nxa bevuka
kabayangeke, kodwa inceku yakho kayithabe. 29 Izitha
zami kazigqokiswe ngehlazo, kazizigoqele ngenhloni
zazo njengesembatho. 30 Ngizayibonga kakhulu
iNkosi ngomlomo wami; njalo ngizayidumisa phakathi
kwabanengi. 31 Ngoba izakuma ngakwesokunene
komyanga, ukumsindisa kulabo abalahla umphefumulo
wakhe.

110 INkosi yathi eNkosini yami: Hlala
ngakwesokunene sami, ngize ngenze izitha
zakho zibe yisenabelo senyawo zakho. 2 INkosi izathuma
intonga yamandla akho ivela eZiyoni. Busa phakathi
kwezitha zakho. 3 Abantu bakho bazavuma ngosuku
lwamandla akho, ebuhleni bobungcwele, kusukela
esizalweni semadabukakusa kuza kuwe amazolo
obutsha bakho. 4 INkosi ifungile, kayiyikuphenduka:
Wena ungumpristi kuze kube nininini ngokwendlela
kaMelkizedeki. 5 INkosi ngakwesokunene sakho
izachoboza amakhosi osukwini lokuthukuthela kwayo. 6
Izakwehlulela phakathi kwezizwe, kugcwale izidumbu;
izachoboza inhloko phezu kwelizwe elikhulu. 7 Izanatha
esifuleni endleleni; ngakho-ke izaphakamisa ikhanda.

111 Dumisani iNkosi! Ngizayibonga iNkosi
ngenhliziyo yonke, emhlanganweni wabaqotho
lebandleni. 2 Mikhulu imisebenzi yeNkosi, idingwa
yilabo abathokoza ngayo. 3 Ulodumo lenkazimulo
umsebenzi wayo, lokulunga kwayo kumi kuze kube
nininini. 4 Yenzile izimangaliso zayo zikhunjulwe; iNkosi
ilomusa lesihawu. 5 Iyabapha ukudla labo abayesabayo;
iyakhumbula kuze kube phakade isivumelwano sayo.
6 Yazisile abantu bayo amandla emisebenzi yayo,
ngokubanika ilifa lezizwe. 7 Imisebenzi yezandla zayo
iliqiniso lokwehlulela; imithetho yayo yonke iqinisekile.
8 Isekelwe kuze kube phakade laphakade, yenziwa
ngeqiniso langobuqotho. 9 Yathumela uhlengo ebantwini
bayo; ilaye isivumelwano sayo kuze kube nininini;
lingcwele liyesabeka ibizo layo. 10 Ukuyesaba iNkosi
kuyikuqala kokuhlakanipha; balokuqedisisa okuhle
bonke abayenzayo imilayo. Indumiso yayo imi kuze kube
nininini.

112 Dumisani iNkosi! Ubusisiwe umuntu oyesabayo
iNkosi, othokoza kakhulu ngemithetho yayo. 2
Inzalo yakhe izakuba lamandla emhlabeni; isizukulwana
sabaqotho sizabusiswa. 3 Imfuyo lenotho kuzakuba
sendlini yakhe, lokulunga kwakhe kuzakuma kuze
kube nininini. 4 Kuyabaphumela abaqotho ukukhanya
emnyameni; ilomusa lesihawu lokulunga. 5 Umuntu
olungileyo ngolesisa lowebolekisayo, wenza izindaba
zakhe ngokulunga. 6 Ngoba kayikunyikinywa phakade;
olungileyo uzakuba sekukhunjulweni kuze kube nininini.
7 Kayikwesaba umbiko omubi, inhliziyo yakhe iqinile,
ithemba eNkosini. 8 Isekelwe inhliziyo yakhe,
kayikwesaba, aze abone isiloyiso sakhe phezu kwezitha
zakhe. 9 Uhlakazile, uyabanika abayanga; ukulunga
kwakhe kumi kuze kube nininini; uphondo lwakhe
luzaphakanyiswa ngodumo. 10 Omubi uyakubona,
athukuthele; agedle amazinyo akhe, ancibilike; isifiso
sababi sizabhubha.

113 Dumisani iNkosi! Dumisani, zinceku zeNkosi,
dumisani ibizo leNkosi. 2 Kalibongwe ibizo
leNkosi kusukela khathesi njalo kuze kube nininini. 3
Kusukela ekuphumeni kwelanga kuze kube sekutshoneni
kwalo ibizo leNkosi kalidunyiswe. 4 INkosi iphakeme
phezu kwezizwe zonke, ubukhosi bayo buphezu
kwamazulu. 5 Ngubani onjengeNkosi uNkulunkulu
wethu, ehlezi phezulu, 6 ekhothama ukukhangela
emazulwini lemhlabeni? 7 Iyamvusa umyanga ethulini,
imphakamise osweleyo enqunjini yomquba, 8 ukuze
imhlalise leziphathamandla, kanye leziphathamandla
zabantu bayo. 9 Ihlalisa inyumba emzini, unina
wabantwana othokozayo. Dumisani iNkosi!

114 Ekuphumeni kukaIsrayeli eGibhithe, indlu
kaJakobe ebantwini bolimi lwezizwe, 2 uJuda
waba yindlu yakhe engcwele, uIsrayeli waba ngumbuso
wakhe. 3 Ulwandle lwakubona lwabaleka, iJordani
yabuyela emuva. 4 Intaba zaqolotsha njengezinqama,
amaqaqa njengamawundlu. 5 Ulani wena lwandle, ukuthi
ubaleke? Wena Jordani, ukuthi ubuyele emuva? 6
Lina zintaba, ukuthi liqolotshe njengezinqama? Lina
maqaqa, njengamawundlu? 7 Thuthumela, mhlaba,

phambi kweNkosi, phambi kukaNkulunkulu kaJakobe, 8 owaphendula idwalalibe lichibi lamanzi, ilitshe elilukhuni libe ngumthombo wamanzi.

115 Kakungabi kithi, Nkosi, kakungabi kithi, kodwa ebizweni lakho nika udumo, ngenxa yomusa wakho, ngenxa yeqiniso lakho. 2 Kungani izizwe zizakuthi: Ungaphi pho uNkulunkulu wabo? 3 Kodwa uNkulunkulu wethu usemazulwini, wenza konke akuthandayo. 4 Izithombe zabo yisiliva legolide, umsebenzi wezandla zomuntu. 5 Zilomlomo, kodwa kazikhulumi; zilamehlo, kodwa kaziboni; 6 zilendlebe, kodwa kazizwa; zilempumulo, kodwa kazinuki; 7 zilezandla, kodwa kaziphathi; inyawo zilazo, kodwa kazihambi; kazikhulumi ngomphimbo wazo. 8 Abazenzayo kabafanane lazo, wonke othembela kuzo. 9 Israyeli, themba eNkosini. Ilusizo lwabo lesihlangu sabo. 10 Ndlu kaAroni, themba eNkosini. Ilusizo lwabo lesihlangu sabo. 11 Lina elesaba iNkosi, thembani eNkosini. Ilusizo lwabo lesihlangu sabo. 12 INkosi isikhumbule, izabusisa, ibusise indlu kaIsrayeli, ibusise indlu kaAroni; 13 izabusisa labo abayesabayo iNkosi, abancinyane kanye labakhulu. 14 INkosi izalandisa, lina labantwana benu. 15 Libusisiwe eNkosini, eyenza amazulu lomhlaba. 16 Amazulu, amazulu ngaweNkosi, kodwa umhlaba iwunike abantwana babantu. 17 Abafileyo kabayidumisi iNkosi, hatshi-ke loba ngubani owehlela ekuthuleni. 18 Kodwa thina sizayibonga iNkosi kusukela khathesi kuze kube nininini. Dumisani iNkosi!

116 Ngiyayithanda iNkosi, ngoba izwile ilizwi lami, ukunxusa kwami. 2 Ngoba ibeke indlebe yayo kimi, ngakho ngizayibiza ensukwini zami. 3 Izibopho zokufa zangihanqa, lenhlungu zesihogo zangibamba; ngathola inhlupheko losizi. **(Sheol h7585)** 4 Ngasengibiza ibizo leNkosi, ngathi: O Nkosi, khulula umphefumulo wami. 5 Ilomusa iNkosi, ilungile; ye, uNkulunkulu wethu ulesihawu. 6 INkosi iyabalondoloza abathobekileyo; ngehliselwa phansi, yasingisindisa. 7 Buyela, mphefumulo wami, ekuphumuleni kwakho, ngoba iNkosi ikuphethe ngomusa. 8 Ngoba ikhulule umphefumulo wami ekufeni, amehlo ami ezinyembezini, unyawo lwami ekuweni. 9 Ngizahamba phambi kweNkosi emazweni abaphilayo. 10 Ngakholwa, ngakho ngikhulumile. Mina ngahlupheka kakhulu. 11 Mina ngathi ekuphangiseni kwami: Wonke umuntu ungumqambimanga. 12 Ngizabuyiselani eNkosiningazo zonke inzuzo zayo kimi? 13 Ngizathatha inkezo yosindiso, ngibize ibizo leNkosi. 14 Ngizakhokha izifungo zami eNkosini, khathesi phambi kwabantu bayo bonke. 15 Kuligugu emehlweni eNkosi ukufa kwabangcwele bayo. 16 Hawu Nkosi, isibili ngiyinceku yakho, ngiyinceku yakho, indodana yencekukazi yakho; uthukulule izibopho zami. 17 Ngizakuhlabela umhlatshelo wokubonga, ngibize ibizo leNkosi. 18 Ngizakhokha izifungo zami eNkosini, khathesi phambi kwabantu bayo bonke, 19 emagumeni endlu yeNkosi, phakathi kwakho, Jerusalema. Dumisani iNkosi!

117 Dumisani iNkosi, lina zizwe zonke, liyibabaze, lina bantu lonke. 2 Ngoba uthandolomusa wayo mkhulu kithi, leqiniso leNkosilimi kuze kube nininini. Dumisani iNkosi!

118 Bongani iNkosi, ngoba ilungile, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini. 2 Katsho uIsrayeli khathesi ukuthi isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini. 3 Kayitsho indlu kaAroni khathesi ukuthi isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini. 4 Kabatsho khathesi abayesabayo iNkosi ukuthi isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini. 5 Ngisesizini ngabiza iNkosi; iNkosi yangiphendula yangibeka endaweni ebanzi. 6 INkosi ingakimi, kangiyikwesaba; umuntu angenzani kimi? 7 INkosi ingakimi labangisizayo; ngakho mina ngizabona isiloyiso sami phezu kwabangizondayo. 8 Kungcono ukuphephela eNkosini kulokuthembela emuntwini. 9 Kungcono ukuphephela eNkosini kulokuthembela kuziphathamandla. 10 Zonke izizwe zangihanqa; kodwa ebizweni leNkosi ngizaziquma. 11 Zangihanqa, yebo zangihanqa; kodwa ebizweni leNkosi ngizaziquma. 12 Zangihanqa njengenyosi, zacitshwa njengomlilo wameva; kodwa ebizweni leNkosi ngizaziquma. 13 Wangigudlumeza lokugudlumeza ngize ngiwe; kodwa iNkosi yangisiza. 14 INkosi ingamandla lengoma yami, isibe lusindiso lwami. 15 Ilizwi lentokozo losindiso lisemathenteni abalungileyo; esokunene seNkosi senza ngamandla. 16 Esokunene seNkosi siphakanyisiwe, esokunene seNkosi senza ngamandla. 17 Kangiyikufa, kodwa ngizaphila, ngilandise imisebenzi yeNkosi. 18 INkosi ingijezisile kabuhlungu, kodwa kayinginikelanga ekufeni. 19 Ngivulelani amasango okulunga; ngingene ngawo, ngidumise iNkosi. 20 Yileli isango leNkosi; abalungileyo bazangena ngalo. 21 Ngizakudumisa, ngoba ungiphendule, usube lusindiso lwami. 22 Ilitshe abakhi abalalayo seliyinhloko yengonsi. 23 Lokhu kwenziwa yiNkosi, kuyamangalisa emehlweni ethu. 24 Lolu lusuku iNkosi eyalwenzayo, sizathaba sithokoze kulo. 25 Sindisa khathesi, Nkosi; ngiyakuncenga, ngiyakuncenga, Nkosi, khathesi unike impumelelo. 26 Ubusisiwe oza ngebizo leNkosi. Silibusisile sisendlini yeNkosi. 27 UNkulunkulu uyiNkosi, osinike ukukhanya. Bopha umnikelo womkhosi ngezibopho kuze kube sempondweni zelathi. 28 Wena unguNkulunkulu wami, ngizakudumisa; Nkulunkulu wami, ngizakuphakamisa. 29 Bongani iNkosi, ngoba ilungile; ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini.

119 Babusisiwe abaqotho endleleni, abahamba emlayweni weNkosi. 2 Babusisiwe abagcina izifakazelo zayo, abayidinga ngenhliziyo yonke. 3 Njalo kabenzi okubi, bahamba endleleni zayo. 4 Wena

usulayile ukugcina ngokukhuthala imithetho yakho. **5** Kungathi izindlela zami zingaqondiswa ukugcina izimiso zakho! **6** Khona ngingayikuyangeka, lapho nginanzelela yonke imithetho yakho. **7** Ngizakudumisa ngobuqotho benhliziyo, sengifunde izahlulelo zokulunga kwakho. **8** Ngizagcina izimiso zakho. Ungangitshiyi ngokupheleleyo. **9** Ijaha lingayihlanza ngani indlela yalo? Ngokuqaphela njengokwelizwi lakho. **10** Ngikudingile ngenhliziyo yami yonke; ungangiphambuli emithethweni yakho. **11** Ilizwi lakho ngilifihlile enhliziyweni yami, ukuze ngingoni kuwe. **12** Kawubongwe wena, Nkosi; ungifundise izimiso zakho. **13** Ngezindebe zami ngilandisile zonke izahlulelo zomlomo wakho. **14** Ngithokozile ngendlela yezifakazelo zakho njengaphezu kwenotho yonke. **15** Ngizazindla ngemithetho yakho, ngikhangele ezindleleni zakho. **16** Ngizazithokozisa ngezimiso zakho; kangiyikukhohlwa ilizwi lakho. **17** Iphathe kuhle inceku yakho, ukuze ngiphile ngigcine ilizwi lakho. **18** Vula amehlo ami ukuze ngibone izimangaliso ezivela emlayweni wakho. **19** Ngiyisihambi emhlabeni; ungangifihleli imithetho yakho. **20** Umphefumulo wami uyadabuka ngenxa yokulangathela izahlulelo zakho ngaso sonke isikhathi. **21** Ukhuzile abaziqakisayo abaqalekisiweyo, abaduha emithethweni yakho. **22** Susa kimi ihlazo lokudelela, ngoba ngigcinile izifakazelo zakho. **23** Iziphathamandla lazo zahlala zakhuluma zimelene lami; inceku yakho yazindla ngezimiso zakho. **24** Izifakazelo zakho lazo ziyintokozo yami, zingabeluleki bami. **25** Umphefumulo wami unamathele ethulini; ngivuselela ngokwelizwi lakho. **26** Ngilandisile indlela zami, wangiphendula. Ngifundisa izimiso zakho. **27** Ngenze ngiqedisise indlela yemithetho yakho, ukuze ngikhulume ngezenzo zakho ezimangalisayo. **28** Umphefumulo wami uyathonta ngenxa yosizi; ngiqinisa ngokwelizwi lakho. **29** Susa kimi indlela yamanga, unginike ngomusa umlayo wakho. **30** Ngikhethile indlela yeqiniso, ngibekile phambi kwami izahlulelo zakho. **31** Nginamathele ezifakazelweni zakho; Nkosi, ungangiyangisi. **32** Ngizagijima endleleni yemithetho yakho, ngoba uzakhulisa inhliziyo yami. **33** Ngifundisa, Nkosi, indlela yezimiso zakho, njalo ngizayigcinakuze kube sekupheleni. **34** Ngiphe ukuqedisisa ngibe sengigcina umlayo wakho, yebo ngiwulondoloze ngenhliziyo yonke. **35** Ngihambisa endleleni yemithetho yakho, ngoba ngiyathokoza ngayo. **36** Thobisela inhliziyo yami ezifakazelweni zakho, kungabi semhawini. **37** Susa amehlo ami ukuze angaboni okuyize; ungivuselele endleleni yakho. **38** Qinisa ilizwi lakho encekwini yakho ezinikele ukukwesaba. **39** Susa isigcono engisesabayo, ngoba izahlulelo zakho zilungile. **40** Khangela, ngiyalangatha imithetho yakho; ngivuselela ekulungeni kwakho. **41** Lezisa zakho kazize kimi, Nkosi, usindiso lwakho ngokwelizwi lakho. **42** Khona ngizakuba lakho ukuphendula ongithukayo, ngoba ngiyathembela elizwini lakho. **43** Njalo ungasusi ngokupheleleyo emlonyeni wami ilizwi leqiniso, ngoba ngithembele ezahlulelweni zakho. **44** Ngokunjalo ngizawugcina umlayo wakho njalonjalo, kuze kube phakade laphakade. **45** Ngizahamba ebubanzini, ngoba ngidinga imithetho yakho. **46** Njalo ngizakhuluma ngezifakazelo zakho phambi kwamakhosi, ngingayangeki. **47** Ngizithokozise ngemithetho yakho engiyithandileyo. **48** Ngizaphakamisela lezandla zami emithethweni yakho engiyithandileyo, ngizindle ngezimiso zakho. **49** Khumbula ilizwi encekwini yakho, ongenze ngathembela kulo. **50** Le yinduduzo yami ekuhluphekeni kwami, ngoba ilizwi lakho lingivuselele. **51** Abazigqajayo bangiklolodela kakhulukazi; kangiphambukanga emlayweni wakho. **52** Ngikhumbule izahlulelo zakho zasendulo, Nkosi, futhi ngiziduduzile. **53** Intukuthelo enkulu ingibambile ngenxa yababi abatshiya umlayo wakho. **54** Izimiso zakho zaba zingoma zami endlini yobuhambuma bami. **55** Ebusuku ngikhumbule ibizo lakho, Nkosi, ngigcine umlayo wakho. **56** Lokhu kwaba ngokwami ngoba ngigcinile imithetho yakho. **57** UJehova uyisabelo sami; ngithe ngizagcina amazwi akho. **58** Ngancenga ubuso bakho ngenhliziyo yonke; woba lomusa kimi ngokwelizwi lakho. **59** Ngazindla ngezindlela zami, ngaphendulela inyawo zami ezifakazelweni zakho. **60** Ngaphangisa, kangiphuzanga ukugcina imithetho yakho. **61** Amaxuku ababi angihanqile; kangikhohlwa umlayo wakho. **62** Phakathi kobusuku ngizavuka ukuze ngikubonge ngenxa yezahlulelo zokulunga kwakho. **63** Ngingumngane wabo bonke abakwesabayo, labagcina imithetho yakho. **64** Nkosi, umhlaba ugcwele umusa wakho; ngifundisa izimiso zakho. **65** Wenzele inceku yakho okuhle, Nkosi, ngokwelizwi lakho. **66** Ngifundisa ingqondo enhle lolwazi, ngoba ngikholwa imithetho yakho. **67** Ngingakahlupheki ngaduha, kodwa khathesi ngigcine ilizwi lakho. **68** Wena ulungile, wenza okulungileyo; ngifundisa izimiso zakho. **69** Abazigqajayo bangibhaceke ngamanga; ngenhliziyo yonke mina ngizagcina imithetho yakho. **70** Inhliziyo yabo inone njengamahwahwa; mina ngithokoza ngomlayo wakho. **71** Kungilungele ukuthi ngihlutshwe, ukuze ngifunde izimiso zakho. **72** Umlayo womlomo wakho ungcono kimi kulezinkulungwane zegolide lezesiliva. **73** Izandla zakho zingenzile, zangibumba; ngiphe ukuqedisisa ukuze ngifunde imithetho yakho. **74** Abakwesabayo bazangibona bathokoze, ngoba ngithembele elizwini lakho. **75** Ngiyazi, Nkosi, ukuthi izahlulelo zakho zilungile, lokuthi ungihluphile ngokuthembeka. **76** Umusa wakho ake ube yinduduzo yami njengokutsho kwakho encekwini yakho. **77** Izihawu zakho kazize kimi ukuze ngiphile, ngoba umlayo wakho uyintokozo yami. **78** Abazigqajayo kabayangeke, ngoba bangiphambukisa ngamanga; mina ngizazindla ngemithetho yakho. **79** Kabaphendukele kimi abakwesabayo, labazi izifakazelo zakho. **80** Inhliziyo yami kayiphelele ezimisweni zakho, ukuze ngingayangeki. **81**

Umphefumulo wami uyaphela ngokulangatha usindiso lwakho; ngithembela elizwini lakho. **82** Amehlo ami ayafiphala ngokulangatha ilizwi lakho, ngisithi: Uzangiduduza nini? **83** Ngoba senginjengomgodla osentuthwini; kangikhohlwa izimiso zakho. **84** Zingaki insuku zenceku yakho? Uzakwenza nini isigwebo kwabangizingelayo? **85** Abazigqajayo bangigebhela imigodi, okungenjengokomlayo wakho. **86** Yonke imithetho yakho ithembekile; bangizingela ngamanga; ngisiza! **87** Baphosa bangiqeda emhlabeni, kodwa mina kangitshiyanga imithetho yakho. **88** Ngivuselela ngokomusa wakho; ngibe sengigcina isifakazelo somlomo wakho. **89** Laphakade, Nkosi, ilizwi lakho limi emazulwini. **90** Uthembeko lwakho lusesizukulwaneni lesizukulwana; wamisa umhlaba, usemi. **91** Ngokwezimiso zakho kusemi lamuhla, ngoba konke kuzinceku zakho. **92** Uba umlayo wakho ubungesizo intokozo zami, ngabe sengibhubhele ekuhluphekeni kwami. **93** Laphakade kangiyikukhohlwa imithetho yakho, ngoba ungivuselele ngayo. **94** Ngingowakho, ungisindise; ngoba ngiyidingile imithetho yakho. **95** Ababi bangilindele ukungibhubhisa; ngiyananzelela izifakazelo zakho. **96** Ngibonile ukucina kwakho konke ukuphelela, kodwa umlayo wakho ubanzi kakhulu. **97** Ngiwuthanda kangakanani umlayo wakho! Usuku lonke uyikuzindla kwami. **98** Ngemithetho yakho uyangihlakaniphisa kulezitha zami, ngoba ilami kuze kube nininini. **99** Ngilokuqedisisa kulabo bonke abafundisi bami, ngoba izifakazelo zakho ziyikuzindla kwami. **100** Ngiyaqedisisa kulabadala, ngoba ngigcina imithetho yakho. **101** Ngizinqandile inyawo zami kuyo yonke indlela embi, ukuze ngigcine ilizwi lakho. **102** Kangiphambukanga kuzahlulelo zakho, ngoba wena ungifundisile. **103** Amnandi kangakanani amazwi akho ekunambitheni kwami, okwedlula uluju emlonyeni wami! **104** Emithethweni yakho ngizuza ukuqedisisa; ngenxa yalokho ngizonda yonke indlela yamanga. **105** Ilizwi lakho liyisibane enyaweni lwami, lokukhanya endleleni yami. **106** Ngifungile, ngizakuqinisa, ukugcina izahlulelo zokulunga kwakho. **107** Ngiyahlupheka kakhulukazi; Nkosi, ngivuselela ngokwelizwi lakho. **108** Nkosi, yemukela iminikelo yesihle yomlomo wami, ungifundise izahlulelo zakho. **109** Umphefumulo wami usesandleni sami njalonjalo, kodwa kangikhohlwa umlayo wakho. **110** Ababi bangibekele umjibila, kodwa kangiduhanga emithethweni yakho. **111** Ngidle ilifa lezifakazelo zakho kuze kube nininini, ngoba ziyintokozo yenhliziyo yami. **112** Ngithobe inhliziyo yami ukwenza izimiso zakho njalonjalo, kuze kube sekupheleni. **113** Ngiyabazonda abanhliziyombili, kodwa umlayo wakho ngiyawuthanda. **114** Wena uyisiphephelo sami lesihlangu sami; ngithemba elizwini lakho. **115** Sukani kimi benzi bobubi, ngoba ngigcine imithetho kaNkulunkulu wami. **116** Ngisekela ngokwelizwi lakho ukuze ngiphile, ungangiyangisi ngethemba lami. **117** Ngisekela ngibe sengisindiswa, ngizananzelela izimiso zakho njalonjalo. **118** Uyabeyisa bonke abaduha ezimisweni zakho, ngoba ubuqili babo bungamanga. **119** Uyasusa bonke ababi bomhlaba njengamanyele; ngakho ngiyazithanda izifakazelo zakho. **120** Inyama yami iyathuthumela ngovalo ngawe, ngesaba izigwebo zakho. **121** Ngenzile ukwahlulela lokulunga; ungangiyekeli kubacindezeli bami. **122** Mela inceku yakho kube kuhle, abazigqajayo kabangangicindezeli. **123** Amehlo ami aphelela usindiso lwakho, lelizwi lokulunga kwakho. **124** Yenza encekwini yakho ngokomusa wakho, ungifundise izimiso zakho. **125** Ngiyinceku yakho; ngiphe ukuqedisisa, ukuze ngazi izifakazelo zakho. **126** Sekuyisikhathi seNkosi sokuthi isebenze, ngoba bawephule umlayo wakho. **127** Ngakho-ke ngiyayithanda imithetho yakho kakhulu kulegolide, yebo, kulegolide elicwengekileyo. **128** Ngalokho imithetho yakho yonke mayelana lazo zonke izinto ngiyibona iqondile; yonke indlela yamanga ngiyayizonda. **129** Izifakazelo zakho ziyamangalisa; ngakho-ke umphefumulo wami uyazigcina. **130** Ukuvulwa kwamazwi akho kuyakhanyisa, kunika ukuqedisisa kwabangelalwazi. **131** Ngavula umlomo wami, ngaphefuzela, ngoba ngalangazelela imithetho yakho. **132** Phendukela kimi, ube lomusa kimi, njengomkhuba kulabo abathanda ibizo lakho. **133** Qinisa izinyathelo zami ngelizwi lakho, njalo kabungabusi phezu kwami labubi. **134** Ngikhulula kucindezelo lwabantu, ukuze ngigcine imithetho yakho. **135** Khanyisa ubuso bakho phezu kwenceku yakho, ungifundise izimiso zakho. **136** Imifula yamanzi iyehla emehlweni ami, ngoba kabagcini umlayo wakho. **137** Wena, Nkosi, ulungile, ziqondile izahlulelo zakho. **138** Ulayile izifakazelo zakho ekulungeni lekuthembekeni okukhulu. **139** Ukutshiseka kwami kungiqedile, ngoba izitha zami zikhohlwe amazwi akho. **140** Ilizwi lakho licwengekile kakhulu; ngakho inceku yakho iyalithanda. **141** Ngimncinyane, ngidelelekile; imithetho yakho kangiyikhohlwa. **142** Ukulunga kwakho kuyikulunga kuze kube phakade, lomlayo wakho uliqiniso. **143** Ucindezelo lohlupho kungifumene; imithetho yakho izintokozo zami. **144** Ukulunga kwezifakazelo zakho kungokwaphakade; ngiphe ukuqedisisa ukuze ngiphile. **145** Ngakhala ngenhliziyo yami yonke; ngiphendula, Nkosi. Ngizagcina izimiso zakho. **146** Ngikhalela kuwe; ngisindisa, njalo ngizagcina izifakazelo zakho. **147** Ngandulela uvivi, ngakhala; ngathembela elizwini lakho. **148** Amehlo ami aqalela imilindo yobusuku, ukuze ngizindle elizwini lakho. **149** Zwana ilizwi lami ngokomusa wakho; Nkosi, ngivuselela ngokwesahlulelo sakho. **150** Bayasondela abazingeli bobubi, bakhatshana lomlayo wakho. **151** Wena useduze, Nkosi, lemithetho yakho yonke iliqiniso. **152** Sekukade ngisazi ngemilayo yakho ukuthi uyisekele kuze kube nininini. **153** Khangela ukuhlupheka kwami, ungikhulule, ngoba kangiwukhohlwa umlayo wakho. **154** Mela udaba lwami, ungihlenge; ngivuselela ngokwelizwi lakho. **155** Usindiso lukhatshana

lababi, ngoba kabadingi izimiso zakho. **156** Izihawu zakho, Nkosi, zinkulu; ngivuselela ngokwezahlulelo zakho. **157** Banengi abangizingelayo labayizitha zami; kangiphambuki ezifakazelweni zakho. **158** Ngabona abaphambuki, ngacunuka, ngoba kabagcinanga ilizwi lakho. **159** Bona ukuthi ngiyayithanda imithetho yakho. Ngivuselela, Nkosi, ngokothandolomusa wakho. **160** Ilizwi lakho liliqiniso kwasekuqaleni, laso sonke isahlulelo sakho esilungileyo simi kuze kube nininini. **161** Iziphathamandla zingizingela kungelasizatho; kodwa inhliziyo yami ilovalo ngamazwi akho. **162** Ngiyathokoza ngelizwi lakho njengothole impango enkulu. **163** Amanga ngiyawazonda ngiyawenyanya; umlayo wakho ngiyawuthanda. **164** Kasikhombisa ngosuku ngiyakudumisa ngenxa yezahlulelo zakho ezilungileyo. **165** Balokuthula okukhulu abathanda umlayo wakho; njalo kakulasikhubekiso kubo. **166** Ngilindele usindiso lwakho, Nkosi, ngiyayenza imithetho yakho. **167** Umphefumulo wami uyazigcina izifakazelo zakho, ngiyazithanda kakhulu. **168** Ngiyagcina imithetho yakho lezifakazelo zakho, ngoba zonke indlela zami ziphambi kwakho. **169** Ukukhala kwami kakusondele kuwe, Nkosi; ngiphe ukuqedisisa ngokwelizwi lakho. **170** Ukuncenga kwami kakufike phambi kwakho; ngikhulula ngokwelizwi lakho. **171** Indebe zami zizathulula indumiso, ngoba ungifundisile izimiso zakho. **172** Ulimi lwami luzakhuluma ilizwi lakho, ngoba yonke imithetho yakho iyikulunga. **173** Isandla sakho kasibe lusizo lwami, ngoba ngikhethile imithetho yakho. **174** Ngiyalangazelela usindiso lwakho, Nkosi, lomlayo wakho uyintokozo yami. **175** Kawuphile umphefumulo wami, njalo uzakudumisa, lezahlulelo zakho zingisize. **176** Ngiduhile njengemvu elahlekileyo; dinga inceku yakho, ngoba kangikhohlwa imithetho yakho.

120 Ekuhluphekeni kwami ngakhala eNkosini, yangiphendula. **2** Nkosi, khulula umphefumulo wami kundebe zamanga, kulimi lwenkohliso. **3** Uzanikwani, njalo kuzakwengezelelwani kuwe, limi lwenkohliso? **4** Imitshoko ebukhali yeqhawe, lamalahle avuthayo esihlahla serotemu! **5** Maye kimi, ngoba ngihlala njengowezizwe koMesheki, ngihlala emathenteni eKedari! **6** Umphefumulo wami sekukade wahlala laye ozonda ukuthula. **7** Ngingowokuthula, kodwa lapho ngikhuluma, bangabempi.

121 Ngizaphakamisela amehlo ami ezintabeni, lapho usizo lwami oluzavela khona. **2** Usizo lwami luvela eNkosini, eyenza amazulu lomhlaba. **3** Kayiyikuvuma ukuthi unyawo lwakho lutshelele; umlondolozi wakho kayikuwozela. **4** Khangela, umlondolozi kaIsrayeli kayikuwozela njalo kayikulala. **5** INkosi ingumlondolozi wakho; iNkosi ingumthunzi wakho esandleni sakho sokunene. **6** Ilanga kaliyikukutshaya emini, lenyanga ebusuku. **7** INkosi izakulondoloza kukho konke okubi; izalondoloza umphefumulo wakho. **8** INkosi izalondoloza ukuphuma kwakho lokungena kwakho, kusukela khathesi kuze kube phakade.

122 Ngathokoza lapho besithi kimi: Kasiye endlini yeNkosi. **2** Inyawo zethu zimi emasangweni akho, Jerusalema. **3** IJerusalema yakhiwe njengomuzi ohlangeneyo ngokwawo, **4** lapho izizwe ezenyukela khona, izizwe zeNkosi, kubufakazi bukaIsrayeli, ukuze zibonge ibizo leNkosi. **5** Ngoba kumiswe khona izihlalo zobukhosi zesahlulelo, izihlalo zobukhosi zendlu kaDavida. **6** Khulekelani ukuthula kweJerusalema; bazaphumelela abakuthandayo. **7** Kakube khona ukuthula phakathi kwemiduli yakho, inhlalakahle ezigodlweni zakho. **8** Ngenxa yabafowethu labangane bami sengizakuthi: Ukuthula kakube phakathi kwakho. **9** Ngenxa yendlu yeNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu ngizakudingela okuhle.

123 Ngiyaphakamisela kuwe amehlo ami, wena ohlezi emazulwini. **2** Khangela, njengalokhu amehlo ezinceku engasesandleni senkosi yazo, njengamehlo encekukazi engasesandleni senkosikazi yayo, ngokunjalo amehlo ethu angaseNkosini uNkulunkulu wethu, ize ibe lesihawu kithi. **3** Woba lesihawu kithi, Nkosi, woba lesihawu kithi, ngoba sigcwele kakhulu yikudelelwa. **4** Umphefumulo wethu ugcwele kakhulu yikukloloda kwabonwabileyo, yikudelela kwabazigqajayo.

124 Uba kwakungesiNkosi eyayilathi, katsho-ke uIsrayeli; **2** uba kwakungesiNkosi eyayilathi, lapho abantu besivukela, **3** ngabe basiginya siphila, ekuvutheni kolaka lwabo kithi; **4** ngabe amanzi agijima phezu kwethu, lempophoma yedlula phezu komphefumulo wethu; **5** ngabe amanzi aqubukayo edlula phezu komphefumulo wethu. **6** Kayibongwe iNkosi, engasinikelanga ukuthi sibe yimpango emazinyweni abo. **7** Umphefumulo wethu uphunyukile njengenyoni emjibileni wabathiyi; umjibila uqamukile, thina sasesiphunyuka. **8** Usizo lwethu lusebizweni leNkosi eyenza amazulu lomhlaba.

125 Labo abathembela eNkosini banjengentaba iZiyonienganyikinyekiyo, emi kuze kube phakade. **2** Njengezintaba ziyiphahlile iJerusalema, ngokunjalo iNkosi iyabaphahla abantu bayo kusukela kulesisikhathi kuze kube nininini. **3** Ngoba intonga yobukhosi yobubi kayiyikuhlala phezu kwesabelo sabalungileyo, ukuze abalungileyo bangeluleli izandla zabo kokubi. **4** Nkosi, yenza okuhle kubo abalungileyo lakubo abaqotho enhliziyweni zabo. **5** Kodwa labo abaphambukela ezindleleni zabo ezitshekileyo iNkosi izabenza bahambe labenzi bobubi. Ukuthula phezu kukaIsrayeli!

126 Lapho iNkosi ibuyisa abathunjiweyo beZiyoni,
saba njengabaphuphayo. 2 Umlomo wethu
wasugcwala uhleko, lolimi lwethu ukuhlabelela.
Basebesithi phakathi kwezizwe: INkosi ibenzele izinto
ezinkulu. 3 INkosi isenzele izinto ezinkulu; siyathokoza.
4 Buyisa, Nkosi, ukuthunjwa kwethu, njengezifula
zeningizimu. 5 Abahlanyela ngezinyembezi bazavuna
ngentokozo. 6 Yena ohamba ahambe ekhala inyembezi,
ephethe inhlanyelo yokuhlanyela, isibili uzabuya
ethokoza, ethwele inyanda zakhe.

127 Uba iNkosi ingayakhi indlu, basebenzela ize
kiyo abayakhayo. Uba iNkosi ingawulondolozi
umuzi, umlindi ulindela ize. 2 Kuyize kini ukuthi livuke
ngovivi, lihlale kuze kube sebusuku, lidle ukudla kosizi;
ngokunjalo iyamnika ubuthongo othandiweyo wayo. 3
Khangela, abantwana bayilifa leNkosi, isithelo sesizalo
singumvuzo. 4 Njengemitshoko esandleni seqhawe,
banjalo abantwana bobutsha. 5 Ibusisiwe indoda
egcwalise umxhaka wayo ngabo; kabayikuyangeka
ngoba bazakhuluma lezitha esangweni.

128 Ubusisiwe wonke oyesabayo iNkosi, ohamba
endleleni zayo. 2 Ngoba uzakudla umsebenzi
wezandla zakho; uzathokoza, njalo kuzakuba kuhle
kuwe. 3 Umkakho uzakuba njengevini elithelayo
emaceleni endlu yakho, abantwana bakho bazakuba
njengamahlumela omhlwathi bezingelezele itafula lakho.
4 Ngoba khangela, ngokunjalo izabusiswa indoda
eyesabayo iNkosi. 5 INkosi izakubusisa iseZiyoni, njalo
ubone okuhle kweJerusalema insuku zonke zempilo
yakho, 6 yebo, uzabona abantwana babantwana bakho.
Ukuthula kakube phezu kukaIsrayeli!

129 Kanengi bangihluphile kusukela ebutsheni bami,
katsho-ke uIsrayeli, 2 kanengi bangihluphile
kusukela ebutsheni bami, kanti kabangehlulanga. 3
Abalimi balima emhlana wami, bayenza yaba mide
imifolo yabo. 4 INkosi ilungile, iqumile intambo zababi.
5 Kabayangeke babuyiselwe emuva bonke abazonda
iZiyoni. 6 Kababe njengotshani ephahleni, obubuna
bungakakhuli, 7 ovunayo angagcwalisi ngabo isandla
sakhe, lalowo obopha izithungo isifuba sakhe. 8
Labadlulayo bangatsho ukuthi: Isibusiso seNkosi kasibe
phezu kwenu; siyalibusisa ebizweni leNkosi.

130 Ngisenzikini ngakhalela kuwe, Nkosi. 2 Nkosi,
zwana ilizwi lami, indlebe zakho zilalele ilizwi
lokuncenga kwami. 3 Uba wena, Nkosi, uqaphela
iziphambeko, Nkosi, ngubani ongema? 4 Kodwa kuwe
kulothethelelo, ukuze wesatshwe. 5 Ngiyilindele iNkosi,
umphefumulo wami ulindile, lelizwini layo ngiyathemba. 6
Umphefumulo wami ulindela iNkosi okwedlula abalindele
ukusa, belindele ukusa. 7 UIsrayeli kathembele eNkosini;
ngoba eNkosini kulothandolomusa, njalo kuyo kulohlengo
olunengi. 8 Yona-ke izahlenga uIsrayeli kuzo zonke
iziphambeko zakhe.

131 Nkosi, inhliziyo yami kayikhukhumali, lamehlo
ami kawaphakami, njalo kangihambi ezintweni
ezinkulu lezintweni ezimangalisayo kakhulu kimi. 2
Sibili ngichumisile ngathulisa umphefumulo wami,
njengolunyuliweyo kunina; umphefumulo wami
unjengolunyuliweyo phakathi kwami. 3 UIsrayeli
kathembele eNkosini kusukela khathesi kuze kube
laphakade.

132 Khumbula, Nkosi, uDavida, izinhlupheko zakhe
zonke, 2 ukuthi wafunga eNkosini, wathembisa
kuSomandla kaJakobe: 3 Qotho, kangiyikungena
ethenteni lendlu yami, qotho, kangiyikwenyukela ecansini
lombheda wami; 4 qotho, kangiyikunika amehlo
ami ubuthongo, ukuwozela ezinkopheni zami, 5
ngize ngiyitholele iNkosi indawo, indawo zokuhlala
uSomandla kaJakobe. 6 Khangela, sakuzwa eEfratha,
sakuthola emasimini egusu. 7 Sizangena ezindlini
zayo zokuhlala, sikhonze esenabelweni senyawo
zayo. 8 Sukuma, Nkosi, uye ekuphumuleni kwakho,
wena lomtshokotsho wamandla akho! 9 Abapristi
bakho kabembeswe ukulunga, labangcwele bakho
bathabe kakhulu. 10 Ngenxa yenceku yakho uDavida
ungafulathelisi ubuso bogcotshiweyo wakho. 11 INkosi
yafunga ngeqiniso kuDavida, kayiyikubuyela emuva
kilo: Owesithelo sesizalo sakho ngizambeka esihlalweni
sakho sobukhosi. 12 Uba abantwana bakho begcina
isivumelwano sami lezifakazelo zami engizabafundisa
zona, labantwana babo bazahlala esihlalweni sakho
sobukhosi kuze kube nini lanini. 13 Ngoba iNkosi
iyikhethile iZiyoni, iyifisile ibe yindawo yayo yokuhlala.
14 Le yindawo yami yokuphumula kuze kube nini lanini;
lapha ngizahlala, ngoba ngiyifisile. 15 Ngizabusisa
kakhulu ukudla kwayo, ngisuthise abayanga bayo
ngesinkwa. 16 Labapristi bayo ngizabembathisa
usindiso, labangcwele bayo bazahlabelela kakhulu
ngenjabulo. 17 Lapho ngizahlumisa uphondo lukaDavida;
ngimisele ogcotshiweyo wami isibane. 18 Izitha
zakhe ngizazembathisa ihlazo, kodwa phezu kwakhe
uzakhazimula umqhele wakhe wobukhosi.

133 Khangela, kuhle kangakanani njalo kumnandi
kangakanani ukuhlala kwabazalwane ndawonye
ngitsho babe munye. 2 Kufanana lamafutha amahle
phezu kwekhanda, ehlela endevini, indevu zikaAroni,
ehlele emphethweni wezembatho zakhe, 3 njengamazolo
eHermoni, ehlela entabeni zeZiyoni; ngoba lapho iNkosi
yalaya isibusiso, impilo kuze kube phakade.

134 Khangelani, libonge iNkosi lina lonke zinceku
zeNkosi, elimi endlini yeNkosi ebusuku. 2
Phakamiselani izandla zenu endaweni engcwele, libonge

iNkosi. 3 INkosi eyenza amazulu lomhlaba kayilibusise
iseZiyoni.

135 Dumisani iNkosi! Dumisani ibizo leNkosi,
dumisani lina zinceku zeNkosi, 2 elimi endlini
yeNkosi, emagumeni endlu kaNkulunkulu wethu. 3
Dumisani iNkosi, ngoba iNkosi ilungile; hlabelelani
indumiso ebizweni layo, ngoba kumnandi. 4 Ngoba
iNkosi izikhethele uJakobe, uIsrayeli abe ngokuligugu
kwakhe okukhethekileyo. 5 Ngoba mina ngiyazi ukuthi
iNkosi inkulu, ukuthi iNkosi yethu iphezu kwabo
bonke onkulunkulu. 6 Konke iNkosi ekuthandayo
iyakwenza, emazulwini lemhlabeni, ezinlwandle lenzikini
zonke. 7 Yenza izinkungu zenyuke emikhawulweni
yomhlaba, yenzela izulu imibane, ikhupha umoya
eziphaleni zayo. 8 Eyatshaya izibulo leGibhithe, kusukela
emuntwini kuze kube senyamazaneni. 9 Yathumela
izibonakaliso lezimangaliso phakathi kwakho, Gibhithe,
phezu kukaFaro laphezu kwenceku zakhe zonke. 10
Eyatshaya izizwe ezinengi, yabulala amakhosi alamandla,
11 uSihoni inkosi yamaAmori, loOgi inkosi yeBashani,
layo yonke imibuso yeKhanani, 12 yanikela ilizwe labo
laba yilifa, ilifa likaIsrayeli, isizwe sayo. 13 Nkosi, ibizo
lakho limi kuze kube phakade, ukukhunjulwa kwakho,
Nkosi, kusizukulwana ngesizukulwana. 14 Ngoba iNkosi
izakwehlulela abantu bayo, izazisola mayelana lezinceku
zayo. 15 Izithombe zezizwe ziyisiliva legolide, umsebenzi
wezandla zomuntu. 16 Zilemilomo, kodwa kazikhulumi;
zilamehlo, kodwa kaziboni; 17 zilendlebe, kodwa kazizwa;
lomoya kawukho emlonyeni wazo. 18 Abazenzayo
bafanana lazo, laye wonke othembela kuzo. 19 Wena
ndlu kaIsrayeli, bongani iNkosi; wena ndlu kaAroni,
bongani iNkosi; 20 wena ndlu kaLevi, bongani iNkosi.
Lina eliyesabayo iNkosi, bongani iNkosi. 21 Kayibongwe
iNkosi iseZiyoni, ehlala eJerusalema. Dumisani iNkosi!

136 Bongani iNkosi ngoba ilungile, ngoba isihawu
sayo simi kuze kube nininini. 2 Bongani
uNkulunkulu wabonkulunkulu, ngoba isihawu sakhe simi
kuze kube nininini. 3 Bongani iNkosi yamakhosi, ngoba
isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini. 4 Yona yodwa
eyenza izimangaliso ezinkulu, ngoba isihawu sayo simi
kuze kube nininini; 5 eyenza amazulu ngokuhlakanipha,
ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini; 6 eyendlala
umhlaba phezu kwamanzi, ngoba isihawu sayo simi
kuze kube nininini; 7 eyenza izikhanyiso ezinkulu,
ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini; 8 ilanga
ukubusa emini, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube
nininini; 9 inyanga lezinkanyezi ukubusa ebusuku, ngoba
isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini. 10 Yona eyatshaya
amaGibhithe kumazibulo awo, ngoba isihawu sayo simi
kuze kube nininini; 11 yakhupha uIsrayeli phakathi kwabo,
ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini; 12 ngesandla
esilamandla langengalo eyeluliweyo, ngoba isihawu sayo
simi kuze kube nininini. 13 Yona eyehlukanisa uLwandle
oluBomvu lwaba yiziqamu, ngoba isihawu sayo simi
kuze kube nininini; 14 yenza uIsrayeli adabule phakathi
kwalo, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini;
15 kodwa yathintithela uFaro lebutho lakhe oLwandle
oluBomvu, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini.
16 Yona eyakhokhela abantu bayo enkangala, ngoba
isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini. 17 Yona eyatshaya
amakhosi amakhulu, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze
kube nininini; 18 yabulala amakhosi adumileyo, ngoba
isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini; 19 uSihoni inkosi
yamaAmori, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini;
20 loOgi inkosi yeBashani, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze
kube nininini; 21 yanika ilizwe labo laba yilifa, ngoba
isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini; 22 ilifa kuIsrayeli
inceku yayo, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini.
23 Eyasikhumbula ebuphansini bethu, ngoba isihawu
sayo simi kuze kube nininini; 24 yasophula ezitheni
zethu, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini. 25
Enika yonke inyama ukudla, ngoba isihawu sayo simi
kuze kube nininini. 26 Bongani uNkulunkulu wamazulu,
ngoba isihawu sakhe simi kuze kube nininini.

137 Emifuleni yeBhabhiloni sahlala phansi khona,
yebo sakhala inyembezi, lapho sikhumbula
iZiyoni. 2 Amachacho ethu sawaphanyeka eminyezaneni
phakathi kwayo. 3 Ngoba khonapho abasithumbayo
basicela amazwi engoma, labasimotshayo bacela injabulo
besithi: Sihlabeleleni enye yezingoma zeZiyoni. 4
Singahlabela njani ingoma yeNkosi elizweni lemzini?
5 Uba ngikukhohlwa, Jerusalema, isandla sami
sokunene kasikhohlwe ubungcitshi. 6 Ulimi lwami
kalunamathele elwangeni lwami, uba ngingakukhumbuli,
uba ngingaphakamisi iJerusalema phezu kwentokozo
yami enkulu. 7 Khumbula, Nkosi, ngabantwana
bakoEdoma, ngosuku lweJerusalema, abathi: Dilizani,
dilizani, kuze kube sesisekelweni sayo. 8 Ndodakazi
yeBhabhiloni, ozabhujiswa, ubusisiwe ozaphindisela
kuwe isenzo osenze kithi. 9 Ubusisiwe ozabamba
asakaze abantwana bakho edwaleni.

138 Ngizakubonga ngenhliziyo yami yonke; phambi
kwabonkulunkulu ngizakuhlabelela indumiso.
2 Ngizakhonza ngikhangele ngasethempelini lakho
elingcwele, ngidumise ibizo lakho ngenxa yothando
lwakho langenxa yobuqotho bakho; ngoba ukhulisile
ilizwi lakho phezu kwalo lonke ibizo lakho. 3 Ngosuku
engakhala ngalo wangiphendula, wangiqinisa ngamandla
emphefumulweni wami. 4 Wonke amakhosi omhlaba
azakudumisa, Nkosi, ngoba azwile amazwi omlomo
wakho. 5 Yebo, azahlabelela ngezindlela zeNkosi, ngoba
lukhulu udumo lweNkosi. 6 Loba iNkosi iphakeme, kube
kanti iyabona othobekileyo; kodwa ozigqajayo iyamazi
ekhatshana. 7 Loba ngihamba phakathi kwenhlupheko,
uzangiphilisa; uzakwelula isandla sakho umelana lolaka
lezitha zami, lesandla sakho sokunene sizangisindisa. 8

INkosi izaphelelisa okumayelana lami; uthando lwakho,
Nkosi, lumi kuze kube nininini. Ungatshiyi imisebenzi
yezandla zakho.

139 Nkosi, ungihlolile, uyangazi. **2** Wena uyakwazi
ukuhlala kwami lokusukuma kwami; uyaqedisisa
imicabango yami ukhatshana. **3** Uyahlungula ukuhamba
kwami lokulala kwami, uzejwayele indlela zami zonke. **4**
Ngoba kalikho ilizwi elimini lwami, khangela Nkosi, usulazi
lonke. **5** Ungizingelezile emuva langaphambili, ubeke
isandla sakho phezu kwami. **6** Lolulwazi lumangalisa
kakhulu kimi; luphakeme, kangilakho ukufinyelela kulo.
7 Ngizakuya ngaphi ngisuke kuMoya wakho? Kumbe
ngizabalekela ngaphi ngisuke ebusweni bakho? **8** Uba
ngisenyukela emazulwini, lapho ukhona; uba ngisendlala
icansi lami esihogweni, khangela, ukhona. **(Sheol h7585)** **9**
Uba ngithatha amaphiko okusa, ngihlale emikhawulweni
yolwandle, **10** lalapho isandla sakho sizangikhokhela,
lesokunene sakho singibambe. **11** Uba ngisithi: Isibili
umnyama uzangifihla, ngitsho ubusuku buzakuba
yikukhanya kimi inhlangothi zonke. **12** Ngitsho umnyama
kawufihli kuwe, kodwa ubusuku bukhanya njengemini;
njengomnyama kunjalo ukukhanya kuwe. **13** Ngoba
wena ungumnini wezinso zami, wangeluka esiswini
sikamama. **14** Ngizakudumisa, ngenxa yokuthi ngenziwe
ngokwesabekayo, ngokumangalisayo. Imisebenzi yakho
iyamangalisa; lomphefumulo wami uyakwazi kuhle
kakhulu. **15** Amathambo ami ayengafihlekanga kuwe,
lapho ngangisenziwa ekusithekeni, ngenziwa ngobuciko
ezindaweni ezizikileyo zomhlaba. **16** Amehlo akho abona
ibumba lami; legwalweni lwakho zonke lezi zabhalwa,
izinsuku okwabunjwa ngazo, kungakabikho lakunye
kwakho. **17** Iligugu kangakanani-ke kimi imicabango
yakho, O Nkulunkulu; bukhulu kangakanani ubunengi
bayo! **18** Uba ngingayibala, minengi kuletshebetshebe.
Lapho ngivuka, ngilokhu ngilawe. **19** Isibili uzambulala
omubi, Nkulunkulu! Ngakho lina bantu abomele igazi
sukani kimi; **20** abakhuluma ngenkohliso ngawe, ziphatha
ngeze ibizo lakho, izitha zakho. **21** Kangibazondi yini,
Nkosi, abakuzondayo, nginengwe ngabakuvukelayo? **22**
Ngiyabazonda ngenzondo epheleleyo; sebeyizitha kimi.
23 Ngihlola, Nkulunkulu, uyazi inhliziyo yami; ngilinga,
uyazi imicabango yami, **24** ubone ukuthi ikhona indlela
embi kimi yini, ungikhokhele endleleni ephakade.

140 Ngikhulula, Nkosi, emuntwini omubi,
ungilondoloze emuntwini olesihluku, **2** abaceba
izinto ezimbi enhliziyweni, usuku lonke babuthanela
izimpi. **3** Balola ulimi lwabo njengenyoka, ubuhlungu
bebululu bungaphansi kwendebe zabo. (Sela) **4**
Ngilondoloze, Nkosi, ezandleni zomubi, ungivikele
emuntwini olesihluku; abaceba ukuwisa inyawo zami. **5**
Abazigqajayo bangifihlele umjibila, lezintambo, bendlala
imbule eceleni kwendlela; bangibekela izithiyo. (Sela)
6 Ngithe eNkosini: Wena unguNkulunkulu wami.
Beka indlebe elizwini lokuncenga kwami, Nkosi. **7**
Jehova, Nkosi, mandla osindiso lwami, wembese
ikhanda lami osukwini lwezikhali. **8** Unganiki, Nkosi,
izifiso zomubi, ungaphumelelisi icebo lakhe elibi, hlezi
baziphakamise. (Sela) **9** Ngekhanda labangihanqileyo,
ububi bendebe zabo kabubembese. **10** Kakuthi amalahle
atshisayo akhithikele phezu kwabo, ubawisela emlilweni,
emigodini etshonayo, ukuze bangavuki. **11** Umuntu
wolimi kangamiswa elizweni; umuntu olesihluku, ububi
buzamzingela kube yikuwiswa kwakhe. **12** Ngiyazi
ukuthi iNkosi izasebenza udaba lohluphekayo, ilungelo
labayanga. **13** Isibili abalungileyo bazalidumisa ibizo
lakho; abaqotho bazahlala ebusweni bakho.

141 Nkosi, ngiyakhala kuwe; phangisa uze kimi;
beka indlebe elizwini lami lapho ngikhala kuwe.
2 Umkhuleko wami kawumiswe njengempepha phambi
kwakho, ukuphakanyiswa kwezandla zami njengomnikelo
wakusihlwa. **3** Nkosi, bekela umlomo wami umlindi, gcina
umnyango wendebe zami. **4** Ungaphenduleli inhliziyo
yami entweni embi, ukuthi ngenze izenzo ezimbi kanye
labantu abenza ububi, ngingadli ezibilibocweni zabo. **5**
Olungileyo kangitshaye ethandwenilomusa, angisole;
kuzakuba ngamafutha ekhanda, ikhanda lami kalingawali,
ngoba lomkhuleko wami usezakuba sezinhluphekweni
zabo. **6** Abahluleli babo baphoselwa emaceleni edwala,
bazakuzwa amazwi ami ngoba amnandi. **7** Amathambo
ethu ahlakazekile emlonyeni wengcwaba njengobandayo
adabule emhlabathini. **(Sheol h7585)** **8** Kodwa amehlo ami
akuwe, Jehova, Nkosi; ngithembele kuwe; ungawuchayi
umphefumulo wami. **9** Ngigcina emandleni omjibila
abangibekele wona, lezithiyo zabenzi bobubi. **10** Ababi
kabawele emambuleni abo kanye, ngize ngidlule mina.

142 Ngakhalela eNkosini ngelizwi lami, ngelizwi lami
eNkosini ngancenga. **2** Ngathulula isikhalazo
sami phambi kwayo, ngatshengisa ukuhlupheka kwami
phambi kwayo. **3** Lapho umoya wami uphela
amandla phakathi kwami, wena wayazi indlela yami.
Endleleni engihamba ngayo bangifihlele umjibila. **4**
Khangela ngakwesokunene, ubone, kodwa wayengekho
ongaziyo; isiphephelo sangehlula, kakho owakhathalela
umphefumulo wami. **5** Ngakhalela kuwe, Nkosi,
ngathi: Wena uyisiphephelo sami, isabelo sami elizweni
labaphilayo. **6** Lalela ukukhala kwami, ngoba ngehliselwe
phansi kakhulu. Ngikhulula kwabangizingelayo, ngoba
balamandla kulami. **7** Khupha umphefumulo wami
entolongweni, ukuze ngidumise ibizo lakho. Abalungileyo
bazangibuthanela, ngoba uzangiphatha kuhle kakhulu.

143 Nkosi, zwana umkhuleko wami, ubeke
indlebe ekuncengeni kwami. Ungiphendule
ngothembeko lwakho, ngokulunga kwakho. **2** Njalo
ungangeni kusahlulelo lenceku yakho, ngoba phambi
kobuso bakho kakho ophilayo ozalungisiswa. **3** Ngoba

isitha sizingele umphefumulo wami, sacindezelela impilo
yami emhlabathini, sangenza ngahlala emnyameni
omkhulu, njengabakade bafa. 4 Ngakho umoya wami
uphela amandla phakathi kwami, lenhliziyo yami
ithithibele phakathi kwami. 5 Ngikhumbula insuku
zekadeni, ngizindla ngazo zonke izenzo zakho, nginakane
ngomsebenzi wezandla zakho. 6 Ngelulela izandla zami
kuwe; umphefumulo wami womele wena njengomhlaba
owomileyo. (Sela) 7 Phangisa ungiphendule, Nkosi;
umoya wami uyaphela. Ungangifihleli ubuso bakho,
hlezi ngibe njengalabo abehlela emgodini. 8 Ngizwisa
uthandolomusa wakho ekuseni, ngoba ngiyathemba
kuwe. Ungazise indlela engingahamba ngayo, ngoba
ngiyaphakamisela kuwe umphefumulo wami. 9 Ngikhulula
ezitheni zami, Nkosi; ngizifihlile kuwe. 10 Ngifundisa
ukwenza intando yakho, ngoba wena unguNkulunkulu
wami. UMoya wakho muhle, ngikhokhelele elizweni
lokuqonda. 11 Ngenxa yebizo lakho, Nkosi, ngiphilisa.
Ngokulunga kwakho khupha umphefumulo wami
ekuhluphekeni. 12 Langomusa wakho chitha izitha zami,
ubhubhise bonke abahlupha umphefumulo wami, ngoba
ngiyinceku yakho.

144 Kayibongwe iNkosi, idwala lami, efundisela
izandla zami impi, iminwe yami ukulwa; 2 umusa
wami, lenqaba yami, umphotshongo wami ophakemeyo,
lomkhululi wami, isihlangu sami, lengiphephela kuyo,
ethobisa abantu bami ngaphansi kwami. 3 Nkosi,
umuntu uyini ukuthi umazi? Indodana yomuntu ukuthi
uyinanze? 4 Umuntu unjengeze, insuku zakhe
zinjengesithunzi esidlulayo. 5 Nkosi, khothamisa
amazulu akho, wehle; thinta izintaba ukuze zithunqe.
6 Phazimisa umbane, ubachithe, uthumele imitshoko
yakho, ubahlakaze. 7 Yelula isandla sakho uphezulu,
ungikhulule, ungophule emanzini amanengi, esandleni
sabantwana besizwe, 8 abamlomo wabo ukhuluma
amanga, lesandla sabo sokunene singesokunene
senkohliso. 9 Ngizahlabelela kuwe ingoma entsha,
Nkulunkulu; ngizahlabelela indumiso kuwe ngogubhu
olulentambo ezilitshumi. 10 Wena onika amakhosi
usindiso, okhulula uDavida inceku yakho enkembeni
embi. 11 Ngophula, ungikhulule esandleni sabantwana
besizwe, abamlomo wabo ukhuluma amanga, lesandla
sabo sokunene singesokunene senkohliso. 12 Ukuthi
amadodana ethu abe njengezilimo ezikhula ebutsheni
bazo, amadodakazi ethu njengamatshe engonsi abazwe
njengomfanekiso wesigodlo! 13 Ukuthi iziphala zethu
zigcwale ziveze uhlobo ngohlobo; izimvu zethu zizale
izinkulungwane, yebo, izinkulungwane ezilitshumi
emadlelweni ethu! 14 Ukuthi inkabi zethu zingathwaliswa,
kungabi lokufohlela phakathi, njalo kungabi lokuphuma,
kumbe kungabi lesililo ezitaladeni zethu! 15 Bayathaba
abantu okunjalo kubo; bayathaba abantu abaNkulunkulu
wabo yiNkosi.

145 Ngizakuphakamisa, Nkulunkulu wami, Nkosi,
ngibonge ibizo lakho kuze kube nini lanini.
2 Ngensuku zonke ngizakubonga, ngidumise ibizo
lakho kuze kube nini lanini. 3 Yinkulu iNkosi, ifanele
ukudunyiswa kakhulu, lobukhulu bayo kabuhloleki. 4
Isizukulwana ngesizukulwana sizababaza imisebenzi
yakho, sitshumayele izenzo zakho ezilamandla.
5 Ngizakhuluma ngodumo lwakho olukhazimulayo
lobukhosi bakho, langendaba zezimangaliso zakho.
6 Njalo bazakhuluma ngamandla ezenzo zakho
ezesabekayo, lobukhulu bakho ngibulandise. 7
Bazathulula ngamazwi isikhumbuzo sokulunga kwakho
okukhulu, bahlabele ngentokozo ngokulunga kwakho.
8 Ilomusa lesihawu iNkosi, iyaphuza ukuthukuthela,
inkulu ngothando. 9 INkosi ilungile kubo bonke, lezihawu
zayo ziphezu kwayo yonke imisebenzi yayo. 10
Imisebenzi yakho yonke izakudumisa, Nkosi, labangcwele
bakho bazakubusisa. 11 Bazakhuluma ngenkazimulo
yombuso wakho, balandise ngamandla akho. 12 Ukuze
bazise abantwana babantu izenzo zayo ezilamandla,
lenkazimulo yobukhosi bombuso wayo. 13 Umbuso
wakho ungumbuso wamaphakade wonke, lokubusa
kwakho kumi kuso sonke isizukulwana ngesizukulwana.
14 INkosi isekela bonke abawayo, iphakamise bonke
abakhothemeyo. 15 Amehlo abo bonke alindele kuwe,
wena-ke uyabanika ukudla kwabo ngesikhathi sakho.
16 Uyavula isandla sakho, usuthise isifiso sakho konke
okuphilayo. 17 INkosi ilungile endleleni zayo zonke,
njalo ilomusa emisebenzini yayo yonke. 18 INkosi
iseduze labo bonke abayibizayo, labo bonke abayibiza
ngeqiniso. 19 Yenza isifiso sabayesabayo, iyezwa
ukukhala kwabo, ibasindise. 20 INkosi iyabalondoloza
bonke abayithandayo; kodwa bonke ababi izababhubhisa.
21 Umlomo wami uzakhuluma indumiso yeNkosi, layo
yonke inyama ibonge ibizo layo elingcwele kuze kube
nini lanini.

146 Dumisani iNkosi! Dumisa iNkosi, mphefumulo
wami. 2 Ngizayidumisa iNkosi ngisaphila;
ngizahlabelela indumiso kuNkulunkulu wami
ngisesekhona. 3 Lingabeki ithemba lenu
eziphathamandleni, endodaneni yomuntu okungekho
kuyo usindiso. 4 Umoya wakhe uyaphuma, uyabuyela
emhlabathini wakhe; ngalolosuku amacebo akhe
ayaphela. 5 Ubusisiwe yena oloNkulunkulu kaJakobe
ukuthi abe lusizo lwakhe, othemba lakhe liseNkosini
uNkulunkulu wakhe, 6 owenza amazulu, lomhlaba,
ulwandle, lakho konke okukukho, ogcina iqiniso
kuze kube nininini, 7 owenzela abacindezelweyo
isahlulelo, obaphayo ukudla abalambileyo. INkosi
iyakhulula izibotshwa, 8 INkosi iyavula amehlo
eziphofu; iNkosi iyabalulamisa abakhothemeyo; iNkosi
iyabathanda abalungileyo. 9 INkosi ilondoloza abemzini,
isekele intandane lomfelokazi; kodwa indlela yababi
iyayigenqula. 10 INkosi izabusa kuze kube nininini,

uNkulunkulu wakho, Ziyoni, kuze kube sesizukulwaneni
ngesizukulwana. Dumisani iNkosi!

147 Dumisani iNkosi, ngoba kuhle ukuhlabelela
indumiso kuNkulunkulu wethu, ngoba kumnandi,
indumiso ifanele. **2** INkosi iyayakha iJerusalema, iqoqe
abahlakaziweyo bakoIsrayeli. **3** Yelapha abadabukileyo
enhliziyweni, ibophe izinsizi zabo. **4** Ibala inani
lezinkanyezi, izibize zonke ngamabizo. **5** Yinkulu
iNkosi yethu, njalo ngeyamandla amakhulu; ukuqedisisa
kwayo kakulakunaniswa. **6** INkosi iyaphakamisa
abamnene, iyabawisela emhlabathini ababi. **7** Hlabelelani
eNkosini ngokubonga; lihlabele indumiso kuNkulunkulu
wethu ngechacho. **8** Eyembesa amazulu ngamayezi,
elungisela umhlaba izulu, ekhulisa utshani ezintabeni, **9**
enika inyamazana ukudla kwazo, amaphuphu ewabayi
akhalayo. **10** Kayithokozi ngamandla ebhiza, kayijabuleli
imilenze yomuntu. **11** INkosi ijabulela abayesabayo,
labo abathembela emuseni wayo. **12** Babaza iNkosi,
Jerusalema. Dumisa uNkulunkulu wakho, Ziyoni. **13**
Ngoba iqinise imigoqo yamasango akho; ibusise
abantwana bakho phakathi kwakho. **14** Iyenza ukuthula
emingceleni yakho; ikusuthise ngamanono engqoloyi. **15**
Iyathumela umthetho wayo emhlabeni; ilizwi layo ligijima
ngesiqubu esikhulu. **16** Enika iliqhwa elikhithikileyo
njengoboya bezimvu; ihaze ungqwaqwane njengomlotha.
17 Iyaphosa isiqhotho sayo njengezigaqa; ngubani
ongema phambi komqando wayo? **18** Iyathumela ilizwi
layo, ikuncibilikise; ivunguzise umoya wayo, amanzi
ageleze. **19** Iyamemezela ilizwi layo kuJakobe, izimiso
zayo lezahlulelo zayo kuIsrayeli. **20** Kayenzanga njalo
lakusiphi isizwe; lezahlulelo zayo kazizazi. Dumisani
iNkosi!

148 Dumisani iNkosi! Dumisani iNkosi lisemazulwini,
idumiseni endaweni eziphezulu. **2** Idumiseni
lonke zingilosi zayo. Idumiseni lonke mabandla ayo. **3**
Idumiseni langa lenyanga. Idumiseni lonke zinkanyezi
ezikhanyayo. **4** Idumiseni mazulu amazulu, lani manzi
aphezu kwamazulu. **5** Kakudumise ibizo leNkosi; ngoba
yona yalaya, kwasekudalwa. **6** Yakumisa kuze kube nini
lanini; yakhupha isimiso esingayikwedlula. **7** Dumisani
iNkosi lisemhlabeni, migobho yolwandle, lani zinziki
zonke, **8** mlilo lesiqhotho, liqhwa elikhithikileyo lenkungu,
siphepho esenza ilizwi layo; **9** zintaba lamaqaqa wonke,
zihlahla zezithelo lemisedari yonke, **10** zinyamazana
zeganga lezifuyo zonke, zinto ezihuquzelayo lenyoni
eziphaphayo. **11** Makhosi omhlaba, lani zizwe zonke,
ziphathamandla, lani babusi bomhlaba, **12** majaha,
lani-ke zintombi, maxhegu labatsha. **13** Kabadumise
ibizo leNkosi, ngoba ibizo layo lodwa liphakeme;
ubukhosi bayo buphezu komhlaba lamazulu. **14** Njalo
iphakamisile uphondo lwabantu bayo, indumiso yabo
bonke abangcwele bayo, eyabantwana bakoIsrayeli,
abantu abaseduze layo. Dumisani iNkosi!

149 Dumisani iNkosi! HIabelelani iNkosi ingoma
entsha, indumiso yayo ebandleni labangcwele.
2 UIsrayeli kathokoze ngoMenzi wakhe, abantwana
beZiyoni kabathabe eNkosini yabo. **3** Kabadumise
ibizo layo ngokusina, kabayihlabelele indumiso
ngesigujana lechacho. **4** Ngoba iNkosi iyathokoza
ngabantu bayo; izacecisa abamnene ngosindiso. **5**
Abangcwele kabathokoze ngendumiso, kabahlabelele
ngenjabulo emibhedeni yabo. **6** Indumiso zikaNkulunkulu
zisemphinjeni wabo, lenkemba esika nhlangothi mbili
esandleni sabo, **7** ukuze benze impindiselo phezu
kwabahedeni, izijeziso phezu kwezizwe, **8** ukuze babophe
amakhosi azo ngamaketane, lezikhulu zazo ngezibopho
zensimbi, **9** ukuze benze isahlulelo esibhaliweyo phezu
kwazo. Loludumo abangcwele bayo bonke balalo.
Dumisani iNkosi!

150 Dumisani iNkosi! Dumisani uNkulunkulu endlini
yakhe engcwele; mdumiseni emkhathini
wamandla akhe. **2** Mdumiseni ngenxa yezenzo
zakhe ezilamandla, limdumise ngenxa yobunengi
bobukhulu bakhe. **3** Mdumiseni ngokuvuthelwa
kophondo, limdumise ngogubhu lwezintambo lechacho, **4**
limdumise ngesigujana langokusina, limdumise ngezinto
zokuhlabelela ezilentambo langomhlanga, **5** limdumise
ngensimbi ezincencethayo ezihlokomayo, limdumise
ngensimbi ezincencethayo ezikhala kakhulu. **6** Konke
okuphefumulayo kakudumise iNkosi. Dumisani iNkosi!

Izaga

1 Izaga zikaSolomoni, indodana kaDavida, inkosi
yakoIsrayeli; **2** ukwazi inhlakanipho lokulaywa,
ukuqedisisa amazwi okuqedisisa, **3** ukwemukela ukulaya
kwenhlakanipho, ukulunga, lesahlulelo, lokuqonda;
4 ukunika abangelalwazi inhlakanipho, ijaha ulwazi
lengqondo. **5** Ohlakaniphileyo uzakuzwa, andise
ukufunda, loqedisisayo uzazuza izeluleko, **6** ukuqedisisa
isaga lomzekeliso, amazwi abahlakaniphileyo, lamalibho
abo. **7** Ukwesaba iNkosi kuyikuqala kolwazi; izithutha
ziyadelela inhlakanipho lokulaywa. **8** Ndodana yami,
zwana ukulaya kukayihlo, ungawudeli umlayo kanyoko;
9 ngoba kuzakuba ngumqhele womusa ekhanda
lakho, lemigaxo entanyeni yakho. **10** Ndodana yami,
uba izoni zikuhuga, ungavumi. **11** Uba zisithi:
Hamba lathi, siyecathamela igazi, sicatshele ongelacala
kungelasizatho; **12** sibaginye bephila njengengcwaba,
yebo, ngokupheleleyo, njengabehlela egodini. **(Sheol
h7585)** **13** Sizathola yonke impahla eligugu, sigcwalise
izindlu zethu ngempango. **14** Phosela inkatho yakho
phakathi kwethu; sonke sibe lesikhwama semali
sinye. **15** Ndodana yami, ungahambi lazo endleleni;
unqande unyawo lwakho emkhondweni wazo. **16**
Ngoba inyawo zazo zigijimela ebubini, ziphangisa
ukuchitha igazi. **17** Isibili, imbule lendlalelwa ize
phambi kwamehlo aloba yiyiphi inyoni. **18** Lalaba
bacathamela igazi labo, bacatshele imiphefumulo
yabo. **19** Zinjalo indlela zakhe wonke ozuza
inzuzo ngokuphanga; ithatha impilo yabaniniyo. **20**
UkuHlakanipha kuyamemeza ngaphandle, kukhupha
ilizwi lakho emidangeni. **21** Kuyamemeza endaweni
eqakathekileyo yokuxokozela, ekungeneni kwamasango;
emzini kutsho amazwi akho, **22** kusithi: Koze kube
nini, lina elingelalwazi, lithanda ukungabi lalwazi,
labaklolodayo bezifisela ukukloloda, leziphukuphuku
zizonda ulwazi? **23** Phendukelani ekukhuzeni kwami;
khangelani, ngizathululela umoya wami kini, ngilazise
amazwi ami. **24** Ngoba ngibizile, kodwa lala;
ngelulile isandla sami, kodwa kakho onanzayo; **25**
ladelela sonke iseluleko sami, kalivumanga ukukhuza
kwami; **26** mina-ke ngizahleka ukuchitheka kwenu,
ngiklolode ekufikeni kokwesaba kwenu, **27** ekufikeni
kokwesaba kwenu njengesiphepho, lokuchitheka kwenu
kufika njengesivunguzane, lapho ubuhlungu losizi
kulehlela. **28** Khona bazangibiza, kodwa kangiyikusabela;
bazangidingisisa, kodwa kabayikungithola. **29** Ngenxa
yokuthi babezonda ulwazi, bengakhethanga ukwesaba
iNkosi. **30** Kabavumanga iseluleko sami, bedelela
konke ukukhuza kwami. **31** Ngakho bazakudla
okwesithelo sendlela yabo, basuthiswe ngamacebo abo.
32 Ngoba ukuhlehla kwabangelalwazi kuzababulala,
lokonwaba kweziphukuphuku kuzababhubhisa. **33** Kodwa
ongilalelayo uzahlala evikelekile, onwabe ekwesabeni
okubi.

2 Ndodana yami, uba usemukela amazwi ami, ugcine
kuwe imilayo yami, **2** ukuthi wenze indlebe
yakho ilalele inhlakanipho, uthobise inhliziyo yakho
ekuqedisiseni, **3** yebo, uba ukhalela ukuqedisisa,
ukhuphele ilizwi lakho ekuzwisiseni, **4** uba ukudinga
njengesiliva, ukuphenye njengezimpahla eziligugu
ezifihliweyo, **5** khona uzaqedisisa ukuyesaba iNkosi,
uthole ulwazi lukaNkulunkulu. **6** Ngoba iNkosi inika
inhlakanipho; ulwazi lokuqedisisa kuvela emlonyeni wayo.
7 Iyababekela abaqotho inhlakanipho eqotho; iyisihlangu
kubo abahamba ngokuqonda, **8** ukugcina indlela
zesahlulelo; izalondoloza indlela zabangcwele bayo. **9**
Khona uzaqedisisa ukulunga, lesahlulelo, lokuqonda;
yonke indlela elungileyo. **10** Lapho inhlakanipho
izangena enhliziyweni yakho, lolwazi lube mnandi
emphefumulweni wakho; **11** ingqondo izakugcina,
ukuqedisisa kukulondoloze; **12** ukukophula endleleni
embi, emuntwini okhuluma izinto eziphambeneyo;
13 abatshiya indlela zobuqotho, ukuze bahambe
ngendlela zobumnyama; **14** abathokoza ngokwenza
okubi, bejabula ekuphambukeni komubi; **15** abandlela
zabo ziphambene, begobile emikhondweni yabo; **16**
ukukophula kowesifazana wemzini, kowezizwe okhohlisa
ngamazwi akhe; **17** otshiya umngane wobutsha bakhe,
ekhohlwa isivumelwano sikaNkulunkulu wakhe; **18**
ngoba indlu yakhe itshonela ekufeni, lemikhondo
yakhe emimoyeni efileyo. **19** Bonke abangena
kuye kabayikubuya, njalo kabayikufinyelela endleleni
zempilo. **20** Ukuze uhambe endleleni yabalungileyo,
ugcine imikhondo yamalungisa. **21** Ngoba abaqotho
bazahlala elizweni, labapheleleyo basale kulo; **22**
kodwa abakhohlakeleyo bazaqunywa basuswe elizweni,
labaphambekayo badatshulwe basuswe kulo.

3 Ndodana yami, ungakhohlwa umlayo wami, kodwa
inhliziyo yakho kayigcine imilayo yami. **2** Ngoba
yengezelela kuwe ubude bezinsuku leminyaka yempilo
lokuthula. **3** Umusa lothembeko kakungakutshiyi,
kubophele entanyeni yakho, ukubhale esibhebheni
senhliziyo yakho. **4** Ngalokho uzathola umusa
lokuqedisisa okuhle emehlweni kaNkulunkulu labantu. **5**
Themba eNkosini ngenhliziyo yakho yonke, ungeyami
ekuqedisiseni kwakho. **6** Ivume endleleni zakho
zonke, yona-ke izaqondisa imikhondo yakho. **7** Ungabi
ngohlakaniphileyo emehlweni akho; yesabe iNkosi, usuke
ebubini. **8** Kuzakuba yikwelatshwa kwenkaba yakho,
lokunathwayo kwamathambo akho. **9** Hlonipha iNkosi
ngemfuyo yakho, langezithelo zakho zokuqala zesivuno
sakho sonke. **10** Khona iziphala zakho zizagcwaliswa
ngenala, lezikhamelo zakho zewayini ziphuphume iwayini
elitsha. **11** Ndodana yami, ungadeleli ukulaya kweNkosi,
unganengwa yikukhuza kwayo. **12** Ngoba iNkosi iyamlaya

emthandayo, yebo, njengoyise indodana athokoza ngayo.
13 Ubusisiwe umuntu othola inhlakanipho, lomuntu
ozuza ukuqedisisa. 14 Ngoba inzuzo yakho ingcono
kulenzuzo yesiliva, lokutholakalayo kwakho kulegolide.
15 Kuligugu elidlula amatshe aligugu, lakho konke
ongakufisa kakulinganiswa lakho. 16 Ubude bezinsuku
busesandleni sakho sokunene, kwesokhohlo sakho
inotho lodumo. 17 Izindlela zakho zizindlela zentokozo,
lemikhondo yakho yonke iyikuthula. 18 Kuyisihlahla
sempilo kwabakubambayo, lobambelela kukho ubusisiwe.
19 Ngenhlakanipho iNkosi yasekela umhlaba; yamisa
amazulu ngokuqedisisa. 20 Ngolwazi lwayo izinziki
zaqhekezwa, lamayezi athonta amazolo. 21 Ndodana
yami, kakungasuki emehlweni akho; gcina inhlakanipho
eqotho lengqondo. 22 Njalo kuzakuba yimpilo
yomphefumulo wakho, lesisa entanyeni yakho. 23 Khona
uzahamba indlela yakho uvikelekile, lonyawo lwakho
kaluyikukhubeka. 24 Nxa ulala phansi, kawuyikwesaba,
yebo, uzalala, lobuthongo bakho buzakuba mnandi. 25
Ungesabi uvalo olujumayo, kumbe ukuchitheka kwababi
nxa kufika. 26 Ngoba iNkosi izakuba sethembeni
lakho, igcine unyawo lwakho ukuze lungabanjwa. 27
Ungagodleli umninikho okuhle nxa kusemandleni esandla
sakho ukukwenza. 28 Ungathi kumakhelwane wakho:
Hamba, ubuye, kusasa ngizakunika; nxa ulakho. 29
Ungacebi okubi ngomakhelwane wakho, ngoba yena
uhlala lawe evikelekile. 30 Ungaphikisani lomuntu
kungelasizatho, nxa engakonanga. 31 Ungahawukeli
umuntu olobudlwangudlwangu; ungakhethi leyodwa
yezindlela zakhe. 32 Ngoba ophambeneyo uyisinengiso
eNkosini, kodwa imfihlo yayo ikwabaqotho. 33
Isiqalekiso seNkosi sisendlini yomubi, kodwa iyawubusisa
umuzi wabalungileyo. 34 Isibili, yona iyabeyisa
abeyisayo, kodwa inika umusa kwabathobekileyo.
35 Abahlakaniphileyo bazakudla ilifa lodumo, kodwa
abayizithutha, isabelo sabo silihlazo.

4 Zwanini, bantwana, umlayo kayihlo, linanzelele ukuze
lazi ukuqedisisa. 2 Ngoba ngilinika imfundiso enhle,
lingawutshiyi umlayo wami. 3 Ngoba bengiyindodana
kababa, ngithambile, ngingedwa phambi kukamama. 4
Wasengifundisa wathi kimi: Inhliziyo yakho kayibambelele
emazwini ami; gcina imilayo yami, uphile. 5
Zuza inhlakanipho, uzuze ukuqedisisa, ungakhohlwa;
ungaphambuki emazwini omlomo wami. 6 Ungakutshiyi,
njalo kuzakulondoloza; ukuthande, njalo kuzakulinda. 7
Okokuqala yinhlakanipho; zuza inhlakanipho; langenzuzo
yakho yonke uzuze ukuqedisisa. 8 Kukhulise, njalo
kuzakuphakamisa; kuzakunika udumo nxa ukugona. 9
Kuzanika ikhanda lakho umqhele womusa; kuzakulethela
umqhele wodumo. 10 Zwana, ndodana yami, wemukele
amazwi ami, leminyaka yempilo izakuba minengi kuwe.
11 Ngikufundisile endleleni yenhlakanipho; ngikwenze
wanyathela emikhondweni yobuqotho. 12 Ekuhambeni
kwakho inyathelo lakho kaliyikufinyezwa, njalo nxa
ugijima kawuyikukhubeka. 13 Bambelela ekulayweni,
ungakuyekeli; kugcine, ngoba kuyimpilo yakho. 14
Ungangeni emkhondweni wabakhohlakeleyo, ungahambi
endleleni yababi. 15 Iyekele, ungedluli ngayo, phambuka
kuyo, wedlule. 16 Ngoba kabalali uba bengenzanga okubi;
lobuthongo babo buyasuswa uba bengakhubekisanga
muntu. 17 Ngoba badla isinkwa senkohlakalo,
banathe iwayini lobudlwangudlwangu. 18 Kodwa indlela
yabalungileyo injengokukhanya okukhanyayo, kuqhubeka
kukhanya kuze kube semini enkulu. 19 Indlela yababi
injengomnyama; kabazi ukuthi bazakhutshwa yini. 20
Ndodana yami, lalela amazwi ami, ubeke indlebe yakho
ekukhulumeni kwami. 21 Kakungaphunyuki emehlweni
akho; ukugcine phakathi kwenhliziyo yakho. 22 Ngoba
kuyimpilo kwabakutholayo, lempilo enhle yenyama yabo
yonke. 23 Gcina inhliziyo yakho phezu kwakho konke
okungagcinwa, ngoba kuvela kikho ukuphuma kwempilo.
24 Susa kuwe ukuphambana komlomo, lokuphambeka
kwendebe kususele khatshana lawe. 25 Amehlo akho
kawakhangele phambili, lenkophe zakho ziqonde phambi
kwakho. 26 Linganisa umkhondo wonyawo lwakho,
ukuze zonke indlela zakho ziqine. 27 Ungaphambukeli
ngakwesokunene kumbe ngakwesokhohlo; uphambule
unyawo lwakho ebubini.

5 Ndodana yami, lalela inhlakanipho yami, beka indlebe
yakho ekuqedisiseni kwami, 2 ukuze uqaphele
ingqondo, lendebe zakho zigcine ulwazi. 3 Ngoba indebe
zowesifazana wemzini zithonta uluju, lomlomo wakhe
ubutshelezi kulamafutha. 4 Kodwa ukucina kwakhe
kuyababa njengomhlonyane, kubukhali njengenkemba
esika nhlangothi mbili. 5 Inyawo zakhe zehlela ekufeni;
izinyathelo zakhe zibambelela esihogweni. **(Sheol h7585)**
6 Hlezi ulinganise indlela yempilo, imikhondo yakhe
iyazulazula, kananzeleli. 7 Ngakho-ke, bantwana,
ngilalelani, lingaphambuki emazwini omlomo wami. 8
Dedisela indlela yakho khatshana laye, ungasondeli
emnyango wendlu yakhe; 9 hlezi unikele udumo lwakho
kwabanye, leminyaka yakho kolesihluku; 10 hlezi
abezizwe bazisuthise ngamandla akho, lemitshikatshika
yakho ibe sendlini yowezizweni; 11 njalo ububule
ekupheleni kwakho, lapho inyama yakho lomzimba wakho
sekudliwe; 12 njalo uthi: Ngikuzonde njani ukulaywa,
lenhliziyo yami yadelela ukukhuzwa! 13 Kangizwanga-
ke ilizwi labafundisi bami; kangibekanga indlebe zami
kwabangifundisayo! 14 Ngaphosa ngaba ebubini bonke
phakathi kwebandla lenhlangano. 15 Natha amanzi
emgodini wakho, lemifula ephuma phakathi komthombo
wakho. 16 Imithombo yakho ichitheke phandle,
izifula zamanzi emidangeni. 17 Kakube ngokwakho
wedwa, kungabi ngokwabezizweni kanye lawe. 18
Umthombo wakho kawubusiswe; uthokoze ngomfazi
wobutsha bakho; 19 impala ethandekayo kakhulu,
legogo elibukekayo; amabele akhe kawakusuthise sonke
isikhathi, uzule othandweni lwakhe kokuphela. 20

Kungani-ke, ndodana yami, uzule kowesifazana wemzini,
ugone isifuba sowemzini? 21 Ngoba indlela zomuntu
ziphambi kwamehlo eNkosi; njalo iyalinganisa yonke
imikhondo yakhe. 22 Ezakhe iziphambeko zizabamba
omubi, abanjwe zintambo zesono sakhe. 23 Yena
uzakufa ngokungalaywa, lebukhulwini bobuthutha bakhe
uzaduha.

6 Ndodana yami, uba uyisibambiso somakhelwane
wakho, watshayela owezizwe isandla sakho, 2
uthiywe ngamazwi omlomo wakho, ubanjwe ngamazwi
omlomo wakho. 3 Yenza lokhu khathesi, ndodana
yami, uzophule, lokhu usesandleni sikamakhelwane
wakho; hamba, uzithobe, umncengisise umakhelwane
wakho. 4 Unganiki amehlo akho ubuthongo, lokuwozela
enkopheni zakho. 5 Uzophule njengomziki esandleni
somzingeli, lanjengenyoni esandleni somthiyi wenyoni.
6 Yana ebunyonyweni, vila, ubone indlela zabo,
uhlakaniphe. 7 Obuthi, bungelamkhokheli, induna,
lombusi, 8 bulungisa isinkwa sabo ehlobo, bubuthe
ukudla kwabo esivunweni. 9 Koze kube nini, vila, ulele?
Uzavuka nini ebuthongweni bakho? 10 Ubuthongo
obuncinyane, ukuwozela okuncinyane, ukusonga izandla
okuncinyane ukuthi ulale, 11 besebusiza ubuyanga bakho
njengesihambi, lenswelo yakho njengomuntu olesihlangu.
12 Umuntu kaBheliyali, umuntu okhohlakeleyo, ohamba
lomlomo ophambeneyo, 13 afice amehlo akhe, akhulume
ngenyawo zakhe, afundise ngeminwe yakhe, 14
ukuphambuka kusenhliziyweni yakhe, uceba okubi
ngesikhathi sonke, ephosela ingxabano. 15 Ngenxa
yalokhu ingozi yakhe izafika masinyane, ahle ephuke,
kuze kungabi leselapho. 16 Lezizinto eziyisithupha
iNkosi iyazizonda; yebo, eziyisikhombisa ziyizinengiso
emphefumulweni wakhe: 17 Amehlo aphakemeyo,
ulimi oluqamba amanga, lezandla ezichitha igazi
elingelacala, 18 inhliziyo eceba amacebo amabi,
inyawo eziphangisa ukugijimela ububi, 19 umfakazi
wamanga ophafuza izinkohliso, lophosela ingxabano
phakathi kwabazalwane. 20 Ndodana yami, gcina umlayo
kayihlo, ungakudeli ukufundisa kukanyoko. 21 Kubophele
enhliziyweni yakho njalo, kubophele entanyeni yakho.
22 Ekuhambeni kwakho kuzakukhokhela, ekulaleni
kwakho kukulondoloze, lekuvukeni kwakho khona
kukhulume lawe. 23 Ngoba umlayo uyisibane, lokufundisa
kuyikukhanya, lokukhuza kokulaya kuyindlela yempilo,
24 ukuze kukugcine emfazini omubi, emazwini ayengayo
olimi lowesifazana wemzini. 25 Ungaloyisi ubuhle bakhe
enhliziyweni yakho; angakuthathi ngenkophe zakhe. 26
Ngoba ngenxa yomfazi oyisiphingi ungafika ecezwini
lwesinkwa, lomfazi womuntu uzingela umphefumulo
oligugu. 27 Kambe, umuntu angaphatha umlilo
esifubeni sakhe, lezigqoko zakhe zingatshi? 28
Umuntu angahamba phezu kwamalahle avuthayo,
lenyawo zakhe zingatshi yini? 29 Unjalo ongena
kumkamakhelwane wakhe; wonke omthintayo kayikuba
msulwa. 30 Kabalideleli isela, nxa liseba ukuthi
ligcwalise umphefumulo walo, ngoba lilambile. 31 Uba
litholwa, lihlawula kuphindwe kasikhombisa, linika yonke
impahla yendlu yalo. 32 Ofeba lowesifazana uswela
ingqondo; owenza lokhu nguye ochitha umphefumulo
wakhe. 33 Uzathola ukutshaywa lesigcono, lehlazo lakhe
kaliyikwesulwa. 34 Ngoba ubukhwele bululaka lomuntu;
ngakho kayikuba lasihawu ngosuku lwempindiselo. 35
Kayikunanza loba yiyiphi inhlawulo, kayikuvuma lanxa
usandisa isipho.

7 Ndodana yami, gcina amazwi ami, uzibekele
imilayo yami. 2 Gcina imilayo yami, uphile,
lomthetho wami njengenhlamvu yamehlo akho. 3
Ukubophele eminweni yakho, kubhale esibhebheni
senhliziyo yakho. 4 Uthi kunhlakanipho: Ungudadewethu;
ubize ukuqedisisa ngokuthi yisihlobo sakho; 5 ukuze
kukugcine kumfazi wemzini, kowesifazana wemzini
oyengayo ngamazwi akhe. 6 Ngoba ewindini lendlu
yami, ngeminxibo yewindi ngalunguza phandle, 7
ngasengibona phakathi kwabangelalwazi, ngananzelela
phakathi kwabatsha ijaha eliswele ingqondo, 8 lisedlula
esitaladeni eceleni kwengonsi yakhe, linyathela endleleni
yendlu yakhe, 9 kusihlwa, ngentambama yosuku,
ebusuku obumnyama, lomnyama. 10 Khangela-ke,
owesifazana walihlangabeza, lesembatho sewule,
elobuqili ngenhliziyo. 11 Lo wayelomsindo, eyisiqholo;
inyawo zakhe kazihlali endlini yakhe. 12 Khathesi
uphandle, abesesiba ezitaladeni, ecathama kuyo yonke
ingonsi. 13 Ngokunjalo walibamba, walanga, waqinisa
ubuso bakhe, wathi kulo: 14 Imihlatshelo yeminikelo
yokuthula ikimi; lamuhla sengibhadele izifungo zami. 15
Ngakho-ke ngiphumile ukukuhlangabeza, ngidingisise
ubuso bakho; ngikutholile. 16 Ngendlele umbheda
wami ngezendlalo, ngamalembu acolekileyo kakhulu
alemibalabala avela eGibhithe. 17 Ngifafazile umbheda
wami ngemure, izinhlaba, lekinamoni. 18 Woza, sizidakise
ngothando kuze kuse, sizithokozise ngothando olukhulu.
19 Ngoba indoda kayikho endlini yayo, ihambile uhambo
khatshana. 20 Ithethe isaka lemali esandleni sayo;
ngosuku lwenyanga egcweleyo izakuza endlini yayo. 21
Walihuga ngobunengi bemfundiso yakhe, walivumisa
ngenkulumo zakhe ezincengayo. 22 Lahle lamlandela
njengenkabi isiya ekuhlatshweni, lanjengesiphukuphuku
sisiya ekujezisweni esongweni lenqagala; 23 uze
umtshoko uhlabe isibindi salo, njengenyoni iphangisela
esifwini, ingazi ukuthi simelene lempilo yayo. 24 Khathesi-
ke, bantwana, ngizweni, lilalele amazwi omlomo wami.
25 Inhliziyo yakho kayingaphambukeli endleleni zakhe;
ungaduhi emikhondweni yakhe. 26 Ngoba ubawisele
phansi abanengi abalimeleyo, labo bonke ababuleweyo
bakhe banengi. 27 Indlu yakhe izindlela zesihogo,
ezehlela emakamelweni okufa. **(Sheol h7585)**

8 Inhlakanipho kayimemezi yini, lokuqedisisa kukhuphe
ilizwi lakho? **2** Engqongeni yezindawo eziphakemeyo,
ngasendleleni, phakathi kwezindlela kumi. **3**
Eceleni kwamasango, entubeni yomuzi, ekungeneni
kweminyango kuyamemeza kakhulu kuthi: **4** Kini,
madoda, ngiyamemeza, lelizwi lami lisebantwaneni
babantu. **5** Lina elingelalwazi, qedisisani inhlakanipho;
lani zithutha, qedisisani ngenhliziyo. **6** Zwanini, ngoba
ngizakhuluma izinto zobukhosi, lokuvula kwendebe
zami kuzakuba yikuqonda. **7** Ngoba umlomo wami
ukhuluma iqiniso, lenkohlakalo iyisinengiso endebeni
zami. **8** Wonke amazwi omlomo wami asekulungeni;
kakukho okutshilekileyo lokugobileyo kuwo. **9** Wonke
aqondile kulowo oqedisisayo, alungile kulabo abathola
ulwazi. **10** Yemukelani ukufundisa kwami, hatshi isiliva,
lolwazi kulegolide elikhethekileyo. **11** Ngoba inhlakanipho
ingcono kulamatshe amahle, lakho konke okufisekayo
kakulakulinganiswa layo. **12** Mina nhlakanipho
ngihlala lokuqedisisa, ngithola ulwazi lamacebo. **13**
Ukwesaba iNkosi kuyikuzonda ububi; ukuzigqaja,
lokuziqhenya, lendlela embi, lomlomo wokuphambeka
ngiyakuzonda. **14** Iseluleko ngesami, lenhlakanipho
eqotho; ngiyikuqedisisa; amandla ngawami. **15** Ngami
amakhosi ayabusa, lababusi bamisa ukulunga. **16** Ngami
iziphathamandla ziyabusa, lezikhulu, bonke abehluleli
bomhlaba. **17** Mina ngiyathanda abangithandayo, lalabo
abangidingisisayo bazangithola. **18** Inotho lodumo kukimi,
inotho eqhubekayo lokulunga. **19** Isithelo sami singcono
kulegolide, legolide elicwengekileyo, lokutholakalayo
kwami kulesiliva esikhethekileyo. **20** Ngihamba endleleni
yokulunga, phakathi kwemikhondo yesahlulelo; **21** ukuthi
ngenze abangithandayo badle ilifa lemfuyo; ngigcwalise
iziphala zabo. **22** INkosi, ngaba ngeyayo, ngaba yikuqala
kwendlela yayo, ngaphambi kwemisebenzi yayo yendulo.
23 Ngamiswa kwasephakadeni, kusukela ekuqaleni,
kusukela emandulo omhlaba. **24** Kungakabi khona
izinziki ngasengizelwe, ingakabi khona imithombo enzima
ngamanzi. **25** Intaba zingakamiswa, kungakabi khona
amaqaqa, ngasengizelwe. **26** Ingakawenzi umhlaba
lemimango, lokuqala kwentuli zomhlaba. **27** Lapho
ilungisa amazulu ngangikhonapho; lapho imisa umkhathi
ngaphezu kwenziki; **28** lapho imisa amayezi ngaphezulu;
lapho iqinisa imithombo yenziki; **29** lapho imisela ulwandle
umngcele walo ukuze amanzi angeqi umlayo wayo;
lapho imisa izisekelo zomhlaba; **30** khona ngangiseduze
layo njengowakhuliswa yiyo, ngizintokozo zayo usuku
ngosuku, ngithokoza phambi kwayo ngaso sonke
isikhathi, **31** ngidlala elizweni lomhlaba wayo, lentokozo
zami zisebantwaneni babantu. **32** Ngakho-ke, bantwana
bami, ngizweni; ngoba babusisiwe abagcina indlela
zami. **33** Zwanini ukulaya, lihlakaniphe, lingakudeli. **34**
Ubusisiwe umuntu ongizwayo, alinde insuku ngensuku
emasangweni ami, alinde emigubazini yeminyango
yami. **35** Ngoba ongitholayo uthola impilo, azuze umusa
eNkosini. **36** Kodwa owona kimi wona umphefumulo
wakhe; bonke abangizondayo bathanda ukufa.

9 Inhlakanipho enkulu yakhe indlu yayo, ibaze insika
zayo eziyisikhombisa. **2** Ihlabe okuhlatshwayo kwayo,
ixubanise iwayini layo, futhi yalungisa itafula layo.
3 Ithume incekukazi zayo, iyamemeza engqongeni
zendawo eziphakemeyo zomuzi zisithi: **4** Loba ngubani
ongelalwazi? Kaphendukele lapha; oswele ingqondo,
ithi kuye: **5** Wozani, lidle okwesinkwa sami, linathe
okwewayini engilixubanisileyo. **6** Yekelani abangelalwazi
liphile, lihambe ngokuqonda ngendlela yokuqedisisa. **7**
Osola isiklolodi uzizuzela ihlazo, lokhuza okhohlakeleyo
uzizuzela isici. **8** Ungasoli isiklolodi, hlezi sikuzonde;
sola ohlakaniphileyo, njalo uzakuthanda. **9** Nika
ohlakaniphileyo, njalo uzakuba lokhu ehlakanipha;
fundisa olungileyo, njalo uzakwandisa ukufunda. **10**
Ukuyesaba iNkosi kuyikuqala kwenhlakanipho, lolwazi
lwabangcwele luyikuqedisisa. **11** Ngoba ngami insuku
zakho zizakwandiswa, leminyaka yempilo yengezelelwe
kuwe. **12** Uba uhlakaniphile, uzakuba uzihlakaniphele;
uba ukloloda, uzakuthwala wedwa. **13** Owesifazana
oyisithutha ulomsindo, kalangqondo, kazi lutho. **14**
Ngoba uhlala emnyango wendlu yakhe, esihlalweni,
endaweni eziphakemeyo zomuzi, **15** ukubiza abadlulayo
ngendlela, abahamba beqondile emikhondweni yabo,
esithi: **16** Loba ngubani ongelalwazi? Kaphendukele
lapha; loswele ingqondo, uthi kuye: **17** Amanzi ebiweyo
amnandi, lesinkwa sensitha siyahlabusa. **18** Kodwa
kazi ukuthi abafileyo balapho; abanxusiweyo bakhe
basenzikini yesihogo. **(Sheol h7585)**

10 Izaga zikaSolomoni. Indodana ehlakaniphileyo
ithokozisa uyise, kodwa indodana eyisithutha
ilusizi kunina. **2** Inotho yenkohlakalo kayisizi lutho,
kodwa ukulunga kophula ekufeni. **3** INkosi kayiyekeli
umphefumulo wolungileyo ulambe, kodwa isunduza
isifiso sababi. **4** Osebenza ngesandla esixegayo
uba ngumyanga, kodwa isandla sabakhutheleyo
siyanothisa. **5** Ovuna ehlobo uyindodana ehlakaniphileyo;
olala ubuthongo obukhulu ngesikhathi sokuvuna
uyindodana ethelela ihlazo. **6** Izibusiso zisekhanda
lolungileyo, kodwa ubudlwangudlwangu busibekela
umlomo wabakhohlakeleyo. **7** Ukukhunjulwa kolungileyo
kungokwesibusiso, kodwa ibizo labakhohlakeleyo
lizabola. **8** Ohlakaniphileyo ngenhliziyo uyemukela
imilayo, kodwa isithutha ngendebe sizawiselwa phansi.
9 Ohamba ngobuqotho uhamba evikelekile, kodwa
ophambula indlela zakhe uzakwaziwa. **10** Ociyoza ilihlo
ubanga inkathazo, njalo isithutha ngendebe sizawiselwa
phansi. **11** Umlomo wolungileyo ungumthombo
wempilo, kodwa ubudlwangudlwangu busibekela umlomo
wabakhohlakeleyo. **12** Inzondo ibanga ingxabano,
kodwa uthando lusibekela iziphambeko zonke. **13**
Endebeni zoqedisisayo kutholakala inhlakanipho,

kodwa intonga ingeyomhlana woswela ingqondo. **14** Abahlakaniphileyo babekelela ulwazi, kodwa umlomo wesithutha useduze lencithakalo. **15** Inotho yonothileyo ingumuzi wamandla akhe; ubuyanga babayanga buyincithakalo yabo. **16** Umsebenzi wolungileyo ngowempilo; inzuzo yokhohlakeleyo ngeyesono. **17** Ogcina ukulaywa usendleleni yempilo, kodwa odelela ukukhuzwa ubanga ukuduha. **18** Osibekela inzondo ungowendebe zamanga, lohlebayo uyisithutha. **19** Ebunengini bamazwi ukuphambeka kakusileli, kodwa othiba indebe zakhe uhlakaniphile. **20** Ulimi lolungileyo luyisiliva esikhethekileyo; inhliziyo yokhohlakeleyo injengento encinyane. **21** Indebe zolungileyo zondla abanengi, kodwa izithutha ziyafa ngokuswela ingqondo. **22** Isibusiso seNkosi sona siyanothisa; njalo kayengezi usizi kuso. **23** Kunjengenhlekisa koyisithutha ukwenza okubi; kunjalo inhlakanipho kumuntu wokuqedisisa. **24** Lokho okhohlakeleyo akwesabayo kuzamfikela, kodwa isiloyiso solungileyo sizanikwa. **25** Njengokwedlula kwesivunguzane, unjalo okhohlakeleyo kasekho; kodwa olungileyo uyisisekelo saphakade. **26** Njengeviniga emazinyweni, lanjengentuthu emehlweni, unjalo olivila kwabamthumileyo. **27** Ukuyesaba iNkosi kwandisa insuku, kodwa iminyaka yabakhohlakeleyo izafinyezwa. **28** Ithemba labalungileyo liyintokozo, kodwa okulindelwayo kwabakhohlakeleyo kuzabhubha. **29** Indlela yeNkosi iyinqaba koqotho, kodwa iyincithakalo kubenzi bobubi. **30** Olungileyo kayikunyikinywa laphakade, kodwa abakhohlakeleyo kabayikuhlala elizweni. **31** Umlomo wolungileyo ukhupha inhlakanipho, kodwa ulimi oluphambeneyo luzaqunywa. **32** Indebe zolungileyo ziyazi okuthokozisayo, kodwa umlomo wabakhohlakeleyo iziphambeko.

11 Isikali esikhohlisayo siyisinengiso eNkosini, kodwa ilitshe lokulinganisa eliphelelelyo liyintokozo yayo. **2** Nxa kufika ukuzigqaja, kufika lehlazo; kodwa kwabathobekileyo kukhona inhlakanipho. **3** Ubuqotho babaqotho buzabaqondisa, kodwa ukuphambeka kwabaphambekayo kuzababhubhisa. **4** Inotho kayisizi ngosuku lolaka, kodwa ukulunga kophula ekufeni. **5** Ukulunga kwabaqotho kuzaqondisa indlela yakhe, kodwa okhohlakeleyo uzakuwa ngenkohlakalo yakhe. **6** Ukulunga kwabaqotho kuzabophula, kodwa abaphambukayo bazathunjwa zinkanuko zabo. **7** Nxa umuntu okhohlakeleyo esifa, ithemba lakhe lizabhubha, lethemba lolamandla liyabhubha. **8** Olungileyo ukhululwa ekuhluphekeni, kodwa omubi ungena endaweni yakhe. **9** Ngomlomo umzenzisi uchitha umakhelwane wakhe, kodwa ngolwazi abalungileyo bayakhululwa. **10** Ngempumelelo yabalungileyo umuzi uyathokoza; lekubhubheni kwabakhohlakeleyo kulenjabulo. **11** Ngesibusiso sabaqotho umuzi uyaphakanyiswa, kodwa ngomlomo wabakhohlakeleyo uyachitheka. **12** Oswela ingqondo udelela umakhelwane, kodwa umuntu oqedisisayo uyazithulela. **13** Ohamba enyeya wembula imfihlakalo, kodwa othembekileyo ngomoya ufihla udaba. **14** Lapho kungekho izeluleko abantu bayawa; kodwa ukukhululwa kusebunengini babeluleki. **15** Oba yisibambiso sowezizwe uzahlupheka ngokubi; kodwa ozonda ukutshaya izandla uvikelekile. **16** Owesifazana olomusa ubamba udumo, labalamandla bababamba inotho. **17** Umuntu olomusa wenzela umphefumulo wakhe okuhle, kodwa olesihluku ukhathaza inyama yakhe. **18** Okhohlakeleyo wenza umsebenzi wenkohliso, kodwa ohlanyela ukulunga ulomvuzo weqiniso. **19** Njengoba ukulunga kungokwempilo, kunjalo ozingela okubi kungokokufa kwakhe. **20** Abaphambeneyo ngenhliziyo bayisinengiso eNkosini, kodwa abaqotho ngendlela bayintokozo yayo. **21** Isandla esandleni omubi kayikuyekelwa ukujeziswa, kodwa inzalo yabalungileyo izaphepha. **22** Ulisongo legolide empumulweni yengulube owesifazana obukekayo ophambuka engqondweni. **23** Isifiso sabalungileyo singokuhle kuphela; ithemba labakhohlakeleyo lulaka. **24** Kukhona ohlakazayo, kube kanti okunengi kuyengezwa; logodla okwedlula okufaneleyo, kodwa kungokokuswela. **25** Umphefumulo obusisayo uzakhuluphaliswa, lothelelayo uzathelelwa laye. **26** Ogodla amabele, abantu bazamqalekisa; kodwa isibusiso sizakuba phezu kwekhanda lothengisayo. **27** Odingisisa okuhle, udinga umusa; kodwa odinga okubi, kuzakuza kuye. **28** Othemba inotho yakhe yena uzakuwa, kodwa abalungileyo bazahluma njengamahlamvu. **29** Oletha inkathazo emzini wakhe uzakudla ilifa lomoya, lesithutha sizakuba yinceku yohlakaniphileyo ngenhliziyo. **30** Isithelo solungileyo siyisihlahla sempilo, lozuza imiphefumulo uhlakaniphile. **31** Khangela, olungileyo uzavuzwa emhlabeni; kakhulu kangakanani omubi lesoni!

12 Othanda ukulaywa uthanda ulwazi; kodwa ozonda ukukhuzwa uyisithutha. **2** Olungileyo uzuza umusa eNkosini, kodwa umuntu wamacebo amabi iyamlahla. **3** Umuntu kayikumiswa yibubi, kodwa impande yabalungileyo kayiyikunyikinywa. **4** Umfazi okhuthalela okulungileyo ungumqhele wendoda yakhe, kodwa oyangisayo unjengokubola emathanjeni ayo. **5** Imicabango yabalungileyo ilungile; izeluleko zababi ziyinkohliso. **6** Amazwi abakhohlakeleyo ngawokucathamela igazi, kodwa umlomo wabaqotho uzabophula. **7** Abakhohlakeleyo bayachithwa, bangabe besaba khona; kodwa indlu yabalungileyo izakuma. **8** Umuntu uzadunyiswa ngokwenhlakanipho yakhe, kodwa ophambeke ngenhliziyo uzakuba ngowokudelelwa. **9** Odelelekayo elesisebenzi ungcono kulozihloniphayo aswele ukudla. **10** Olungileyo unanzelela impilo yesifuyo sakhe, kodwa izihawu zabakhohlakeleyo ziyilunya. **11** Olima insimu yakhe uzasutha ngokudla, kodwa ozingela izinto eziyize uswela ingqondo. **12** Okhohlakeleyo ufisa impango yababi, kodwa impande yabalungileyo iyahluma.

13 Ekuphambekeni kwendebe kulomjibila womubi, kodwa
olungileyo uzaphuma enkathazweni. 14 Umuntu uzasutha
ngokulungileyo ngesithelo somlomo, lomvuzo wezandla
zomuntu uzabuyiselwa kuye. 15 Indlela yesithutha ilungile
emehlweni aso, kodwa olalela iseluleko uhlakaniphile.
16 Isithutha, intukuthelo yaso yaziwa ngosuku; kodwa
ohlakaniphileyo ufihla ihlazo. 17 Ophefumula iqiniso
wazisa ukulunga, kodwa umfakazi wamanga inkohliso.
18 Kukhona ophahluka njengokuhlaba kwenkemba,
kodwa ulimi lwezihlakaniphi luyikusilisa. 19 Indebe
yeqiniso izamiswa phakade, kodwa ulimi lwamanga
lungolomzuzu nje. 20 Inkohliso isenhliziyweni yabaceba
okubi, kodwa abeluleki bokuthula balentokozo. 21
Lokukodwa okubi kakuyikubehlela abalungileyo, kodwa
abakhohlakeleyo bagcwele ububi. 22 Indebe zamanga
ziyisinengiso eNkosini, kodwa abenza iqiniso bayintokozo
yayo. 23 Umuntu ohlakaniphileyo ufihla ulwazi, kodwa
inhliziyo yezithutha imemezela ubuthutha. 24 Isandla
sabakhutheleyo sizabusa, kodwa amavila azakuba
yizibhalwa. 25 Ukukhathazeka enhliziyweni yomuntu
kuyayithobisa, kodwa ilizwi elihle liyayithokozisa. 26
Olungileyo ungumholi kamakhelwane wakhe, kodwa
indlela yabakhohlakeleyo iyabaduhisa. 27 Olivila kayikosa
inyamazana yakhe ayizingeleyo, kodwa impahla yomuntu
okhutheleyo iligugu. 28 Endleleni yokulunga kulempilo,
lendleleni yomkhondo kakulakufa.

13 Indodana ehlakaniphileyo ilalela ukulaya kukayise,
kodwa isideleli kasilaleli ukukhuzwa. 2 Umuntu
uzakudla okuhle okuvela esithelweni somlomo, kodwa
umphefumulo weziphambuki ubudlwangudlwangu. 3
Olondoloza umlomo wakhe ugcina umphefumulo
wakhe, kodwa ovula indebe zakhe zibe banzi
uzakuba lencithakalo. 4 Umphefumulo wevila uyafisa,
kodwa kakulalutho; kodwa umphefumulo wokhutheleyo
uyakhuluphaliswa. 5 Olungileyo uyalizonda ilizwi
lamanga; kodwa omubi uzenza abe levumba, uthelela
ihlazo. 6 Ukulunga kulinda oqotho endleleni, kodwa
inkohlakalo ichitha isoni. 7 Kukhona ozitshaya
onothileyo, kanti kalalutho; ozitshaya ongumyanga,
kanti unothile kakhulu. 8 Inhlawulo yempilo yomuntu
yinotho yakhe, kodwa umyanga kezwa ukukhuzwa.
9 Ukukhanya kwabalungileyo kuyathokoza, kodwa
isibane sabakhohlakeleyo sizacitshwa. 10 Ukuzigqaja
kuveza ingxabano kuphela, kodwa inhlakanipho
ikwabalulekiweyo. 11 Inotho etholakala ngokuyize
izaphunguka, kodwa obuthelela ngesandla uyayandisa.
12 Ithemba eliphuzayo ligulisa inhliziyo, kodwa isifiso
esizayo siyisihlahla sempilo. 13 Odelela ilizwi yena
uzachithwa, kodwa owesaba umlayo yena uzavuzwa.
14 Imfundiso yohlakaniphileyo ingumthombo wempilo,
ukuthi asuke emijibileni yokufa. 15 Ukuqedisisa
okuhle kunika umusa, kodwa indlela yabaphambukayo
ilukhuni. 16 Wonke ohlakaniphileyo wenza ngolwazi,
kodwa isithutha sichaya ubuthutha. 17 Isithunywa
esikhohlakeleyo siwela ebubini, kodwa isithunywa
esithembekileyo siyikusilisa. 18 Ubuyanga lehlazo
ngokwalowo oyekela ukufundiswa, kodwa onanzelela
ukukhuzwa uzadunyiswa. 19 Isifiso esenziweyo simnandi
emphefumulweni, kodwa kuyisinengiso ezithutheni
ukuphenduka ebubini. 20 Ohamba labahlakaniphileyo
uzahlakanipha, kodwa umngane wezithutha uzakuba
mubi. 21 Ububi buzazingela izoni, kodwa abalungileyo
bazavuzwa ngokuhle. 22 Olungileyo uzabenza abantwana
babantwana badle ilifa, kodwa inotho yesoni ibekelwa
olungileyo. 23 Ukudla okunengi kusengqathweni
yabayanga, kodwa kukhona okukhukhulwa ngokungabi
lokwahlulela. 24 Ogodla uswazi lwakhe uzonda indodana
yakhe, kodwa oyithandayo uyayidinga masinyane
ngesijeziso. 25 Olungileyo uyadla kuze kusuthe
umphefumulo wakhe, kodwa isisu sabakhohlakeleyo
sizaswela.

14 Wonke owesifazana ohlakaniphileyo uyayakha
indlu yakhe, kodwa oyisithutha uyayidiliza
ngezandla zakhe. 2 Ohamba ngobuqotho bakhe wesaba
iNkosi, kodwa ophambene ngendlela zakhe uyayidelela.
3 Emlonyeni wesithutha kulentonga yokuzigqaja, kodwa
indebe zabahlakaniphileyo ziyabagcina. 4 Lapho
okungekho izinkabi khona umkolo uhlanzekile, kodwa
kulesivuno esinengi ngamandla enkabi. 5 Umfakazi
othembekileyo kaqambi amanga, kodwa umfakazi
wamanga uphafuza amanga. 6 Odelelayo udinga
inhlakanipho, kodwa kayikho; kodwa ulwazi lulula
koqedisisayo. 7 Suka phambi komuntu oyisithutha, nxa
ungayikunanzelela kuye indebe zolwazi. 8 Inhlakanipho
yokhaliphileyo yikuqedisisa indlela yakhe, kodwa
ubuthutha bezithutha buyinkohliso. 9 Izithutha ziyakloloda
ngesono, kodwa phakathi kwabaqotho kulomusa. 10
Inhliziyo iyazi ukubaba kwayo ngokwayo, lowemzini
kahlanganyeli lentokozo yayo. 11 Indlu yabakhohlakeleyo
izachithwa, kodwa ithente labaqotho lizahluma. 12
Kukhona indlela ebonakala ilungile emuntwini, kodwa
ukuphela kwayo zindlela zokufa. 13 Lekuhlekeni inhliziyo
isebuhlungwini, lokuphela kwaleyontokozo lusizi. 14
Ohlehlela nyovane ngenhliziyo uzasutha ngezindlela
zakhe, kodwa umuntu olungileyo uzasutha ngaye
ngokwakhe. 15 Ongelalwazi ukholwa lonke ilizwi,
kodwa olengqondo unanzelela ukuhamba kwakhe. 16
Ohlakaniphileyo uyesaba, asuke ebubini, kodwa isithutha
siyathukuthela, silitshapha. 17 Ophangisa ukuthukuthela
wenza ubuthutha, lomuntu wamacebo amabi uzazondwa.
18 Abangelalwazi badla ilifa lobuthutha, kodwa
abakhaliphileyo bazathwala umqhele wolwazi. 19 Ababi
bakhothama phambi kwabalungileyo, labakhohlakeleyo
emasangweni abalungileyo. 20 Umyanga uzondwa
langumakhelwane wakhe, kodwa abathanda onothileyo
banengi. 21 Odelela umakhelwane wakhe uyona, kodwa
olomusa kubayanga ubusisiwe. 22 Kabaduhi yini abaceba
okubi? Kodwa umusa leqiniso ngokwalabo abaceba

okuhle. 23 Kumtshikatshika wonke kulenzuzo, kodwa
inkulumo yendebe ibanga inswelo kuphela. 24 Umqhele
wabahlakaniphileyo uyinotho yabo; ubuthutha bezithutha
buyibuthutha. 25 Umfakazi oqinisileyo uyophula
imiphefumulo, kodwa ophafuza amanga ungumkhohlisi.
26 Ekuyesabeni iNkosi kulethemba eliqinileyo, labantwana
bakhe bazakuba lesiphephelo. 27 Ukuyesaba iNkosi
kungumthombo wempilo, ukusuka emijibileni yokufa.
28 Lusebunengini babantu udumo lwenkosi, kodwa
kusekuswelekeni kwabantu ukuchitheka kombusi. 29
Ophuza ukuthukuthela ulokuqedisisa okukhulu, kodwa
ophangisa ukuzonda ukhulisa ubuthutha. 30 Inhliziyo
ephilileyo iyimpilo yenyama, kodwa umhawu uyikubola
kwamathambo. 31 Ocindezela umyanga uthuka uMenzi
wakhe, kodwa olomusa koswelayo uyamdumisa.
32 Okhohlakeleyo uwiswa ebubini bakhe, kodwa
olungileyo ulethemba ekufeni kwakhe. 33 Inhlakanipho
ihlala enhliziyweni yoqedisisayo, kodwa okuphakathi
kwezithutha kuyaziwa. 34 Ukulunga kuphakamisa isizwe,
kodwa isono silihlazo ebantwini. 35 Umusa wenkosi
usencekwini ehlakaniphileyo, kodwa intukuthelo yayo
izakuba kwethela ihlazo.

15 Impendulo ethambileyo ibuyisela emuva ulaka,
kodwa ilizwi elilukhuni livusa intukuthelo. 2
Ulimi lwabahlakaniphileyo lwenza ulwazi lube luhle,
kodwa umlomo wezithutha uthulula ubuthutha. 3
Amehlo eNkosi akuyo yonke indawo, eqaphela ababi
labalungileyo. 4 Ukusilisa kolimi kuyisihlahla sempilo,
kodwa ukuphambeka kulo kuyikwephuka emoyeni. 5
Isithutha sidelela ukulaya kukayise, kodwa onanza
ukukhuzwa uhlakaniphile. 6 Endlini yolungileyo kulenotho
enengi, kodwa enzuzweni yomubi kulenkathazo. 7 Indebe
zabahlakaniphileyo ziyahlakaza ulwazi, kodwa inhliziyo
yezithutha kayinjalo. 8 Umhlatshelo wabakhohlakeleyo
uyisinengiso eNkosini, kodwa umkhuleko wabaqotho
uyintokozo yayo. 9 Indlela yokhohlakeleyo iyisinengiso
eNkosini, kodwa ithanda ozingela ukulunga. 10
Ukujezisa kubi kotshiya indlela; ozonda ukukhuzwa
uzakufa. 11 Isihogo lentshabalalo kuphambi kweNkosi;
kakhulu kangakanani inhliziyo zabantwana babantu!
(Sheol h7585) 12 Isideleli kasithandi osikhuzayo,
kasiyi kwabahlakaniphileyo. 13 Inhliziyo ethokozayo
yenza ubuso bujabule, kodwa ngosizi lwenhliziyo
umoya uyadabuka. 14 Inhliziyo yoqedisisayo idinga
ulwazi, kodwa umlomo wezithutha udla ubuthutha.
15 Zonke insuku zohluphekayo zimbi, kodwa inhliziyo
ethokozayo ilidili njalonjalo. 16 Kungcono okuncinyane
kanye lokwesaba iNkosi kulenotho enengi lenkathazo
kanye layo. 17 Kungcono isidlo semibhida lapho
okulothando khona kulenkabi enonileyo lenzondo
kanye layo. 18 Umuntu ololaka udungula ingxabano,
kodwa ophuza ukuthukuthela uzathulisa ingxabano. 19
Indlela yevila injengothango lwameva, kodwa indlela
yabaqotho ibuthelelwe. 20 Indodana ehlakaniphileyo
ithokozisa uyise, kodwa umuntu oyisithutha weyisa
unina. 21 Ubuthutha buyintokozo koswela ingqondo,
kodwa umuntu oqedisisayo uyaqondisa ukuhamba
kwakhe. 22 Amaqhinga angelaseluleko ayachitheka,
kodwa ngabeluleki abanengi ayakuma. 23 Umuntu
ulentokozo ngempendulo yomlomo wakhe; lelizwi
ngesikhathi salo, lihle kangakanani. 24 Indlela yempilo
kohlakaniphileyo iya phezulu, ukuze asuke esihogweni
phansi. (Sheol h7585) 25 INkosi izadiliza indlu yozigqajayo,
kodwa izamisa umngcele womfelokazi. 26 Imicabango
yomubi iyisinengiso eNkosini, kodwa amazwi amnandi
ahlambulukile. 27 Ophanga inzuzo ukhathaza indlu yakhe,
kodwa ozonda izipho uzaphila. 28 Inhliziyo yolungileyo
inakana ukuphendula, kodwa umlomo wababi uthulula
izinto ezimbi. 29 INkosi ikhatshana labakhohlakeleyo,
kodwa iyezwa umkhuleko wabalungileyo. 30 Ukukhanya
kwamehlo kuthokozisa inhliziyo, lodaba oluhle lwenza
amathambo akhuluphale. 31 Indlebe elalela ukukhuzwa
kwempilo izahlala phakathi kwabahlakaniphileyo. 32
Owala ukulaywa weyisa umphefumulo wakhe, kodwa
olalela ukukhuzwa uzuza ukuqedisisa. 33 Ukuyesaba
iNkosi kuyikufundiswa kwenhlakanipho, lokuthobeka
kwandulela udumo.

16 Umuntu ulamacebo enhliziyo, kodwa impendulo
yolimi ivela eNkosini. 2 Zonke indlela zomuntu
zihlanzekile emehlweni akhe, kodwa iNkosi ilinganisa
imimoya. 3 Giqela eNkosini imisebenzi yakho,
lamacebo akho azaqiniswa. 4 INkosi izenzele konke,
lomubi laye usuku lobubi. 5 Wonke ozigqajayo
ngenhliziyo uyisinengiso eNkosini; isandla esandleni,
kayikuyekelwa engajeziswanga. 6 Ngomusa leqiniso
isono siyahlawulelwa, langokuyesaba iNkosi umuntu
uyasuka ebubini. 7 Nxa indlela zomuntu zithokozisa
iNkosi, iyenza lezitha zakhe zibe lokuthula laye. 8
Okulutshwana kanye lokulunga kungcono kulobunengi
benzuzo engelakulunga. 9 Inhliziyo yomuntu iceba
indlela yakhe, kodwa iNkosi iqondisa inyathelo lakhe.
10 Isinqumo sikaNkulunkulu sisendebeni zenkosi;
umlomo wayo kawuyikuphambeka kusahlulelo. 11
Isikali lesilinganiso esilungileyo kungokweNkosi; wonke
amatshe okulinganisa omgodla angumsebenzi wayo.
12 Kuyisinengiso emakhosini ukwenza okubi, ngoba
isihlalo sobukhosi simiswa ngokulunga. 13 Indebe
zokulunga ziyintokozo yamakhosi; iyathanda okhuluma
izinto eziqondileyo. 14 Ulaka lombusi luyizithunywa
zokufa, kodwa umuntu ohlakaniphileyo uzaluthulisa.
15 Ekukhanyeni kobuso benkosi kulempilo, lomusa
wayo unjengeyezi lezulu lamuva. 16 Kungcono
kangakanani ukuzuza inhlakanipho kulegolide; lokuzuza
ukuqedisisa kukhethwa kulesiliva. 17 Umgwaqo
omkhulu wabaqotho yikusuka ebubini; olondoloza
umphefumulo wakhe unanzelela indlela yakhe. 18
Ukuzigqaja kuqalela ukubhujiswa, lokuziphakamisa

komoya kuqalela ukuwa. **19** Kungcono ukuthobeka
ngomoya kanye labamnene, kulokwabelana impango
labazigqajayo. **20** Ophatha udaba ngenhlakanipho
uzathola okuhle; lothemba eNkosini uyathaba. **21**
Ohlakaniphileyo ngenhliziyo kuthiwa ngoqedisisayo;
lobumnandi bendebe bandisa imfundiso. **22** Ukuqedisisa
kwabalakho kungumthombo wempilo, kodwa ukulaya
kwezithutha kuyibuthutha. **23** Ingqondo yohlakaniphileyo
yenza umlomo wakhe uhlakaniphe, izakwandisa
imfundiso endebeni zakhe. **24** Amazwi amnandi
aluhlanga loluju, amnandi emphefumulweni, ayimpiliso
emathanjeni. **25** Kukhona indlela ebonakala iqondile
emuntwini, kodwa ukuphela kwayo zindlela zokufa.
26 Indlala yomtshikatshiki iyazitshikatshikela, ngoba
umlomo wakhe uyamkhuthaza. **27** Umuntu omubi
ugebha ububi; lendebeni zakhe kulokunjengomlilo
otshisayo. **28** Umuntu ophambeneyo ungenisa ingxabano,
lonyeyayo wehlukanisa umngane oseduze. **29** Umuntu
wobudlwangudlwangu uhuga umakhelwane wakhe,
amhambise ngendlela engalunganga. **30** Uvala amehlo
akhe ukuceba izinto eziphambeneyo, eluma indebe
zakhe aqede ububi. **31** Izimvu zekhanda zingumqhele
wodumo; zitholakala endleleni yokulunga. **32** Ophuza
ukuthukuthela ungcono kuleqhawe, lobusa umoya wakhe
kulothumba umuzi. **33** Inkatho iphoselwa ethangazini,
kodwa isinqumo sayo sonke sivela eNkosini.

17 Ucezu olomileyo lokuthula kanye lalo lungcono
kulendlu egcwele imihlatshelo lengxabano. **2**
Inceku ehlakaniphileyo izabusa phezu kwendodana
eyangisayo, yehlukanise ilifa phakathi kwezelamani.
3 Imbiza yokuncibilikisa ngeyesiliva, lesithando
ngesegolide, kodwa iNkosi ihlola izinhliziyo. **4** Umenzi
wobubi ulalela indebe ekhohlakeleyo; umqambimanga
ubeka indlebe olimini oluchithayo. **5** Oklolodela umyanga
uthuka uMenzi wakhe; othokoza encithakalweni kayikuba
msulwa. **6** Abantwana babantwana bangumqhele
wabadala, lodumo lwabantwana ngoyise. **7** Indebe
elobungcwethi kayisifanelanga isithutha; kakhulu
kangakanani indebe yamanga isiphathamandla. **8**
Isipho siyilitshe eliligugu emehlweni abaniniso; loba
ngaphi esiphendukela khona sizaphumelela. **9**
Osibekela isiphambeko udinga uthando, kodwa
ophindaphinda udaba wehlukanisa umngane oseduze. **10**
Ukukhuza kuyajula koqedisisayo kulokutshaya isithutha
ngokulikhulu. **11** Omubi udinga ububi kuphela, kodwa
isithunywa esilesihluku sizathunyelwa kuye. **12** Kakuthi
ibhere elifelwe yimidlwane lihlangane lomuntu, kodwa
hatshi isithutha ebuthutheni baso. **13** Ophindisela
okubi esikhundleni sokuhle, ububi kabuyikusuka endlini
yakhe. **14** Ukuqala kwenkani kunjengokuvulela amanzi;
ngakho yekela ingxabano ingakazivezi. **15** Olungisisa
omubi lolahla olungileyo bayisinengiso eNkosini, ngitsho
bobabili. **16** Kungani kulemali yokuthenga inhlakanipho
esandleni sesithutha, lokhu singelangqondo? **17**
Umngane uyathanda ngaso sonke isikhathi, lomzalwane
uzalelwa inhlupheko. **18** Umuntu oswela ingqondo
uyabambana ngezandla ukuba yisibambiso phambi
kukamakhelwane wakhe. **19** Othanda isiphambeko
uthanda inkani; ophakamisa umnyango wakhe udinga
ukubhujiswa. **20** Olenhliziyo ephambeneyo katholi okuhle,
lophambene ngolimi uwela ebubini. **21** Ozala isithutha,
sizakuba lusizi kuye; loyise wesithutha kathokozi.
22 Inhliziyo ethokozayo yenza kuhle njengomuthi,
kodwa umoya owephukileyo womisa amathambo. **23**
Omubi uthatha isipho esifubeni ukuphambula izindlela
zesahlulelo. **24** Inhlakanipho iphambi koqedisisayo,
kodwa amehlo esithutha asekucineni komhlaba. **25**
Indodana eyisiwula ilusizi kuyise, iyikubaba kowayizalayo.
26 Ukuhlawulisa olungileyo lakho kakulunganga,
lokutshaya iziphathamandla ngenxa yobuqotho. **27**
Owazi ulwazi ugodla amazwi akhe; umuntu oqedisisayo
ulomoya opholileyo. **28** Isithutha esithuleyo laso sithiwa
sihlakaniphile; ovala indebe zakhe uthiwa uyaqedisisa.

18 Ozehlukanisayo udinga okuloyisekayo kwakhe;
ufohlela inhlakanipho yonke. **2** Isithutha kasithokozi
ekuqedisiseni, kodwa ukuze inhliziyo yaso iziveze.
3 Lapho okhohlakeleyo esiza, kuza lokudelela, njalo
kanye lenhloni, ihlazo. **4** Amazwi omlomo womuntu
angamanzi azikileyo; umthombo wenhlakanipho uyisifula
esigobhozayo. **5** Kakulunganga ukwemukela ubuso
bokhohlakeleyo, ukuphambula olungileyo kusahlulelo.
6 Indebe zesithutha zingena enkanini, lomlomo waso
ubiza imivimvinya. **7** Umlomo wesithutha uyintshabalalo
yaso, lendebe zaso zingumjibila womphefumulo
waso. **8** Amazwi onyeyayo anjengezibondlo ezehlela
kokungaphakathi kwesisu. **9** Lolivila emsebenzini
wakhe ungumfowabo womchithi. **10** Ibizo leNkosi
lingumphotshongo oqinileyo; olungileyo uzagijimela kuwo
amiswe phezulu evikelekile. **11** Inotho yesinothi ingumuzi
waso oqinileyo, lanjengomthangala ophakemeyo
ekucabangeni kwaso. **12** Mandulo kokubhujiswa
inhliziyo yomuntu iyaziphakamisa, njalo mandulo kodumo
kulokuthobeka. **13** Ophendula indaba engakezwa,
kuyibuwula kuye, lehlazo. **14** Umoya womuntu uzasekela
ukugula kwakhe, kodwa umoya owephukileyo, ngubani
ongawuthwala? **15** Inhliziyo yoqedisisayo izuza ulwazi,
lendlebe yabahlakaniphileyo idinga ulwazi. **16** Isipho
somuntu siyamvulela ngokubanzi, simkhokhelela phambi
kwabakhulu. **17** Ongowokuqala ecaleni lakhe ubonakala
elungile, kodwa umakhelwane wakhe ufika amhlole.
18 Inkatho iqeda izingxabano, yehlukanise phakathi
kwabalamandla. **19** Umzalwane owoniweyo wedlula
umuzi oqinileyo, lengxabano zinjengomgoqo wenqaba.
20 Isisu somuntu siyasuthiswa yizithelo zomlomo wakhe,
uzasuthiswa yinzuzo yendebe zakhe. **21** Ukufa lempilo
kusesandleni solimi; labaluthandayo bazakudla isithelo
salo. **22** Othole umfazi uthole okuhle, uzuze umusa

eNkosini. 23 Umyanga uyakhuluma ngokuncenga,
kodwa isinothi siphendula izinto ezilukhuni. 24 Umuntu
wabangane abanengi uzachitheka, kodwa kulomngane
onamathela kuleselamani.

19 Umyanga ohamba ngobuqotho bakhe ungcono
kulophambeneyo endebeni zakhe, njalo
oyisithutha. 2 Futhi umphefumulo ongelalwazi
kawulunganga, lophangisayo ngezinyawo uyona.
3 Ubuthutha bomuntu buphambula indlela yakhe,
lenhliziyo yakhe iyayithukuthelela iNkosi. 4 Inotho
yengeza abangane abanengi, kodwa umyanga
wehlukaniswa lomngane wakhe. 5 Umfakazi wamanga
kayikuyekelwa engajeziswanga, lophafuza amanga
kayikuphunyuka. 6 Banengi abancenga umusa
weziphathamandla; njalo wonke ungumngane womuntu
wezipho. 7 Bonke abazalwane bomyanga bayamzonda;
kakhulu kangakanani abangane bakhe besiya
khatshana laye; uxotshana labongamazwi kodwa
kabatholakali. 8 Ozuza ingqondo uthanda umphefumulo
wakhe; unanzelela ukuqedisisa uzathola okuhle. 9
Umfakazi wamanga kayikuyekelwa engajeziswanga,
lophafuza amanga uzabhubha. 10 Ukutamasa
kakusifanele isiwula; kakhulu kangakanani ukuthi inceku
ibuse phezu kweziphathamandla. 11 Ukuqedisisa
komuntu kuphuzisa ukuthukuthela kwakhe; lodumo
lwakhe yikwedlula isiphambeko. 12 Ulaka lwenkosi
lunjengokubhonga kwebhongo lesilwane, kodwa umusa
wayo unjengamazolo etshanini. 13 Indodana eyisithutha
iyincithakalo kayise; lengxabano zomfazi ziyikuthonta
njalonjalo. 14 Umuzi lenotho kuyilifa labobaba, kodwa
umfazi ohlakaniphileyo uvela eNkosini. 15 Ubuvila
buphosela ebuthongweni obukhulu, lomphefumulo olivila
uzalamba. 16 Ogcina umlayo ugcina umphefumulo
wakhe; odelela indlela zakhe uzakufa. 17 Ozwela
umyanga weboleka iNkosi; izambhadala ngesenzo
sakhe. 18 Laya indodana yakho kuselethemba,
kodwa ungaloyisi ukufa kwayo. 19 Ololaka olukhulu
uzathwala inhlawulo; ngoba nxa umophula uzabe lokhu
uqhubeka ukwenza. 20 Lalela izeluleko, wemukele
imfundiso, ukuze uhlakaniphe ekucineni kwakho. 21
Kulamacebo amanengi enhliziyweni yomuntu, kodwa
iseluleko seNkosi sona sizakuma. 22 Isiloyiso somuntu
ngumusa wakhe, njalo umyanga ungcono kulomuntu
wamanga. 23 Ukuyesaba iNkosi kungokwempilo; ngoba
olakho uzalala ebusuku esuthi; kayikwethekelelwa
yibubi. 24 Ivila lifihla isandla salo emganwini, njalo
kaliyikusibuyisela emlonyeni walo. 25 Tshaya isideleli
ongelalwazi abesekhalipha; njalo khuza oqedisisayo,
uzaqedisisa ulwazi. 26 Ochitha uyise, axotshe unina,
uyindodana ethelela inhloni ilethe ihlazo. 27 Yekela,
ndodana yami, ukulalela ukulaywa, ukuphambuka
emazwini olwazi. 28 Umfakazi omubi udelela isahlulelo,
lomlomo wabakhohlakeleyo uginya ububi. 29 Izahlulelo
zilungiselwe izideleli, lemivimvinya umhlana wezithutha.

20 Iwayini liyisideleli; okunathwayo okulamandla
kulomsindo; njalo wonke oduha kukho
kahlakaniphanga. 2 Ukwesabeka kwenkosi
kunjengokubhonga kwebhongo lesilwane;
oyithukuthelisayo wona umphefumulo wakhe. 3
Kuludumo emuntwini ukuyekela inkani; kodwa sonke
isiwula siyaziveza. 4 Ngenxa yobusika ivila kaliyikulima;
ngakho lizaphanza esivunweni, kodwa kungabi lalutho.
5 Iseluleko enhliziyweni yomuntu sinjengamanzi
azikileyo, kodwa umuntu oqedisisayo uzasikha. 6 Inengi
labantu limemezela, lowo lalowo ukulunga kwakhe,
kodwa ngubani ongathola umuntu othembekileyo? 7
Olungileyo uhamba ngobuqotho bakhe; babusisiwe
abantwana bakhe emva kwakhe. 8 Inkosi ehlezi
esihlalweni sesahlulelo ihlakaza bonke ububi ngamehlo
ayo. 9 Ngubani ongathi: Ngihlanzile inhliziyo yami,
ngihlambulukile esonweni sami? 10 Amatshe ezilinganiso
ezehlukeneyo, ama-efa ehlukeneyo, kuyisinengiso
eNkosini, yebo kokubili. 11 Lomntwana uyazazisa
ngezenzo zakhe, loba umsebenzi wakhe uhlanzekile
kumbe loba uqotho. 12 Indlebe ezwayo lelihlo elibonayo,
iNkosi yakwenza, yebo kokubili. 13 Ungathandi
ubuthongo, hlezi ube ngumyanga; vula amehlo akho,
usuthe isinkwa. 14 Kubi, kubi, kutsho umthengi;
kodwa esehambile abesezincoma. 15 Kulegolide,
lobunengi bamatshe aligugu, kodwa indebe zolwazi
zingumceciso oligugu. 16 Thatha isembatho sakhe
oyisibambiso sowemzini, umbambe abe yisibambiso
sabezizwe. 17 Isinkwa samanga simnandi emuntwini,
kodwa emva kwalokho umlomo wakhe uzagcwaliswa
ngokhethe. 18 Imicabango uyimisa ngeseluleko; ngakho
yenza impi ngamaqhinga amahle. 19 Ohambahamba
enyeya wembula imfihlakalo; ngakho ungahlangani
lokhohlisa ngendebe zakhe. 20 Othuka uyise loba unina,
isibane sakhe sizacitshwa ebumnyameni obumnyama.
21 Ilifa lingaphangisiswa ekuqaleni, kodwa ukucina
kwalo kakuyikubusiswa. 22 Ungathi: Ngizaphindisela
okubi; lindela iNkosi, njalo izakusindisa. 23 Amatshe
ezilinganiso ezehlukeneyo ayisinengiso eNkosini, lesikali
esikhohlisayo kasilunganga. 24 Izinyathelo zomuntu
zivela eNkosini; pho, umuntu angaqedisisa njani indlela
yakhe? 25 Kungumjibila emuntwini ukuginya okungcwele,
lokuhlolisisa emva kwezifungo. 26 Inkosi ehlakaniphileyo
ihlakaza ababi, ibuyisela ivili phezu kwabo. 27
Umphefumulo womuntu uyisibane seNkosi, sihlolisisa
wonke amakamelo esisu. 28 Umusa leqiniso kuyayigcina
inkosi, isekela isihlalo sayo sobukhosi ngokulunga. 29
Udumo lwejaha lungamandla alo, lobukhosi babadala
yizimvu zekhanda. 30 Imivimvinya yenxeba ihlanza
ububi, ngokunjalo izidutshuzo zamakamelo esisu.

21 Inhliziyo yenkosi isesandleni sikaJehova
injengezifula zamanzi; uyiphendulela loba ngaphi
athanda khona. 2 Yonke indlela yomuntu ilungile
emehlweni akhe, kodwa iNkosi ihlola izinhliziyo. 3

Ukwenza ukulunga lesahlulelo kukhethekile eNkosini
kulomhlatshelo. 4 Ukuphakama kwamehlo, lokuzigqaja
kwenhliziyo, lokulima kwabakhohlakeleyo, kuyisono.
5 Imicabango yokhutheleyo isenzuzweni kuphela,
kodwa eyakhe wonke ophangisayo isekusweleni
kuphela. 6 Ukwenza inotho ngolimi lwamanga
kuyize eliphephukayo elalabo abadinga ukufa. 7
Isihluku sababi sizabahudula, ngoba besala ukwenza
okulungileyo. 8 Indlela yomuntu igobile njalo ilecala,
kodwa ohlanzekileyo, umsebenzi wakhe uqondile. 9
Kungcono ukuhlala engonsini yophahla kulalowesifazana
wezinkani lendlini yokuhlanganyela. 10 Umphefumulo
wokhohlakeleyo uloyisa ububi; umakhelwane wakhe
kemukeli umusa emehlweni akhe. 11 Nxa isideleli
sijeziswa, umuntu ongelalwazi uyahlakanipha; lalapho
ohlakaniphileyo elaywa wemukela ulwazi. 12 Olungileyo
uyananzelela indlu yokhohlakeleyo; uNkulunkulu uwisela
abakhohlakeleyo ebubini. 13 Ogcika indlebe yakhe
ekukhaleni komyanga, laye uzakhala angaphendulwa.
14 Isipho sensitha siyadedisa intukuthelo, lesivalamlomo
esifubeni ulaka olulamandla. 15 Kuyintokozo kolungileyo
ukwenza ukulunga, kodwa kuluvalo kubenzi bobubi.
16 Umuntu oduha endleleni yokuqedisisa uzahlala
ebandleni lemimoya efileyo. 17 Othanda injabulo uzakuba
ngumyanga; othanda iwayini lamafutha kayikunotha. 18
Okhohlakeleyo uyinhlawulelo yolungileyo, lesiphambeki
esikhundleni sabaqotho. 19 Kungcono ukuhlala
elizweni eliyinkangala kulalowesifazana wezingxabano
lolaka. 20 Kukhona imfuyo eloyisekayo lamafutha
emzini wohlakaniphileyo, kodwa umuntu oyisithutha
uyakuginya. 21 Oxotshana lokulunga lomusa uzathola
impilo, ukulunga, lodumo. 22 Ohlakaniphileyo ukhwela
emzini wamaqhawe, adilizele phansi amandla ethemba
lawo. 23 Ogcina umlomo wakhe lolimi lwakhe,
ugcina umphefumulo wakhe ezinkathazweni. 24
Isideleli esizikhukhumezayo esizigqajayo libizo lakhe
osebenza ngolaka lokuzikhukhumeza. 25 Isiloyiso sevila
sizalibulala, ngoba izandla zalo ziyala ukusebenza.
26 Usuku lonke liloyisa isiloyiso, kodwa olungileyo
uzakupha, angagodli. 27 Umhlatshelo wabakhohlakeleyo
uyisinengiso; kakhulu kangakanani nxa bewuletha
ngecebo elibi. 28 Umfakazi wamanga uzabhubha,
kodwa umuntu olalelayo uzakhuluma njalonjalo. 29
Umuntu okhohlakeleyo wenza lukhuni ubuso bakhe,
kodwa oqotho yena uyananzelela indlela yakhe. 30
Kakulanhlakanipho, njalo kakulakuqedisisa, njalo
kakulaseluleko, okumelana leNkosi. 31 Ibhiza lilungiselwa
usuku lwempi, kodwa ukukhululwa ngokweNkosi.

22 Ibizo elihle likhethekile kulenotho enengi; isisa
esihle kulesiliva njalo kulegolide. 2 Onothileyo
lomyanga bayahlangana; iNkosi yabenza bonke.
3 Ohlakaniphileyo ubona ububi acatshe, kodwa
abangelalwazi bayaqhubeka babesebejeziswa. 4
Umvuzo wokuthobeka lokwesaba iNkosi kuyinotho
lodumo lempilo. 5 Ameva lemijibila kusendleleni
yabaphambeneyo; ogcina umphefumulo wakhe uzakuba
khatshana labo. 6 Fundisa umntwana endleleni
angahamba ngayo; ngitsho esemdala kayikuphambuka
kuyo. 7 Onothileyo ubusa abayanga, lomeboleki
uyisigqili somebolekisi. 8 Ohlanyela ukonakala uzavuna
ukuhlupheka, lentonga yolaka lwakhe izaphela. 9 Olelihlo
elilokuhle yena uzabusiswa, ngoba unikile okwesinkwa
sakhe kumyanga. 10 Xotsha isideleli, kuzaphuma
lenkani, yebo, ingxabano lehlazo kuzaphela. 11 Othanda
ukuhlanzeka kwenhliziyo, ngenxa yesisa sendebe zakhe,
inkosi ingumgane wakhe. 12 Amehlo eNkosi alondoloza
ulwazi, kodwa izachitha amazwi abangathembekanga.
13 Ivila lithi: Kulesilwane ngaphandle; ngizabulawa
phakathi kwezitalada. 14 Umlomo wabesifazana bemzini
ungumgodi otshonayo; lowo iNkosi emthukutheleleyo
uzawela khona. 15 Ubuthutha bubotshelwe enhliziyweni
yomntwana; uswazi lokuqondisa luzabususela khatshana
laye. 16 Ocindezela umyanga ukwandisa alakho,
opha onothileyo, isibili uzakuba ngoswelayo. 17 Beka
indlebe yakho, uzwe amazwi abahlakaniphileyo, umise
inhliziyo yakho elwazini lami. 18 Ngoba kumnandi
uba uwalondoloza emibilini yakho; azahlala elungile
kanyekanye endebeni zakho. 19 Ukuze ithemba lakho libe
seNkosini, ngikwazisile wona lamuhla, ngitsho wena. 20
Kangikubhalelanga yini izinto ezinhle kakhulu kuzeluleko
lelwazini? 21 Ukukwazisa ukuqiniseka kwamazwi
eqiniso, ukuze ubuyisele amazwi eqiniso kulabo
abakuthumileyo. 22 Ungamphangi umyanga ngoba
engumyanga, njalo ungamchobozi oswelayo esangweni.
23 Ngoba iNkosi izamela udaba lwabo, iphange
umphefumulo wababaphangayo. 24 Ungahlanganyeli
lomuntu ololaka, ungahambisani lomuntu othukuthelayo,
25 hlezi ufunde indlela zakhe, wemukele umjibila
emphefumulweni wakho. 26 Ungabi phakathi
kwababambana izandla, phakathi kwabayizibambiso
ngezikwelede. 27 Uba ungelakho okokuhlawula, kungani
ezathatha umbheda wakho ngaphansi kwakho? 28
Ungatshedisi isikhonkwane esidala somngcele, oyihlo
abasenzayo. 29 Uyambona yini umuntu oyingcitshi
emsebenzini wakhe? Uzazimisa phambi kwamakhosi;
kayikuzimisa phambi kwabantukazana.

23 Nxa uhlalela ukudla lesiphathamandla, qaphelisa
lokuqaphelisa okuphambi kwakho. 2 Ubeke
ingqamu emphinjeni wakho uba uyisiminzi. 3 Ungafisi
izibondlo zaso, ngoba ziyikudla kwamanga. 4
Ungatshikatshikeli ukunotha; pheza ekuqedisiseni
kwakho. 5 Uzandizisa yini amehlo akho kokungekho?
Ngoba kuzazenzela lokuzenzela izimpiko njengokhozi
oluphaphela emazulwini. 6 Ungadli ukudla kolelihlo
elibi, ungafisi izibondlo zakhe. 7 Ngoba njengoba
ecabangile emphefumulweni wakhe, unjalo. Uzakuthi:

Dlana unathe; kodwa inhliziyo yakhe kayilawe. **8** Ucezu oludlileyo uzaluhlanza, wone amazwi akho amnandi. **9** Ungakhulumi endlebeni zoyisithutha, ngoba uzadelela inhlakanipho yamazwi akho. **10** Ungatshedisi isikhonkwane esidala somngcele; ungangeni emasimini ezintandane; **11** ngoba uMhlengi wazo ulamandla; yena uzamela udaba lwazo kuwe. **12** Beka inhliziyo yakho ekufundisweni, lezindlebe zakho emazwini olwazi. **13** Ungagodleli umntwana isijeziso; nxa umtshaya ngoswazi kayikufa. **14** Wena uzamtshaya ngoswazi, ukhulule umphefumulo wakhe esihogweni. **(Sheol h7585)** **15** Ndodana yami, uba inhliziyo yakho ihlakanipha, inhliziyo yami izathokoza, yebo eyami; **16** lezinso zami zizajabula ekukhulumeni kwendebe zakho izinto eziqondileyo. **17** Inhliziyo yakho kayingahawukeli izoni; kodwa bana ekwesabeni iNkosi lonke usuku. **18** Ngoba isibili kukhona umvuzo, lomlindelo wakho kawuyikuqunywa. **19** Lalela wena, ndodana yami, uhlakaniphe, uqondise inhliziyo yakho endleleni. **20** Ungabi phakathi kwabanathi bewayini, phakathi kwezihwaba zenyama. **21** Ngoba isidakwa lesihwaba sizakuba ngumyanga, lokuwozela kugqokisa amadabudabu. **22** Lalela uyihlo owakuzalayo, ungamdeleli unyoko esemdala. **23** Thenga iqiniso, ungalithengisi; inhlakanipho, lemfundiso, lokuqedisisa. **24** Uyise wolungileyo uzathaba lokuthaba; lozala ohlakaniphileyo uzathokoza ngaye. **25** Uyihlo lonyoko kabathokoze, lokuzeleyo kathabe. **26** Ndodana yami, ngiphe inhliziyo yakho, lamehlo akho kawananzelele indlela zami. **27** Ngoba iwule lingumgodi otshonayo, lowesifazana owemzini ungumthombo ongumcingo. **28** Laye ucathama njengomphangi, andise abangathembekanga phakathi kwabantu. **29** Ngubani olo: Maye? Ngubani olo: Wo? Ngubani olenkani? Ngubani olesililo? Ngubani olamanxeba ngeze? Ngubani olamehlo abomvu? **30** Yilabo abalibala ewayinini, yilabo abazedinga iwayini elixutshanisiweyo. **31** Ungakhangeli iwayini, lapho lizibonakalisa libomvu, nxa linika umbala walo enkomitshini, lihamba liqondile. **32** Ekucineni kwalo liluma njengenyoka, lilume njengebululu. **33** Amehlo akho azabona abesifazana bemzini, lenhliziyo yakho ikhulume izinto eziphambeneyo. **34** Yebo, uzakuba njengolala enhliziyweni yolwandle, lanjengolala esihlokweni sensika yomkhumbi. **35** Bangitshayile, kangizwanga buhlungu; bangidutshuzile, kangikunanzanga. Ngizavuka nini? Ngiphinde ngilidinge futhi.

24 Ungabi lamhawu ngabantu ababi, ungaloyisi ukuba labo. **2** Ngoba inhliziyo yabo iceba udlakela, lezindebe zabo zikhuluma uhlupho. **3** Ngenhlakanipho indlu iyakhiwa, langokuqedisisa iqiniswe. **4** Langolwazi amakamelo agcwaliswa ngempahla zonke eziligugu lezimnandi. **5** Umuntu ohlakaniphileyo ulamandla, lomuntu ololwazi uqinisa amandla. **6** Ngoba ngezeluleko ezihlakaniphileyo ungalawula impi yakho, lokukhululwa kusebunengini babeluleki. **7** Inhlakanipho enkulu iphakeme esiwuleni; esangweni kasivuli umlomo waso. **8** Oceba ukwenza okubi, bazambiza ngokuthi ngumnikazi wamacebo amabi. **9** Umcabango wobuwula yisono, lesideleli siyisinengiso emuntwini. **10** Uba uzitshengisa uxega ngosuku lokuhlupheka, amandla akho mancinyane. **11** Bophule abasiwa ekufeni, labatatalikela ekubulaweni, kungathi ungabanqanda. **12** Uba usithi: Khangela besingakwazi lokhu; ohlola izinhliziyo yena kayikukunanzelela yini? Olondoloza umphefumulo wakho yena kakwazi yini? ngitsho ubuyisela emuntwini njengokomsebenzi wakhe? **13** Dlana uluju, ndodana yami, ngoba lulungile, lohlanga loluju lumnandi elwangeni lwakho. **14** Lunjalo ulwazi lwenhlakanipho emphefumulweni wakho; uba uluthola, kuzakuba lomvuzo, lethemba lakho kaliyikuqunywa. **15** Wena okhohlakeleyo, ungacathameli umuzi wolungileyo; ungachithi indawo yakhe yokuphumula. **16** Ngoba olungileyo uzakuwa kasikhombisa, avuke futhi; kodwa abakhohlakeleyo bazakhubeka ebubini. **17** Ungathokozi ngokuwa kwesitha sakho, lekukhubekeni kwaso inhliziyo yakho kayingajabuli; **18** hlezi iNkosi ikubone, kube kubi emehlweni ayo, iphendule ulaka lwayo ilususe kuso. **19** Ungazikhathazi ngenxa yabenzi bobubi, ungabi lamhawu ngabakhohlakeleyo; **20** ngoba omubi kayikuba lomvuzo; isibane sabakhohlakeleyo sizacitshwa. **21** Ndodana yami, yesaba uJehova lenkosi; ungahlanganyeli labaguqugukukayo; **22** ngoba incithakalo yabo izavuka masinyane; njalo ngubani owazi ukuchitheka kwabo bobabili? **23** Lala ngawabahlakaniphileyo. Ukunaka ubuso kusahlulelo kakulunganga. **24** Othi kokhohlakeleyo: Wena ulungile; abantu bazamqalekisa, izizwe zizamthukuthelela. **25** Kodwa kulabo abamkhuzayo kuzakuba lentokozo, lesibusiso esihle sizabehlela. **26** Ophendula ngamazwi aqondileyo uzakwanga indebe. **27** Lungisa umsebenzi wakho ngaphandle, uzilungiselele wona ensimini, emva kwalokho wakhe indlu yakho. **28** Ungabi ngumfakazi umelene lomakhelwane wakho kungelasizatho, kumbe ukhohlise ngendebe zakho. **29** Ungathi: Njengokwenza kwakhe kimi ngizakwenza njalo kuye; ngizaphindisela emuntwini njengokomsebenzi wakhe. **30** Ngedlula ensimini yevila, lesivinini somuntu oswele ingqondo; **31** khangela-ke, konke kwakumile ameva, imbabazane yayisibekele ubuso bakho, lomthangala wakho wamatshe udilikile. **32** Mina-ke ngakukhangela, ngakubeka enhliziyweni yami; ngakubona, ngemukela imfundiso. **33** Ubuthongo obuncinyane, ukuwozela okuncinyane, ukusonga izandla okuncinyane ukuthi kulalwe, **34** besebusiza ubuyanga bakho njengesihambi, lenswelo zakho njengomuntu ohlomileyo.

25 Lalezi yizaga zikaSolomoni abantu bakaHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda abazikopayo. **2** Kuludumo lukaNkulunkulu ukufihla udaba, kodwa kuludumo lwamakhosi ukuhlolisisa udaba. **3** Amazulu

ngokuphakama, lomhlaba ngokujula, lenhliziyo
yamakhosi kakulakuhlolisiswa. 4 Susa amanyele
esiliveni, besekuphuma isitsha somncibilikisi. 5 Susa
okhohlakeleyo phambi kwenkosi, besekuqiniswa isihlalo
sayo sobukhosi ngokulunga. 6 Ungaziqhenyi phambi
kwenkosi, njalo ungemi endaweni yezikhulu; 7
ngoba kungcono kuthiwe kuwe: Yenyukela ngapha,
kulokuthi wehliswe phambi kwesiphathamandla, amehlo
akho asibonileyo. 8 Ungaphangisi ukuphuma
ukuyaphikisana, hlezi wenze ulutho ekucineni kwakho,
lapho umakhelwane wakho esekuyangisile. 9 Mela
udaba lwakho lomakhelwane wakho, kodwa ungavezi
imfihlo yomunye; 10 hlezi okuzwayo akuyangise,
lesigcono sakho singaphambuki. 11 Ilizwi elikhulunywe
ngokufaneleyo linjengama-apula egolide ezitsheni
zesiliva ezibaziweyo. 12 Isongo legolide lesiceciso
segolide elihle kungumkhuzi ohlakaniphileyo endlebeni
ezwayo. 13 Isithunywa esithembekileyo kwabasithumileyo
sinjengomqando weliqhwa elikhithikileyo ngosuku
lokuvuna, ngoba sivuselela umphefumulo wamakhosi
aso. 14 Umuntu oziqhenya ngesipho samanga
unjengamayezi lomoya okungelazulu. 15 Ngokubekezela
umbusi angavunyiswa, lolimi oluthambileyo lwephula
ithambo. 16 Utholile yini uluju? Dlana okwenele
wena, hlezi uludle kakhulu, uluhlanze. 17 Unyawo
lwakho kalungavami endlini kamakhelwane wakho, hlezi
akusuthe akuzonde. 18 Umuntu ofakaza ubufakazi
bamanga ngomakhelwane wakhe uyisagila lenkemba
lomtshoko obukhali. 19 Ukuthemba ongathembekanga
ngosuku lokuhlupheka kunjengezinyo elephukileyo,
lonyawo olwenyeleyo. 20 Ohlabelela izingoma
enhliziyweni edabukileyo unjengokhupha isembatho
ngosuku lwamakhaza, njengeviniga phakathi kwesoda.
21 Uba okuzondayo elambile, umnike isinkwa adle,
njalo uba omile, umnike amanzi anathe; 22 ngoba
uzabekelela amalahle omlilo ekhanda lakhe, leNkosi
izakuvuza. 23 Umoya wenyakatho uletha izulu, lolimi
lwemfihlo ubuso obulolaka. 24 Kungcono ukuhlala
engonsini yophahla kulalowesifazana wezinkani lendlini
yokuhlanganyela. 25 Umbiko omuhle ovela elizweni
elikhatshana unjengamanzi aqandayo emphefumulweni
owomileyo. 26 Olungileyo ozanyazanyiswayo phambi
kokhohlakeleyo ungumthombo odungekileyo lesiphethu
esonakeleyo. 27 Ukudla uluju olunengi kakulunganga;
lokuthi badinge udumo lwabo kakusidumo. 28 Umuntu
ongathinti umoya wakhe unjengomuzi ofohlelweyo
ongelamthangala.

26 Njengeliqhwa elikhithikileyo ehlobo lanjengezulu
ngesikhathi sokuvuna, ngokunjalo udumo
kalusifanelanga isithutha. 2 Njengenyoni ekuzulazuleni,
njengenkonjane ekuphapheni, ngokunjalo isiqalekiso
kungelasizatho kasiyikufika. 3 Isiswepu ngesebhiza,
itomu ngelikababhemi, loswazi ngolomhlana wezithutha.
4 Ungaphenduli isithutha ngokobuthutha baso, hlezi
lawe ufanane laso. 5 Phendula isithutha ngokobuthutha
baso, hlezi sibe ngesihlakaniphileyo emehlweni
aso. 6 Othumela amazwi ngesandla sesithutha,
uquma inyawo, unatha isihluku. 7 Imilenze yesiqhuli
iyalengalenga; sinjalo isaga emlonyeni wezithutha.
8 Njengokubophela ilitshe esavutheni, unjalo onika
udumo esithutheni. 9 Njengameva enyuka esandleni
sesidakwa sinjalo isaga emlonyeni wezithutha. 10
Omkhulu owabumba konke uvuza isithutha, avuze
abadlulayo. 11 Njengenja ebuyela emahlanzweni
ayongokunjalo isithutha siphinda ubuthutha baso. 12
Uyabona yini umuntu ohlakaniphileyo emehlweni akhe?
Kulethemba elikhulu esithutheni kulaye. 13 Olivila
uthi: Kulesilwane endleleni; isilwane sisezitaladeni. 14
Isivalo siphenduka ngamabhanti aso, ngokunjalo ivila
embhedeni walo. 15 Ivila lifihla isandla salo emganwini,
liyavilapha ukusibuyisela emlonyeni walo. 16 Ivila
lihlakaniphile emehlweni alo okwedlula abayisikhombisa
abangaphendula ngenhlakanipho. 17 Odlulayo engenela
ingxabano engeyisiyo eyakhe ungobamba indlebe zenja.
18 Njengohlanya oluphosa izikhuni ezivuthayo, imitshoko,
lokufa, 19 unjalo umuntu okhohlisa umakhelwane
wakhe, abesesithi: Kangisomi yini? 20 Uba kungelankuni
umlilo uyacitsha; njalo uba kungelakunyeya, ukuxabana
kuyathula. 21 Njengamalahle emalahleni avuthayo,
lenkuni emlilweni, unjalo umuntu wenkani ngowokubasa
ingxabano. 22 Amazwi onyeyayo anjengezibondlo
ezehlela kokungaphakathi kwesisu. 23 Indebe ezivuthayo
lenhliziyo embi kungamanyele esiliva ahuqa ukhamba. 24
Ozondayo uyazenzisa ngezindebe zakhe, kodwa ufaka
inkohliso ngaphakathi kwakhe. 25 Lapho esenza ilizwi
lakhe libe ngelomusa, ungamkholwa, ngoba izinengiso
eziyisikhombisa zisenhliziyweni yakhe. 26 Inzondo
isibekelwa ngenkohliso; ububi bakhe buzakwembulwa
ebandleni. 27 Ogebhayo umgodi uzawela kuwo,
logiqa ilitshe, lizabuyela kuye. 28 Ulimi lwamanga
luzonda olubachobozayo, lomlomo obutshelezi usebenza
incithakalo.

27 Ungazincomi ngosuku lwakusasa, ngoba kawazi
ukuthi usuku luzazalani. 2 Owemzini kakudumise,
njalo hatshi umlomo wakho; owezizwe, njalo hatshi
indebe zakho. 3 Ilitshe linzima, letshebetshebe liyasinda,
kodwa ulaka lwesithutha lunzima kulakho kokubili.
4 Ulaka lulolunya, lentukuthelo iyisikhukhula; kodwa
ngubani ongema phambi komona? 5 Kungcono
ukukhuzwa ngokusobala kulothando lwensitha. 6
Amanxeba omngane athembekile, kodwa ukwanga
kwesitha kuyakhohlisa. 7 Umphefumulo osuthiyo
unyathelela phansi uhlanga loluju, kodwa kumphefumulo
olambileyo konke okubabayo kumnandi. 8 Njengenyoni
eduha isuka esidlekeni sayo unjalo umuntu oduha esuka
endaweni yakhe. 9 Amafutha lempepha kuthokozisa
inhliziyo; kunjalo ubumnandi bomngane womuntu ngenxa

yeseluleko somphefumulo. 10 Ungadeli umngane wakho
lomngane kayihlo; njalo ungangeni endlini yomfowenu
ngosuku lwencithakalo yakho; kungcono umakhelwane
oseduze kulomfowenu okhatshana. 11 Hlakanipha,
ndodana yami, uthokozise inhliziyo yami, ukuze ngibe
lempendulo kongisolayo. 12 Okhaliphileyo uyabona ububi
acatshe, kodwa abangelalwazi bayaqhubeka bajeziswe.
13 Thatha isigqoko soyisibambiso ngenxa yowemzini,
umthathele isibambiso ngenxa yowesifazana wezizwe. 14
Obusisa umngane wakhe ngelizwi elikhulu evuka ekuseni
kakhulu, kuzathiwa yisiqalekiso kuye. 15 Ukuchophelela
ngosuku lwezulu eliqhubekayo lowesifazana oxabanayo
kuyafanana. 16 Omfihlayo ufihla umoya, lamagcobo
ahlangana lesandla sakhe sokunene. 17 Insimbi ilolwa
ngensimbi; ngokunjalo umuntu ulola ubuso bomngane
wakhe. 18 Olondoloza isihlahla somkhiwa uzakudla
isithelo saso; lolinda inkosi yakhe uzadunyiswa. 19
Njengemanzini ubuso busebusweni, ngokunjalo inhliziyo
yomuntu isemuntwini. 20 Isihogo lencithakalo kakusuthi,
ngokunjalo amehlo omuntu kawasuthi. (Sheol h7585) 21
Imbiza yokucenga ngeyesiliva, lesithando ngesegolide;
kunjalo umuntu ngokokudunyiswa kwakhe. 22 Lanxa
ugiga isithutha ngomgigo engigeni phakathi kwengqoloyi,
ubuthutha baso kabuyikusuka kuso. 23 Yazi lokwazi
isimo sezimvu zakho, beka inhliziyo yakho kumihlambi
yakho, 24 ngoba inotho kayisiyaphakade; kumbe
umqhele ube sesizukulwaneni lesizukulwana yini? 25
Utshani buyasuswa, lohlaza lubonakale, kubuthwe
lemibhida yezintaba. 26 Amawundlu angawezigqoko
zakho, lezimpongo ziyintengo yesiqinti. 27 Kuzakuba
lochago lwezimbuzi olwanele ukudla kwakho lokudla
kwendlu yakho lempilo yencekukazi zakho.

28 Ababi babaleka kungekho umzingeli, kodwa
abalungileyo balesibindi njengebhongo lesilwane.
2 Ngesiphambeko sesizwe ababusi baso banengi; kodwa
ngomuntu olokuqedisisa ololwazi ukuqonda kwaso
kuyelulwa. 3 Umuntu ongumyanga ocindezela abayanga
ulizulu elikhukhulayo ukuze kungabi lokudla. 4 Abadela
umlayo badumisa ababi, kodwa labo abagcina umlayo
balwa labo. 5 Abantu ababi kabaqedisisi ukulunga,
kodwa abadinga iNkosi baqedisisa konke. 6 Kungcono
umyanga ohamba ngobuqotho bakhe kulophambene
ngezindlela lanxa enothile. 7 Ogcina umlayo uyindodana
eqedisisayo, kodwa ozihlanganisa lezigangi uyangisa
uyise. 8 Owandisa inotho yakhe ngenzalo langenzuzo
uyibuthela olomusa kubayanga. 9 Ophambula indlebe
yakhe ekulaleleni umlayo, lomkhuleko wakhe uzakuba
yisinengiso. 10 Oduhisela abaqotho endleleni embi yena
uzawela emgodini wakhe, kodwa abaqotho bazakudla
ilifa lokuhle. 11 Indoda enothileyo ihlakaniphile emehlweni
ayo, kodwa umyanga oqedisisayo uzayihlola. 12 Lapho
abalungileyo bethokoza, kulenkazimulo enkulu; kodwa
nxa ababi bephakama, umuntu uyadingwa. 13 Osibekela
iziphambeko zakhe kayikuphumelela, kodwa ozivumayo
azitshiye, uzahawukelwa. 14 Ubusisiwe umuntu owesaba
njalonjalo, kodwa owenza inhliziyo yakhe ibe lukhuni
uzawela ebubini. 15 Umbusi okhohlakeleyo phezu
kwabantu abangabayanga uyisilwane esibhongayo
lebhere elizingelayo. 16 Umbusi oswele ukuqedisisa
konke wandisa lencindezelo; ozonda inzuzo embi
uzakwelula insuku. 17 Umuntu ocindezelwe ligazi
lomphefumulo uzabalekela emgodini; kabangamsekeli.
18 Ohamba ngobuqotho uzasindiswa, kodwa ophambene
ngendlela ezimbili uzahle awe. 19 Olima umhlaba
wakhe uzasutha ukudla, kodwa olandela abayize
uzasutha ubuyanga. 20 Umuntu wothembeko lonke
uzavama ngezibusiso, kodwa ophangisa ukunotha
kayikuba msulwa. 21 Ukuhlonipha ubuso kakulunganga,
ngoba umuntu uzakona ngenxa yocezu lwesinkwa. 22
Ophangisa ukunotha ungumuntu olelihlo elibi, njalo
engazi ukuthi ubuyanga buzamehlela. 23 Okhuza
umuntu uzathola umusa emuva okwedlula okhohlisayo
ngolimi. 24 Ophanga uyise kumbe unina, athi:
Akusiso isiphambeko; ungumngane womchithi. 25
Ongasuthisekiyo udunga ingxabano, kodwa othemba
eNkosini uzakhuluphaliswa. 26 Othemba enhliziyweni
yakhe uyisithutha, kodwa ohamba ngenhlakanipho
uzakhululwa. 27 Opha umyanga kayikuswela, kodwa
ofihla amehlo akhe uzakuba leziqalekiso ezinengi. 28 Nxa
abakhohlakeleyo bephakanyiswa, umuntu uyacatsha,
kodwa nxa bebhubha, abalungileyo bayanda.

29 Umuntu othi ekhuzwa kanengi aqinise intamo,
uzahle ephulwe, njalo kungabi lakusiliswa. 2
Lapho abalungileyo besanda, abantu bayathokoza,
kodwa lapho okhohlakeleyo ebusa, abantu bayabubula.
3 Umuntu othanda inhlakanipho uthokozisa uyise,
kodwa ohlanganyela lamawule uchitha inotho. 4 Inkosi
iqinisa ilizwe ngesahlulelo, kodwa umuntu wezipho
uyalichitha. 5 Umuntu olalisa ngolimi umakhelwane wakhe
wendlalela izinyawo zakhe imbule. 6 Esiphambekweni
somuntu omubi kulomjibila, kodwa olungileyo uyamemeza
ngenjabulo ethokoza. 7 Olungileyo uyalwazi udaba
lwabayanga; okhohlakeleyo kananzeleli ulwazi. 8
Abantu abadelelayo bayawuthungela umuzi, kodwa
abahlakaniphileyo badedisa ulaka. 9 Umuntu
ohlakaniphileyo emangalelana lomuntu oyisithutha,
loba elolaka, loba ehleka, kakulakuthula. 10 Abantu
abomele igazi bazonda opheleleyo, kodwa abaqotho
badinga umphefumulo wakhe. 11 Isithutha sikhupha
umoya waso wonke, kodwa ohlakaniphileyo uyawuthiba.
12 Umbusi olalela amazwi amanga, zonke izinceku
zakhe zikhohlakele. 13 Umyanga lomuntu wencindezelo
bayahlangana; iNkosi ikhanyisa amehlo abo bababili. 14
Inkosi eyahlulela abayanga ngothembeko, isihlalo sayo
sobukhosi sizamiswa phakade. 15 Uswazi lokukhuza
kunika inhlakanipho, kodwa umntwana oyekelelwayo
uthelela unina inhloni. 16 Lapho abakhohlakeleyo

besanda, isiphambeko siyanda, kodwa abalungileyo
bazabona ukuwa kwabo. 17 Laya indodana yakho,
izakuphumuza; yebo, izanika izinjabulo emphefumulweni
wakho. 18 Lapho okungelambono khona, abantu
babengabambeki; kodwa ububusisiwe ogcina umlayo.
19 Inceku kayilaywa ngamazwi; lanxa iqedisisa,
kayiyikuphendula. 20 Uyambona yini umuntu ophangisa
ngamazwi akhe? Kulethemba elingcono esithutheni
kulaye. 21 Ototoza inceku yakhe kusukela ebuntwaneni,
ekucineni izakuba yindodana kuye. 22 Umuntu ololaka
ubanga ukuxabana, lomuntu ovutha intukuthelo wandisa
isiphambeko. 23 Ukuzigqaja komuntu kuzamehlisa,
kodwa olomoya othobekileyo uzabamba udumo. 24
Owabelana lesela uzonda umphefumulo wakhe; uzwa
isiqalekiso, angakhulumi. 25 Ukwesaba abantu kuletha
umjibila, kodwa othemba eNkosini uzabekwa phezulu
evikelekile. 26 Abanengi badinga ubuso bombusi,
kodwa isahlulelo salowo lalowo sivela eNkosini. 27
Umuntu ongalunganga uyisinengiso kwabalungileyo,
kodwa oqotho endleleni uyisinengiso kokhohlakeleyo.

30 Amazwi kaAguri indodana kaJake umMasa.
Umuntu wathi kulthiyeli, kulthiyeli loUkhali: 2 Isibili,
ngiyisithutha kulomuntu, kangilakuqedisisa komuntu.
3 Kangifundanga inhlakanipho, kangilwazi ulwazi
lwabangcwele. 4 Ngubani owenyukela emazulwini njalo
wehla? Ngubani oqoqe wafumbatha umoya ezandleni
zakhe? Ngubani ogoqele amanzi esembathweni?
Ngubani omise yonke imikhawulo yomhlaba? Lingubani
ibizo lakhe, lebizo lendodana yakhe lingubani, uba usazi?
5 Lonke ilizwi likaNkulunkulu licwengekile; uyisihlangu
kwabaphephela kuye. 6 Ungengezeleli emazwini akhe,
hlezi akukhuze, utholwe ungumqambimanga. 7 Zimbili
izinto engizicele kuwe; ungangigodleli zona ngingakafi.
8 Susa khatshana lami ize lamazwi amanga; ungangiphi
ubuyanga loba inotho; ungiphe ukudla kwesabelo
sami. 9 Hlezi ngisuthe, ngikuphike ngithi: Ngubani
iNkosi? Kumbe hlezi ngibe ngumyanga, ngintshontshe,
ngithathe ngeze ibizo likaNkulunkulu wami. 10 Ungahlebi
inceku enkosini yayo, hlezi ikuthuke, ube lecala. 11
Kulesizukulwana esithuka uyise, esingabusisi unina;
12 isizukulwana esihlambulukileyo emehlweni aso,
kodwa esingahlanjululwanga engcekezeni yaso; 13
isizukulwana omehlo aso aphakeme kangaka, lenkophe
zaso ziphakanyisiwe; 14 isizukulwana omazinyo aso
zinkemba, lesimazinyo aso omhlathi zingqamu, zokudla
abayanga emhlabeni, labaswelayo ebantwini. 15
Umkhaza ulamadodakazi amabili athi: Phana, phana;
lezizontathu kazisuthi; ezine kazitsho ukuthi: Kwanele.
16 Ingcwaba, lesizalo esiyinyumba, umhlaba ongasuthi
amanzi, lomlilo ongathi: Kwanele. **(Sheol h7585)** 17 Ilihlo
eliklolodela uyise, lelidelela ukulalela unina, amawabayi
esihotsha azalikopola, labantwana bamanqe bazalidla.
18 Lezizinto ezintathu ziyisimangaliso esikhulu kimi, yebo,
ezine engingazaziyo: 19 Indlela yokhozi emazulwini,
indlela yenyoka edwaleni, indlela yomkhumbi enhliziyweni
yolwandle, lendlela yejaha entombini. 20 Injalo indlela
yowesifazana oliwule; udla, esule umlomo wakhe,
athi: Kangenzanga isiphambeko. 21 Ngenxa yezinto
ezintathu umhlaba uyazamazama, yebo, ngenxa yezine
ongezithwale: 22 Ngenxa yesigqili nxa sibusa, lesithutha
nxa sisuthi ukudla, 23 ngenxa yesaliwakazi nxa sendile,
lencekukazi nxa iyindlalifa yenkosikazi yayo. 24 Lezi ezine
zingezincinyane zomhlaba, kanti zihlakaniphile zenziwe
zihlakaniphe: 25 Ubunyonyo buyisizwe esingelamandla,
kanti bulungisa ukudla kwabo ehlobo. 26 Imbila ziyisizwe
esingelamandla, kanti zimisa indlu yazo edwaleni. 27
Intethe kazilankosi, kanti zonke ziphuma zehlukene
ngamaviyo. 28 Umbankwa ubambelela ngezandla
ezimbili, njalo usezigodlweni zenkosi. 29 Lezi ezintathu
zinyathela kuhle, yebo, ezine zihamba kuhle: 30 Isilwane
esilamandla phakathi kwenyamazana, esingeyikubuyela
emuva ngenxa yobuso loba ngobukabani; 31 inja ebhince
okhalweni, kumbe impongo; lenkosi ileviyo lamabutho. 32
Uba ube yisithutha ngokuziphakamisa, njalo uba ucebe
okubi, beka isandla emlonyeni. 33 Ngoba ukuphehlwa
kochago kuveza iphehla, lokucindezelwa kwempumulo
kuveza igazi, lokucindezelwa kwentukuthelo kuveza
ingxabano.

31 Amazwi kaLemuweli inkosi yeMasa, unina
amfundisa wona. 2 Ini, ndodana yami! Ini-ke,
ndodana yesizalo sami! Ini-ke, ndodana yezithembiso
zami! 3 Unganiki amandla akho kwabesifazana,
kumbe izindlela zakho ekubhubhiseni amakhosi.
4 Kakusikwamakhosi, Lemuweli, kakusikwamakhosi
ukunatha iwayini, kumbe okweziphathamandla ukuloyisa
okunathwayo okulamandla. 5 Hlezi anathe, akhohlwe
isimiso, aguqule isahlulelo sawo wonke amadodana
enhlupheko. 6 Phana okunathwayo okulamandla
kobhubhayo, lewayini kwabababayo emphefumulweni.
7 Kanathe, akhohlwe ubuyanga bakhe, angabe
esakhumbula usizi lwakhe. 8 Vulela isimungulu umlomo
wakho, udaba lwabo bonke abamiselwe incithakalo.
9 Vula umlomo wakho, wahlulele ngokulunga, umele
ilungelo lomyanga loswelayo. 10 Ngubani ongathola
umfazi okhuthela okulungileyo? Ngoba intengo yakhe
iyedlula kakhulu amatshe amahle. 11 Inhliziyo yomkakhe
ithemba kuye, ukuze angasweli impango. 12 Umenzela
okuhle, hatshi okubi, insuku zonke zempilo yakhe. 13
Udinga uboya bezimvu lefilakisi, asebenze ngenjabulo
yezandla zakhe. 14 Ufanana lemikhumbi yomthengisi;
uletha ukudla kwakhe kuvela khatshana. 15 Uvuka
kusesebusuku, anike indlu yakhe ukudla, lesabelo
kuzincekukazi zakhe. 16 Anakane ngensimu ayizuze;
ngesithelo sezandla zakhe ahlanyele ivini. 17 Uyabhinca
ukhalo lwakhe ngamandla, aqinise ingalo zakhe.
18 Uyananzelela ukuthi ukuthengisa kwakhe kuhle;
isibane sakhe kasicitshi ebusuku. 19 Welulela izandla
zakhe kuluthi lokuphotha, lezandla zakhe zibambe

isigodo esilezintambo. **20** Welulela umyanga isandla
sakhe, elulele izandla zakhe koswelayo. **21** Kesabi
iliqhwa elikhithikileyo ngenxa yabendlu yakhe, ngoba
bonke abendlu yakhe bagqokiswe okubomvu. **22**
Uzenzela izembeso; isigqoko sakhe sililembu elicolekileyo
leliyibubende. **23** Umkakhe uyaziwa emasangweni, lapho
ehlezi labadala belizwe. **24** Wenza ilembu elicolekileyo
kakhulu, alithengise; anike umthengi ibhanti. **25** Amandla
lodumo kuyisigqoko sakhe; uyahleka mayelana losuku
olulandelayo. **26** Uvula umlomo wakhe ngenhlakanipho;
lemfundiso yomusa iselimini lwakhe. **27** Uqaphela
inhambo zomuzi wakhe; kadli isinkwa sobuvila. **28**
Abantwana bakhe bayavuka bathi ububisiwe, lomkakhe
laye uyamdumisa: **29** Manengi amadodakazi enze
ngenkuthalo, kodwa wena wenyukile phezu kwawo
wonke. **30** Ubuhle buyinkohliso, lokubukeka kuyize;
owesifazana owesaba iNkosi yena uzadunyiswa. **31**
Mnikeni okuvela esithelweni sezandla zakhe, lemisebenzi
yakhe kayimdumise emasangweni.

UmTshumayeli

1 Amazwi omTshumayeli, indodana kaDavida, inkosi
eJerusalema. **2** Ize leze, kutsho umTshumayeli,
ize leze, konke kuyize. **3** Kuyinzuzoni emuntwini
emtshikatshikeni wakhe wonke awutshikatshika
ngaphansi kwelanga? **4** Isizukulwana siyedlula,
lesizukulwana size, kodwa umhlaba umi kuze kube
nininini. **5** Lelanga liyaphuma, lelanga litshone,
litshetshela endaweni lapho eliphuma khona. **6** Umoya
uya eningizimu, ujikele enyakatho, ujikajike uhambe,
lomoya ubuyele ekubhodeni kwawo. **7** Yonke imifula
iya olwandle, kodwa ulwandle kalugcwali; endaweni
lapho imifula evela khona, ibuyele iye khona. **8** Zonke
izinto ziyadinisa; kakulamuntu olakho ukukukhuluma.
Ilihlo kalisuthi ngokubona, lendlebe kayigcwaliswa
yikuzwa. **9** Okwake kwaba khona yilokho okuzakuba
khona, lokwake kwenziwa yilokho okuzakwenziwa;
njalo kakulalutho olutsha ngaphansi kwelanga. **10**
Kungaba khona ulutho yini okungathiwa ngalo: Khangela,
lokhu kutsha! Kwakuvele kukhona endulo engaphambi
kwethu. **11** Kakukho ukukhunjulwa kwezinto zakuqala;
njalo lezinto ezizayo ezizakuba khona kakuyikuba
khona ukukhunjulwa kwazo lalabo abazakuba khona
emva kwalokho. **12** Mina mTshumayeli ngangiyinkosi
phezu kukaIsrayeli eJerusalema. **13** Ngasenginikela
inhliziyo yami ukudinga lokuhlolisisa ngokuhlakanipha
ngakho konke okwenziwayo ngaphansi kwamazulu;
lumtshikatshika onzima uNkulunkulu uwunike abantwana
babantu ukuthi baphatheke ngawo. **14** Ngiyibonile
yonke imisebenzi eyenziwayo ngaphansi kwelanga;
khangela-ke, konke kuyize lokukhathazeka komoya.
15 Okugobileyo kakulakuqondiswa; lokuswelekayo
kakulakubalwa. **16** Ngakhuluma mina lenhliziyo yami
ngisithi: Khangela, mina ngikhulile ngandisa inhlakanipho
phezu kwabo bonke ababephambi kwami eJerusalema;
njalo inhliziyo yami ibonile kakhulu inhlakanipho lolwazi.
17 Nganginikela inhliziyo yami ukwazi inhlakanipho,
lokwazi ukuhlanya lobuthutha, ngabona ukuthi lalokhu
yikukhathazeka komoya. **18** Ngoba kunhlakanipho enengi
kulokukhathazeka okunengi, lowandisa ulwazi wandisa
usizi.

2 Ngathi mina enhliziyweni yami: Woza-ke,
ngizakuzama ngentokozo, njalo kholisa okuhle.
Khangela-ke, lalokhu kwakuyize. **2** Ngokuhleka
ngathi: Kuyibuhlanya! Langentokozo: Kwenzani? **3**
Ngadinga enhliziyweni yami ukuthokozisa inyama
yami ngewayini (kodwa ngakhokhela inhliziyo yami
ngenhlakanipho), lokubambelela ebuthutheni, ngize
ngibone ukuthi kuyini lokho okulungele abantwana
babantu, abangakwenza ngaphansi kwamazulu, ngenani
lensuku zempilo zabo. **4** Ngazenzela imisebenzi
emikhulu; ngazakhela izindlu; ngazihlanyelela izivini; **5**
ngazenzela izivande lezivande zezihlahla; ngahlanyela
kuzo izihlahla zezithelo zohlobo lonke; **6** ngazenzela
amachibi amanzi okuthelela ngawo ihlathi lokukhulisa
izihlahla; **7** ngathenga izigqili lezigqilikazi, ngaba
labazalelwe endlini; njalo ngaba lemfuyo enengi
yenkomo lezimvu okwedlula bonke ababekhona
ngaphambi kwami eJerusalema; **8** ngazibuthela futhi
isiliva legolide lemfuyo ekhethekileyo yamakhosi
leyamazwe; ngazizuzela abahlabeleli labahlabelelikazi,
lentokozo zabantwana babantu, amantombazana
emihlobo yonke. **9** Ngakho ngaba mkhulu nganda
okwedlula wonke owayekhona ngaphambi kwami
eJerusalema, lenhlakanipho yami yema lami. **10** Lakho
konke amehlo ami akufisayo kangiwancitshanga khona,
kangigodlanga inhliziyo yami lakuyiphi intokozo; ngoba
inhliziyo yami yathokoza ekutshikatshikeni kwami
konke; lalokhu kwaba yisabelo sami somtshikatshika
wami wonke. **11** Mina ngasengikhangela yonke
imisebenzi izandla zami eziyenzileyo, lomtshikatshika
engangitshikatshike ukuwenza; khangela-ke, konke
kwakuyize lokukhathazeka komoya, njalo kwakungekho
nzuzo ngaphansi kwelanga. **12** Mina ngasengibuyela
ukubona inhlakanipho lobuhlanya lobuthutha. Ngoba
angenzani umuntu olandela inkosi? Lokho okuvele
sekwenziwe. **13** Mina ngasengibona ukuthi inhlakanipho
ingcono kulobuthutha njengokukhanya kungcono
kulomnyama. **14** Ohlakaniphileyo, amehlo akhe
asekhanda lakhe, kodwa isithutha sihamba emnyameni;
ngasengisazi lami ukuthi isehlakalo sinye sehlela
bonke. **15** Mina ngasengisithi enhliziyweni yami:
Njengoba kusehlela isithutha kuzangehlela lami; pho,
kungani-ke mina ngangihlakaniphe okwedlulisileyo?
Ngasengikhuluma enhliziyweni yami ukuthi lokhu lakho
kuyize. **16** Ngoba kakukho ukukhunjulwa kohlakaniphileyo
okwedlula koyisithutha phakade; ngoba lokhu okukhona
khathesi ensukwini ezizayo konke kuzakhohlakala.
Ohlakaniphileyo ufa njani? Njengesithutha. **17**
Ngasengizonda impilo, ngoba umsebenzi owenziwa
ngaphansi kwelanga wawubuhlungu kimi; ngoba
konke kuyize lokukhathazeka komoya. **18** Yebo,
mina ngawuzonda wonke umtshikatshika wami
engawutshikatshika ngaphansi kwelanga, ngoba
ngizawutshiyela umuntu ozakuba khona ngemva kwami.
19 Ngubani-ke owaziyo ukuthi uzakuba ngohlakaniphileyo
kumbe oyisithutha? Kanti uzabusa phezu kwawo
wonke umtshikatshika wami engawutshikatshikayo
lengiwenze ngenhlakanipho ngaphansi kwelanga.
Lokhu lakho kuyize. **20** Mina ngasengiphenduka
ngadangalisa inhliziyo yami ngomtshikatshika wonke
engangiwutshikatshika ngaphansi kwelanga. **21** Ngoba
kulomuntu omtshikatshika wakhe ukunhlakanipho
lakulwazi lakubuqotho, kanti uzawunika umuntu
ongatshikatshikanga kuwo ube yisabelo sakhe. Lokhu
lakho kuyize, lobubi obukhulu. **22** Ngoba ulani umuntu

ngomtshikatshika wakhe wonke langokukhathazeka
kwenhliziyo yakhe akutshikatshike ngaphansi kwelanga?
23 Ngoba insuku zakhe zonke zizinsizi, lomsebenzi
wakhe uyikudabuka; lebusuku inhliziyo yakhe
kayiphumuli. Lokhu lakho kuyize. 24 Kakukho
okungcono emuntwini kulokuthi adle anathe abonise
umphefumulo wakhe okuhle emtshikatshikeni wakhe.
Lokhu lakho mina ngabona ukuthi kuvela esandleni
sikaNkulunkulu. 25 Ngoba ngubani ongadla kumbe
ngubani ongakholisa kulami? 26 Ngoba yena uyamnika
umuntu olungileyo phambi kobuso bakhe inhlakanipho
lolwazi lentokozo; kodwa isoni uyasinika umsebenzi
wokubutha lokubuthelela ukunika olungileyo phambi
kukaNkulunkulu. Lokhu lakho kuyize lokukhathazeka
komoya.

3 Konke kulesikhathi esimisiweyo, njalo kulesikhathi
sayo yonke indaba ngaphansi kwamazulu: 2 Isikhathi
sokuzalwa, lesikhathi sokufa; isikhathi sokuhlanyela,
lesikhathi sokusiphuna okuhlanyelweyo; 3 isikhathi
sokubulala, lesikhathi sokuphilisa; isikhathi sokudiliza,
lesikhathi sokwakha; 4 isikhathi sokukhala inyembezi,
lesikhathi sokuhleka; isikhathi sokulila, lesikhathi
sokugida; 5 isikhathi sokulahla amatshe, lesikhathi
sokubuthelela amatshe; isikhathi sokugona, lesikhathi
sokuba khatshana lokugona; 6 isikhathi sokudinga inzuzo,
lesikhathi sokuyekela kulahleke; isikhathi sokulondoloza,
lesikhathi sokulahla; 7 isikhathi sokudabula, lesikhathi
sokuthunga; isikhathi sokuthula, lesikhathi sokukhuluma;
8 isikhathi sokuthanda, lesikhathi sokuzonda; isikhathi
sempi, lesikhathi sokuthula. 9 Ulenzuzo bani osebenzayo
kwatshikatshika kikho? 10 Ngiwubonile umsebenzi
uNkulunkulu awunike abantwana babantu ukuthi
baphatheke ngawo. 11 Konke ukwenze kwaba kuhle
ngesikhathi sakho; wasebeka iphakade enhliziyweni
yabo, ukuze kungabi lomuntu ongafumana umsebenzi
uNkulunkulu awenzayo kusukela ekuqaleni kuze kube
sekucineni. 12 Ngiyazi ukuthi kakukho okuhle kubo
ngaphandle kokuthokoza lokwenza okuhle empilweni
yakhe. 13 Futhi lokuthi wonke umuntu adle anathe
akholise okuhle ngomtshikatshika wakhe wonke,
kuyisipho sikaNkulunkulu. 14 Ngiyazi ukuthi konke
uNkulunkulu akwenzayo kuzakuba khona phakade;
kakukho okuzakwengezelelwa kukho, njalo kakukho
okuzaphungulwa kukho; uNkulunkulu wakwenza ukuze
besabe phambi kwakhe. 15 Lokho okwakukhona
kukhona khathesi, lalokho okuzakuba khona sekuvele
kukhona; njalo uNkulunkulu ufuna okuxotshiweyo.
16 Futhi ngasengibona ngaphansi kwelanga indawo
yokwahlulela, kwakukhona ububi lapho; lendawo
yokulunga, kwakukhona ububi lapho. 17 Ngathi mina
enhliziyweni yami: UNkulunkulu uzakwahlulela olungileyo
lomubi, ngoba kukhona lapho isikhathi sayo yonke
indaba lesawo wonke umsebenzi. 18 Ngathi mina
enhliziyweni yami ngesimo sabantwana babantu ukuthi
uNkulunkulu abatshengise obala ukuthi babone ukuthi
bona uqobo bazinyamazana. 19 Ngoba okwehlela
abantwana babantu kwehlela lezinyamazana; njalo yinye
into ebehlelayo; njengoba omunye esifa, ngokunjalo
enye iyafa; yebo konke kulomoya munye, lomuntu
kalakho angadlula ngakho inyamazana; ngoba konke
kuyize. 20 Konke kuya endaweninye; konke kuvela
ethulini, njalo konke kubuyela ethulini. 21 Ngubani
owazi umoya wabantwana babantu owenyukela phezulu,
lomoya wenyamazana owehlela phansi emhlabathini? 22
Ngakho ngabona ukuthi kakukho okungcono okwedlula
ukuthi umuntu azithokozise ngemisebenzi yakhe, ngoba
lokhu kuyisabelo sakhe. Ngoba ngubani ongamletha
ukuthi abone lokho okuzakuba khona emva kwakhe?

4 Mina ngasengiphenduka ngabona incindezelo
zonke ezenziwa ngaphansi kwelanga; khangela-ke
inyembezi zabacindezelweyo, njalo babengelamduduzi;
lehlangothini lwababacindezelayo kwakulamandla, kodwa
babengelamduduzi. 2 Ngakho ngancoma abafileyo,
abavele sebefile, okwedlula abaphilayo, abalokhu
besaphila. 3 Yebo ungcono kulabo bobabili, ongakabi
khona, ongabonanga umsebenzi omubi owenziwa
ngaphansi kwelanga. 4 Ngasengibona mina wonke
umtshikatshika lempumelelo yonke yomsebenzi, ngoba
lokhu kungumhawu womuntu ovela kumakhelwane
wakhe. Lokhu lakho kuyize lokukhathazeka komoya. 5
Isiphukuphuku sigoqa izandla zaso sidle inyama yaso. 6
Singcono isandla esigcwele ukuthula kulezandla ezimbili
ezigcwele ukutshikatshika lokukhathazeka komoya.
7 Mina ngasengiphenduka ngabona ize ngaphansi
kwelanga. 8 Kukhona oyedwa, njalo kakho owesibili, yebo
kalamntwana kumbe umfowabo, njalo kakulakuphela
komtshikatshika wakhe wonke, lelihlo lakhe kalisuthiswa
yinotho, njalo katsho ukuthi: Ngitshikatshikela bani,
ngenze umphefumulo wami uswele okuhle? Lokhu lakho
kuyize, yebo, kungumsebenzi omubi. 9 Ababili bangcono
kuloyedwa, ngoba balomvuzo omuhle ngokutshikatshika
kwabo. 10 Ngoba uba besiwa omunye uzamvusa
umngane wakhe; kodwa maye kuye oyedwa nxa esiwa,
ngoba kungekho owesibili ongamvusa. 11 Futhi uba
ababili belala ndawonye, ngakho balokukhudumala;
kodwa ngoyedwa angakhudumala njani? 12 Njalo uba
omunye engehlula oyedwa, ababili bazamelana laye;
lentambo elemicu emithathu kayiqanyulwa masinyane. 13
Umfana ongumyanga ohlakaniphileyo ungcono kulenkosi
endala eyisithutha engasakwazi ukwelulekwa. 14 Ngoba
uyaphuma entolongweni ukuthi abe yinkosi, lanxa futhi
owayezelwe embusweni wakhe esiba ngumyanga.
15 Ngabona bonke abaphilayo abahamba ngaphansi
kwelanga, lomfana wesibili ozakuma esikhundleni
sakhe. 16 Kakulasiphetho sabantu bonke, sabo
bonke ababephambi kwabo, lalabo abeza emva

kabayikuthokoza ngaye. Isibili lokhu lakho kuyize
lokukhathazeka komoya.

5 Gcina unyawo lwakho nxa usiya endlini kaNkulunkulu;
sondelela ukulalela kulokunikela umhlatshelo
wezithutha, ngoba kazazi ukuthi zenza okubi. **2**
Ungabi lamawala ngomlomo wakho, lenhliziyo yakho
ingaphangisi ukukhupha ilizwi phambi kukaNkulunkulu;
ngoba uNkulunkulu usemazulwini, wena-ke usemhlabeni,
ngakho amazwi akho kawabe malutshwana. **3**
Ngoba iphupho liza ngobunengi bomsebenzi, lelizwi
lesithutha ngobunengi bamazwi. **4** Lapho ufunga
isifungo kuNkulunkulu, ungaphuzi ukusikhokha, ngoba
kakulantokozo kuziwula; khokha lokho okufungileyo. **5**
Kungcono ukuthi ungafungi kulokuthi ufunge ungakhokhi.
6 Ungavumeli umlomo wakho ukuthi wenze inyama
yakho yone, futhi ungatsho phambi kwengilosi ukuthi
bekuyisiphosiso; uNkulunkulu uzathukuthelelani ilizwi
lakho, achithe umsebenzi wezandla zakho? **7** Ngoba
ebunengini bamaphupho lamazwi kukhona lokuyize
okunengi, kodwa mesabe uNkulunkulu. **8** Uba
ubona ucindezelo lomyanga lokuphanjulwa kokulunga
lesahlulelo ngodlakela esabelweni, ungamangali ngalinto,
ngoba ophezulu kophezulu uyananzelela, njalo
kulabaphezulu phezu kwabo. **9** Lenzuzo yomhlabathi
ngeyabo bonke; inkosi isetshenzelwa yinsimu. **10**
Othanda imali kayikweneliswa yimali, njalo othanda
okunengi kayikweneliswa yikwanda; lokhu lakho kuyize.
11 Ekwandeni kokuhle, bayanda abakudlayo; njalo
kulenzuzo bani kubanini bakho, ngaphandle kokukubuka
ngamehlo abo? **12** Bumnandi ubuthongo besisebenzi
loba sisidla okulutshwana loba okunengi; kodwa ukusutha
kwesinothi kakusivumeli ukulala. **13** Kukhona ububi
obubuhlungu esengibubonile ngaphansi kwelanga:
Inotho egcinelwe abaniniyo kube yibubi kibo. **14**
Kodwa leyonotho ichitheka ngomsebenzi omubi: Esezala
umntwana, kungaselalutho esandleni sakhe. **15**
Njengokuphuma kwakhe esiswini sikanina, uzabuyela
eze ehamba njengokuza kwakhe; njalo kayikuthatha
lutho lomtshikatshika wakhe angahamba lalo esandleni
sakhe. **16** Lokhu lakho kuyibubi obubuhlungu, kukho
konke njengokufika kwakhe ngokunjalo uzahamba.
Njalo ulenzuzo bani owatshikatshikela umoya? **17**
Njalo insuku zakhe zonke udlela emnyameni, elosizi
olukhulu, lomkhuhlane wakhe, lokuthukuthela? **18**
Khangela, engikubonileyo mina, kulungile okuhle ukudla
lokunatha lokubona okuhle emtshikatshikeni wakhe
wonke awutshikatshikayo ngaphansi kwelanga, enanini
lensuku zempilo yakhe uNkulunkulu amnike zona, ngoba
kuyisabelo sakhe. **19** Laye wonke umuntu, uNkulunkulu
amnike inotho lengcebo, wamnika amandla okudla kukho,
lokuthatha isabelo sakhe, lokuthokoza emtshikatshikeni
wakhe - lokhu kuyisipho sikaNkulunkulu. **20** Ngoba
kayikukhumbula kakhulu insuku zempilo yakhe, ngoba
uNkulunkulu umphendula ngentokozo yenhliziyo yakhe.

6 Kukhona ububi esengibubonile ngaphansi kwelanga,
njalo buvamile ebantwini: **2** Umuntu uNkulunkulu
amnike inotho lengcebo lodumo ukuze angasweleli
umphefumulo wakhe ulutho kukho konke akufisayo,
kodwa uNkulunkulu angamniki amandla ukuthi adle
kukho, kodwa owemzini uyakudla; lokhu kuyize, njalo
kuyisifo esibi. **3** Uba umuntu ezala abantwana abalikhulu,
aphile iminyaka eminengi, ukuze insuku zeminyaka
yakhe zibe zinengi, kodwa umphefumulo wakhe
ungasuthiswa ngokuhle, futhi angabi lakungcwatshwa,
ngithi umphunzo ungcono kulaye. **4** Ngoba uza
ngeze, uye emnyameni, lebizo lawo lisitshekelwe
emnyameni; **5** futhi kawulibonanga ilanga, kawulalwazi;
lo ulokuphumula kulaye. **6** Yebo, lanxa ephila iminyaka
eyinkulungwane, ephindwe kabili, kanti engabonanga
okuhle; bonke kabayi yini endaweni eyodwa? **7** Wonke
umtshikatshika womuntu ngowomlomo wakhe, kube
kanti inkanuko kayisuthi. **8** Ngoba ohlakaniphileyo
ulani okwedlula isithutha? Ulani umyanga owazi
ukuhamba phambi kwabaphilayo? **9** Kungcono ukubona
kwamehlo kulokuzulazula kwenkanuko. Lokhu lakho
kuyize lokukhathazeka komoya. **10** Osekukhona sekuke
kwathiwa ibizo lakho, njalo kuyaziwa ukuthi kungumuntu,
lokuthi kalakho ukuphikisana lolamandla kulaye. **11**
Ngoba zinengi izinto ezandisa ize; kuyinzuzo bani
emuntwini? **12** Ngoba ngubani okwaziyo okulungele
umuntu empilweni, enanini lensuku zempilo yakhe eyize
ayichitha njengesithunzi? Ngoba ngubani ongatshela
umuntu lokho okuzakuba khona emva kwakhe ngaphansi
kwelanga?

7 Ibizo elihle lingcono kulamafutha amahle; losuku
lokufa kulosuku lokuzalwa kwakhe. **2** Kungcono
ukuya endlini yokulila kulokuya endlini yedili; ngoba
lokhu kuyisiphetho sakhe wonke umuntu; lophilayo
uzakubeka enhliziyweni yakhe. **3** Usizi lungcono
kulohleko, ngoba ngokudana kobuso inhliziyo yenziwa
ngcono. **4** Inhliziyo yabahlakaniphileyo isendlini
yokulila, kodwa inhliziyo yezithutha isendlini yentokozo.
5 Kungcono ukuzwa ukukhuza kohlakaniphileyo
kulokuthi umuntu ezwe ingoma yezithutha. **6** Ngoba
njengokuchachamba kwameva ngaphansi kwembiza
lunjalo uhleko lwesithutha. Lokhu lakho kuyize. **7**
Isibili ucindezelo lwenza ohlakaniphileyo abe luhlanya,
lesipho siyayichitha inhliziyo. **8** Singcono isiphetho
sento kulokuqala kwayo; kungcono ukubekezela komoya
kulokuziphakamisa komoya. **9** Ungaphangisi emoyeni
wakho ukuthukuthela, ngoba ukuthukuthela kuhlala
esifubeni sezithutha. **10** Ungatsho ukuthi: Kwenziwa yini
ukuthi insuku zakuqala zibe ngcono kulalezi? Ngoba
kawubuzi ngenhlakanipho ngalokhu. **11** Inhlakanipho
yinhle ilelifa, njalo kulenzuzo kwabalibonayo ilanga.
12 Ngoba inhlakanipho iyisivikelo, imali iyisivikelo;
kodwa ubungcono bolwazi yikuthi lunika impilo

kubaninilo. 13 Nakana umsebenzi kaNkulunkulu; ngoba
ngubani olakho ukwelula akugobisileyo? 14 Thokoza
ngosuku lokuphumelela, kodwa ngosuku lobubi nakana:
UNkulunkulu ulwenzile lalolu lwaba njengalolo, ukuze
umuntu angatholi lutho oluzakuba khona emva kwakhe.
15 Konke ngikubonile ensukwini zokuyize kwami:
Kukhona olungileyo obhubhela ekulungeni kwakhe,
njalo kukhona omubi owelula impilo yakhe ebubini
bakhe. 16 Ungabi ngolungileyo ngokudlulisayo, futhi
ungahlakaniphi okwedlulisileyo; uzichithelani? 17 Ungabi
ngomubi ngokudlulisayo, futhi ungabi yisiwula; uzafelani
kungakabi yisikhathi sakho? 18 Kuhle ukuthi ubambelele
kulokhu, yebo, ungabuyisi isandla sakho lakulokho;
ngoba omesabayo uNkulunkulu uzaphepha kukho
konke. 19 Inhlakanipho iyamqinisa ohlakaniphileyo
okwedlula ababusi abalitshumi abasemzini. 20 Ngoba
kakulamuntu olungileyo emhlabeni owenza okuhle
angoni. 21 Futhi ungabeki inhliziyo yakho emazwini
wonke akhulunywayo, ukuze ungezwa ukuthi inceku
yakho iyakuthuka. 22 Ngoba ngezikhathi ezinengi
lenhliziyo yakho iyakwazi ukuthi lawe uqobo ubathukile
abanye. 23 Konke lokhu ngikuhlolile ngenhlakanipho,
ngathi: Ngizahlakanipha; kodwa kwakukhatshana lami. 24
Okukhatshana, lokujule kakhulu, ngubani ozakufumana?
25 Ngaphenduka mina lenhliziyo yami ukwazi lokuhlola
lokudinga inhlakanipho, lesizatho sezinto, lokwazi
inkohlakalo yobuwula, lobuthutha bobuhlanya. 26
Ngasengithola okubaba kulokufa: Owesifazana onhliziyo
yakhe iyimijibila lamambule, lezandla zakhe ziyizibopho.
Olungileyo phambi kukaNkulunkulu uzaphepha kuye,
kodwa isoni sizabanjwa nguye. 27 Khangela, yilokhu
engikutholileyo, utsho umTshumayeli, ngibeka okunye
kokunye, ukuthola isizatho sezinto, 28 umphefumulo
wami osasidinga kodwa kangisitholanga. Indoda
eyodwa phakathi kwenkulungwane ngayithola, kodwa
owesifazana phakathi kwabo bonke labo kangimtholanga.
29 Khangela, yilokhu kuphela engikutholileyo, ukuthi
uNkulunkulu wamenza umuntu waqonda; kodwa bona
sebedinge amacebo amanengi.

8 Ngubani onjengohlakaniphileyo? Ngubani-ke owazi
ukuchasiswa kolutho? Inhlakanipho yomuntu
iyakhanyisa ubuso bakhe, lobulukhuni bobuso bakhe
buyaguqulwa. 2 Ngithi: Gcina umlayo wenkosi,
lanjengokwesifungo sikaNkulunkulu. 3 Ungaphangisi
ukusuka phambi kwayo, ungemi edabeni olubi, ngoba
yenza konke ekuthandayo. 4 Lapho okulelizwi lenkosi
khona kulamandla; njalo ngubani ongathi kuyo: Wenzani?
5 Lowo ogcina umlayo kayikwazi into embi, lenhliziyo
yohlakaniphileyo iyasazi isikhathi lokwahlulela. 6 Ngoba
kulo lonke udaba kulesikhathi lokwahlulela, ngoba ububi
bomuntu bukhulu phezu kwakhe. 7 Ngoba kakwazi
ukuthi kuzakuba yini, ngoba ngubani ongamtshela ukuthi
kuzakuba nini? 8 Kakulamuntu olamandla phezu komoya
ukubamba umoya, njalo kalamandla osukwini lokufa; njalo
kakukho ukukhululwa kuleyompi, lobubi kabuyikukhulula
abaninibo. 9 Konke lokhu ngikubonile, nganikela inhliziyo
yami emsebenzini wonke owenziwa ngaphansi kwelanga;
kulesikhathi lapho umuntu abusa khona umuntu
kube yikulimala kwakhe. 10 Ngokunjalo-ke ngabona
ababi bengcwatshwa, ababevela njalo baye endaweni
engcwele, abasebekhohlakele emzini lapho ababenze
khona okunjalo. Lokhu lakho kuyize. 11 Ngoba isigwebo
ngesenzo esibi singenziwa masinyane, ngenxa yalokho
inhliziyo yabantwana babantu igcwele ngaphakathi
kwabo ukwenza okubi. 12 Lanxa isoni sisenza okubi
izikhathi ezilikhulu, lensuku zaso zelulwe, kube kanti
sibili ngiyazi ukuthi kuzabalungela labo abamesabayo
uNkulunkulu, abesabayo phambi kwakhe. 13 Kodwa
omubi kakuyikumlungela; futhi kayikwelula insuku zakhe;
unjengesithunzi ngoba kesabi phambi kukaNkulunkulu.
14 Kukhona okuyize okwenziwayo emhlabeni, ukuthi
bakhona abalungileyo abehlelwa njengokomsebenzi
wababi, bakhona lababi abehlelwa njengokomsebenzi
wabalungileyo. Ngathi: Lokhu lakho kuyize. 15 Ngakho
mina ngababaza intokozo; ngoba umuntu kalalutho
oluhle ngaphansi kwelanga, ngaphandle kokudla
lokunatha lokuthokoza, ngoba lokhu kuzahlala laye
ekutshikatshikeni kwakhe ensukwini zempilo yakhe
uNkulunkulu amnike zona ngaphansi kwelanga. 16
Lapho nganikela inhliziyo ukwazi inhlakanipho lokubona
umsebenzi owenziwa emhlabeni, (ngoba futhi ukhona
ongaboni ubuthongo ngamehlo akhe emini lebusuku) 17
ngasengibona wonke umsebenzi kaNkulunkulu ukuthi
umuntu kalakho ukufumana umsebenzi owenziwayo
ngaphansi kwelanga; ngoba lanxa umuntu etshikatshika
ukukudinga, kube kanti kayikukufumana; yebo futhi,
lanxa ohlakaniphileyo angathi uyazi, kayikuba lakho
ukukuthola.

9 Ngoba konke lokhu ngakubeka enhliziyweni yami
ukuhlolisisa konke lokhu, ukuthi abalungileyo
labahlakaniphileyo lezenzo zabo kusesandleni
sikaNkulunkulu; loba uthando kumbe inzondo, kakho
umuntu okwaziyo, konke okuphambi kwabo. 2 Konke
kwehla ngokufananayo kubo bonke; sinye isehlakalo
kolungileyo lakomubi, komuhle, lakohlambulukileyo
lakongahlambulukanga, lakonikela umhlatshelo
lakonganikeli umhlatshelo; njengolungileyo sinjalo
isoni, ofungayo njengowesaba isifungo. 3 Yilobu
ububi phakathi kwakho konke okwenziwa ngaphansi
kwelanga, ukuthi sinye isehlakalo kukho konke, futhi
lenhliziyo yabantwana babantu igcwele ububi, lobuhlanya
busenhliziyweni yabo besaphila, lemva kwalokhu baya
kwabafileyo. 4 Ngoba kulowo ohlanganiswe labo
bonke abaphilayo kulethemba, ngoba inja ephilayo
ingcono kulesilwane esifileyo. 5 Ngoba abaphilayo
bayazi ukuthi bazakufa, kodwa abafileyo kabazi lutho,
njalo kabaselawo umvuzo, ngoba ukukhunjulwa kwabo
sekukhohlakele. 6 Futhi uthando lwabo lenzondo yabo

lomona wabo sekubhubhile, njalo kabasayikuba lesabelo
laphakade kukho konke okwenziwayo ngaphansi
kwelanga. 7 Hamba, udle ukudla kwakho ngentokozo,
unathe iwayini lakho ngenhliziyo elenjabulo, ngoba
uNkulunkulu usethokozile ngemisebenzi yakho. 8
Izigqoko zakho kazibe ngezimhlophe ngesikhathi
sonke, lamafutha angasweleki ekhanda lakho. 9
Kholisa impilo lomkakho omthandayo zonke izinsuku
zempilo yakho eyize akunike yona ngaphansi kwelanga,
zonke izinsuku zakho eziyize, ngoba lesi yisabelo
sakho empilweni, lemtshikatshikeni owutshikatshika
ngaphansi kwelanga. 10 Loba kuyini isandla sakho
esikutholayo ukukwenza kwenze ngamandla akho,
ngoba kawukho umsebenzi lecebo lolwazi lenhlakanipho
engcwabeni lapho oya khona. **(Sheol h7585)** 11
Ngaphenduka ngabona ngaphansi kwelanga ukuthi
umjaho kawusiwabalejubane, lempi kayisiyamaqhawe,
futhi lesinkwa kasisabahlakaniphileyo, futhi lenotho
kayisiyabalolwazi, futhi lomusa kawusiwezingcitshi,
kodwa isikhathi lesehlakalo kwehlela bonke. 12 Ngoba
futhi umuntu kasazi isikhathi sakhe; njengenhlanzi
ezibanjwa embuleni elibi, lanjengezinyoni ezibanjwa
emjibileni, njengazo abantwana babantu bayabanjwa
esikhathini esibi, lapho sibajuma. 13 Lale inhlakanipho
ngayibona ngaphansi kwelanga, njalo yaba nkulu kimi.
14 Kwakukhona umuzi omncinyane, okwakulabantu
abalutshwana phakathi kwawo; kwasekusiza inkosi
enkulu kuwo, yawuvimbezela, yawakhela amadundulu
amakhulu okuvimbezela. 15 Kwasekutholakala phakathi
kwawo umuntu ohlakaniphileyo ongumyanga, yena-ke
ngenhlakanipho yakhe wawukhulula lowomuzi. Kanti
kakho owake wamkhumbula lowomuntu ongumyanga.
16 Mina ngasengisithi: Inhlakanipho ingcono kulamandla,
lanxa ukuhlakanipha komyanga kuseyiswa lamazwi
akhe engalalelwa. 17 Amazwi abahlakaniphileyo azwiwa
ekupholeni ngcono kulokumemeza kobusayo phakathi
kwezithutha. 18 Inhlakanipho ingcono kulezikhali zempi,
kodwa isoni esisodwa sichitha ubuhle obunengi.

10 Impukane ezifileyo zinukisa zibilise amagcobo
omthaki; ubuthutha obuncinyane benza njalo
kohloniphekayo ngenxa yenhlakanipho lodumo. 2
Inhliziyo yohlakaniphileyo ingakwesokunene sakhe,
kodwa inhliziyo yesithutha ingakwesokhohlo saso. 3
Yebo-ke lapho oyisithutha ehamba endleleni, ingqondo
yakhe iyasilela, uthi kuye wonke uyisithutha. 4
Uba umoya wombusi ukuvukela, ungatshiyi indawo
yakho, ngoba ukuthobeka kuyathulisa iziphambeko
ezinkulu. 5 Kulobubi engibubone ngaphansi kwelanga,
njengesiphosiso esiphuma ebusweni bombusi: 6
Ubuwula bubekwa ezindaweni eziphakemeyo kakhulu,
labanothileyo bahlala endaweni ephansi. 7 Ngibonile
izigqili zigade amabhiza, leziphathamandla zihamba
njengezigqili emhlabeni. 8 Ogebha umgodi uzawela
kuwo; lodiliza umthangala, inyoka izamluma. 9 Osusa
amatshe uzalinyazwa yiwo; obanda izigodo uzakuba
sengozini ngazo. 10 Uba insimbi ibuthundu njalo
engaloli ubukhali, ngakho ufanele engezelele amandla;
kodwa inhlakanipho yinhle ukulungisa. 11 Uba inyoka
iluma kungelakulunjwa, kakulanzuzo kungcitshi yolimi.
12 Amazwi omlomo ohlakaniphileyo alomusa, kodwa
indebe zesithutha ziyasiginya. 13 Ukuqala kwamazwi
omlomo waso kuyibuthutha, lokucina kwenkulumo yaso
kuyibuhlanya obubi, 14 njalo isithutha sandisa amazwi.
Umuntu kazi okuzakuba khona; lalokho okuzakuba
khona emva kwakhe, ngubani ongamtshela khona?
15 Umtshikatshika wesithuthandini uyasidinisa, ngoba
kasazi ukuya emzini. 16 Maye kuwe, lizwe, onkosi yakho
ingumntwana, leziphathamandla zakho zidla ekuseni! 17
Ubusisiwe, lizwe, onkosi yakho iyindodana yabakhulu,
leziphathamandla zakho zidla ngesikhathi esifaneleyo,
zidlela ukuqina, hatshi ukudakwa. 18 Ngobuvila obukhulu
intungo ziyabhensa, langokuyekethisa izandla indlu
iyanethela. 19 Idili lenzelwa uhleko, lewayini lithokozisa
impilo; kodwa imali iyimpendulo yakho konke. 20
Lemcabangweni wakho ungayithuki inkosi, lekamelweni
lakho lokulala ungamthuki onothileyo; ngoba inyoni
yamazulu izathwala ilizwi, lokulamaphiko kubike udaba.

11 Phosela isinkwa sakho phezu kobuso
bamanzi, ngoba uzasithola emva kwensuku
ezinengi. 2 Nika isabelo kwabayisikhombisa, yebo,
lakwabayisificaminwembili, ngoba kawazi ukuthi bubi
bani obuzakuba emhlabeni. 3 Uba amayezi egcwele
izulu, ayalithululela emhlabeni; uba-ke isihlahla siwela
ngeningizimu kumbe ngenyakatho, endaweni lapho
isihlahla esiwela khona sizakuba khonapho. 4 Onanzelela
umoya kayikuhlanyela, lalowo okhangela amayezi
kayikuvuna. 5 Njengoba ungazi ukuthi iyini indlela
yomoya, akhula njani amathambo esiswini sokhulelweyo,
ngokunjalo kawazi umsebenzi kaNkulunkulu owenza
konke. 6 Hlanyela inhlanyelo yakho ekuseni, lantambama
ungaphumuzi isandla sakho; ngoba kawazi ukuthi yiyiphi
ezaphumelela, le kumbe leyana, loba zombili zizakuba
zinhle ngokufananayo. 7 Sibili, ukukhanya kumnandi;
njalo kuhle emehlweni ukubona ilanga. 8 Kodwa uba
umuntu ephila iminyaka eminengi, kathokoze ngayo
yonke; kodwa kakhumbule lensuku zomnyama, ngoba
zizakuba zinengi. Konke okuzayo kuyize. 9 Thokoza,
jaha, ebutsheni bakho, lenhliziyo yakho kayikuthokozise
ensukwini zobutsha bakho, uhambe endleleni zenhliziyo
yakho lekuboneni kwamehlo akho. Kodwa yazi ukuthi
ngenxa yazo zonke izinto uNkulunkulu uzakuletha
kusahlulelo. 10 Ngakho susa ukudabuka enhliziyweni
yakho, ukhuphe ububi enyameni yakho, ngoba ubutsha
lobujaha buyize.

12 Khumbula-ke uMdali wakho ensukwini zobutsha
bakho zingakafiki insuku ezimbi, kumbe kusondele

iminyaka, lapho ozakuthi: Kangilantokozo ngayo. **2**
Kungakafiphali ilanga lokukhanya lenyanga lezinkanyezi,
kumbe amayezi abuyele emva kwezulu. **3** Ngosuku lapho
abagcini bendlu bezathuthumela, lamadoda alamandla
akhokhobe, labacholayo beme ngoba bebalutshwana,
lalabo abalunguza ngamawindi bafiphazeke, **4** lezivalo
zivalwe esitaladini, lapho umsindo wokuchola usuncipha,
lapho ezavuka ekukhaleni kwenyoni, lamadodakazi
wonke engoma ezathotshiswa, **5** lalapho bezakwesaba
okuphakemeyo lezesabiso endleleni, lapho isihlahla
se-alimondi sesilempoko, lentothoviyane izakuba
ngumthwalo kuyo, lesiloyiso sizaphela. Ngoba umuntu
uya ekhaya lakhe elilaphakade, labalilayo bazazulazula
esitaladeni. **6** Kungakathukululwa intambo yesiliva,
lomganu wegolide uphahlazwe, lembiza iphahlazeke
emthonjeni, lendirayo yephuke emgodini wamanzi,
7 lothuli lubuyele emhlabathini njengoba lwalunjalo,
lomoya ubuyela kuNkulunkulu owawunikayo. **8** Ize
leze, kutsho umTshumayeli, konke kuyize. **9** Phezu
kwalokho-ke, ngoba umTshumayeli wayehlakaniphile,
wayelokhu efundisa abantu ulwazi, yebo wazindla,
wadingisisa, wamisa kuhle izaga ezinengi. **10**
UmTshumayeli wadinga ukuthola amazwi akholisisayo,
lokwabhalwayo kwakuqondile, amazwi eqiniso. **11**
Amazwi abahlakaniphileyo anjengezincijo, lanjengezipikili
ezibethelwe zatshona, amakhosi emihlangano, enikwa
ngumelusi munye. **12** Phezu kwalokho-ke, ndodana yami,
xwayiseka: Ekwenzeni ingwalo ezinengi kakulasiphelo,
lokufunda okunengi kuyikudinisa inyama. **13** Isiphetho
sodaba konke sekuzwakele yilesi: Mesabe uNkulunkulu,
ugcine imilayo yakhe; ngoba lokho yimfanelo yonke
yomuntu. **14** Ngoba uNkulunkulu uzaletha wonke
umsebenzi kusahlulelo, layo yonke into efihliweyo, loba
kuhle laloba kubi.

Ingoma Yezingoma

1 Ingoma yezingoma engekaSolomoni. **2** Kangange
ngokwanga komlomo wakhe; ngoba uthando lwakho
lungcono kulewayini. **3** Ngenxa yephunga lamagcobo
akho amnandi, ibizo lakho linjengamagcobo athululiweyo;
ngakho-ke izintombi ziyakuthanda. **4** Ngidonsa, sizagijima
emva kwakho; inkosi ingingenise emakamelweni ayo;
sizajabula sithokoze kuwe, sikhumbule uthando lwakho
okwedlula iwayini; abaqondileyo bayakuthanda. **5**
Ngimnyama, kodwa ngimuhle, madodakazi eJerusalema,
njengamathente eKedari, njengamakhetheni kaSolomoni.
6 Lingangibukeli ngoba ngimnyama, ngoba ilanga
lingitshisile. Abantwana bakamama bangizondela,
bangenza umlindikazi wezivini; isivini sami esingesami
kangisilindanga. **7** Ngitshela, wena umphefumulo wami
okuthandayo, ukuthi welusela ngaphi, uphumuza ngaphi
umhlambi emini; ngoba kungani ngizakuba njengozulayo
ngasemihlanjini yabangane bakho? **8** Uba ungazi,
wena omuhle kakhulu phakathi kwabesifazana, phuma
wena ngezinyathelo zomhlambi, welusele amazinyane
akho phansi kwamadumba abelusi. **9** Ngikufananise
lebhizakazi ezinqoleni zikaFaro, mthandwa wami. **10**
Izihlathi zakho zinhle phakathi kwemiceciso, intamo
yakho ngezigqizo. **11** Sizakwenzela imiceciso yegolide
lamaqhubu esiliva. **12** Inkosi isesetafuleni layo ledili
inadi yami yakhupha iphunga layo. **13** Isithandwa sami
kimi siyisamba semure; sizalala phakathi kwamabele
ami ebusuku. **14** Isithandwa sami kimi silihlukuzo
lesihlahla sehena ezivinini zeEngedi. **15** Khangela,
umuhle, mthandwa wami, khangela, umuhle, amehlo
akho angawamajuba. **16** Khangela, umuhle, sithandwa
sami, isibili uyathokozisa. Lombheda wethu uluhlaza.
17 Imijabo yezindlu zethu yimisedari, intungo zethu
ngezefiri.

2 Ngilirozi leSharoni, umduze wezigodi. **2** Njengomduze
phakathi kwameva, unjalo mthandwa wami phakathi
kwamadodakazi. **3** Njengesihlahla sama-aphula phakathi
kwezihlahla zeganga, sinjalo isithandwa sami phakathi
kwamadodana. Ngahlala emthunzini waso ngathokoza
kakhulu, lesithelo saso simnandi ekunambitheni kwami.
4 Sangisa endlini yewayini, lesiboniso saso phezu
kwami siluthando. **5** Ngisekelani ngezinkwa zezithelo
zevini ezonyisiweyo, lingiqinise ngama-aphula, ngoba
ngiguliswa luthando. **6** Isandla saso sokhohlo singaphansi
kwekhanda lami, lesokunene saso siyangigona. **7**
Ngiyalifungisa, madodakazi eJerusalema, ngemiziki
kumbe ngezimpala zeganga, ukuze lingaphazamisi
lingavusi uthando aze athande. **8** Ilizwi lesithandwa
sami! Khangela sona siyeza, siseqa phezu kwezintaba,
siqolotsha phezu kwamaqaqa. **9** Isithandwa sami
sinjengomziki kumbe njengethole lendluzele. Khangela
simi ngemva komduli wethu, silunguza emawindini,
sizibonakalisa eminxibeni yewindi. **10** Isithandwa sami
saphendula sathi kimi: Vuka wena, mthandwa wami,
omuhle wami, asihambe wena. **11** Ngoba khangela,
ubusika sebudlulile, izulu seliphelile, lihambile. **12**
Amaluba ayabonakala emhlabeni, isikhathi sokuhlabelela
sesifikile, lelizwi lejuba liyezwakala elizweni lakithi. **13**
Isihlahla somkhiwa sivuthisa imikhiwa yaso eluhlaza,
lamavini alempoko aletha iphunga elimnandi. Vuka wena,
mthandwa wami, omuhle wami wena, sihambe. **14**
Juba lami, elisengoxweni yedwala, ekusithekeni kweliwa,
ngitshengisa ubuso bakho, ngizwise ilizwi lakho, ngoba
ilizwi lakho limnandi, lobuso bakho buyabukeka. **15**
Sibambeleni amakhanka, amakhanka amancinyane, ona
izivini, ngoba izivini zethu zilezimpoko. **16** Isithandwa sami
ngesami, lami ngingowaso, eselusa phakathi kwemiduze.
17 Kuze kube semadabukakusa, lamathunzi abaleke,
phenduka, sithandwa sami, ube njengomziki kumbe
njengethole lendluzele phezu kwezintaba zeBhetheri.

3 Embhedeni wami ebusuku ngamdinga lowo
umphefumulo wami omthandayo; ngamdinga, kodwa
kangimtholanga. **2** Sengizasuka ngibhodabhode emzini,
ezitaladeni lemagcekeni, ngimdinge yena umphefumulo
wami omthandayo; ngamdinga, kodwa kangimtholanga.
3 Abalindi ababebhodabhoda emzini bangifica. Limbonile
yini yena umphefumulo wami omthandayo? **4** Sengidlule
kancinyane kubo ngasengimthola yena umphefumulo
wami omthandayo. Ngambamba, kangimyekelanga
ahambe ngaze ngamletha endlini kamama, lekamelweni
lakhe owangimithayo. **5** Ngiyalifungisa, madodakazi
eJerusalema, ngemiziki kumbe ngezimpala zeganga,
ukuze lingaphazamisi lingavusi uthando luze luthande. **6**
Ngubani lo owenyuka evela enkangala njengezinsika
zentuthu, eqholwe ngemure lempepha, ngakho konke
okucholisisiweyo kwabathengisi? **7** Khangela umbheda
wakhe ongokaSolomoni, amaqhawe angamatshumi
ayisithupha awugombolozela, emaqhaweni akoIsrayeli.
8 Wonke abambe inkemba efundiselwe impi, yilelo
lalelo inkemba yalo emlenzeni walo ngenxa yokwesaba
ebusuku. **9** Inkosi uSolomoni yazenzela isihlalo
sokuthwalwa ngezigodo zeLebhanoni. **10** Yenza
insika zaso ngesiliva, iphansi laso ngegolide, isihlalo
saso ngokuyibubende, ubuphakathi baso bubekelelwe
ngothando ngamadodakazi eJerusalema. **11** Phumani,
madodakazi eZiyoni, libone inkosi uSolomoni, ilomqhele
unina amethwesa umqhele ngawo ngosuku lomtshado
wayo, langosuku lwentokozo yenhliziyo yayo.

4 Khangela, umuhle, mthandwa wami, khangela,
umuhle. Amehlo akho angawamajuba ngaphakathi
kweveyili lakho; inwele zakho zinjengomhlambi
wembuzi zisehla entabeni iGileyadi. **2** Amazinyo
akho anjengomhlambi wezimvukazi ezigundiweyo,
ezikhuphuka ekugezisweni, okuthi zonke zazo zizele
amaphahla, njalo kungekho efelwayo phakathi kwazo.

3 Indebe zakho zinjengentambo ebomvu, lenkulumo
yakho yinhle. Inhlafuno zakho phakathi kweveyili
lakho zinjengocezu lwepomegranati. 4 Intamo yakho
injengomphotshongo kaDavida owakhiwe waba yindlu
yezikhali, okulenga kuwo amahawu ayinkulungwane,
wonke ayizihlangu zamaqhawe. 5 Amabele akho womabili
anjengabantwana ababili bomziki, abangamaphahla
empala, abadla phakathi kwemiduze. 6 Kuze kube
semadabukakusa, lamathunzi abaleke, mina ngizakuya
entabeni yemure, leqaqeni lwempepha. 7 Wena wonke
umuhle, mthandwa wami, kakukho sici kuwe. 8 Woza lami
sisuke eLebhanoni, makoti wami, lami sisuke eLebhanoni.
Khangela usengqongeni yeAmana, engqongeni yeSeniri
leyeHermoni, ezimbalwini zezilwane, entabeni zezingwe.
9 Uyithumbile inhliziyo yami, dadewethu, makoti,
uyithumbile inhliziyo yami ngelinye lamehlo akho,
ngesigqizo esisodwa sentamo yakho. 10 Luhle
kangakanani uthando lwakho, dadewethu, makoti!
Lungcono kangakanani uthando lwakho kulewayini,
lephunga lamagcobo akho kulamakha wonke. 11 Indebe
zakho, makoti, zithonta njengohlanga loluju; uluju lochago
kungaphansi kolimi lwakho, lephunga lezembatho
zakho linjengephunga leLebhanoni. 12 Uyisivande
esikhiyiweyo, dadewethu, makoti, umthombo okhiyiweyo,
isiphethu esinanyekwe ngophawu. 13 Amahlumela
akho ayisivande samapomegranati, lezithelo ezimnandi,
ihena lenadi, 14 inadi lesafroni, ikhalamu lekinamoni,
lezihlahla zonke zempepha, imure lenhlaba, lamakha
wonke aqakathekileyo; 15 umthombo wezivande, umgodi
wamanzi aphilayo, lezifula ezivela eLebhanoni. 16
Vuka, moya wenyakatho, uze lawe, moya weningizimu,
uphephethe esivandeni sami ukuze amakha aso ageleze
aphume. Kasize isithandwa sami esivandeni saso, sidle
izithelo zaso ezimnandi.

5 Sengingenile esivandeni sami, dadewethu, mlobokazi,
sengikhe imure yami lamakha ami, ngidle uhlanga
loluju lwami kanye loluju lwami, nginathe iwayini
lami lochago lwami. Dlanini, bangane, linathe, linathe
kakhulu, bathandekayo. 2 Ngilele, kodwa inhliziyo
yami iphapheme. Ilizwi lesithandwa sami liqoqoda,
lisithi: Ngivulela, dadewethu, mthandwa wami, juba
lami, opheleleyo wami, ngoba ikhanda lami ligcwele
amazolo, inwele zami eziphotheneyo amathonsi ebusuku.
3 Ngikhuphile isigqoko sami, ngingasigqoka njani?
Ngigezile inyawo zami, ngingazingcolisa njani? 4
Isithandwa sami safaka isandla saso esikhaleni
sesivalo, lemibilini yami yasiqubuleka. 5 Ngasukuma
mina ukuvulela isithandwa sami; lezandla zami
zathonta imure, leminwe yami imure egelezayo,
ezibanjeni zekhiye. 6 Mina ngasivulela isithandwa
sami, kodwa isithandwa sami sasitshibilike sedlula.
Umphefumulo wami wehluleka ekukhulumeni kwaso.
Ngasidinga, kodwa kangisitholanga, ngasibiza, kodwa
kasingiphendulanga. 7 Abalindi ababebhodabhoda
emzini bangifica, bangitshaya, bangilimaza; abalindi
bemiduli bangithathela ijali yami. 8 Ngiyalifungisa,
madodakazi eJerusalema, uba lithola othandekayo wami,
lizamtshelani? Ukuthi ngiguliswa luthando. 9 Isithandwa
sakho simedlula ngani omunye othandekayo, wena
omuhle phakathi kwabesifazana? Isithandwa sakho
simedlula ngani omunye othandekayo ukuthi usifungise
njalo? 10 Isithandwa sami simhlophe sibomvana,
inhlokonkulu phakathi kwenkulungwane ezilitshumi.
11 Ikhanda laso linjengegolide elicengeke kakhulu,
inwele zaso eziphotheneyo ziyibulembu, zimnyama
njengewabayi. 12 Amehlo aso anjengamajuba ezifuleni
zamanzi, agezwe ngochago, afakwe kakuhle. 13
Izihlathi zaso zinjengombheda wamakha, njengemibundu
yamakha akhupha iphunga elimnandi. Indebe zaso
zinjengemiduze, zithonta imure egelezayo. 14
Izandla zaso zinjengendandatho zegolide ezigcwele
ibherule. Isisu saso sinjengophondo lwendlovu
olukhanyayo, luhuqwe ngesafire. 15 Imilenze yaso
zinsika zelitshe elimhlophe zimiswe ezisekelweni
zegolide elicwengekileyo. Ukukhangeleka kwaso
kunjengeLebhanoni, elikhethelo njengemisedari. 16
Umlomo waso umnandi kakhulu, yebo sonke
siyathandeka kakhulu. Lesi yisithandwa sami, njalo lesi
ngumngane wami, madodakazi eJerusalema.

6 Siye ngaphi isithandwa sakho, wena omuhle
phakathi kwabesifazana? Siphendukele ngaphi
isithandwa sakho, ukuze sisidinge kanye lawe? 2
Isithandwa sami sehlele esivandeni saso, emibhedeni
yamakha, ukudla ezivandeni, lokukha imiduze. 3
Ngingowesithandwa sami, lesithandwa sami singesami,
esidla phakathi kwemiduze. 4 Umuhle, mthandwa
wami, njengeTiriza, uyabukeka njengeJerusalema,
uyesabeka njengebutho eliphethe iziboniso. 5 Susa
amehlo akho kimi ngoba ayanginqoba. Inwele zakho
zinjengomhlambi wembuzi zisehla eGileyadi. 6 Amazinyo
akho anjengomhlambi wezimvukazi ezikhuphuka
ekugezisweni, okuthi zonke zazo zizele amaphahla, njalo
kungekho eyinyumba phakathi kwazo. 7 Inhlafuno zakho
phakathi kweveyili lakho zinjengocezu lwepomegranati.
8 Kukhona izindlovukazi ezingamatshumi ayisithupha,
labafazi abancane abangamatshumi ayisificaminwembili,
lezintombi ezingelanani. 9 Linye ijuba lami, opheleleyo
wami, nguye yedwa kunina, ongokhethiweyo wakhe
owamzalayo. Amadodakazi ambona, ambusisa,
izindlovukazi labafazi abancinyane, bambabaza.
10 Ngubani lo obonakala njengokusa, omuhle
njengenyanga, ocwebileyo njengelanga, owesabeka
njengebutho eliphethe iziboniso? 11 Ngehlela esivandeni
senkelo ukubona okuhlumayo esigodini, ukubona ukuthi
ivini liyahluma, amapomegranati ayakhahlela yini. 12
Ngingakazi umphefumulo wami wangimisa ezinqoleni
zobukhosi zabantu bakithi. 13 Phenduka, phenduka,
mShulami, phenduka, phenduka, ukuze sikubuke.

Limbukelani umShulami? Kunjengexuku lamabutho amabili.

7 Zinhle kangakanani izinyawo zakho emanyathelweni, ndodakazi yenkosana! Amalunga amathangazi akho anjengemiceciso, umsebenzi wezandla zengcitshi. **2** Inkaba yakho injengomganu oyingubhe ongasweli iwayini elixutshanisiweyo. Isisu sakho sinjengenqumbi yengqoloyi ezingelezelwe yimiduze. **3** Amabele akho womabili anjengabantwana ababili bomziki, abangamaphahla empala. **4** Intamo yakho injengomphotshongo wempondo zendlovu. Amehlo akho ayiziziba zeHeshiboni ngasesangweni leBeti-Rabimi. Impumulo yakho injengomphotshongo weLebhanoni okhangelene leDamaseko. **5** Ikhanda lakho phezu kwakho linjengeKharmeli, lenwele zekhanda lakho ezilengayo zinjengokuyibubende; inkosi ibotshwe emikhandlweni. **6** Umuhle kangakanani, njalo uthandeka kangakanani, thando, ezinjabulweni. **7** Lobu ubude bakho bunjengesihlahla selala, lamabele akho njengamaxha. **8** Ngathi: Ngizakhwela esihlahleni selala ngibambe ingatsha zaso. Khathesi-ke amabele akho azakuba njengamahlukuzo evini, lephunga lamakhala akho linjengama-aphula, **9** lolwanga lwakho lunjengewayini elihle eliya kusithandwa sami kakuhle, kusenza indebe zabaleleyo zikhulume. **10** Ngingowesithandwa sami, lesifiso saso singakimi. **11** Woza, sithandwa sami, kasiphumele egangeni, silale ebusuku emizaneni; **12** kasivuke ngovivi siye ezivinini, sibone ukuthi amavini asehluma, ekhupha impoko, lokuthi amapomegranati akhahlele yini. Lapho ngizakunika uthando lwami. **13** Amamandrake akhupha iphunga elimnandi, langasemasangweni ethu kukhona zonke inhlobo zezithelo ezimnandi kakhulu, ezintsha lezindala, engizibekele wena, sithandwa sami.

8 Kungathi ngabe unjengomfowethu owamunya amabele kamama! Uba bengingakufica phandle, bengingakwanga, yebo, bebengayikungidelela. **2** Bengingakukhokhela ngikungenise endlini kamama, ubengangifundisa; bengingakunathisa okwewayini elilesinongo, okomhluzi wepomegranati lami. **3** Isandla sakhe sokhohlo singaphansi kwekhanda lami, lesokunene saso siyangigona. **4** Ngiyalifungisa, lina madodakazi eJerusalema, ukuze lingaphazamisi lingavusi uthando aze athande. **5** Ngubani lo owenyuka evela enkangala eyeme kothandekayo wakhe? Ngakuvusa ngaphansi kwesihlahla sama-aphula, kulapho unyoko akuhelela khona, kulapho ahelelwa khona owakuzalayo. **6** Ngibeka njengophawu enhliziyweni yakho, njengophawu engalweni yakho; ngoba uthando lulamandla njengokufa, ubukhwele bulesihluku njengengcwaba; amalahle alo angamalahle omlilo, ilangabi elilamandla kakhulu. **(Sheol h7585)** **7** Amanzi amanengi kawalakulucitsha uthando, lezimpophoma kazilugalulisi. Uba umuntu ubenganika impahla yonke yendlu yakhe ngothando, bebengayidelela lokuyidelela. **8** Silodadewethu omncinyane, njalo kalamabele. Sizamenzelani udadewethu ngosuku mhla kukhulunywa ngaye? **9** Uba engumduli, sizakwakha phezu kwakhe inqaba yesiliva, njalo uba engumnyango, sizamvalela ngamapulanka omsedari. **10** Ngingumduli, lamabele ami anjengemiphotshongo; khona emehlweni akhe ngaba njengokufumene umusa. **11** USolomoni wayelesivini eBhali-Hamoni, wanikela isivini kubalindi; ngulowo lalowo wayezaletha ngezithelo zaso inhlamvu zesiliva eziyinkulungwane. **12** Isivini sami esingesami siphambi kwami; inhlamvu eziyinkulungwane ngezakho, Solomoni, lamakhulu amabili ngawabalindi bezithelo zaso. **13** Wena ohlala ezivandeni, abangane balalela ilizwi lakho; ngizwise lona. **14** Phangisa, sithandwa sami, ube njengomziki kumbe njengethole lendluzele phezu kwezintaba zamakha.

U-Isaya

1 Umbono kaIsaya indodana kaAmozi, awubona
ngoJuda leJerusalema, ensukwini zaboUziya,
uJothamu, uAhazi, uHezekhiya, amakhosi akoJuda.
2 Zwanini, mazulu, ubeke indlebe, mhlaba, ngoba
iNkosi isikhulumile, yathi: Ngondlile ngakhulisa
abantwana, kodwa bona bangivukele. **3** Inkabi iyamazi
umniniyo, lobabhemi umkolo womnikazi wakhe; kodwa
uIsrayeli kazi, abantu bami kabaqedisisi. **4** Hawu,
isizwe esonayo, abantu abasindwa yibubi, inzalo
yabenzi bobubi, abantwana abonakalisayo! Bayitshiyile
iNkosi, bamdelele oNgcwele kaIsrayeli, bahlehlele
nyovane. **5** Lizatshayelwani futhi? Belizaqhubeka
livukela; ikhanda lonke liyagula, lenhliziyo yonke
ibuthakathaka. **6** Kusukela kungaphansi yonyawo
kuze kufike ekhanda kakulandawo ephilileyo kukho,
kodwa izilonda lemivimvinya lamanxeba ophayo;
kakukhanywanga, kakubotshwanga, kakuthanjiswanga
ngamafutha. **7** Ilizwe lakini liyincithakalo, imizi yenu
itshiswe ngomlilo, umhlaba wenu abezizwe bawudla
phambi kwenu, njalo kulencithakalo, njengokugenqulwa
ngabemzini. **8** Indodakazi yeZiyoni isele-ke njengedumba
esivinini, njengengalane ensimini yamakhomane,
njengomuzi ovinjezelweyo. **9** Uba iNkosi yamabandla
ibingasitshiyelanga insali eyingcosana, besizakuba
njengeSodoma, sifanane leGomora. **10** Zwanini
ilizwi leNkosi, babusi beSodoma, libeke indlebe
kumlayo kaNkulunkulu wethu, bantu beGomora. **11**
Buyini kimi ubunengi bemihlatshelo yenu? itsho
iNkosi. Ngenelisiwe yiminikelo yokutshiswa yezinqama
langamahwahwa okunonisiweyo; legazi lamajongosi
lelamawundlu lelezimpongo kangithokozi ngalo. **12**
Lapho lisizabonakala phambi kwami, ngubani obize
lokhu esandleni senu, ukugxoba amaguma ami? **13**
Lingabe lisaletha umnikelo oyize; impepha iyisinengiso
kimi; ukuthwasa kwenyanga, lesabatha, ukubizwa
kwenhlangano, ngingekumele; kuyisiphambeko, ngitsho
umhlangano onzulu. **14** Umphefumulo wami uyakuzonda
ukuthwasa kwezinyanga zenu lemikhosi yenu emisiweyo;
kungumthwalo kimi, sengikhathele yikukuthwala. **15**
Lalapho liselula izandla zenu ngizalifihlela amehlo ami;
njalo nxa lisandisa umkhuleko kangiyikuzwa; izandla
zenu zigcwele igazi. **16** Gezani, lizihlambulule; susani
ububi bezenzo zenu phambi kwamehlo ami; yekelani
ukwenza okubi; **17** fundani ukwenza okuhle; dingani
isahlulelo; sizani ocindezelweyo; yehlulelani intandane;
melani umfelokazi. **18** Wozani khathesi, siqondisane,
itsho iNkosi; loba izono zenu zinjengokubomvu gebhu,
zizakuba mhlophe njengeliqhwa elikhithikileyo; loba
zibomvu njengokubomvu kakhulu, zizakuba njengoboya
bezimvu. **19** Uba livuma lilalela, lizakudla okuhle
kwelizwe; **20** kodwa uba lisala libe lenkani, lizadliwa
yinkemba; ngoba umlomo weNkosi ukhulumile. **21**
Yeka, umuzi othembekileyo usube liwule! Wawugcwele
isahlulelo, ukulunga kwakuhlezi kuwo, kodwa khathesi
ababulali. **22** Isiliva sakho sesibe ngamanyele; iwayini
lakho laxubana lamanzi. **23** Iziphathamandla zakho
zingabahlamuki labangane bamasela; ngulowo lalowo
uthanda isipho, azingele izivalamlomo; kazehluleli
izintandane, lendaba yomfelokazi kayifiki kuzo. **24** Ngakho
itsho iNkosi, iNkosi yamabandla, oLamandla wakoIsrayeli:
E, ngizaziduduza ngezitha zami, ngiziphindisele
kwabamelana lami. **25** Ngizabuyisela isandla sami phezu
kwakho, ngicwengisise amanyele akho, ngisuse yonke
ingcekeza yokucwengwa kwakho. **26** Ngizabuyisela
abahluleli bakho njengekuqaleni, labeluleki bakho
njengakuqala; emva kwalokho ubizwe ngokuthi ngumuzi
wokulunga, umuzi othembekileyo. **27** IZiyoni izahlengwa
ngesahlulelo, labaphendukayo bayo ngokulunga. **28**
Lokwephulwa kwabaphambuki lokwezoni kuzakuba
kanyekanye, labadela iNkosi baqedwe. **29** Ngoba
bazakuba lenhloni ngezihlahla zama-okhi elaliziloyisa,
liyangeke ngezivande elizikhethileyo. **30** Ngoba lizakuba
njengesihlahla se-okhi omahlamvu aso ayabuna,
lanjengesivande esingelamanzi. **31** Njalo olamandla
uzakuba lifilakisi eliyizibi, lomenzi walo abe yinhlansi;
njalo kuzakutsha kokubili kanyekanye, kungabi khona
ocitshayo.

2 Ilizwi uIsaya indodana kaAmozi alibona ngoJuda
leJerusalema. **2** Kuzakuthi-ke ekupheleni kwezinsuku
intaba yendlu yeNkosi imiswe engqongeni yezintaba,
iphakanyiswe phezu kwamaqaqa; lazo zonke izizwe
zizajulukela kuyo. **3** Lezizwe ezinengi zizahamba
zithi: Wozani senyukele entabeni yeNkosi, endlini
kaNkulunkulu kaJakobe, njalo uzasifundisa ngendlela
zakhe, sihambe emikhondweni yakhe; ngoba kuzaphuma
umlayo eZiyoni, lelizwi leNkosi eJerusalema. **4** Njalo
izakwahlulela phakathi kwezizwe, ikhuze abantu
abanengi; njalo bazakhanda inkemba zabo zibe
yizikali zamakhuba, lemikhonto yabo ibe zingqamu
zokuthena izihlahla; isizwe kasiyikuphakamisela
isizwe inkemba, kazisayikufunda impi futhi. **5** Ndlu
kaJakobe, wozani sihambe ekukhanyeni kweNkosi.
6 Ngoba ubadelile abantu bakho, indlu kaJakobe,
ngoba bagcwele okwempumalanga, bayizanuse
njengamaFilisti, bazijabulisa ngabantwana bezizwe.
7 Lelizwe labo ligcwaliswe isiliva legolide, njalo
kakulakuphela kwenotho yabo; lelizwe labo ligcwaliswe
amabhiza, njalo kakulakuphela kwenqola zabo. **8**
Lelizwe labo ligcwaliswe izithombe; bakhothamela
imisebenzi yezandla zabo, lokho iminwe yabo
ekwenzileyo. **9** Lomuntukazana uyakhothama, lomuntu
omkhulu azithobe; ngakho kawubaxoleli. **10** Ngena
edwaleni, ucatshe othulini, ngenxa yokwesabeka
kweNkosi, langenxa yodumo lobukhosi bayo. **11**
Amehlo aziqhenyayo omuntu azakwehliselwa phansi,
lokuzikhukhumeza kwabantu kuzakhothanyiswa, njalo

iNkosi kuphela izaphakanyiswa ngalolosuku. 12 Ngoba
usuku lweNkosi yamabandla luzakuba phezu kwakhe
wonke ozigqajayo lozikhukhumezayo, lumelane laye
wonke oziphakamisayo, ukuze athotshiswe, 13 lumelane
layo yonke imisedari yeLebhanoni emide lephakemeyo,
lumelane lazo zonke izihlahla zama-okhi zeBashani,
14 lumelane lazo zonke intaba ezinde, lumelane lawo
wonke amaqaqa aphakemeyo, 15 lumelane lawo
wonke umphotshongo ophakemeyo, lumelane lawo
wonke umthangala obiyelweyo, 16 lumelane layo
yonke imikhumbi yeTarshishi, lumelane layo yonke
imifanekiso eloyisekayo. 17 Lokuziqhenya kwabantu
kuzakhothanyiswa, lokuzikhukhumeza kwabantu
kuzathotshiswa, leNkosi kuphela izaphakanyiswa
ngalolusuku. 18 Lezithombe zizaphela du. 19 Bazangena-
ke ezimbalwini zamadwala lemihomeni yomhlaba, ngenxa
yokwesabeka kweNkosi langenxa yodumo lokuphakama
kwayo, lapho izavuka ukuqhaqhazelisa umhlaba.
20 Ngalolosuku umuntu uzalahlela emagundwaneni
lakubolulwane izithombe zakhe zesiliva lezithombe zakhe
zegolide abazenzela zona ukuzikhonza, 21 ukungena
ezingoxweni zamadwala lezingoxweni zamawa, ngenxa
yokwesabeka kweNkosi langenxa yodumo lokuphakama
kwayo, lapho izavuka ukuqhaqhazelisa umhlaba. 22 Lina
phezani kumuntu, omphefumulo wakhe usemakhaleni
akhe; ngoba unakanwa kukuphi?

3 Ngoba khangela, iNkosi, uJehova wamabandla,
izasusa eJerusalema lakoJuda insika lodondolo,
insika yonke yesinkwa, lensika yonke yamanzi, 2
iqhawe, lendoda yempi, umahluleli, lomprofethi,
lomvumisi, lomdala, 3 induna yamatshumi amahlanu,
lowemukelekayo ngobuso, lomeluleki, lombazi
ohlakaniphileyo, lowazi amalumbo. 4 Ngizabanika
abafana babe yiziphathamandla zabo, lezihluku zizabusa
phezu kwabo. 5 Labantu bazacindezelwa, omunye
komunye, njalo ngulowo lalowo kumakhelwane wakhe;
ijaha lizadelela omdala, lodelelekayo ohloniphekayo.
6 Lapho umuntu ezabamba umfowabo wendlu
kayise athi: Wena ulesembatho, woba ngumbusi
wethu, lokhukuchithakala kube ngaphansi kwesandla
sakho; 7 uzaphakamisa ngalolosuku athi: Kangiyikuba
ngumelaphi, ngoba endlini yami kakulakudla
kakulasembatho; lingangimisi ngibe ngumbusi wabantu.
8 Ngoba iJerusalema ikhubekile, loJuda uwile, ngoba
ulimi lwabo lezenzo zabo kumelene leNkosi, ukuvukela
amehlo obukhosi bayo. 9 Ukukhangeleka kobuso
babo kuyafakaza ngabo; bememezela izono zabo
njengeSodoma, kabazifihli. Maye kumphefumulo wabo!
Ngoba bazenzela okubi. 10 Tshelani olungileyo ukuthi
kuzakuba kuhle kuye; ngoba bazakudla isithelo sezenzo
zabo. 11 Maye kokhohlakeleyo! Kuzakuba kubi kuye;
ngoba umvuzo wezandla zakhe uzakwenziwa kuye.
12 Abantu bami, abacindezeli babo ngabantwana,
labesifazana bayababusa. Bantu bami, abakhokheli
benu ngabaduhisi, basanganisa indlela yemikhondo
yenu. 13 INkosi izimisele ukuphikisana, imi ukuthi
yahlulele abantu. 14 INkosi ingena kusahlulelo labadala
babantu bayo leziphathamandla zayo; ngoba lina
lidle isivini; impango yomyanga isezindlini zenu. 15
Lina libachobozelani abantu bami, lichola ubuso
babayanga? itsho iNkosi uJehova wamabandla. 16
INkosi yasisithi: Ngenxa yokuthi amadodakazi eZiyoni
eziphakamisile, ehamba elule intamo, ehuga ngamehlo,
ehamba ngokuqoqomela ehamba, ekhencezisa izigqizo
enyaweni zawo, 17 ngakho iNkosi izakwenza inkanda
yamadodakazi eZiyoni ibe loqweqwe, leNkosi izanqunula
izitho zawo zangasese. 18 Ngalolosuku iNkosi izasusa
ubuhle bezigqizo zawo, lezicwatsho, lamasongo
anjengenyanga, 19 amacici, lamasongo, lezimbombozo,
20 amaqhiye, lezigetsho, lamabhanti, lemifuma, lezintebe,
21 izindandatho, lamacici amakhala, 22 izigqoko
zemikhosi, lamajazi, lezembatho, lezamba, 23 lezibuko,
lezigqoko zelembu elicolekileyo kakhulu, lamaqhele,
lamaveyili. 24 Kuzakuthi-ke endaweni yamakha kube
levumba, lendaweni yebhanti kube khona igoda,
lendaweni yenwele ezilungiswe kuhle kube khona
impabanga, lendaweni yesigqoko esihle kube khona
isaka, ukutsha endaweni yobuhle. 25 Amadoda akho
azakuwa ngenkemba, lamaqhawe akho empini. 26
Lamasango ayo azakhala alile; yenziwe ize izahlala
emhlabathini.

4 Labesifazana abayisikhombisa bazabamba indoda
ibenye ngalolosuku, bathi: Sizakudla okwethu ukudla,
sigqoke ezethu izigqoko; kuphela ibizo lakho kalibizwe
phezu kwethu; susa ihlazo lethu. 2 Ngalolosuku
ihlumela leNkosi lizakuba ngelobuhle, njalo elodumo,
lesithelo selizwe ngesokuhle kakhulu lokokubukeka
kwabaphunyukileyo bakoIsrayeli. 3 Kuzakuthi-ke oseleyo
eZiyoni lotshiywe eJerusalema athiwe ungcwele, wonke
obhalelwe impilo eJerusalema; 4 iNkosi isigezisile
ingcekeza yamadodakazi eZiyoni, yahlambulula amacala
egazi eJerusalema phakathi kwayo, ngomoya wesahlulelo
langomoya wokutshisa. 5 LeNkosi izadala phezu kwayo
yonke indawo yokuhlala yentaba yeZiyoni, laphezu
kwenhlangano zayo ezibiziweyo, iyezi emini, lentuthu,
lokukhanya komlilo olamalangabi ebusuku; ngoba
phezu kwayo yonke inkazimulo kuzakuba lesembeso
esiluphahla. 6 Njalo kuzakuba ledumba libe ngumthunzi
emini ekutshiseni, njalo libe yisiphephelo, njalo libe
yisivikelo esivunguvungwini lezulwini.

5 Ake ngihlabelele othandiweyo wami ingoma
yomthandwa wami ngesivini sakhe. Othandiweyo
wami ulesivini oqaqeni oluvundileyo. 2 Wasibiyela,
wakhupha amatshe kiso, wasihlanyela ngevini
elikhethiweyo, wakha umphotshongo phakathi kwaso,
wagubha lesikhamelo sewayini kiso; walindela ukuthi
sizathela izithelo zevini, kodwa sathela izithelo zevini

ezimunyu. 3 Ngakho-ke, bahlali beJerusalema, lani
madoda akoJuda, ake lahlulele phakathi kwami lesivini
sami. 4 Ngabe kwenziwani okunye esivinini sami
engingakwenzanga kuso? Ngalindelelani ukuthi sizathela
izithelo zevini, kodwa sathela izithelo zevini ezimunyu? 5
Ngakho-ke, ake ngilitshele engizakwenza esivinini sami:
Ngizasusa uthango lwaso ukuze sibe lidlelo, ngidilize
umduli waso ukuze sibe ngesokugxotshwa. 6 Ngizasenza
sibe liganga, singathenwa, singahlakulwa, kodwa kumile
ameva lokhula oluhlabayo. Njalo ngizalaya amayezi
ukuthi anganisi izulu phezu kwaso. 7 Ngoba isivini
seNkosi yamabandla yindlu kaIsrayeli, labantu bakoJuda
bayisithombo sentokozo zayo. Njalo yayilindele isahlulelo,
kodwa khangela, ukuchithwa kwegazi; ukulunga, kodwa
khangela, ukukhala. 8 Maye kulabo abahlanganisa indlu
lendlu, abasondeza insimu lensimu, kuze kusweleke
indawo, lina-ke lihlale lodwa phakathi kwelizwe! 9
Endlebeni zami iNkosi yamabandla yathi: Isibili izindlu
ezinengi zizakuba ngamanxiwa, ezinkulu lezinhle zingabi
lamhlali. 10 Ngoba indima ezilitshumi zesivini zizathela
ibhathi elilodwa, lehomeri lenhlanyelo lithele i-efa.
11 Maye kwabavuka ekuseni kakhulu, bexotshana
lokunathwayo okulamandla, balibale kuze kuhlwe, lize
iwayini libalumathise! 12 Njalo ichacho lomhubhe,
isigubhu lomhlanga, lewayini kusemadilini abo, kodwa
kabananzi isenzo seNkosi, bengaboni umsebenzi
wezandla zayo. 13 Ngakho abantu bami bazakuya
ekuthunjweni ngenxa yokungabi lolwazi, lamadoda abo
odumo alendlala, lenengi labo lizakoma ngumhawu. 14
Ngakho ingcwaba lizazinabulula, livule umlomo walo ube
banzi ngokungelasilinganiso, kuze kwehle udumo lwabo
lobunengi babo lenxokozelo yabo lothokozayo phakathi
kwabo. (Sheol h7585) 15 Lomuntukazana uzakwehliselwa
phansi, lomuntu ophakemeyo athotshiswe, lamehlo
abazikhukhumezayo athotshiswe. 16 Kodwa iNkosi
yamabandla izaphakanyiswa ngesahlulelo, loNkulunkulu
ongcwele uzangcweliswa ngokulunga. 17 Lamawundlu
azakudla ngokwendlela yawo, labemzini badle amanxiwa
abakhulupheleyo. 18 Maye kwabadonsa isiphambeko
ngentambo zeze, lesono njengamagoda enqola! 19
Labo abathi: Kaphangise, aphangisise umsebenzi
wakhe, ukuze siwubone; lecebo loNgcwele kaIsrayeli
kalisondele lize, ukuze silazi. 20 Maye kwabathi
kokubi kuhle, lakokuhle kubi, ababeka umnyama
ube yikukhanya, lokukhanya kube ngumnyama,
ababeka okubabayo kube mnandi, lokumnandi kube
ngokubabayo! 21 Maye kwabahlakaniphileyo emehlweni
abo, labaqedisisayo phambi kobuso babo! 22
Maye kwabangamaqhawe okunatha iwayini, lamadoda
alamandla okuhlanganisa okunathwayo okulamandla;
23 abalungisisa okhohlakeleyo ngenxa yomvuzo,
basuse ukulunga kwabalungileyo kubo! 24 Ngakho
njengolimi lomlilo lusidla isidindi sotshani, lamakhoba
edilika ngelangabi, ngokunjalo impande yabo izakuba
njengokubola, lempoko yabo iphephuke njengothuli;
ngoba bewalile umlayo weNkosi yamabandla, balidelela
ilizwi loNgcwele kaIsrayeli. 25 Ngenxa yalokho
ulaka lweNkosi lubavuthele abantu bayo, yelula
isandla sayo imelene labo, yabatshaya, izintaba zaze
zazamazama, lezidumbu zabo zaba njengengcekeza
phakathi kwezitalada. Ngenxa yakho konke lokhu
ulaka lwayo kaluphenduki, kodwa isandla sayo silokhu
seluliwe. 26 Njalo izasiphakamisela isizwe isiboniso
ikhatshana, isitshayele ikhwelo isekucineni komhlaba;
khangela-ke, sizakuza masinyane ngejubane. 27 Kakho
ozadinwa, njalo kakho ozakhubeka phakathi kwaso,
kakho ozawozela, njalo kakho ozalala, njalo kakho
ozakhululelwa ibhanti lokhalo lwakhe, njalo kakho
ozaqanyukelwa ngumchilo wamanyathela akhe. 28
Omitshoko yakhe ibukhali, lomadandili akhe wonke
agotshiwe; amasondo amabhiza akhe azabalwa
njengelitshe elilukhuni, lamavili akhe njengesivunguzane.
29 Ukubhonga kwakhe kuzakuba njengokwesilwane,
njalo uzabhonga njengamabhongo esilwane, abhavume
abambe impango, ayilethe ekuvikelekeni, njalo
kungekho umemuki. 30 Bazakubhavumela ngalolosuku
njengokubhavuma kolwandle. Uba umuntu ekhangela
emhlabeni, khangela-ke, umnyama, usizi, lokukhanya
kwenziwe kwaba mnyama ngamayezi aso.

6 Ngomnyaka wokufa kwenkosi uUziya ngabona
iNkosi ihlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi esiphezulu
lesiphakemeyo, lemiphetho yesembatho sayo yagcwalisa
ithempeli. 2 Amaserafi ayemi ngaphezu kwayo;
impiko eziyisithupha, impiko eziyisithupha zalelo lalelo;
ngezimbili lagubuzela ubuso balo, langezimbili lagubuzela
inyawo zalo, langezimbili laphapha. 3 Lelinye lamemeza
kwelinye lathi: Ingcwele, ingcwele, ingcwele iNkosi
yamabandla; umhlaba wonke ugcwele inkazimulo
yayo. 4 Insika zomnyango zasezinyikinyeka ngenxa
yelizwi lomemezayo, lendlu yagcwala intuthu. 5
Ngasengisithi: Maye kimi, ngoba ngiyabhubha! Ngoba
ngingumuntu wendebe ezingcolileyo, futhi ngihlala
phakathi kwabantu bendebe ezingcolileyo; ngoba
amehlo ami abonile iNkosi, uJehova wamabandla.
6 Kwasekuphaphela kimi elinye lamaserafi lilelahle
elivuthayo esandleni salo elalilithethe ngodlawu elathini.
7 Lathinta umlomo wami, lathi: Khangela, lokhu
kuzithintile indebe zakho; ngakho ububi bakho bususiwe,
lesono sakho senzelwe inhlawulo lokuthula. 8
Ngasengisizwa ilizwi leNkosi lisithi: Ngizathuma bani?
Njalo ngubani ozasiyela? Ngasengisithi: Khangela,
ngilapha, thuma mina. 9 Yasisithi: Hamba, uthi
kulababantu: Zwanini lizwe, kodwa kaliyikuqedisisa;
njalo bonani libone, kodwa kaliyikubonisisa. 10 Yenza
inhliziyo yalababantu ikhuluphale, wenze indlebe zabo
zibe nzima, uvale amehlo abo, hlezi babone ngamehlo
abo, bezwe ngendlebe zabo, baqedisise ngenhliziyo
zabo, baphenduke, babesebesiliswa. 11 Ngasengisithi:

Koze kube nini, Nkosi? Yasisithi: Kuze kuchitheke imizi
ingabi lamhlali, lezindlu zingabi lamuntu, lelizwe lichitheke
lithi nya, 12 leNkosi ibasusele khatshana abantu, njalo
kube lokutshiywa okukhulu phakathi kwelizwe. 13
Kodwa ingxenye eyodwa etshumini isezakuba kulo;
izaphenduka, ibe ngeyokudliwa; njengomtherebhinti
lanjengesihlahla se-okhi, esiwohloza amahlamvu aso,
isidindi saso sikuzo; inzalo engcwele iyisidindi salo.

7 Kwasekusithi ensukwini zikaAhazi indodana
kaJothamu, indodana kaUziya inkosi yakoJuda,
uRezini inkosi yeSiriya kanye loPheka indodana
kaRemaliya inkosi yakoIsrayeli wenyukela eJerusalema
ukuya empini emelene layo, kodwa kabangalakho
ukulwa layo ngokuphumelelayo. 2 Kwasekubikwa
endlini kaDavida ukuthi iSiriya ihlangene loEfrayimi;
inhliziyo yakhe lenhliziyo yabantu bakhe zasezinyikinyeka
njengezihlahla zegusu zinyikinywa ngumoya. 3
INkosi yasisithi kuIsaya: Ake uphume uyehlangabeza
uAhazi, wena loSheyari-Yashubi indodana yakho,
ekucineni komfolo wechibi elingaphezulu, emgwaqweni
omkhulu wensimu yomwatshi, 4 uthi kuye:
Nanzelela, uthule, ungesabi, lenhliziyo yakho ingabi
buthakathaka ngenxa yemisila emibili yalezizikhuni
ezithunqayo, ngenxa yokuvutha kolaka lukaRezini
leSiriya, lendodana kaRemaliya. 5 Ngenxa yokuthi
iSiriya, uEfrayimi, lendodana kaRemaliya, bacebise
okubi ngawe, besithi: 6 Asenyukele koJuda, simesabise,
sizifohlelele kuye, sibeke inkosi phakathi kwakhe,
indodana kaTabeyeli. 7 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova:
Kakuyikuma, njalo kakuyikwenzeka. 8 Ngoba inhloko
yeSiriya yiDamaseko, lenhloko yeDamaseko nguRezini;
laphakathi kuseleminyaka engamatshumi ayisithupha
lanhlanu uEfrayimi uzakwephulwa, angabi yisizwe.
9 Njalo inhloko kaEfrayimi yiSamariya, lenhloko
yeSamariya yindodana kaRemaliya. Uba lingakholwa,
isibili kaliyikuqiniswa. 10 INkosi yasiqhubeka ikhuluma
kuAhazi isithi: 11 Zicelele isibonakaliso eNkosini
uNkulunkulu wakho; cela ekujuleni loba ekuphakameni
phezulu. (Sheol h7585) 12 Kodwa uAhazi wathi:
Kangiyikucela, kangiyikulinga iNkosi. 13 Wasesithi:
Zwana-ke, ndlu kaDavida; kuyinto encinyane kakhulu
kuwe yini ukuthi udinise abantu, ukuthi udinise
loNkulunkulu wami? 14 Ngakho iNkosi uqobo izalinika
isibonakaliso: Khangela, intombi emsulwa izathatha
isisu, ibelethe indodana, ibize ibizo layo ngokuthi
nguEmanuweli. 15 Uzakudla amasi loluju, aze azi
ukwala okubi lokukhetha okuhle. 16 Ngoba umntwana
engakakwazi ukwala okubi lokukhetha okuhle, ilizwe
onengwa yilo lizatshiywa ngamakhosi alo amabili. 17
INkosi izaletha phezu kwakho laphezu kwabantu bakho
laphezu kwendlu kayihlo insuku ezingezanga kusukela
osukwini uEfrayimi asuka ngalo koJuda; yinkosi yeAsiriya.
18 Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku iNkosi itshaye ikhwelo
empukaneni esephethelweni lwemifula yeGibhithe,
lenyosini eselizweni leAsiriya. 19 Zizakuza-ke, ziphumule
zonke ezigodini zamawa, lezingoxweni zamadwala,
lezihlahleni zonke zameva, lemadlelweni wonke. 20
Ngalolosuku iNkosi izaphuca ngensingo eyebolekwe,
phetsheya komfula, ngenkosi yeAsiriya, ikhanda loboya
bezinyawo, futhi ihluthune lendevu. 21 Kuzakuthi-ke
ngalolosuku umuntu uzagcina kuphila ithokazi lezimvu
ezimbili; 22 kuzakuthi-ke ngenxa yobunengi bochago
ezilwehlisayo adle amasi; yebo, wonke oseleyo phakathi
kwelizwe uzakudla amasi loluju. 23 Kuzakuthi-ke
ngalolosuku, yonke indawo lapho okwakukhona amavini
ayinkulungwane ngenhlamvu zesiliva eziyinkulungwane,
kube ngokwameva lokhula oluhlabayo. 24 Bazakuya
khona ngemitshoko langedandili, ngoba ilizwe lonke
lizakuba ngameva lokhula oluhlabayo. 25 Lazo
zonke izintaba ezazilinywa ngekhuba kabayikuya kuzo
ngokwesaba ameva lokhula oluhlabayo; kodwa kuzakuba
ngokokungenisa inkabi lokokunyathelwa yizimvu.

8 INkosi yasisithi kimi: Zithathele isibhebhe esikhulu,
ubhale kiso ngepheni yomuntu ukuthi: Maherishalali-
Hashibazi. 2 Ngasengizifakazisela abafakazi
abathembekileyo, oUriya umpristi loZekhariya indodana
kaJeberekiya. 3 Ngasengisondela kumprofethikazi,
wasethatha isisu, wazala indodana. INkosi yasisithi kimi:
Umuthe ibizo lokuthi uMaherishalali-Hashibazi. 4 Ngoba
umntwana engakakwazi ukumemeza athi baba, lokuthi,
mama, inotho yeDamaseko lempango yeSamariya
kuzathwalelwa phambi kwenkosi yeAsiriya. 5 INkosi
yasibuya yakhuluma lami futhi isithi: 6 Ngenxa yokuthi
lesisizwe siwalile amanzi eShilowa ahamba kancinyane,
njalo kulentokozo kuRezini lendodana kaRemaliya,
7 ngakho-ke, khangela, iNkosi izakwenyusela phezu
kwabo amanzi omfula amanengi lalamandla, inkosi
yeAsiriya labo bonke ubukhosi bayo; azakwenyukela
phezu kwaso yonke imigelo yaso, ahambe phezu
kwazo zonke inkumbi zaso, 8 aze adlulele koJuda;
akhukhule, adlule, afinyelele entanyeni; lokweluleka
kwempiko zawo kuzagcwalisa ilizwe lakho, Emanuweli.
9 Zihlanganiseni, zizwe, kodwa liphahlazwe; bekani
indlebe, lina lonke abezizwe ezikhatshana; zibhinceni,
kodwa liphahlazwe; zibhinceni, kodwa liphahlazwe. 10
Cebani icebo, kodwa lizafojiswa; khulumani ilizwi, kodwa
kaliyikuma; ngoba uNkulunkulu ulathi. 11 Ngoba yatsho
njalo iNkosi kimi ngesandla esilamandla, yangifundisa
ukuthi ngingahambi endleleni yalababantu, isithi: 12
Lingatsho ukuthi: Ugobe, kukho konke lababantu
abathi ngakho: Ugobe; lingesabi ukwesaba kwabo,
lingatshaywa luvalo. 13 INkosi yamabandla, yona
lizayingcwelisa, njalo yona ibe yikwesaba kwenu, njalo
yona ibe luvalo lwenu. 14 Njalo izakuba yindawo
engcwele, kodwa ibe yilitshe lokukhubekisa, ibe
lidwala lokuwisa kuzo zombili izindlu zakoIsrayeli,
ibe ngumjibila ibe yisifu kwabakhileyo eJerusalema.
15 Labanengi bazakhubeka phakathi kwabo, bawe,

bephuke, bathiywe, bathunjwe. **16** Bopha ubufakazi,
unameke umlayo phakathi kwabafundi bami. **17** Ngakho
ngizalindela iNkosi efihlela indlu kaJakobe ubuso
bayo, ngiyidinge. **18** Khangela mina labantwana iNkosi
enginike bona siyizibonakaliso lezimangaliso koIsrayeli,
ezivela eNkosini yamabandla ehlala entabeni yeZiyoni.
19 Lalapho bezakuthi kini: Buzani kwabalamadlozi,
lakubathakathi abatshaya imilozwi labanyenyezayo:
abantu kabayikubuza yini kuNkulunkulu wabo? Abantu
babuze yini bemele abaphilayo kwabafileyo? **20**
Kuwo umthetho lakubo ubufakazi! Uba bengakhulumi
njengalelilizwi, kungokuthi kakukho ukusa kubo. **21**
Bazadabula kukho, becindezelwe kakhulu belambile;
kuzakuthi-ke belambile bezondile, bathuke inkosi yabo
loNkulunkulu wabo, bakhangele phezulu. **22** Njalo
bazakhangela emhlabeni, khangela-ke, kuzakuba
lokuhlupheka lomnyama, ubumnyama benkathazo, njalo
axotshelwe emnyameni.

9 Kodwa umnyama kawuyikuba njengenkathazo yalo;
njengesikhathini samandulo wakwenza kwaba lula
elizweni lakoZebuluni lelizweni lakoNafithali; kodwa
emva kwalokhu wakwenza kwaba nzima ngendlela
yolwandle, phetsheya kweJordani, eGalili lezizwe. **2**
Abantu ababehamba emnyameni babonile ukukhanya
okukhulu; ababehlala elizweni lethunzi lokufa, ukukhanya
kubakhanyisele. **3** Wandisile isizwe, wakhulisa intokozo
yaso; bayathokoza phambi kwakho njengentokozo
ekuvuneni, njengoba bethokoza ekwehlukaniselaneni
kwabo impango. **4** Ngoba wephulile ijogwe lomthwalo
waso, loswazi lwehlombe laso, intonga yomcindezeli
waso, njengasosukwini lukaMidiyani. **5** Ngoba wonke
umsindo wempi usenhlokomeni, lesigqoko sigiqwe
egazini; njalo kuzakuba ngesokutshiswa, kube zinkuni
zomlilo. **6** Ngoba sizalelwe umntwana, sinikwe indodana;
lombuso uzakuba sehlombe layo, lebizo lakhe lizathiwa:
OMangalisayo, uMeluleki, uNkulunkulu olamandla, uBaba
wephakade, iNkosana yokuthula. **7** Ukwanda kombuso
lokuthula kakuyikuphela, phezu kwesihlalo sobukhosi
sikaDavida laphezu kombuso wakhe, ukuwumisa,
lokuwuqinisa ngesahlulelo langokulunga, kusukela
khathesi kuze kube nininini. Ukutshiseka kweNkosi
yamabandla kuzakwenza lokhu. **8** INkosi ithumele ilizwi
koJakobe, lawela koIsrayeli. **9** Labo bonke abantu
bazakwazi, uEfrayimi lomhlali weSamariya, ngokuzigqaja
langokuzikhukhumeza kwenhliziyo, besithi: **10** Izitina
ziwile, kodwa sizakwakha ngamatshe abaziweyo;
imikhiwa yesikhamore iganyuliwe, kodwa sizayiguqula
ibe yimisedari. **11** Ngakho iNkosi izaphakamisa
abacindezeli bakaRezini phezu kwakhe, itshotshozele
izitha zakhe; **12** amaSiriya ngaphambili lamaFilisti
ngemuva, azakudla uIsrayeli ngomlomo wonke. Kukho
konke lokhu intukuthelo yayo kayiphenduki, kodwa
isandla sayo silokhu seluliwe. **13** Ngoba abantu
kabaphendukeli kulowo owabatshayayo, futhi kabayidingi
iNkosi yamabandla. **14** Ngakho iNkosi izaquma kusuke
koIsrayeli inhloko lomsila, ugatsha lomhlanga, ngasuku
lunye. **15** Omdala lowemukelwa ngobuso, uyinhloko,
kodwa umprofethi ofundisa amanga, ungumsila.
16 Ngoba abakhokheli balababantu bayaduhisa,
labakhokhelwa yibo bayaginywa. **17** Ngenxa yalokho
iNkosi kayiyikuthokoza ngamajaha abo, kayiyikuba
lasihawu ngezintandane zabo labafelokazi babo; ngoba
bonke bangabazenzisi labenzi bobubi, lomlomo wonke
ukhuluma ubuthutha. Kukho konke lokhu intukuthelo
yayo kayiphenduki, kodwa isandla sayo silokhu seluliwe.
18 Ngoba inkohlakalo itshisa njengomlilo; izakudla
ameva lokhula oluhlabayo, ithungele izixuku zehlathi,
ziziphakamise njengokuphakama kwentuthu. **19** Ngolaka
lweNkosi yamabandla ilizwe liyafiphazwa, labantu
bazakuba njengokudla komlilo; umuntu kayikuyekela
umfowabo. **20** Njalo uzahluthuna ngakwesokunene,
kodwa alambe; adle ngakwesokhohlo, kodwa angasuthi;
ngulowo lalowo adle inyama yengalo yakhe; **21** uManase
uEfrayimi, loEfrayimi uManase; bazamelana loJuda
kanyekanye. Kukho konke lokhu intukuthelo yayo
kayiphenduki, kodwa isandla sayo silokhu seluliwe.

10 Maye kwabamisa izimiso ezikhohlakeleyo,
lakubabhali ababhala uhlupho; **2** ukuphambula
abayanga ekwahlulelweni, lokuphanga ilungelo
labahluphekayo babantu bami, ukuze abafelokazi
babe yimpango yabo lokuthi baphange izintandane!
3 Kodwa lizakwenzani ngosuku lwempindiselo,
lencithakalweni ezavela khatshana? Lizabalekela
kubani ukuthi libe losizo? Lizatshiya ngaphi udumo
lwenu? **4** Ngaphandle kwami bazakhothama ngaphansi
kwezibotshwa, liwele ngaphansi kwababuleweyo. Kukho
konke lokhu intukuthelo yayo kayiphenduki, kodwa
isandla sayo silokhu seluliwe. **5** Maye kumAsiriya,
intonga yentukuthelo yami, lolaka lwami luyinduku
esandleni sabo! **6** Ngizamthumela isizwe esizenzisayo,
ngizamlaya ukumelana labantu bolaka lwami, ukuphanga
impango, lokuthumba okuthunjiweyo, lokukubeka
kube ngokunyathelwayo njengodaka lwezitalada.
7 Kodwa yena kanakani njalo, lenhliziyo yakhe
kayicabangi njalo; kodwa kusenhliziyweni yakhe
ukuchitha, lokuquma izizwe ezingenlutshwana. **8**
Ngoba uthi: Iziphathamandla zami zonke kazisimakhosi
yini? **9** IKalino kayinjengeKarikemishi yini? IHamathi
kayinjengeArpadi yini? ISamariya kayinjengeDamaseko
yini? **10** Njengoba isandla sami sithole imibuso
yezithombe, ozithombe zayo ezibaziweyo zingcono
kulezeJerusalema lakulezeSamariya; **11** njengalokhu
ngenzile kuyo iSamariya lezithombe zayo, kangiyikwenza
njalo yini kuyo iJerusalema lezithombe zayo? **12**
Kuzakuthi-ke lapho iNkosi isiqedile umsebenzi wayo
wonke entabeni yeZiyoni laseJerusalema, ngiphindisele
isithelo sokuzikhukhumeza kwenhliziyo yenkosi yeAsiriya

lobuhle bokuziqhenya kwamehlo ayo. **13** Ngoba ithe:
Ngamandla esandla sami ngikwenzile, langenhlakanipho
yami, ngoba ngiyaqedisisa; njalo ngisusile imikhawulo
yezizwe, ngaphanga inotho yazo; lanjengeqhawe
ngehlisela phansi abahlali bazo. **14** Isandla sami
sesithole inotho yezizwe njengesidleke; lanjengobuthelela
amaqanda atshiyiweyo, mina ngibuthelele umhlaba
wonke; njalo kwakungekho ophaphazelisa impiko,
kumbe ovula umlomo, kumbe otshiyozayo. **15** Ihloka
lizazikhukhumeza kuye ogamula ngalo yini? Isaha
izazikhulisa kuye oyinyikinyayo yini? Njengokungathi
induku ingaziphakamisa, kungathi kayisisigodo. **16**
Ngalokhu iNkosi uJehova wamabandla izathumela
ukucaka phakathi kwabazimukileyo bayo; langaphansi
kodumo lwayo izaphemba ukutshisa njengokutshisa
komlilo. **17** Lokukhanya kukaIsrayeli kuzakuba ngumlilo,
loNgcwele wakhe abe lilangabi, elizatshisa liqede ameva
ayo lokhula lwayo oluhlabayo ngasuku lunye. **18** Liqede
lodumo lwehlathi lwayo, lensimu yayo ethelayo, kusukela
emphefumulweni kusiya enyameni, ibe njengokuphela
kwamandla womthwalifulegi. **19** Lokuseleyo kwezihlahla
zehlathi zayo kuzakuba nlutshwana ngenani, ukuze
umntwana akubale. **20** Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku
insali yakoIsrayeli labaphunyukileyo bendlu kaJakobe
kabasayikuqhubeka ukweyama kobatshayileyo; kodwa
bazakweyama eNkosini, oNgcwele kaIsrayeli, ngeqiniso.
21 Insali izabuyela, insali kaJakobe, kuNkulunkulu
olamandla. **22** Ngoba lanxa abantu bakho, Israyeli,
bengangetshebetshebe lolwandle, kube kanti insali
yabo izabuya; ukuchitheka kumisiwe, kuphuphuma
ngokulunga. **23** Ngoba ukubhujiswa okupheleleyo
okumisiweyo iNkosi uJehova wamabandla izakwenza
phakathi komhlaba wonke. **24** Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi
uJehova wamabandla: Bantu bami, elihlala eZiyoni,
lingesabi iAsiriya lapho ilitshaya ngenduku, iliphakamisela
intonga yayo njengendlela yamaGibhithe. **25** Ngoba
kuseyisikhatshana nje ukuthukuthela kuzaphela, lolaka
lwami ekuchithweni kwabo. **26** Njalo iNkosi yamabandla
izabavusela isiswepu, njengokuhlatshwa kweMidiyani
edwaleni leOrebi; lanjengentonga yayo phezu kolwandle
ezayiphakamisa njengendlela yeGibhithe. **27** Kuzakuthi-
ke ngalolosuku umthwalo wayo usuke ehlombe lakho,
lejogwe layo entanyeni yakho, lejogwe lizakwephulwa
ngenxa yokugcotshwa. **28** Uyeza eAyathi, udabula
phakathi kweMigironi; eMikimashi wethula impahla yakhe.
29 Badlula esikhaleni, ebusuku bayalala eGeba; iRama
iyathuthumela; iGibeya kaSawuli iyabaleka. **30** Hlaba
umkhosi ngelizwi lakho, ndodakazi kaGalimi! Lizwakalise
eLayishi, Anathothi elusizana! **31** IMadimena iyabaleka,
abahlali beGebimi badinga isiphephelo. **32** Kuselamuhla
uzakuma eNobi, anyikinye isandla sakhe emelene
lentaba yendodakazi yeZiyoni, uqaqa lweJerusalema.
33 Khangela, iNkosi uJehova wamabandla izaquma
ingatsha ngamandla esabekayo, lalabo abaphakeme
ngobude bazaganyulelwa phansi, labazikhukhumezayo
bazathotshiswa. **34** Njalo izagamula izixuku zehlathi
ngensimbi, leLebhanoni izakuwa ngolamandla.

11 Kuzavela-ke uGatsha esidindini sikaJese,
leHlumela likhule empandeni zakhe. **2**
LoMoya weNkosi uzahlala phezu kwakhe, uMoya
wenhlakanipho lokuqedisisa, uMoya weseluleko
lowamandla, uMoya wolwazi lowokwesaba iNkosi.
3 Lephunga lakhe lizakuba sekuyesabeni iNkosi;
kayikwahlulela ngokubona kwamehlo akhe, njalo
kayikukhuza ngokuzwa kwezindlebe zakhe; **4**
kodwa uzakwahlulela abayanga ngokulunga, akhuze
abathobekileyo bomhlaba ngobuqotho; njalo uzatshaya
umhlaba ngentonga yomlomo wakhe, langomoya
wendebe zakhe uzabulala okhohlakeleyo. **5** Njalo
ukulunga kuzakuba libhanti lokhalo lwakhe, lobuqotho
bube libhanti lokhalo lwakhe. **6** Lempisi izahlala lewundlu,
njalo ingwe ilale lezinyane; lethole, lebhongo lesilwane,
lokunonisiweyo ndawonye; lomfana omncinyane
uzakuqhuba. **7** Inkomokazi lebhere kuzakudla; amathole
akho alale ndawonye; lesilwane sizakudla amahlanga
njengenkabi. **8** Lomunyayo uzadlalela phezu komlindi
wenhlangwana, lolunyuliweyo afake isandla sakhe
emlindini wephimpi. **9** Kabayikwenza okubi, njalo
kabayikona entabeni yami yonke engcwele; ngoba
umhlaba uzagcwala ulwazi lweNkosi njengamanzi
esibekela ulwandle. **10** Langalolosuku kuzakuba
lempande kaJese ezakuma ibe luphawu ezizweni; izizwe
zizadinga kuyo, lendawo yayo yokuphumula ibe lodumo.
11 Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku iNkosi isebenzise isandla
sayo futhi ngokwesibili ukubuyisa insali yabantu bayo,
ezasala ivela eAsiriya leGibhithe lePatrosi leEthiyophiya
leElamu leShinari leHamathi lezihlengeni zolwandle. **12**
Izaphakamisela izizwe uphawu, ibuthe abaxotshiweyo
bakoIsrayeli, iqoqe abahlakazekileyo bakoJuda, bevela
ezingonsini zozine zomhlaba. **13** Lomhawu kaEfrayimi
uzasuka, lezitha zakoJuda zizaqunywa; uEfrayimi
kayikuba lomona ngoJuda, loJuda kayikucindezela
uEfrayimi. **14** Kodwa bazaphapha phezu kwehlombe
lamaFilisti ngentshonalanga; kanyekanye baphange
abantwana bempumalanga; bazakwelulela isandla sabo
kuEdoma loMowabi; labantwana bakoAmoni babalalele.
15 LeNkosi izatshabalalisa ulimi lolwandle lweGibhithe,
inyikinye isandla sayo phezu komfula ngamandla omoya
wayo, iwutshaye ube yizifudlana eziyisikhombisa, ibenze
bachaphe ngamanyathela. **16** Kuzakuba khona umgwaqo
omkhulu wensali yabantu bakhe abaseleyo bevela
eAsiriya, njengalokhu kwakunjalo kuIsrayeli ngosuku
lokwenyuka kwakhe elizweni leGibhithe.

12 Langalolosuku uzakuthi: Ngiyakubonga, Nkosi,
lanxa wawungithukuthelele, ulaka lwakho
seluphendukile, njalo ungiduduzile. **2** Khangela,
uNkulunkulu ulusindiso lwami, ngizathemba ngingesabi;

ngoba iNkosi uJehova ingamandla ami lengoma yami,
isibe lusindiso lwami. 3 Ngakho ngentokozo lizakukha
amanzi emithonjeni yosindiso. 4 Lithi ngalolosuku:
Bongani iNkosi, libize ibizo layo, lazise izenzo zayo
phakathi kwezizwe, limemezele ukuthi ibizo layo
liphakeme. 5 Hlabelelani eNkosini ngoba yenzile izinto
ezinhle kakhulu; lokhu kakwaziwe emhlabeni wonke. 6
Memeza, uhlabele ngentokozo, mhlali weZiyoni, ngoba
oNgcwele kaIsrayeli mkhulu phakathi kwakho.

13 Umthwalo weBhabhiloni awubonayo uIsaya
indodana kaAmozi. 2 Phakamisani
uphawu entabeni eligceke, libaphakamisele ilizwi,
liqhwebe ngesandla, ukuze bangene eminyango
yeziphathamandla. 3 Mina ngibalayile abangcwelisiweyo
bami, ngibizile lamaqhawe ami kuntukuthelo yami,
abathokozayo ngobukhosi bami. 4 Ukuxokozela kwexuku
ezintabeni, kungathi ngokwabantu abanengi, umsindo
wokuxokozela kwemibuso, kwezizwe ezibutheneyo;
iNkosi yamabandla ibutha ibutho lempi. 5 Bavela
elizweni elikhatshana, emkhawulweni wamazulu, iNkosi
kanye lezikhali zentukuthelo yayo, ukuchitha ilizwe lonke.
6 Qhinqani isililo, ngoba usuku lweNkosi lusondele;
njengokuchitheka okuvela kuSomandla luzafika. 7
Ngenxa yalokhu izandla zonke zizaxega, lenhliziyo yonke
yomuntu incibilike; 8 babesebetshaywa luvalo; imihelo
lobuhlungu kubababembe; bafuthelwe njengowesifazana
obelethayo; bamangale ngulowo ngomakhelwane wakhe;
ubuso babo buyibuso bamalangabi. 9 Khangelani,
usuku lweNkosi luyeza, lulesihluku lokufutheka lolaka
oluvuthayo, ukubeka umhlaba ube yincithakalo;
ibhubhise izoni zawo zisuke kuwo. 10 Ngoba inkanyezi
zamazulu lemithala yazo kaziyikukhanyisa ukukhanya
kwazo; ilanga lizakuba mnyama ekuphumeni kwalo,
lenyanga kayiyikukhanyisa ukukhanya kwayo. 11
Ngoba ngizaphindisela ububi phezu komhlaba, laphezu
kwabakhohlakeleyo izono zabo; ngiqede ukuzigqaja
kwabazikhukhumezayo; ngithobise ukuzikhukhumeza
kwabalesihluku. 12 Ngizakwenza ukuthi indoda
ibe ligugu elikhulu kulegolide elicwengekileyo,
lomuntu kulegolide leOfiri. 13 Ngenxa yalokhu
ngizazamazamisa amazulu, lomhlaba uzanyikinyeka
usuke endaweni yawo, entukuthelweni yeNkosi
yamabandla, losukwini lokuvutha kolaka lwayo. 14
Njalo kuzakuba njengomziki oxotshwayo, lanjengezimvu
okungelamuntu oziqoqayo; bazaphenduka ngulowo
lalowo ebantwini bakibo, babalekele ngulowo lalowo
elizweni lakhe. 15 Wonke ozatholakala uzagwazwa,
laye wonke ozabanjwa uzakuwa ngenkemba. 16
Labantwana babo bazachotshozwa phambi kwamehlo
abo, izindlu zabo ziphangwe, labomkabo badlwengulwe.
17 Khangela, ngizabavusela amaMede, angakhathaleli
isiliva, legolide, angathokozi ngalo. 18 Lamadandili
awo azachoboza amajaha; njalo kawayikuba lesihawu
ngesithelo sesizalo; ilihlo lawo kaliyikuhawukela
abantwana. 19 LeBhabhiloni, udumo lwemibuso,
ubuhle bokuziqhenya kwamaKhaladiya, izakuba
njengokugenqulwa nguNkulunkulu kweSodoma
leGomora. 20 Kakuyikuba lendawo yokuhlala kuze
kube nininini, njalo kayiyikuhlalwa kusizukulwana
lesizukulwana; lomArabhiya kayikumisa ithente khona,
labelusi kabayikulalisa umhlambi khona. 21 Kodwa izilo
zeganga zizalala khona, lezindlu zayo zizagcwala izilo
ezikhonyayo; lamadodakazi ezintshe azahlala khona,
lamagogo aqolotshe khona. 22 Lezimpisi zizaphendulana
emanxiweni ayo, lemigobho ezigodlweni ezilentokozo.
Lesikhathi sayo siseduze ukufika, lezinsuku zayo
kaziyikuphuziswa.

14 Ngoba iNkosi izamhawukela uJakobe, imkhethe
futhi uIsrayeli, ibabeke elizweni lakibo; labezizwe
bazahlangana labo, njalo bazanamathela endlini
kaJakobe. 2 Labantu bazabathatha, babase endaweni
yabo; lendlu kaIsrayeli izabafuya elizweni leNkosi,
babe yizigqili lezigqilikazi; njalo bazathumba abathumbi
babo, babuse abacindezeli babo. 3 Kuzakuthi-ke
ngosuku iNkosi ezaliphumuza ngalo ebuhlungwini
benu lekuhluphekeni kwenu lemtshikatshikeni onzima
ebelisetshenziswa kiwo, 4 lizaphakamisa lesisaga
ngenkosi yeBhabhiloni lithi: Uphele njani umcindezeli!
Owegolide usuphelile! 5 INkosi ilwephule udondolo
lwabakhohlakeleyo, intonga yababusi. 6 Owatshaya
abantu entukuthelweni ngokutshaya okungapheliyo,
owabusa izizwe ngolaka, wazingelwa kungekho
onqandayo. 7 Umhlaba wonke uphumule, ulokuthula;
baqhamuka ngokuhlabelela. 8 Lezihlahla zefiri
ziyathokoza ngawe, imisedari yeLebhanoni, isithi:
Selokhu walala phansi, kakulamgamuli owenyukela
kithi. 9 Isihogo ngaphansi siyanyakaziswa ngenxa
yakho ukukuhlangabeza ekuzeni kwakho; sikuvusela
imimoya efileyo, impongo zonke zomhlaba, sisukumise
wonke amakhosi ezizwe ezihlalweni zawo zobukhosi.
(Sheol h7585) 10 Bonke bazaphendula bathi kuwe: Lawe
usubuthakathaka njengathi; usufanana lathi. 11 Ubukhosi
bakho sebehliselwe esihogweni, lokukhala kwamachacho
akho; izimpethu zizakwendlalwa ngaphansi kwakho,
lemihlavane ikugubuzele. (Sheol h7585) 12 Uwe
kanganani uvela emazulwini, wena okhanyayo,
ndodana yokusa! Uqunyelwe emhlabathini, wena
owawisela phansi izizwe! 13 Wena wasusithi
enhliziyweni yakho: Ngizakwenyukela emazulwini;
ngaphezu kwenkanyezi zikaNkulunkulu ngiphakamise
isihlalo sami sobukhosi; ngihlale entabeni yenhlangano
ezinhlangothini zenyakatho; 14 ngizakwenyukela
ngaphezu kwendawo eziphakemeyo zamayezi; ngizenze
ngifanane loPhezukonke. 15 Kodwa uzakwehliselwa
esihogweni, ezinhlangothini zomgodi. (Sheol h7585) 16
Abakubonayo bazakujolozela, bakuqaphele, besithi:

Nguye lo umuntu yini owenza ukuthi umhlaba
uthuthumele, owanyakazisa imibuso, 17 owamisa ilizwe
laba njengenkangala, wachitha imizi yalo, ongavulelanga
izibotshwa zakhe ziye ekhaya? 18 Wonke amakhosi
ezizwe, wonke alala phansi ngodumo, ileyo laleyo
endlini yayo; 19 kodwa wena uphoselwe ngaphandle
kwengcwaba lakho, njengehlumela elinengekayo,
njengelembu lababuleweyo, begwazwe ngenkemba,
abehlela phansi ematsheni omgodi, njengesidumbu
esinyathelelwe phansi. 20 Kawuyikuhlanganiswa
kanye labo ekungcwatshweni, ngoba ulichithile ilizwe
lakini, wabulala abantu bakini. Inzalo yabenzi bobubi
kayiyikubizwa kuze kube nininini. 21 Lungiselani
ukubulawa kwabantwana babo ngenxa yobubi baboyise,
ukuze bangavuki badle ilifa lelizwe, bagcwalise ubuso
bomhlaba ngemizi. 22 Ngoba ngizabavukela, itsho
iNkosi yamabandla, ngiqume kusuke eBhabhiloni
ibizo, lensali, lendodana, lomzukulu, itsho iNkosi. 23
Ngizayimisa ibe yindawo yezinhloni lamatete amanzi,
ngiyithanyele ngomthanyelo wencithakalo, kutsho
iNkosi yamabandla. 24 INkosi yamabandla ifungile
isithi: Isibili, njengokucabanga kwami kuzakuba njalo,
lanjengokweluleka kwami khona kuzakuma! 25 Ukuthi
ngimephule umAsiriya elizweni lami, ngimnyathele
phezu kwezintaba zami; beselisuka ijogwe lakhe phezu
kwabo, lomthwalo wakhe usuke ehlombe labo. 26
Lesi yiseluleko eselulekwe ngomhlaba wonke, njalo
lesi yisandla eselulelwe izizwe zonke. 27 Ngoba iNkosi
yamabandla ikucebile, ngubani-ke ongakuphuthisa?
Lesandla sayo seluliwe, njalo ngubani ongasibuyisela
emuva? 28 Ngomnyaka wokufa kwenkosi uAhazi
kwaba lalo umthwalo: 29 Ungathokozi, wena wonke
Filisti, ngokuthi intonga ekutshayileyo yephukile; ngoba
empandeni yenyoka kuzavela ibululu, lesithelo sabo sibe
yinyoka ephaphayo etshisayo. 30 Lamazibulo abayanga
azakwelusela, labaswelayo balale bevikelekile; kodwa
ngizabulala impande yakho ngendlala, njalo abulale insali
yakho. 31 Qhinqa isililo, sango, ukhale, muzi. Uncibilike,
Filisti, wonke. Ngoba enyakatho kuvela intuthu, njalo
kakho ozakuba yedwa ngezikhathi zakhe ezimisiweyo.
32 Lezithunywa zesizwe zizaphendulwa ngokuthini?
Ngokuthi: INkosi iyisekele iZiyoni, labahluphekayo
babantu bayo bazathembela kuyo.

15 Umthwalo kaMowabi. Ngoba ngobusuku iAri
kaMowabi ichithekile, iqunyiwe; ngoba ngobusuku
iKiri kaMowabi ichithekile, iqunyiwe. 2 Wenyukela eBayiti
leDiboni, indawo eziphakemeyo, ukuyalila; uMowabi
uzaqhinqa isililo ngeNebo langeMedeba; kulempabanga
kuwo wonke amakhanda abo, zonke indevu zigeliwe;
3 ezitaladeni zabo bazibhinca ngamasaka; empahleni
zezindlu zabo lezitaladeni zabo wonke uqhinqa
isililo, besehla bekhala inyembezi. 4 LeHeshiboni
leEleyale kuzakhala; ilizwi labo lizwakale kuze kube
seJahazi; ngenxa yalokhu abahlomileyo bakoMowabi
bayamemeza; umphefumulo wakhe uyathuthumela kuye.
5 Inhliziyo yami iyamkhalela uMowabi; ababalekayo
bakhe bafinyelele eZowari, ithokazi elileminyaka
emithathu; ngoba umqanso weLuhithi, bawenyuka
bekhala inyembezi; ngoba endleleni yeHoronayimi
baphakamisa ukukhala kwencithakalo. 6 Ngoba amanzi
eNimirimi azakuba zincithakalo; ngoba utshani buyoma,
uhlaza luyaphela, kakukho okuluhlaza. 7 Ngenxa yalokhu
ukwanda abakwenzileyo lempahla yabo bazakuthwalela
esifuleni seminyezane. 8 Ngoba ukukhala kuzabhoda
umngcele kaMowabi, ukuqhinqa kwakhe isililo kufinyelela
eEgilayimi, yebo, ukuqhinqa kwakhe isililo kufinyelela
eBeri-Elimi. 9 Ngoba amanzi eDiboni agcwele igazi;
ngoba ngizamisela iDiboni okunye futhi, isilwane kulabo
abaphunyukileyo bakoMowabi lakunsali yelizwe.

16 Thumelani iwundlu kumbusi welizwe lilisusa
eSela lisiya enkangala, entabeni yendodakazi
yeZiyoni. 2 Ngoba kuzakuthi, njengenyoni ezulazulayo
exotshwe esidlekeni, azakuba njalo amadodakazi
akoMowabi emazibukweni eArinoni. 3 Lethani
iseluleko, lenze isinqumo; wenze isithunzi sakho sibe
njengobusuku phakathi kwemini, ufihle abaxotshiweyo,
ungavezi obalekayo. 4 Abaxotshiweyo bami
kabahlale njengabezizwe phakathi kwakho, Mowabi;
ube yisiphephelo kibo ebusweni bomchithi; ngoba
umcindezeli usekucineni, ukuchitheka sekunyamalele,
lonyathezela phansi usephelile elizweni. 5 Njalo
kuzamiswa isihlalo sobukhosi ngomusa, njalo ahlale
kiso ngobuqotho ethenteni likaDavida, esahlulela,
lodinga isahlulelo, lophangisisa ukulunga. 6 Sizwile
ngokuziphakamisa kukaMowabi, uyazigqaja kakhulu;
ukuzikhukhumeza kwakhe, lokuziqhenya kwakhe,
lolaka lwakhe, ukuwumana kwakhe kakunjalo. 7
Ngakho uMowabi uzaqhinqela uMowabi isililo, bonke
baqhinqe isililo; libubulele izisekelo zeKiri-Haresethi; isibili
batshayiwe. 8 Ngoba amasimu eHeshiboni ayabuna, ivini
leSibima; amakhosi ezizwe atshayele phansi amahlukuzo
evini awo; afinyelele eJazeri, azulazule enkangala,
ingatsha zawo zeluliwe, zachapha ulwandle. 9 Ngenxa
yalokho ngizakhala inyembezi ngokukhala kweJazeri
ngevini leSibima; ngikuthambise ngezinyembezi zami,
Heshiboni, lawe Eleyale; ngoba ukujabulela izithelo zakho
zehlobo lesivuno sakho sekuwile. 10 Intokozo lenjabulo
sekususiwe ensimini ethelayo, lezivinini kakuhlatshelwa
ngoma; kakulakumemeza; kakulamnyatheli onyathela
iwayini ezikhamelweni zewayini; ngimisile ukumemeza
kwenjabulo. 11 Ngenxa yalokho imibilini yami
iyakhala njengechacho ngoMowabi, lengaphakathi yami
ngeKiri-Haresi. 12 Kuzakuthi sekubonakele ukuthi
uMowabi uzidinisile endaweni ephakemeyo, khona
ezangena endlini yakhe engcwele ukukhuleka, kodwa
kayikuphumelela. 13 Leli yilizwi iNkosi elikhulume
ngoMowabi kusukela kulesosikhathi. 14 Kodwa khathesi

iNkosi ikhuluma isithi: Phakathi kweminyaka emithathu,
njengeminyaka yoqhatshiweyo, udumo lukaMowabi
luzadelelwa, elaleloxuku lonke elikhulu; lensali izakuba
nlutshwana, incane, ingelamandla.

17 Umthwalo weDamaseko. Khangela, iDamaseko
izasuswa, ingabi ngumuzi, kodwa ibe lunxiwa
oludilikileyo. **2** Imizi yeAroweri izatshiywa, ibe
ngeyemihlambi elala phansi, njalo kungabi lomethusi. **3**
Lenqaba izaphela koEfrayimi, lombuso weDamaseko,
lensali yeSiriya; bazakuba njengodumo lwabantwana
bakoIsrayeli, itsho iNkosi yamabandla. **4** Kuzakuthi-
ke ngalolosuku udumo lukaJakobe lwehliselwe phansi,
lokuzimuka kwenyama yakhe kucakiswe. **5** Njalo kube
njengomvuni evuna amabele amiyo, lengalo yakhe iqume
izikhwebu; yebo, kube njengomuntu edobha izikhwebu
esigodini seRefayimi. **6** Kodwa umkhothozo uzasala
kukho, njengokunyikinyeka kwesihlahla somhlwathi,
imihlwathi emibili loba emithathu engqongeni yogatsha
oluphezulu, emine loba emihlanu engatsheni zaso
ezithelayo, itsho iNkosi uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli. **7**
Ngalolosuku umuntu uzajolozela kuMenzi wakhe,
lamehlo akhe akhangele koNgcwele kaIsrayeli. **8**
Njalo kayikujolozela emalathini, umsebenzi wezandla
zakhe; njalo kayikukhangela kulokho iminwe yakhe
ekwenzileyo, loba izixuku loba amalathi elanga. **9**
Ngalolosuku imizi yabo eqinileyo izakuba njengegusu
elideliweyo lengqonga yogatsha abaludelileyo ngenxa
yabantwana bakoIsrayeli; njalo kuzakuba yincithakalo.
10 Ngoba umkhohliwe uNkulunkulu wosindiso lwakho,
kawukhumbulanga idwala lamandla akho; ngenxa
yalokho uzahlanyela izithombo ezinhle, uyihlanyele
ngamahlumela angejwayelekanga. **11** Ngosuku
lokuhlanyela kwakho uzakwenza kuhlume, lekuseni
wenze inhlanyelo yakho ikhuphe impoko; kodwa isivuno
sizakuba yinqumbi ngosuku lomkhuhlane lobuhlungu
obungelaphekiyo. **12** Yeka ukuhlokoma kwabantu
abanengi abahlokoma njengokuhlokoma kwezinlwandle,
lokuduma kwezizwe eziduma njengomdumo wamanzi
amanengi! **13** Izizwe ziduma njengomdumo wamanzi
amanengi, kodwa uzazikhuza ukuze zibalekele
khatshana, zixotshwe njengamakhoba ezintaba phambi
komoya, lanjengokugiqikayo phambi kwesiphepho. **14**
Ngesikhathi sokuhlwa, khangela-ke, ukuthuthumela,
kungakasi kasekho. Yiso isabelo sabasiphangayo
lenkatho yabasihlaselayo.

18 Maye elizweni okuhatshaza kulo impiko,
elingaphetsheya kwemifula yeEthiyophiya, **2**
elithuma izithunywa ngolwandle langemikhumbi
yemihlanga ebusweni bamanzi! Hambani, zithunywa
ezilejubane, liye esizweni eside lesibutshelezi, esizweni
esesabekayo kusukela lapho kusiya phambili, isizwe
esingumzilamzila esinyathelela phansi, esilizwe laso
imifula iyalehlukanisa. **3** Lina lonke bahlali bomhlaba,
lani elihlezi elizweni, bonani lapho kuphakanyiswa
uphawu ezintabeni, lizwe lapho kuvuthelwa uphondo. **4**
Ngoba yatsho njalo iNkosi kimi: Ngizathula ngikhangele
ngisendaweni yami emisiweyo, njengokukhanya
okutshisayo phezu kwesibane, njengeyezi lamazolo
ekutshiseni kwesivuno. **5** Ngoba mandulo kwesivuno,
ihlumela seliphelele, lesithelo sesivini esingavuthwanga
siyavuthwa emva kwamaluba, izaquma amahlumela
ngezingqamu zokuthena, isuse izingatsha, iziqume.
6 Zizatshiywa ndawonye zibe ngezenyoni zezintaba
ezidla inyama lezenyamazana zomhlaba. Lenyoni ezidla
inyama zizachitha ihlobo phezu kwazo, lenyamazana
zonke zomhlaba zichithe ubusika phezu kwazo. **7**
Ngalesosikhathi kuzalethwa isipho eNkosini yamabandla,
isizwe eside lesibutshelezi, lesizweni esesabekayo
kusukela lapho kusiya phambili, isizwe esingumzilamzila
esinyathelela phansi, esilizwe laso imifula iyalehlukanisa,
siye endaweni yebizo leNkosi yamabandla, intaba
yeZiyoni.

19 Umthwalo weGibhithe. Khangela, iNkosi igade
eyezini elilejubane, izakuza eGibhithe; lezithombe
zeGibhithe zizathuthumela phambi kwayo, lenhliziyo
yamaGibhithe incibilike phakathi kwawo. **2** Njalo
ngizacija amaGibhithe amelane lamaGibhithe, ukuthi
alwe, ngulowo lalowo emelene lomfowabo, langulowo
lalowo emelene lomakhelwane wakhe, umuzi umelene
lomuzi, umbuso umelene lombuso. **3** Lomoya
wamaGibhithe uzathululwa phakathi kwawo, njalo
ngizaginya icebo lawo; babesebebuza izithombe
zawo, labathakathi, labalamadlozi, labalumbayo. **4**
Sengizavalela amaGibhithe esandleni samakhosi
alukhuni; lenkosi elolaka izabusa phezu kwawo, kutsho
iNkosi uJehova wamabandla. **5** Lamanzi elwandle
azacitsha, lomfula wome utshe. **6** Njalo bazakwala imifula,
lezifudlana zeGibhithe zetshe zicitshe; imihlanga lebhuma
kubune. **7** Imihlanga ezifuleni, emilonyeni yezifula,
lakho konke okuhlanyelweyo kwezifula kuzakoma,
kuphetshethwe, kungabe kusaba khona. **8** Njalo abagoli
benhlanzi bazakhala, labo bonke abaphosa ingwegwe
zokuthiya inhlanzi esifuleni bazalila; labendlala imbule
ebusweni bamanzi bazaphela amandla. **9** Labasebenzi
ngefikalisi elicolekileyo labeluka okumhlophe bazakuba
lenhloni. **10** Lezisekelo zayo zonke zizachotshozwa,
lamadoda ayiziqatshwa azadana emphefumulweni.
11 Isibili, iziphathamandla zeZowani ziyizithutha,
iseluleko sabeluleki abahlakaniphileyo bakaFaro
siyibuthutha. Litsho njani kuFaro lithi: Ngiyindodana
yabahlakaniphileyo, indodana yamakhosi endulo?
12 Pho, bangaphi abahlakaniphileyo bakho? Yebo,
ake bakutshele, kabakwazi lokho iNkosi yamabandla
ekucebileyo ngeGibhithe. **13** Iziphathamandla zeZowani
sezibe yizithutha, iziphathamandla zeNofi zikhohlisiwe;
bazaduhisa iGibhithe, insika yezizwe zayo. **14**

INkosi ithulule umoya ophambeneyo phakathi kwayo;
baduhise iGibhithe kukho konke ukwenza kwayo,
njengodakiweyo ediyazela ekuhlanzeni kwakhe. 15 Njalo
kakuyikuba khona umsebenzi weGibhithe okungawenza
inhloko kumbe umsila, ugatsha loba umhlanga.
16 Ngalolosuku iGibhithe izakuba njengabesifazana;
izathuthumela yesabe ngenxa yokuzunguza kwesandla
seNkosi yamabandla esizunguza phezu kwayo. 17
Lelizwe lakoJuda lizakuba yisesabiso eGibhithe; wonke
ozakhuluma ngalo uzakwethuka yena ngokwakhe
ngenxa yecebo leNkosi yamabandla elicebileyo imelene
layo. 18 Ngalolosuku kuzakuba lemizi emihlanu
elizweni leGibhithe ekhuluma ulimi lweKhanani,
lefungayo eNkosini yamabandla. Omunye uzakuthiwa
ngumuzi wokubhujiswa. 19 Ngalolosuku iNkosi izakuba
lelathi phakathi kwelizwe leGibhithe, lensika yeNkosi
emngceleni wayo. 20 Njalo izakuba yisibonakaliso ibe
yibufakazi beNkosi yamabandla elizweni leGibhithe,
ngoba bazakhala eNkosini ngenxa yabacindezeli, njalo
izathuma kubo umsindisi lomkhulu ozabakhulula. 21
LeNkosi izakwaziwa kumaGibhithe; njalo amaGibhithe
azayazi iNkosi ngalolosuku, azakwenza umhlatshelo
lomnikelo, afunge isifungo eNkosini, asikhokhe. 22
LeNkosi izatshaya iGibhithe, itshaye ibuye isilise;
njalo bazaphendukela eNkosini, ezancengeka ngabo,
ibasilise. 23 Ngalolosuku kuzakuba lomgwaqo omkhulu
osuka eGibhithe usiya eAsiriya, ukuze amaAsiriya eze
eGibhithe, lamaGibhithe eAsiriya; lamaGibhithe akhonze
kanye lamaAsiriya. 24 Ngalolosuku uIsrayeli uzakuba
ngowesithathu leGibhithe leAsiriya, isibusiso phakathi
komhlaba, 25 ezababusisa iNkosi yamabandla isithi:
Ibusisiwe iGibhithe abantu bami, leAsiriya umsebenzi
wezandla zami, loIsrayeli ilifa lami.

20 Ngomnyaka wokufika kukaTharithani eAshidodi,
lapho uSarigoni inkosi yeAsiriya emthuma, lapho
walwa leAshidodi wayithumba; 2 ngalesosikhathi
iNkosi yakhuluma ngesandla sikaIsaya indodana
kaAmozi isithi: Hamba, ukhulule isaka ekhalweni
lwakho, ukhuphe inyathela lakho enyaweni zakho.
Wasesenza njalo, ehambaze engafakanga manyathela.
3 INkosi yasisithi: Njengalokhu inceku yami uIsaya
isihambeze ingafakanga manyathela okweminyaka
emithathu, kube yisibonakaliso lesimanga phezu
kweGibhithe laphezu kweEthiyophiya; 4 ngokunjalo
inkosi yeAsiriya izaqhuba abathunjiweyo beGibhithe
labaxotshiweyo beEthiyophiya, abatsha labadala, beze
bengafakanga manyathela, lezibunu zisegcekeni, kube
lihlazo eGibhithe. 5 Basebesethuka baba lenhloni
ngeEthiyophiya ithemba labo, langeGibhithe udumo
lwabo. 6 Abahlali balesisihlenge bazakuthi ngalolosuku:
Khangela, linjalo ithemba lethu, lapho esabalekelela usizo
khona ukuze sikhululwe ebusweni benkosi yeAsiriya.
Pho, thina sizaphunyuka njani?

21 Umthwalo wenkangala yolwandle. Njengokudlula
kwezivunguzane eningizimu, kuzavela enkangala,
elizweni elesabekayo. 2 Ngaziswe umbono olukhuni;
umkhohlisi wenza ngenkohliso, lomchithi uyachitha.
Yenyuka Elamu, uvimbezele Mede; ngiqede konke
ukububula kwayo. 3 Ngenxa yalokhu ukhalo lwami
lugcwele ubuhlungu, imihelo ingibambile njengemihelo
yobelethayo; ngagotshiswa ngenxa yokuzwa, ngadideka
ngenxa yokubona. 4 Inhliziyo yami yaduha, uvalo
lwangesabisa; ukuhwalala engikuloyisayo wakwenza
kwaba yikuthuthumela kimi. 5 Lungisa itafula, linda
emphotshongweni wokulinda, dlana, unathe; sukumani,
ziphathamandla, ligcobe isihlangu. 6 Ngoba yatsho
njalo iNkosi kimi: Hamba umise umlindi; akhulume
akubonayo. 7 Wasebona inqola, abagadi bamabhiza
ababili, inqola kababhemi, inqola yekamela; walalela
ngesineke, ngesineke esikhulu. 8 Wasememeza esithi:
Isilwane, Nkosi, ngimi njalonjalo emphotshongweni
wokulinda emini, njalo ngimi emlindweni ubusuku
bonke. 9 Khangela-ke, nansi inqola yomuntu isiza,
labagadi bamabhiza ababili. Wasephendula wathi: Iwile,
iwile iBhabhiloni; lazo zonke izithombe ezibaziweyo
zabonkulunkulu bayo uzidilizele emhlabathini. 10
Lina okubhuliweyo kwami, lamabele ebala lami
lokubhulela, engikuzwileyo eNkosini yamabandla,
uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, ngilitshelile khona. 11 Umthwalo
weDuma. Uyangimemeza eseSeyiri esithi: Mlindi, uthini
ngobusuku? Mlindi, uthini ngobusuku? 12 Umlindi
wathi: Kuyeza ukusa, lobusuku futhi. Uba libuza,
buzani, libuye, lize. 13 Umthwalo phezu kweArabhiya.
Ehlathini leArabhiya lizalala ubusuku, lina zindwendwe
zeDedani. 14 Mletheleni omileyo amanzi. Abahlali belizwe
leTema bahlangabeza obalekayo ngokudla. 15 Ngoba
babalekela izinkemba, inkemba ehwatshiweyo, ledandili
eligotshiweyo, lobunzima bempi. 16 Ngoba itsho njalo
iNkosi kimi: Kusesephakathi komnyaka, njengeminyaka
yoqhatshiweyo, lonke udumo lweKedari luzaphela.
17 Lensali yenani labatshoki, amaqhawe amaKedari,
bazakuba balutshwana. Ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli isikhulumile.

22 Umthwalo wesigodi sombono. Kutheni kuwe
khathesi, ukuthi ngulowo lalowo wakho akhwele
empahleni zezindlu? 2 Wena ogcwele imisindo, muzi
oxokozelayo, dolobho elilentokozo, ababuleweyo bakho
kababulawanga ngenkemba, kabafelanga empini. 3
Bonke ababusi bakho babaleke kanyekanye, babotshwe
ngabatshoki, bonke abatholakala kuwe, babotshiwe
kanyekanye, babaleke besuka khatshana. 4 Ngenxa
yalokhu ngathi: Susani amehlo kimi; kangikhale
kabuhlungu; ungaphangisi ukungiduduza ngenxa
yokuchitheka kwendodakazi yabantu bakithi. 5 Ngoba
kulusuku lokusanganiseka, lolokunyathelela phansi,
lolokuphithizela kweNkosi uJehova wamabandla esigodini
sombono, lokudilizela phansi umduli, lolokuhlaba

umkhosi kuze kube sentabeni. 6 IElamu yathatha-
ke isikhwama semitshoko, kanye lenqola, abantu,
abagadi bamabhiza; leKiri yembula isihlangu. 7
Kuzakuthi-ke izigodi zakho ezikhethekileyo zigcwala
izinqola, labagadi bamabhiza bazihlele lokuzihlela
ngasesangweni. 8 Njalo yena uzakwembula isimbombozo
sakoJuda; langalolosuku wena uzakhangela izikhali
zendlu yehlathi. 9 Njalo lizabona imikenke yomuzi
kaDavida, ukuthi minengi, liqoqe amanzi echibini
elingaphansi. 10 Lizabala izindlu zeJerusalema,
lidilize izindlu ukuze liqinise umduli. 11 Lizakwenza
ichibi phakathi kwemiduli yomibili lisenzela amanzi
omgodi omdala. Kodwa kaliyikukhangela kowakwenzayo,
kalimnanzanga owakubumbayo kudala. 12 Langalolosuku
iNkosi uJehova wamabandla izamemezela ukulila,
lokukhala, lokuphucwa kwamakhanda, lokugqokwa
kwesaka. 13 Kodwa khangela, injabulo lokuthaba,
ukubulawa kwenkomo, lokuhlatshwa kwezimvu, ukudliwa
kwenyama, lokunathwa kwewayini; lathi: Asidleni
sinathe, ngoba kusasa sizakufa. 14 Kodwa iNkosi
yamabandla yembula endlebeni zami isithi: Isibili
lesisono kaliyikusenzelwa inhlawulo yokuthula lize
life, kutsho iNkosi uJehova wamabandla. 15 Itsho
njalo iNkosi uJehova wamabandla: Hamba uye kulo
umphathi, kuShebina, ophezu kwendlu, uthi: 16
Ulani lapha, njalo ulobani lapha, ukuthi uzigebhele
ingcwaba lapha, njengozigebhela ingcwaba lakhe
phezulu, ozigubhela indawo yokuhlala edwaleni? 17
Khangela, iNkosi izakujikijela khatshana ngokujika
kwendoda; izakugoqela ngokukugoqela, 18 ikuthandele
lokukuthandela njengebhola eligoqelwayo; njengebhola
izakuphosela elizweni elibanzi; lalapho uzafela, lalapho
izinqola zodumo lwakho zizakuba lihlazo, olwendlu
yenkosi yakho! 19 Njalo ngizakusunduza usuke
esikhundleni sakho, ikuwise ekumeni kwakho. 20
Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku ngibize inceku yami uEliyakhimi
indodana kaHilikhiya; 21 ngizamgqokisa isigqoko sakho,
ngimqinise ngebhanti lakho, nginikeze umbuso wakho
esandleni sakhe; njalo yena uzakuba nguyise kubahlali
beJerusalema lendlini yakoJuda. 22 Ngizabeka-ke
isihluthulelo sendlu kaDavida ehlombe lakhe; yena
uzavula kungavali muntu, avale kungavuli muntu. 23
Ngizambethela njengesikhonkwane endaweni eqinileyo;
njalo uzakuba yisihlalo sobukhosi esilodumo endlini
kayise. 24 Njalo bazaphanyeka phezu kwakhe udumo
lonke lwendlu kayise, inzalo lembewu, zonke izitsha
ezincinyane, kusukela ezitsheni zenkezo kusiya kuzo
zonke izitsha zeziphiso. 25 Ngalolosuku, itsho iNkosi
yamabandla, isikhonkwane esabethelwa endaweni
eqinileyo sizasuswa, siganyulwe siwe; lomthwalo
obuphezu kwaso uzaqunywa; ngoba iNkosi ikhulumile.

23 Umthwalo weTire. Qhinqani isililo, mikhumbi
yeTarshishi, ngoba ichithiwe, ukuze kungabi lendlu,
ukuthi kungabi lokungena. Kuvela elizweni leKitimi
kwembuliwe kubo. 2 Thulani, bahlali besihlenge;
wena abakugcwalisileyo abathengiselani beSidoni
abachapha ulwandle. 3 Langamanzi amakhulu,
inzalo yeShihori, isivuno somfula yinzuzo yayo; njalo
iyindawo yezizwe yokuthengiselana. 4 Woba lenhloni,
Sidoni; ngoba ulwandle lukhulumile, amandla olwandle,
lusithi: Kangihelelwa, kangibelethanga, kangikhulisanga
amajaha, kangondlanga izintombi ezimsulwa. 5
Njengasembikweni ngeGibhithe bazahelelwa ngombiko
weTire. 6 Chaphelani eTarshishi, qhinqani isililo, bahlali
besihlenge. 7 Yiwo lo yini umuzi wenu ojabulayo,
obudala bawo busukela ensukwini zendulo? Inyawo zawo
zizawuthwalela khatshana ukuyahlala njengowezizwe. 8
Ngubani oweluleke lokhu ngeTire, omethesi womqhele,
obathengisi bayo bayiziphathamandla, obathengiselani
bayo ngabadumileyo emhlabeni? 9 INkosi yamabandla
ikucebisile lokhu, ukonakalisa ukuzigqaja kodumo lonke,
ukwenza badeleleke bonke abadumileyo bomhlaba.
10 Dabula ilizwe lakho njengomfula, ndodakazi
yeTarshishi; akuselamandla. 11 Yelulele isandla sayo
phezu kolwandle, inyikinye imibuso; iNkosi ilayezile
imelene leKhanani, ukuchitha inqaba zayo. 12
Yasisithi: Kawusayikuphinda ujabule, ntombi emsulwa
ecindezelweyo, ndodakazi yeSidoni; eKhithimu sukuma
uchaphe; lakhona kakuyikuba lokuphumula kuwe. 13
Khangela ilizwe lamaKhaladiya; lesisizwe sasingekho;
amaSiriya asisekelela bona abahlala enkangala; amisa
imiphotshongo yawo yokuvimbezela, abhidliza izigodlo
zalo; alenza laba lunxiwa. 14 Qhinqani isililo, mikhumbi
yeTarshishi, ngoba inqaba yenu ichithekile. 15
Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku iTire ikhohlakale okweminyaka
engamatshumi ayisikhombisa, njengokwensuku zenkosi
eyodwa. Ekupheleni kweminyaka engamatshumi
ayisikhombisa kuzakuba khona eTire okunjengengoma
yewule. 16 Thatha ichacho, ubhode umuzi, wule
elikhohlakeleyo, utshaye kamnandi, uhlabele ingoma
ezinengi, ukuze ukhunjulwe. 17 Kuzakuthi-ke ekupheleni
kweminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa iNkosi
iyihambele iTire; njalo izabuyela ekuqhatshweni kobuwule
bayo; izawula layo yonke imibuso yomhlaba phezu
kobuso bomhlaba. 18 Lokuthengiselana kwayo
lokuqhatshwa kwayo kuzakuba yibungcwele eNkosini;
kakuyikulondolozwa kumbe kubuthelelwe, ngoba inzuzo
yayo yokuthengiselana izakuba ngeyabahlala phambi
kweNkosi, ukuze badle basuthe, babe lezigqoko ezinhle.

24 Khangela, iNkosi yenza umhlaba ube yize,
iwenze ube yincithakalo, yone ubuso bawo,
ihlakaze abahlali bawo. 2 Kuzakuthi njengabantu
kube njalo umpristi; njengesisebenzi kube njalo inkosi
yaso; njengencekukazi kube njalo inkosikazi yayo;
njengomthengi kube njalo umthengisi; njengombolekisi
kube njalo obolekayo; njengomniki wesikwelede

kube njalo okweledayo. 3 Umhlaba uzachitheka
lokuchitheka, uphangwe lokuphangwa; ngoba iNkosi
ilikhulumile lelilizwi. 4 Umhlaba uyalila, ubune, ilizwe
liyadangala, libune; abantu bomhlaba abaphakemeyo
bayadangala. 5 Umhlaba lawo ungcolisiwe ngaphansi
kwabahlali bawo; ngoba beqile imilayo, baguqula
isimiso, bephula isivumelwano esilaphakade. 6 Ngenxa
yalokho isiqalekiso siwuqedile umhlaba, labahlala kuwo
bayachitheka; ngakho-ke abahlali bomhlaba batshisiwe,
njalo kusale abantu abalutshwana. 7 Iwayini elitsha
liyalila, ivini lidangale, bonke abanhliziyo ethokozayo
bayabubula. 8 Injabulo yezigubhu iphelile, umsindo
wabajabulayo uphelile, intokozo yechacho iphelile.
9 Kabayikunatha iwayini ngengoma; okunathwayo
okulamandla kuzababa kwabakunathayo. 10 Umuzi
wencithakalo ubhidlikile, yonke indlu ivaliwe ukuze
kungangenwa. 11 Kukhalelwa iwayini ezitaladeni;
intokozo yonke ifiphele, injabulo yomhlaba inyamalele. 12
Emzini kusele incithakalo, lesango litshayiwe lachithwa.
13 Ngoba kuzakuba njalo phakathi kwelizwe, phakathi
kwabantu, njengokunyikinywa kwesihlahla somhlwathi,
njengokukhothoza sesiphelile isivuno sezithelo zevini.
14 Bona bazaphakamisa ilizwi labo, bazahlabelela
ubukhosi beNkosi, bamemeze beselwandle. 15 Ngenxa
yalokhu dumisani iNkosi emililweni, ibizo leNkosi
uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli ezihlengeni zolwandle. 16
Sizwile amahubo avela emkhawulweni womhlaba,
udumo kolungileyo. Kodwa ngathi: Ukucaka kwami,
ukucaka kwami! Maye kimi! Abenzi benkohliso
benze ngokukhohlisa; yebo abenzi benkohliso benze
ngokukhohlisa okukhulu. 17 Ukwesaba lomgodi
lomjibila kuphezu kwakho, wena mhlali womhlaba. 18
Kuzakuthi-ke obalekela umsindo wokwesaba awele
emgodini; lowenyuka phakathi komgodi abanjwe
ngumjibila; ngoba amawindi aphezulu avulekile,
lezisekelo zomhlaba ziyaqhaqhazela. 19 Umhlaba
wephukile lokwephuka, umhlaba udatshudatshuliwe,
umhlaba uyanyikinyeka kakhulu. 20 Umhlaba uzadiyazela
lokudiyazela njengesidakwa, uzunguzeke njengedumba;
lesiphambeko sawo sizakuba nzima phezu kwawo;
uzakuwa, ungabe usavuka futhi. 21 Kuzakuthi-ke
ngalolosuku iNkosi ijezise ibutho labaphakemeyo
abaphezulu, lamakhosi omhlaba phezu komhlaba. 22
Bazabuthelwa ndawonye njengezibotshwa zibuthelwa
emgodini, bavalelwe entolongweni, langemva kwensuku
ezinengi bethekelelwe. 23 Khona inyanga izayangeka,
lelanga libe lenhloni, ngoba iNkosi yamabandla iyabusa
entabeni iZiyoni laseJerusalema, laphambi kwabadala
kuzakuba khona inkazimulo.

25 Nkosi unguNkulunkulu wami; ngizakuphakamisa,
ngidumise ibizo lakho; ngoba wenzile
okumangalisayo; amacebo akho endulo aluthembeko
leqiniso. 2 Ngoba wenzile umuzi waba yinqwaba;
umuzi obiyelweyo ube lunxiwa; isigodlo sabezizwe
singabi ngumuzi; kasiyikwakhiwa kuze kube nininini. 3
Ngenxa yalokho abantu abalamandla bazakudumisa;
umuzi wezizwe ezilesihluku uzakwesaba. 4 Ngoba
ubungamandla kumyanga, amandla kosweleyo
ekuhluphekeni kwakhe, isiphephelo kuzulu lesiphepho,
umthunzi ekutshiseni, lapho ukuvuthela kwabalolunya
kunjengezulu lesiphepho emdulini. 5 Uzakwehlisa
umsindo wabezizwe njengokutshisa endaweni eyomileyo;
ukutshisa emthunzini weyezi; ingoma yabalolunya
izathotshiswa. 6 Lakulintaba iNkosi yamabandla
izakwenzela abantu bonke idili lezinto ezinonileyo,
idili lamawayini alenzece, lezinto ezinonileyo zigcwele
umnkantsho, lamawayini alenzece acengekileyo. 7
Izaginya kulintaba ubuso besembeso esembese bonke
abantu, lesigubuzelo eselukiweyo phezu kwezizwe
zonke. 8 Izaginya ukufa ekunqobeni, leNkosi uJehova
izakwesula inyembezi izisuse ebusweni bonke, isuse
lehlazo labantu bayo emhlabeni wonke; ngoba iNkosi
ikhulumile. 9 Kuzakuthiwa-ke ngalolosuku: Khangela, lo
nguNkulunkulu wethu; silindele kuye, njalo uzasisindisa;
le yiNkosi; siyilindele, sizathaba, sithokoze kusindiso
lwayo. 10 Ngoba isandla seNkosi sizaphumula
kulintaba, loMowabi uzanyathelelwa phansi kwayo,
njengamahlanga abuthelelweyo enyathelelwa enqunjini
yomquba. 11 Njalo izakwelula izandla zayo phakathi
kwakhe njengontshezayo ezelula ukuze antsheze; njalo
izathobisa ukuzigqaja kwakhe kanye lokucathamela
kwezandla zakhe. 12 Lenqaba ephakemeyo yemiduli
yakho izayidilizela phansi, iyehlisele phansi, iyifikise
emhlabathini, ethulini.

26 Ngalolosuku lingoma izahlatshelwa elizweni
lakoJuda ethi: Silomuzi oqinileyo; uNkulunkulu
uzamisa usindiso lube yimiduli lezinqaba. 2 Vulani
amasango ukuze singene isizwe esilungileyo esigcina
ukuthembeka. 3 Uzamgcina ekuthuleni okupheleleyo
ongqondo yakhe yeyama phezu kwakho, ngoba ethemba
kuwe. 4 Thembani eNkosini kokuphela, ngoba eNkosini
uJehova kuLidwala elilaphakade. 5 Ngoba ibehlisela
phansi abahlala engqongeni; umuzi ophakemeyo,
iwehlisela phansi; iwehlisela phansi emhlabathini,
iwufikise othulini. 6 Unyawo luzawunyathelela phansi,
ngitsho inyawo zabayanga, amanyathela abaswelayo.
7 Indlela yabalungileyo iyikuqonda; wena oqondileyo,
uyalinganisa umkhondo wabalungileyo. 8 Yebo,
endleleni yezahlulelo zakho, Nkosi, sikulindele;
isiloyiso somphefumulo wethu sisebizweni lakho
lekukukhumbuleni. 9 Ngomphefumulo wami ngikuloyisile
ebusuku; yebo, ngomoya wami ophakathi kwami
ngizakudinga ngovivi; ngoba lapho izahlulelo zakho
zisemhlabeni, abahlali bomhlaba bazafunda ukulunga.
10 Uba okhohlakeleyo etshengiswa umusa, kube kanti
kayikufunda ukulunga; elizweni lobuqotho uzakwenza
okubi, njalo kayikubona ubukhosi beNkosi. 11 Nkosi,

isandla sakho siphakeme, kabayikubona; kodwa
bazabona, babe lenhloni ngokutshisekela kwakho abantu;
intukuthelo yomlilo wezitha zakho uzaziqeda. 12 Nkosi,
uzasimisela ukuthula, ngoba lawe usenzele yonke
imisebenzi yethu. 13 Nkosi Nkulunkulu wethu, amanye
amakhosi ngaphandle kwakho ake abusa phezu kwethu;
kodwa ngawe kuphela sizakhumbula ibizo lakho. 14 Afile,
kawayikuphila; ayimimoya efileyo, kawayikuvuka; ngakho
uwaphindisele wawachitha, waqeda konke ukukhunjulwa
kwawo. 15 Usandisile isizwe, Nkosi, wasandisa
isizwe; uyadunyiswa; usisusele khatshana kuyo yonke
imikhawulo yomhlaba. 16 Nkosi, besekuhluphekeni
bakwethekelele, bathulula umkhuleko lapho ukujezisa
kwakho kuphezu kwabo. 17 Njengowesifazana
okhulelweyo sekusondele ukubeletha, esebuhlungwini,
ekhala emihelweni yakhe, saba njalo ebusweni bakho,
Nkosi. 18 Sasikhulelwe, sasisebuhlungwini, kwakungathi
sibelethe umoya. Kasenzanga usindiso emhlabeni,
njalo abahlali bomhlaba kabawanga. 19 Abafileyo
bakho bazaphila, lesidumbu sami, bazavuka. Vukani,
limemeze ngentokozo, lina elihlala ethulini; ngoba
amazolo akho anjengamazolo emibhida, lomhlaba
uzabakhupha imimoya efileyo. 20 Hambani bantu bami,
lingene emakamelweni enu, livale iminyango yenu
ngemva kwenu, licatshe okwesikhatshana, luze ludlule
ulaka. 21 Ngoba, khangelani, iNkosi iyaphuma endaweni
yayo ukuthi iphindisele ububi babahlali bomhlaba phezu
kwabo; lomhlaba uzaveza igazi lawo, ungabe usabafihla
ababuleweyo bawo.

27 Ngalolosuku iNkosi ngenkemba yayo elukhuni
lenkulu lelamandla izajezisa uLeviyathani, inyoka
ebalekayo, ngitsho uLeviyathani inyoka egoqanayo,
ibulale umgobho oselwandle. 2 Ngalolosuku hlabelelani
ngaso isivini sewayini elibomvu. 3 Mina Nkosi,
ngiyasilondoloza, ngiyasithelela isikhathi sonke; hlezi
kube khona osonayo ngisilondoloze ebusuku lemini.
4 Ukuthukuthela kakukho kimi. Ngubani ongabeka
ukhula oluhlabayo lameva kumelane lami empini?
Bengizamatsha ngidabule phakathi kwakho, ngikutshise
kanyekanye. 5 Kumbe kabambelele emandleni ami,
enze ukuthula lami; uzakwenza ukuthula lami. 6
Izakwenza abavela koJakobe bagxile, uIsrayeli uzahluma,
akhahlele, agcwalise ubuso bomhlaba ngezithelo. 7
Imtshayile yini njengokutshaya kwayo oyitshayayo?
Ubulewe yini njengokubulawa kwababuleweyo bakhe?
8 Ngesilinganiso ekukuxotsheni izaphikisana lakho;
izakususa ngomoya wayo olukhuni ngosuku lomoya
wempumalanga. 9 Ngakho ngalokhu isiphambeko
sikaJakobe sizahlawulelwa; lalokhu kuyisithelo sonke
sokususa isono sakhe, lapho esenza ukuthi wonke
amatshe elathi abe njengamatshe ekalaga avuthuziweyo,
izixuku lamalathi elanga kakuyikuma. 10 Ngoba umuzi
obiyelweyo uzakuba wodwa, indawo yokuhlala ixotshwe,
itshiywe njengenkangala; lapho ithole lizakudla khona,
lilale khona, liqede izingatsha zawo. 11 Lapho ingatsha
zawo sezomile zizakwephulwa; abesifazana beze
bazibase; ngoba kabasibantu abaqedisisayo; ngakho-ke
lowo owabenzayo kayikubahawukela, lowababumbayo
kayikubatshengisa umusa. 12 Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku
iNkosi ibhule kusukela esifudlaneni somfula kuze kube
semfuleni weGibhithe; lina-ke lizabuthwa ngamunye
ngamunye, bantwana bakoIsrayeli. 13 Kuzakuthi-
ke ngalolosuku kuvuthelwe uphondo olukhulu, lalabo
ababebhubhe elizweni leAsiriya labaxotshelwe elizweni
leGibhithe, bazabuya bayikhonze iNkosi entabeni
engcwele eJerusalema.

28 Maye kumqhele wokuzigqaja wezidakwa
zakoEfrayimi, obuhle benkazimulo yazo bululuba
elibunayo, eliphezu kwekhanda lezihotsha ezivundileyo
zalabo abatshaywe liwayini. 2 Khangela, iNkosi ilaye
olamandla loqinileyo, ozaphosela emhlabeni ngesandla,
njengezulu lesiphepho elilesiqhotho, isiphepho
esichithayo, njengempophoma yamanzi alamandla
akhukhulayo. 3 Umqhele wokuzigqaja wezidakwa
zakoEfrayimi uzanyathelelwa phansi ngezinyawo. 4
Lobuhle benkazimulo yakhe, obuphezu kwekhanda
lesihotsha esivunde kakhulu, buzakuba liluba elibunayo,
njengesithelo esivuthwe masinyane kungakafiki
ihlobo; okuthi osibonileyo asibone, sisesesandleni
sakhe asiginye. 5 Ngalolosuku iNkosi yamabandla
izakuba ngumqhele wenkazimulo, lesidlodlo sobuhle
kunsali yabantu bayo, 6 lomoya wesahlulelo kulowo
ohlalela isahlulelo, lamandla kulabo ababuyisela impi
esangweni. 7 Lalaba baduhile ngenxa yewayini, langenxa
yokunathwayo okulamandla baphambukile; umpristi
lomprofethi baduhile ngenxa yokunathwayo okulamandla,
baginywe liwayini, baphambukile ngenxa yokunathwayo
okulamandla; bayaduha embonweni, bakhubeke
kusahlulelo. 8 Ngoba wonke amatafula agcwele
amahlanzo lokungcola, kakulandawo engangcolanga. 9
Izafundisa bani ulwazi, njalo izakwenza bani aqedisise
umbiko? Abalunyuliweyo echagweni, abakhunyuliweyo
emabeleni. 10 Ngoba umthetho phezu komthetho,
umthetho phezu komthetho; umzila phezu komzila,
umzila phezu komzila; lapha okuncinyane, laphayana
okuncinyane. 11 Ngoba ngendebe eziklolodayo
langolunye ulimi izakhuluma kulababantu, 12 eyathi
kubo: Lokhu yikuphumula, phumuzani abadiniweyo;
lalokhu yikuvuselela; kodwa kabathandanga ukuzwa. 13
Kodwa ilizwi leNkosi lizakuba kibo ngumthetho phezu
komthetho, umthetho phezu komthetho; umzila phezu
komzila, umzila phezu komzila; lapha okuncinyane,
laphayana okuncinyane; ukuze bahambe, bawe
nyovane, bephuke, bathiywe, bathunjwe. 14 Ngakho
zwanini ilizwi leNkosi, bantu abaklolodayo, elibusa
lababantu abaseJerusalema. 15 Ngoba lithe: Sivumelane
isivumelwano lokufa, njalo senze isivumelwano lesihogo;
lapho isiswepu esiphuphumayo sisedlula, kasiyikufika

kithi; ngoba senze amanga aba yisiphephelo sethu,
sacatsha ngaphansi kwenkohliso. **(Sheol h7585)** **16**
Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngibeka
eZiyoni ilitshe lesisekelo, ilitshe elihloliweyo, ilitshe
lengonsi eliligugu, isisekelo esisekelweyo; okholwayo
kayikuphangisa. **17** Isahlulelo laso ngizasibeka
entanjeni, lokulunga entanjeni yokuqondisa; lesiqhotho
sizakhukhula isiphephelo samanga; lamanzi agabhele
indawo yokucatsha. **18** Lesivumelwano senu lokufa
sizaphela, lokuvumelana kwenu lesihogo kakuyikuma;
lapho isiswepu esikhukhulayo sisedlula, khona
lizanyathelelwa phansi yikho. **(Sheol h7585)** **19** Kusukela
esikhathini sokwedlula kwaso, sizalithatha; ngoba
ukusa ngokusa sizakwedlula, emini lebusuku; njalo
kuzakuba ngokwesabisayo kuphela ukuqedisisa umbiko.
20 Ngoba umbheda mfitshane kakhulu ukuthi umuntu
azelule kuwo, lengubo yincinyane kakhulu ukuthi
umuntu azigoqele ngayo. **21** Ngoba iNkosi izavuka
njengentabeni yePerazimi, ithukuthele njengesigodini
seGibeyoni, ukuze yenze umsebenzi wayo, umsebenzi
wayo ongejwayelekanga, yenze isenzo sayo, isenzo
sayo esingejwayelekanga. **22** Ngakho-ke lingahleki
usulu, hlezi izibopho zenu ziqiniswe; ngoba ngizwile
eNkosini uJehova wamabandla ngokuqedwa okuqunywe
phezu komhlaba wonke. **23** Bekani indlebe, lizwe
ilizwi lami; lalelani lizwe inkulumo yami. **24** Umlimi
ulimela ukuhlanyela lonke usuku yini? Uyavula
abhuqe umhlabathi wakhe yini? **25** Kakunjalo yini,
esewuhlelembile ubuso bawo, ukuthi aphose amafitshizi,
ahlakaze ikhumini, afake phezu kwakho ingqoloyi enhle
kakhulu, lebhali emisiweyo, lespelite emngceleni wakho?
26 Ngoba uNkulunkulu wakhe uyamazisa ngendlela,
amfundise. **27** Ngoba amafitshizi kawabhulwa ngobhulo,
levili lenqola kaliphendulwa phezu kwekhumini; kodwa
amafitshizi atshaywa ngoswazi, lekhumini ngentonga. **28**
Amabele esinkwa ayachotshozwa; ngoba kayikuhlala
ewabhula kokuphela, loba ewachoboza ngevili lenqola
yakhe, njalo kawachobozi ngamabhiza akhe. **29** Lalokhu
kuvela eNkosini yamabandla; iyamangalisa ekwelulekeni,
yinkulu ekusebenzeni.

29 Maye kuyo iAriyeli, kuyo iAriyeli umuzi uDavida
amisa kuwo inkamba! Yengezelelani umnyaka
emnyakeni; kayibhode imikhosi. **2** Kanti ngizayicindezela
iAriyeli, njalo kube khona ukulila losizi; njalo kuzakuba
njengeAriyeli kimi. **3** Njalo ngizamisa inkamba
inhlangothi zakho zonke, ngikuvimbezele ngedundulu,
ngikumisele izinqaba ezimelene lawe. **4** Njalo
uzakwehliselwa phansi, ukhulume usemhlabathini,
lenkulumo yakho izakuba phansi ethulini, lelizwi lakho
lizakuba njengeloledlozi liphuma emhlabathini, lenkulumo
yakho ibe ngumlozwi ophuma othulini. **5** Njalo ixuku
labezizwe bakho lizakuba njengothuli olucholekileyo,
lexuku labalesihluku njengamakhoba adlulayo. Yebo,
kuzahle kube masinyane. **6** Uzakwethekelelwa yiNkosi
yamabandla ngomdumo, langokuzamazama komhlaba,
lomsindo omkhulu, isivunguzane, lesiphepho, lelangabi
lomlilo oqothulayo. **7** Lexuku lezizwe zonke elilwa
limelene leAriyeli, ngitsho zonke ezilwa zimelene
layo lezinqaba zayo, leziyicindezelayo, zizakuba
njengephupho, umbono wobusuku. **8** Kuzakuba
lanjengolambileyo ephupha, khangela-ke, uyadla, kodwa
aphaphame, lomphefumulo wakhe ungelalutho; loba
njengowomileyo ephupha, khangela-ke, uyanatha,
kodwa aphaphame, khangela-ke uphelelwa ngamandla,
lomphefumulo wakhe uyalangatha; lizakuba njalo ixuku
lazo zonke izizwe ezilwa zimelene lentaba iZiyoni.
9 Manini, lithithibale; zithokoziseni liphumputheke;
badakiwe, kodwa hatshi ngewayini; bayadiyazela,
kodwa hatshi ngenxa yokunathwayo okulamandla.
10 Ngoba iNkosi ithululele phezu kwenu umoya
wobuthongo obunzima, yavala amehlo enu; abaprofethi
lezinhloko zenu, ababoni, ibagubuzele. **11** Lawo
wonke umbono usube kini njengamazwi ogwalo
olunanyekiweyo okuthi balunika owazi umbhalo, besithi:
Bala lokhu siyakuncenga; yena athi: Ngingeke,
ngoba lunanyekiwe. **12** Ugwalo beselunikwa ongazi
umbhalo, besithi: Bala lokhu, siyakuncenga; yena
athi: Kangiwazi umbhalo. **13** INkosi yasisithi:
Ngenxa yokuthi lababantu besondela ngomlomo
wabo langezindebe zabo bengihlonipha, kodwa
babeka inhliziyo yabo khatshana lami, lokungesaba
kwabo kufundiswa ngumlayo wabantu; **14** ngakho,
khangela, ngizaqhubeka ukukwenza ngokumangalisayo
lalababantu, umsebenzi omangalisayo lesimanga;
ngoba inhlakanipho yabahlakaniphileyo babo izaphela,
lokuqedisisa kwabaqedisisayo babo kucatshe. **15** Maye
kulabo abajula besuka eNkosini ukuze bafihle icebo
labo, lemisebenzi yabo isemnyameni, bathi: Ngubani
osibonayo? Njalo ngubani osaziyo? **16** Ukugonqomisa
kwenu kuthiwa kunjengebumba lombumbi! Ngoba
umsebenzi uzakutsho yini ngaye owenzileyo ukuthi:
Kangenzanga? Kumbe okubunjiweyo kungatsho
yini ngombumbi wakho ukuthi: Kaqedisisi? **17**
Kakuseyisikhatshana esifitshane yini, ukuthi iLebhanoni
iphendulwe ibe yinsimu ethelayo, lensimu ethelayo
ithiwe injengehlathi? **18** Njalo ngalolosuku izacuthe
zizakuzwa amazwi ogwalo, lamehlo eziphofu abone
ekufiphaleni lemnyameni. **19** Abathobekileyo labo
bazakwandisa intokozo eNkosini, labangabayanga
ebantwini bathokoze koNgcwele kaIsrayeli. **20** Ngoba
olesihluku uzaphela, lodelelayo uqediwe, labo bonke
abalindele okubi baqunyiwe; **21** abenza umuntu one
ngelizwi, bambekele umjibila okhuzayo esangweni,
baphambule olungileyo ngento engelutho. **22** Ngakho
itsho njalo iNkosi eyahlenga uAbrahama, ngendlu
kaJakobe: Khathesi uJakobe kayikuba lanhloni, lobuso
bakhe khathesi kabuyikuhloba. **23** Ngoba lapho
ebona abantwana bakhe, umsebenzi wezandla zami,

phakathi kwakhe, bazangcwelisa ibizo lami; bangcwelise
oNgcwele kaJakobe, besabe uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli.
24 Lalabo abaduhayo emoyeni bazakwazi ukuqedisisa,
labangungunayo bazafunda imfundiso.

30 Maye ebantwaneni abahlamukayo! itsho iNkosi,
ukuthi benze icebo, kodwa elingeyisilo elami, lokuthi
bembese ngesembeso, kodwa esingesiso somoya wami,
ukuze bengezelele isono phezu kwesono. 2 Abahamba
ukwehlela eGibhithe, njalo bengabuzanga umlomo
wami, ukuze baziqinise emandleni kaFaro, bathembele
emthunzini weGibhithe! 3 Ngakho amandla kaFaro
azakuba lihlazo kini, lokuthembela emthunzini weGibhithe
kube yikuyangeka. 4 Ngoba iziphathamandla zakhe
zaziseZowani lezithunywa zakhe zafika eHanesi. 5 Bonke
izabayangisa ngabantu ababengelakubasiza, bangabi
luncedo njalo bangabi yinzuzo, kodwa babe luyangiso
njalo babe lihlazo. 6 Umthwalo wezilo zeningizimu.
Elizweni lokucindezelwa lembandezelo, lapho okuvela
khona ibhongo lesilwane, ibululu lenyoka ephaphayo
elokutshisa, bathwala inotho yabo emhlana wamathole
abobabhemi, lokuligugu kwabo phezu kwamalunda
amakamela, bekusa ebantwini abangelasizo. 7 Ngoba
amaGibhithe azasiza ngeze langokungelalutho; ngakho
ngakhala ngalokhu ngathi: Amandla abo yikuhlala
bathule. 8 Khathesi hamba, ukubhale phambi kwabo
esibhebheni, ukulobe ngokugubha egwalweni, ukuze
kube khona kuze kube lusuku lokucina, kuze kube
nininini, kuze kube phakade. 9 Ngoba bangabantu
abavukelayo, abantwana abaqamba amanga, abantwana
abangathandi ukuzwa umlayo weNkosi; 10 abathi
kubaboni: Lingaboni; lakubakhangeli: Lingasikhangeleli
izinto eziqondileyo; khulumani kithi izinto ezibutshelezi,
likhangele izinkohliso; 11 phumani endleleni, liphambuke
lisuke emkhondweni, lisuse oNgcwele kaIsrayeli
phambi kwethu. 12 Ngakho utsho njalo oNgcwele
kaIsrayeli uthi: Ngoba lidelele lelilizwi, lathembela
kucindezelo lokuphambeneyo, labambelela kukho.
13 Ngakho lobububi buzakuba kini njengomkenke
osuzakuwa, ukhukhumala emdulini omude, okudilika
kwawo kuhle kufike masinyazana. 14 Yebo, uzawephula
njengokwephulwa kwembiza yababumbi ephahaziweyo;
kayikuyekela, ukuze kungatholakali ezicucwini zayo
udengezi lokokha umlilo eziko, kumbe ukukha amanzi
emthonjeni. 15 Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova,
oNgcwele kaIsrayeli: Ngokuphenduka lokuphumula
lizasindiswa; ngokuthula langokwethemba kuzakuba
ngamandla enu; kodwa kalifunanga. 16 Kodwa lathi:
Hatshi, ngoba sizabaleka ngamabhiza; ngakho-ke
lizabaleka; njalo: Sizagada amabhiza alejubane; ngakho-
ke abalixotshayo bazakuba lejubane. 17 Inkulungwane
eyodwa izabaleka ngokukhalima koyedwa; ngokukhalima
kwabahlanu lizabaleka, lize lisale njengensika phezu
kwengqonga yentaba, lanjengesiboniso phezu koqaqa.
18 Ngakho-ke iNkosi izalinda, ukuze ibe lomusa kini,
ngakho-ke izaphakanyiswa ukuthi ibe lesihawu kini;
ngoba iNkosi inguNkulunkulu wesahlulelo; babusisiwe
bonke abalindela kuyo. 19 Ngoba abantu bazahlala
eZiyoni eJerusalema; kaliyikukhala lokukhala inyembezi;
izakuba lomusa omkhulu kuwe elizwini lokukhala kwakho;
lapho ilizwa izakuphendula. 20 Loba iNkosi ilinika
isinkwa sosizi lamanzi okuhlupheka, kanti abafundisi
bakho kabasayikususelwa engonsini, kodwa amehlo
akho azabona abafundisi bakho. 21 Lendlebe zakho
zizakuzwa ilizwi emva kwakho lisithi: Le yiyo indlela,
hambani ngayo, lapho liphambukela ngakwesokunene
lalapho liphambukela ngakwesokhohlo. 22 Lizangcolisa
lokuhuqiweyo kwezithombe zakho ezibaziweyo zesiliva,
lokunanyekiweyo kwezithombe zakho zegolide ezibunjwe
ngokuncibilikisa; lizihlakaze njengelembu losesikhathini,
lithi kuzo: Phumani! 23 Khona izanika izulu lenhlanyelo
yakho ozayihlanyela emhlabathini, lesinkwa sesivuno
somhlaba; uzavunda ucicime. Ngalolosuku izifuyo
zenu zizakudla emadlelweni abanzi; 24 lezinkabi
labobabhemi abatsha okulima umhlabathi kuzakudla
umncantsha, oweliweyo ngefotsholo langefologwe. 25
Laphezu kwayo yonke intaba ende laphezu kwalo lonke
uqaqa oluphakemeyo kuzakuba lemifula lezifudlana
zamanzi ngosuku lokubulawa okukhulu, lapho kusiwa
imiphotshongo. 26 Futhi ukukhanya kwenyanga kuzakuba
njengokukhanya kwelanga, lokukhanya kwelanga
kuphindwe kasikhombisa, njengokukhanya kwensuku
eziyisikhombisa, mhla iNkosi ibopha ukwephuka
kwabantu bayo, ipholisa umvimvinya wesilonda
sabo. 27 Khangela, ibizo leNkosi livela khatshana,
livutha ulaka lwayo, lomthwalo unzima; indebe
zayo zigcwele intukuthelo, lolimi lwayo lunjengomlilo
oqothulayo; 28 lokuphefumula kwayo kunjengesifula
esiphuphumayo size sifike phakathi kwentamo,
ukuhlungula izizwe ngesihlungulo sobuze; njalo kuzakuba
letomu eliduhisayo emihlathini yabantu. 29 Lizakuba
lengoma, njengeyobusuku bokwehlukaniswa komkhosi,
lokuthokoza kwenhliziyo, njengohamba lomhubhe esiya
entabeni yeNkosi, eDwaleni lakoIsrayeli. 30 INkosi
izazwakalisa-ke ilizwi layo elilodumo, ibonakalise ukwehla
kwengalo yayo, ngentukuthelo yolaka, lelangabi lomlilo
oqothulayo, isivunguvungu, lezulu lesiphepho, lesiqhotho.
31 Ngoba ngelizwi leNkosi amaAsiriya azaphahlazwa,
itshaya ngenduku. 32 Kuzakuthi loba ngaphi okwedlula
khona induku emisiweyo, iNkosi eyibeka phezu
kwayo, kube ngezigubhu langamachacho, langezimpi
zokunyikinya ilwe labo. 33 Ngoba iThofethi yahlelwa
endulo, layo yamiselwa inkosi; yayenza yatshona,
yaba banzi, inqumbi yayo ingumlilo lenkuni ezinengi;
ukuphefumula kweNkosi kuyayithungela njengesifula
sesolufa.

31 Maye kulabo abehlela usizo eGibhithe, abeyama
emabhizeni, bethemba izinqola ngoba zizinengi,

labagadi bamabhiza ngoba belamandla kakhulu,
kodwa bengakhangeli koNgcwele kaIsrayeli, njalo
bengadingi iNkosi! 2 Kanti layo ihlakaniphile, izaletha
ububi, njalo kayiyikuwabuyisa amazwi ayo; kodwa
izavukela indlu yabenzi bobubi, njalo imelene losizo
lwabenzi beziphambeko. 3 Ngoba amaGibhithe
angabantu, kabasuNkulunkulu, lamabhiza awo ayinyama,
kawayisimoya. Lapho iNkosi izakwelula isandla sayo,
osizayo uzakhubeka losizwayo uzakuwa phansi, njalo
bonke baphele kanyekanye. 4 Ngoba iNkosi itsho njalo
kimi: Njengesilwane lebhongo lesilwane kubhongela
phezu kwempango yakho, lapho ixuku labelusi libizelwe
ukumelana laso, kasiyikwesaba ilizwi labo, njalo
kasiyikuzithoba ngenxa yomsindo wabo; ngokunjalo
iNkosi yamabandla izakwehla ukulwela intaba yeZiyoni
loqaqa lwayo. 5 Njengenyoni eziphaphayo, ngokunjalo
iNkosi yamabandla izavikela iJerusalema; ivikela,
izayophula; isedlula, iyikhulule. 6 Phendukelani kuyo
okuyo abantwana bakoIsrayeli bahlubuke ngokujulileyo.
7 Ngoba ngalolosuku bazalahla, wonke umuntu izithombe
zakhe zesiliva lezithombe zakhe zegolide, ozandla zenu
zilenzele zona ukuba yisono. 8 ISiriya izakuwa-ke
ngenkemba engeyisiyo yomuntu olamandla, lenkemba
engeyisiyo yomuntukazana izayiqeda; kodwa izabalekela
inkemba, lamajaha ayo abe yizibhalwa. 9 Izakwedlulela
edwaleni layo ngokwesaba, leziphathamandla zayo
zesabe uphawu, itsho iNkosi, omlilo wayo useZiyoni,
lesithando sayo siseJerusalema.

32 Khangela, inkosi izabusa ngokulunga,
leziphathamandla zibuse ngesahlulelo. 2 Lomuntu
uzakuba njengendawo yokucatshela umoya lesivikelo
kuzulu lesiphepho; njengemifula yamanzi endaweni
eyomileyo, njengomthunzi wedwala elikhulu elizweni
elomileyo. 3 Lamehlo alabo ababonayo kawayikufiphala,
lezindlebe zalabo abezwayo zizalalela. 4 Lenhliziyo
yabalamawala izaqedisisa ulwazi, lolimi lwabagagasayo
luzaphangisa ukukhuluma ngokucaca. 5 Isithutha
kasisayikubizwa ngokuthi sihloniphekile, loncitshanayo
angathiwa uyaphana. 6 Ngoba isithutha sikhuluma
ubuthutha, lenhliziyo yaso isebenze okubi, ukwenza
ubuzenzisi, lokukhuluma okuphambeneyo ngeNkosi,
ukwenza umphefumulo wolambileyo ube ze, senze
kusweleke okunathwayo kowomileyo. 7 Izikhali
zoncitshanayo lazo zimbi; yena uceba amacebo
akhohlakeleyo ukuze achithe abayanga ngamazwi
amanga, lanxa oswelayo ekhuluma okulungileyo. 8
Kodwa ohloniphekayo uceba izinto ezihloniphekayo;
langezinto ezihloniphekayo yena uzakuma. 9 Vukani,
besifazana abonwabileyo, lizwe ilizwi lami; madodakazi
avikelekileyo, bekani indlebe ekukhulumeni kwami. 10
Izinsuku ezedlula umnyaka lizathuthumela, besifazana
abavikelekileyo, ngoba ukuvunwa kwevini kuzaphela,
ukubutha kakuyikufika. 11 Thuthumelani, besifazana
abonwabileyo, liqhuqhe, bavikelekileyo; khululani,
lizinqunule, libhince amasaka enkalweni. 12 Bazakhalela
amabele okumunya, amasimu amahle, ivini elithelayo.
13 Phezu komhlabathi wabantu bami kuzakhula
ameva lokhula oluhlabayo; yebo, phezu kwezindlu
zonke zenjabulo, emzini wentokozo. 14 Ngoba
isigodlo sizadelwa, inengi lomuzi lizatshiywa; inqaba
lemiphotshongo kuzakuba yimihome kuze kube
phakade, intokozo yabobabhemi beganga, lamadlelo
emihlambi; 15 aze athululelwe phezu kwethu uMoya
evela phezulu, lenkangala ibe yinsimu ethelayo, lensimu
ethelayo ithiwe lihlathi. 16 Khona isahlulelo sizahlala
enkangala, lokulunga kuhlale ensimini ethelayo. 17
Lomsebenzi wokulunga uzakuba yikuthula, lokwenza
kokulunga kube yikuthula lokuqinisekiswa kuze kube
nininini. 18 Labantu bami bazahlala endaweni yokuhlala
elokuthula, lezindaweni zokuhlala ezivikelekileyo,
lezindaweni zokuphumula ezonwabileyo. 19 Kodwa
lizakuna ngesiqhotho ekwehleni kwehlathi, lomuzi
uzathotshiswa endaweni ephansi. 20 Libusisiwe lina
elihlanyela ngasemanzini wonke, lithumezela lapho
inyawo zezinkabi labobabhemi.

33 Maye kuwe ochithayo, kodwa ungachithwanga!
Lowenza ngenkohliso, bengenzanga ngenkohliso
kuwe! Lapho usuqedile ukuchitha, uzachithwa; lapho
usucinile ukwenza ngenkohliso, bazakwenza ngenkohliso
kuwe. 2 Nkosi, woba lomusa kithi, sikulindele; woba
yingalo yabo ekuseni konke, losindiso lwethu ngesikhathi
socindezelo. 3 Emsindweni wokuhlokoma abantu
babaleka; ekuziphakamiseni kwakho izizwe zahlakazeka.
4 Lempango yenu izabuthwa njengokubutha kwecimbi,
njengokugijima kwentethe uzagijima phezu kwayo.
5 INkosi iphakeme, ngoba ihlala phezulu; igcwalise
iZiyoni ngesahlulelo langokulunga. 6 Lenhlakanipho
lolwazi kuzakuba yikuqina kwezikhathi zakho, amandla
ezinsindiso; ukwesaba iNkosi kuligugu lakhe. 7
Khangela, amaqhawe abo azakhala ngaphandle;
izithunywa zokuthula zizakhala inyembezi kabuhlungu.
8 Imigwaqo emikhulu ize, owedlula ngendlela kakho;
wephule isivumelwano, udelele imizi, kananzi muntu. 9
Ilizwe liyalila lidangele; iLebhanoni ilenhloni iyabuna;
iSharoni injengenkangala; njalo iBashani leKharmeli
kuyakhithiza. 10 Khathesi ngizavuka, kutsho iNkosi;
khathesi ngizadunyiswa; khathesi ngizaphakanyiswa.
11 Lizakhulelwa ngamakhoba, beselizala izibi; umoya
wenu, njengomlilo, uzaliqeda. 12 Njalo abantu bazakuba
njengokutshisiweyo kwekalaga; njengameva aqunyiweyo
bazatshiswa emlilweni. 13 Zwanini, lina elikhatshana,
engikwenzileyo; lani eliseduze, vumani amandla ami. 14
Izoni zeZiyoni ziyesaba, ukuthuthumela kubabambile
abazenzisi. Ngubani phakathi kwethu ongahlala lomlilo
oqothulayo? Ngubani phakathi kwethu ongahlala
lokutshisa okuphakade? 15 Yena ohamba ngokulunga,
akhulume ngobuqotho, odelela inzuzo yezincindezelo,
othintitha izandla zakhe ekubambeni isivalamlomo,

ovala indlebe yakhe ekuzweni ngamacala legazi,
ocimeza amehlo akhe ukuze angaboni okubi; 16
yena uzahlala ezindaweni eziphakemeyo; izinqaba
zamadwala zibe yisivikelo sakhe; isinkwa sakhe
asinikwe; amanzi akhe athembeke. 17 Amehlo akho
azabona iNkosi ebuhleni bayo; abone ilizwe elikhatshana
kakhulu. 18 Inhliziyo yakho izazindla ukwesabisa.
Ungaphi umbhali? Ungaphi umlinganisi? Ungaphi obala
imiphotshongo? 19 Kawuyikubona abantu abayiziqholo,
abantu abenkulumo ejule okokuthi ungeyizwisise, abolimi
olugagasayo ongeluqedisise. 20 Khangela iZiyoni,
umuzi wemikhosi yethu emisiweyo; amehlo akho
azabona iJerusalema, indawo yokuhlala elokonwaba,
ithente elingayikusuka, ozikhonkwane zalo ezizasitshulwa
phakade, kakuyikuqamuka leyodwa yezintambo zalo. 21
Kodwa lapho iNkosi izakuba ngelobukhosi kithi, indawo
yemifula, yezifula ezibanzi; umkolo olamaphini okugwedla
ongahambi khona, lomkhumbi olamandla ongedluli
khona. 22 Ngoba uJehova ungumahluleli wethu, uJehova
ungumnikumthetho wethu, uJehova uyinkosi yethu, yena
uzasisindisa. 23 Ingoda zakho ziyaxega; kaziyikuqinisa
iqonde insika yazo yomkolo, zingeyelule iseyili; khona
kuzakwabiwa impango yempango enengi, abaqhulayo
baphange impango. 24 Lomhlali kayikuthi: Ngiyagula.
Abantu abahlala kuyo bazathethelelwa iziphambeko.

34 Sondelani, zizwe, ukuze lizwe; lani bantu, lilalele;
umhlaba kawuzwe, lokugcwala kwawo; ilizwe,
lakho konke okuvela kilo. 2 Ngoba intukuthelo yeNkosi
iphezu kwazo zonke izizwe, lolaka phezu kwawo wonke
amabutho azo; izitshabalalisile, izinikele ekubulaweni.
3 Ababuleweyo bazo labo bazaphoselwa phandle,
levumba labo lizakwenyuka ezidunjini zabo, lezintaba
zizancibilika ngegazi labo. 4 Lalo lonke ibutho lamazulu
lizabola; lamazulu agoqwe njengomqulu; lalo lonke
ibutho labo liwele phansi, njengehlamvu liwohloka evinini,
lanjengomkhiwa owohlokayo esihlahleni somkhiwa. 5
Ngoba inkemba yami izacwila emazulwini; khangela,
izakwehlela phezu kukaEdoma laphezu kwabantu
bokutshabalalisa kwami ngesigwebo. 6 Inkemba yeNkosi
igcwele igazi, inoniswe ngamafutha, ngegazi lamawundlu
lelezimbuzi, ngamahwahwa ezinso zezinqama; ngoba
iNkosi ilomhlatshelo eBhozira, lokubulala okukhulu
elizweni leEdoma. 7 Lezinyathi zizakwehla kanye
lazo, lamajongosi kanye lezinkunzi. Njalo ilizwe labo
lizacwila egazini, lothuli lwabo lunoniswe ngamahwahwa.
8 Ngoba kulusuku lwempindiselo yeNkosi, umnyaka
wokubuyiselwa kwempikisano yeZiyoni. 9 Lezifula
zabo zizaphendulwa zibe yingcino, lothuli lwabo lube
yisibabule; lelizwe labo lizakuba yingcino etshayo.
10 Kaliyikucitshwa ubusuku lemini; intuthu yalo
izakwenyuka laphakade; kusukela esizukulwaneni kusiya
kusizukulwana lizakuba yinkangala; kakho ozadabula
phakathi kwalo kuze kube nini lanini. 11 Kodwa
iwunkwe lenhloni kuzakudla ilifa lalo; isikhova laso
lewabayi kuzahlala kulo. Njalo izakwelula phezu kwalo
intambo yencithakalo, lamatshe onxiwa. 12 Bazabizela
izikhulu zalo embusweni, kodwa kakho ozakuba
khona, leziphathamandla zalo zonke zizakuba yinto
engelutho. 13 Lameva azakhula ezigodlweni zalo,
imbabazane lokhula oluhlabayo ezinqabeni zalo; njalo
libe yindawo yokuhlala yemigobho, umuzi wamadodakazi
ezintshe. 14 Izilo zenkangala lazo zizahlangana
lezilo ezihlaba umkhulungwane, legogo lizakhalela
umngane walo; lesikhova esikhalayo sizaphumula khona,
sizitholele indawo yokuphumula. 15 Lapho isikhova
esikhulu sizakwakha isidleke, sibekele, sichamisele,
sifukamele ngaphansi komthunzi waso; amanqe lawo
azabuthana lapho, yilelo lalelo lomngane walo. 16
Dingani egwalweni lweNkosi, lifunde; kakukho lokukodwa
kwalokhu okuzasilela, kakukho okuzaswela umngane
wakho; ngoba umlomo wami ngokwawo ulayile, lomoya
wayo ngokwawo ukubuthanisile. 17 Ngoba yona ibenzele
inkatho yokuphosa, lesandla sayo sibehlukanisele
ngentambo; lizakuba yilifa labo kuze kube phakade,
kusukela kusizukulwana kuze kube sesizukulwaneni
bazahlala kulo.

35 Inkangala legwadule kuzajabula ngabo; lehlane
ithokoze, ikhahlele njengerosi, 2 ikhahlele
kakhulu, ithokoze langentokozo lokuhlabelela.
Inkazimulo yeLebhanoni izayinikwa, ubuhle beKharmeli
leSharoni; khona kuzabona inkazimulo yeNkosi,
ubukhosi bukaNkulunkulu wethu. 3 Qinisani izandla
ezibuthakathaka, liqinise amadolo axegayo. 4 Tshonini
kwabalenhliziyo ephangisayo lithi: Qinani, lingesabi.
Khangelani, uNkulunkulu wenu uzakuza ngempindiselo,
uNkulunkulu elomvuzo; yena uzakuza alisindise.
5 Khona amehlo eziphofu ezavuleka, lezindlebe
zezacuthe zivuleke. 6 Khona oqhulayo ezakweqa
njengendluzele, lolimi lwesimungulu luhlabelele; ngoba
amanzi azaqhekeza endaweni elugwadule, lezifula
enkangala. 7 Lomhlabathi otshileyo uzakuba lixhaphozi,
lomhlabathi owomileyo ube yimithombo yamanzi.
Endaweni yokuhlala yemigobho, endaweni yawo
yokulala, kube lotshani lemihlanga lebhuma. 8 Kuzakuba
lomgwaqo omkhulu khona, lendlela, ezathiwa yindlela
yobungcwele; ongcolileyo kayikudlula kuyo, kodwa
izakuba ngeyalowo; abahambayo ngaleyondlela, loba
beyizithutha, kabayikulahleka. 9 Kakuyikuba khona
isilwane lapho, lesilo esiphangayo kasiyikwenyuka phezu
kwayo, kasiyikutholwa lapho; kodwa abahlengiweyo
bazahamba ngayo. 10 Njalo abenzelwe inhlawulo
yokuthula beNkosi bazabuyela, bafike eZiyoni ngengoma,
belentokozo ephakade phezu kwekhanda labo; bazazuza
intokozo lenjabulo, kubaleke-ke usizi lokububula.

36 Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wetshumi lane wenkosi
uHezekhiya, uSenakheribi inkosi yeAsiriya
wenyuka wamelana lemizi yonke evikelweyo yakoJuda,

wayithatha. 2 Njalo inkosi yeAsiriya yathuma uRabi-
Shake esuka eLakishi esiya eJerusalema enkosini
uHezekhiya lebutho elinzima. Wasesima emfolweni
wechibi elingaphezulu, emgwaqweni omkhulu wensimu
yomwatshi. 3 Kwasekuphumela kuye uEliyakhimi,
indodana kaHilikhiya, owayephezu kwendlu, loShebina
umbhali, loJowa indodana kaAsafi umabhalane. 4 URabi-
Shake wasesithi kubo: Tshonini khathesi kuHezekhiya
ukuthi: Itsho njalo inkosi enkulu, inkosi yeAsiriya:
Lithemba bani leli othembele kulo? 5 Ngithi (kodwa
yilizwi lendebe): Kuleseluleko lamandla empi. Khathesi
uthembele kubani ukuthi ungivukele? 6 Khangela,
uthembele kuloludondolo lwalo umhlanga owephukileyo,
kuyo iGibhithe, okuthi uba umuntu eseyama kulo,
luzangena esandleni sakhe lusihlabe. Unjalo uFaro
inkosi yeGibhithe kubo bonke abathembela kuye. 7
Kodwa uba usithi kimi: Sithembela eNkosini uNkulunkulu
wethu; kakusuye yini ozindawo zakhe eziphakemeyo
lamalathi akhe uHezekhiya akususileyo, wathi kuJuda
leJerusalema: Lizakhonza phambi kwaleli ilathi? 8
Ngakho-ke ake unike isibambiso enkosini yami, inkosi
yeAsiriya; njalo ngizakunika amabhiza azinkulungwane
ezimbili, uba wena ulakho ukunika abagadi bamabhiza
phezu kwawo. 9 Uzabuyisela njani-ke emuva ubuso
bombusi oyedwa wabancinyane bezinceku zenkosi
yami, wena-ke uthembela eGibhithe ngenxa yezinqola
labagadi bamabhiza? 10 Khathesi sengenyukile yini
ngingelaNkosi ngimelene lalelilizwe ukulichitha? INkosi
yathi kimi: Yenyuka umelene lalelilizwe, ulichithe.
11 UEliyakimi loShebina loJowa basebesithi kuRabi-
Shake: Ake ukhulume lenceku zakho ngesiSiriya,
ngoba siyasiqedisisa; ungakhulumi lathi ngesiJuda,
endlebeni zabantu abaphezu komduli. 12 Kodwa uRabi-
Shake wathi: Inkosi yami ingithume enkosini yakho
lakuwe yini ukukhuluma lamazwi? Kakusebantwini
yini abahlezi phezu komduli ukuze badle ubulongwe
babo, banathe umchamo wabo kanye lani? 13
URabi-Shake wema-ke, wamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu
ngesiJuda, wathi: Zwanini amazwi enkosi enkulu,
inkosi yeAsiriya. 14 Itsho njalo inkosi: UHezekhiya
kangalikhohlisi, ngoba kayikuba lakho ukulikhululula. 15
Futhi uHezekhiya angalenzi lithembele eNkosini, esithi:
INkosi izasikhululula lokusikhululula; lumuzi kawuyikunikelwa
esandleni senkosi yeAsiriya. 16 Lingamlaleli uHezekhiya,
ngoba itsho njalo inkosi yeAsiriya: Dingani umusa
wami ngesipho, lisithumele kimi; lidle ngulowo lalowo
okwevini lakhe, langulowo lalowo okomkhiwa wakhe,
linathe ngulowo lalowo amanzi omthombo wakhe; 17
ngize ngifike, ngilithathe, ngilise elizweni elifanana
lelizwe lenu, ilizwe lamabele lewayini elitsha, ilizwe
lesinkwa lezivini. 18 UHezekhiya kangalihugi esithi:
INkosi izasikhululula. Onkulunkulu bezizwe bakhulule
yini, ngulowo lalowo ilizwe lakhe, esandleni samakhosi
eAsiriya? 19 Bangaphi onkulunkulu beHamathi leArpadi?
Bangaphi onkulunkulu beSefavayimi? Bayikhulule yini
layo iSamariya esandleni sami? 20 Ngobani phakathi
kwabo bonke onkulunkulu balawomazwe abakhulule
ilizwe labo esandleni sami, ukuthi iNkosi ikhulule
iJerusalema esandleni sami? 21 Kodwa bathula, kabaze
bamphendula lizwi, ngoba umlayo wenkosi wawuyikuthi:
Lingamphenduli. 22 Kwasekufika uEliyakhimi, indodana
kaHilikhiya, owayephezu kwendlu, loShebina umbhali,
loJowa indodana kaAsafi, umabhalane, kuHezekhiya,
izigqoko zabo zidatshuliwe, bamtshela amazwi kaRabi-
Shake.

37 Kwasekusithi inkosi uHezekhiya isikuzwile,
yadabula izigqoko zayo, yazembesa ngesaka,
yangena endlini yeNkosi. 2 Yasithuma uEliyakhimi
umphathi wendlu, loShebina umabhalane, labadala
babapristi bembethe amasaka, kuIsaya umprofethi
indodana kaAmozi. 3 Basebesithi kuye: Utsho njalo
uHezekhiya: Lolusuku lusuku lohlupho lolokusolwa
lolokweyiswa, ngoba abantwana sebefikile emlonyeni
wesizalo, kanti akulamandla okubeletha. 4 Mhlawumbe
iNkosi, uNkulunkulu wakho, izawezwa amazwi kaRabi-
Shake, onkosi yeAsiriya, inkosi yakhe, emthume ukuthuka
uNkulunkulu ophilayo, lokusola ngamazwi iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho ewazwileyo. Ngakho phakamisa
umkhuleko ngensali etholakeleyo. 5 Ngakho inceku
zenkosi uHezekhiya zafika kuIsaya. 6 UIsaya wasesithi
kuzo: Lizakutsho njalo enkosini yenu: Itsho njalo
iNkosi: Ungesabi amazwi owezwileyo, inceku zenkosi
yeAsiriya ezingithuke ngawo. 7 Khangela, ngizafaka
umoya kuyo, njalo izakuzwa ihungahunga, ibuyele
elizweni layo; njalo ngizayenza ukuthi iwe ngenkemba
elizweni layo. 8 URabi-Shake wasebuyela, wafica inkosi
yeAsiriya isilwa imelene leLibhina; ngoba wayezwile
ukuthi isisukile eLakishi. 9 Wasesizwa ngoTirihaka
inkosi yeEthiyophiya kuthiwa: Uphumile ukuzakulwa
lawe. Esekuzwile wathuma izithunywa kuHezekhiya
esithi: 10 Lizakhuluma kanje kuHezekhiya inkosi
yakoJuda lithi: UNkulunkulu wakho othembele kuye
kangakukhohlisi esithi: IJerusalema kayiyikunikelwa
esandleni senkosi yeAsiriya. 11 Khangela, wena
usuzwile ukuthi amakhosi eAsiriya enzeni kuwo wonke
amazwe ngokuwatshabalalisa. Wena-ke uzakhululwa
yini? 12 Onkulunkulu bezizwe bazikhulula yini obaba
abazichithayo, iGozani leHarani leRezefi, labantwana
beEdeni ababeseTelasari? 13 Ingaphi inkosi yeHamathi,
lenkosi yeArpadi, lenkosi yomuzi weSefavayimi, iHena,
leIva? 14 UHezekhiya wasesemukela izincwadi esandleni
sezithunywa, wazifunda, wenyukela endlini yeNkosi;
uHezekhiya wasezichaya phambi kweNkosi. 15
UHezekhiya wasekhuleka eNkosini, esithi: 16 Nkosi
yamabandla, Nkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, ohlala phakathi
kwamakherubhi, nguwe wedwa onguNkulunkulu wayo
yonke imibuso yomhlaba; wena wenze amazulu

lomhlaba. 17 Thoba indlebe yakho, Nkosi, uzwe, vula
amehlo akho, Nkosi, ubone; uzwe wonke amazwi
kaSenakheribi awathumele ukuklolodela uNkulunkulu
ophilayo. 18 Qiniso, Nkosi, amakhosi eAsiriya
achithile zonke izizwe lamazwe azo; 19 aphosela
onkulunkulu bazo emlilweni, ngoba babengeyisibo
onkulunkulu, kodwa umsebenzi wezandla zabantu,
izigodo lamatshe; ngalokho bababhubhisa. 20 Ngakho-
ke, Nkosi Nkulunkulu wethu, sisindise esandleni sakhe,
ukuze yonke imibuso yomhlaba yazi ukuthi wena wedwa
uyiNkosi. 21 UIsaya indodana kaAmozi wasethumela
kuHezekhiya, esithi: Itsho njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli: Lokho okukhuleke kimi ngoSenakheribi inkosi
yeAsiriya, 22 leli yilizwi iNkosi elikhulume ngaye:
Intombi emsulwa, indodakazi yeZiyoni iyakudelela,
iyakuklolodela; indodakazi yeJerusalema inikina ikhanda
ngemva kwakho. 23 Ngubani omeyisileyo wamhlambaza?
Njalo uphakamisele bani ilizwi, waphakamisela amehlo
akho phezulu? Umelene loNgcwele kaIsrayeli. 24
Uklolodele iNkosi ngesandla sezinceku zakho, wathi:
Ngobunengi bezinqola zami mina ngenyukele endaweni
ephakemeyo yezintaba, ezinhlangothini zeLebhanoni.
Njalo ngizagamula imisedari yayo emide, ikhethelo
lezihlahla zamafiri ayo, ngingene ekuphakameni
kwemingcele yayo, igusu leKharmeli layo. 25
Mina ngagebha, nganatha amanzi, langengaphansi
yenyawo zami ngomisa yonke imifula yendawo
evinjelweyo. 26 Kawuzwanga yini ukuthi ngakwenza
endulo, ngakubumba ensukwini zendulo? Khathesi
ngikufikisile, ukuthi ube ngowokudiliza imizi evikelweyo
ibe zinqumbi zamanxiwa. 27 Ngakho abahlali bayo
babelesandla esifitshane, besaba, baba lenhloni, baba
njengotshani beganga, lemibhida eluhlaza, utshani
bempahla, lamabele ahanguliweyo engakami. 28
Kodwa ngiyakwazi ukuhlala kwakho, lokuphuma
kwakho, lokungena kwakho, lokungithukuthelela
kwakho. 29 Ngenxa yokungithukuthelela kwakho,
lokuthi umsindo wakho wenyukele endlebeni zami,
ngizakufaka umkhala wami emakhaleni akho, letomu
lami endebeni zakho, ngikwenze ubuyele ngendlela
oweza ngayo. 30 Lokhu-ke kuzakuba yisibonakaliso
kuwe; lonyaka uzakudla okuzikhulelayo; langomnyaka
wesibili umkhukhuzela; kuthi ngomnyaka wesithathu
lihlanyele, livune, lihlanyele izivini, lidle izithelo zazo.
31 Lokuphephileyo kwendlu yakoJuda okuseleyo
kuzaphinda kugxumeke impande phansi, kuthele izithelo
ngaphezulu. 32 Ngoba kuzaphuma eJerusalema insali,
lokuphephileyo entabeni yeZiyoni. Ukutshiseka kweNkosi
yamabandla kuzakwenza lokhu. 33 Ngakho, utsho
njalo uJehova ngenkosi yeAsiriya: Kayiyikungena
kulumuzi, kayiyikutshoka umtshoko khona, kayiyikuza
phambi kwawo ilesihlangu, kayiyikubuthelela idundulu
maqondana lawo. 34 Ngendlela eyeza ngayo, ngayo
izabuyela, njalo kayiyikungena kulo umuzi, itsho iNkosi.
35 Ngoba ngizawuvikela lumuzi ukuwusindisa, ngenxa
yami, langenxa kaDavida inceku yami. 36 Khona
kwaphuma ingilosi yeNkosi, yatshaya enkambeni
yamaAsiriya abazinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi
ayisificaminwembili lanhlanu. Kwathi bevuka ekuseni
kakhulu, khangela-ke, bonke babeyizidumbu ezifileyo. 37
Ngakho uSenakheribi inkosi yeAsiriya wasuka, wahamba
ebuyela, wahlala eNineve. 38 Kwasekusithi ekhonza
endlini kaNisiroki unkulunkulu wakhe, oAdrameleki
loSharezeri amadodana akhe bamtshaya ngenkemba;
bona basebephephela elizweni leArarathi. UEsarihadoni
indodana yakhe wasebusa esikhundleni sakhe.

38 Ngalezonsuku uHezekhiya wagula waphos'ukufa.
UIsaya indodana kaAmozi umprofethi wasefika
kuye, wathi kuye: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Layezela indlu
yakho, ngoba uzakufa, kawuyikuphila. 2 UHezekhiya
wasephendulela ubuso bakhe ngasemdulini, wakhuleka
eNkosini, 3 wathi: Ngiyakuncenga, Nkosi, ake
ukhumbule ukuthi ngihambe phambi kwakho ngobuqotho
langenhliziyo epheleleyo, ngenza okulungileyo emehlweni
akho. UHezekhiya wasekhala inyembezi ngokukhala
okukhulu. 4 Kwasekufika ilizwi leNkosi kuIsaya, lisithi: 5
Hamba, uthi kuHezekhiya: Itsho njalo iNkosi uNkulunkulu
kaDavida uyihlo: Ngiwuzwile umkhuleko wakho, ngibonile
inyembezi zakho; khangela, ngizakwengezelela iminyaka
elitshumi lanhlanu ensukwini zakho, 6 ngikukhulule
wena lalumuzi esandleni senkosi yeAsiriya, ngiwuvikele
lumuzi. 7 Lalesi yisibonakaliso kuwe esivela eNkosini,
esokuthi iNkosi izayenza le into eyikhulumileyo. 8
Khangela, ngizabuyisela emuva isithunzi sezinyathelo
esesehlile ezinyathelweni zelanga zikaAhazi, izinyathelo
ezilitshumi emuva. Ilanga laselibuyela emuva izinyathelo
ezilitshumi, ngezinyathelo elalehle ngazo. 9 Umbhalo
kaHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda lapho egula, esesile
emkhuhlaneni wakhe. 10 Mina ngathi: Ekuqunyweni
kwezinsuku zami ngizakuya emasangweni engcwaba;
ngemukiwe insali yeminyaka yami. (Sheol h7585) 11 Ngathi:
Kangiyikubona uJehova, uJehova elizweni labaphilayo;
kangisayikubona muntu labahlali bomhlaba. 12
Isizukulwana sami sesisukile, sasuswa kimi njengethente
lomelusi; ngiqume impilo yami njengomeluki; uzangiquma
njengomkhuhlane ocikizayo; kusukela emini kuze kube
sebusuku uzangiqeda. 13 Ngabalisa kwaze kwaba
sekuseni; njengesilwane, ngokunjalo uzakwephula
amathambo ami wonke; kusukela emini kuze kube
sebusuku uzangiqeda. 14 Njengenkonjane kumbe ihemu,
ngokunjalo ngatshiyoza; ngilila njengejuba; amehlo ami
afiphala ngokukhangela phezulu. Nkosi, ngicindezelwe;
woba yisibambiso sami. 15 Ngingathini? Ikhulumile kimi,
yona uqobo ikwenzile. Ngizahamba kabuthakathaka
yonke iminyaka yami ebuhlungwini bomphefumulo
wami. 16 Nkosi, ngalezizinto bayaphila, lakuzo zonke
lezizinto kulempilo yomoya wami. Njalo uzangelapha,
ungiphilise. 17 Khangela, kulokuthula ngibe lobuhlungu

obukhulu, kodwa wena uwuthandile umphefumulo wami
wawukhulula egodini lencithakalo, ngoba uphosele
ngemva komhlana wakho zonke izono zami. 18 Ngoba
ingcwaba lingekubonge; ukufa kungekudumise; labo
abehlela emgodini bangelithembele iqiniso lakho. (Sheol
h7585) 19 Ophilayo, ophilayo, yena uzakudumisa,
njengami lamuhla; uyise uzakwazisa abantwana iqiniso
lakho. 20 INkosi yayilungele ukungisindisa; ngakho
sizahlabelela izingoma zami ngamachacho insuku zonke
zempilo yethu endlini yeNkosi. 21 Ngoba uIsaya wayethe:
Kabathathe isigaqa somkhiwa, basifake njengomnameko
phezu kwethumba, njalo uzasila. 22 UHezekhiya laye
wayethe: Siyini isibonakaliso sokuthi ngizakwenyukela
endlini yeNkosi?

39 Ngalesosikhathi uMerodaki-Baladani, indodana
kaBaladani inkosi yeBhabhiloni, wathumela
izincwadi lesipho kuHezekhiya, ngoba wayezwile ukuthi
ubekade egula, useqinile. 2 UHezekhiya wasethokoza
ngazo, wabatshengisa indlu yokuligugu kwakhe, isiliva,
legolide, lamakha, lamafutha amahle, lendlu yonke
yezikhali zakhe, lakho konke okwatholakala kokuligugu
kwakhe; kakubanga lalutho endlini yakhe lembusweni
wakhe wonke uHezekhiya angabatshengisanga lona.
3 Wasefika uIsaya umprofethi enkosini uHezekhiya,
wathi kuyo: Atheni lamadoda? Futhi avele ngaphi
esiza kuwe? UHezekhiya wasesithi: Avele elizweni
elikhatshana esiza kimi, eBhabhiloni. 4 Wasesithi:
Aboneni endlini yakho? UHezekhiya wasesithi: Abone
konke okusendlini yami; kakulalutho phakathi kokuligugu
kwami engingawatshengisanga lona. 5 UIsaya wasesithi
kuHezekhiya: Zwana ilizwi leNkosi yamabandla. 6
Khangela, insuku ziyeza lapho konke okusendlini yakho,
lalokho oyihlo abakubuthelelayo kuze kube lamuhla,
kuzathwalelwa eBhabhiloni; kakuyikusala lutho, kutsho
iNkosi. 7 Njalo bazathatha emadodaneni akho azaphuma
kuwe, ozawazala; njalo abe ngabathenwa esigodlweni
senkosi yeBhabhiloni. 8 UHezekhiya wasesithi kuIsaya:
Ilizwi leNkosi olikhulumileyo lilungile. Wathi futhi: Ngoba
kuzakuba lokuthula leqiniso ensukwini zami.

40 Duduzani, liduduze abantu bami, utsho
uNkulunkulu wenu. 2 Khulumani kunhliziyo
yeJerusalema, limemeze kuyo ukuthi imfazo yayo
iphelelisiwe, ukuthi ububi bayo buthethelelwe, ngoba
yemukele esandleni seNkosi okuphindwe kabili ngazo
zonke izono zayo. 3 Ilizwi lomemezayo ehlanelithi:
Lungisani indlela yeNkosi, lenzele uNkulunkulu wethu
umgwaqo omkhulu oqondileyo enkangala. 4 Sonke
isigodi sizaphakanyiswa, layo yonke intaba loqaqa
kuzakwehliswa; lokugobileyo kuzakwenziwa kuqonde,
lendawo ezimaxhakaxhaka zibe ligceke. 5 Inkazimulo
yeNkosi izabonakaliswa, layo yonke inyama iyibone
kanyekanye, ngoba umlomo weNkosi ukhulumile. 6
Ilizwi lathi: Memeza! Wasesithi: Ngizamemeza ngithini?
Yonke inyama ibutshani, labo bonke ubuhle bayo
bunjengeluba leganga. 7 Utshani buyabuna, iluba
liyawohloka, ngoba uMoya weNkosi uphephetha kukho;
isibili abantu babutshani. 8 Utshani buyabuna, iluba
liyawohloka; kodwa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu wethu limi
kuze kube nini lanini. 9 Wena Ziyoni, oletha izindaba
ezinhle, khwela entabeni ende; wena Jerusalema, oletha
izindaba ezinhle, phakamisa ilizwi lakho ngamandla,
liphakamise ungesabi; tshono emizini yakoJuda uthi:
Khangelani, uNkulunkulu wenu. 10 Khangela, iNkosi
uJehova izakuza ngamandla, lengalo yayo izayibusela;
khangela, umvuzo wayo ilawo, lenkokhelo yayo iphambi
kwayo. 11 Izakwelusa umhlambi wayo njengomelusi,
izabutha amawundlu ngengalo yayo, iwathwale esifubeni
sayo, ikhokhele kuhle ezimunyisayo. 12 Ngubani
olinganise amanzi entendeni yesandla sakhe, walinganisa
amazulu ngeminwe eyeluliweyo, wahlanganisa uthuli
lomhlaba esilinganisweni, walinganisa izintaba ngesikali,
lamaqaqa ngesilinganiso? 13 Ngubani oqondise
uMoya weNkosi, kumbe wamfundisa engumeluleki
wakhe? 14 Yelulekane lobani, owayenza yaqedisisa,
wayifundisa endleleni yesahlulelo, wayifundisa ulwazi,
wayazisa indlela yokuqedisisa? 15 Khangela, izizwe
zinjengethonsi lenkonxa, zibalwa njengothuli lwesikali.
Khangela, uphakamisa izihlenge njengento encinyane
kakhulu. 16 LeLebhanoni kayeneli ukutsha, lenyamazana
zayo kazeneli umnikelo wokutshiswa. 17 Zonke
izizwe zinjengezingasilutho phambi kwayo, zibalwa
kuyo zincinyane kulokungelutho lokuyize. 18 Pho,
lizamfananisa lobani uNkulunkulu, loba mfanekiso
bani elizamlinganisa lawo? 19 Ingcitshi incibilikisa
isithombe esibaziweyo, lomkhandi wegolide uyasinameka
ngegolide, abumbe ngokuncibilikisa amaketane esiliva.
20 Lowo ongumyanga ongelamnikelo ukhetha isihlahla
esingaboliyo, azidingele umbazi oyingcitshi ukuze
alungise isithombe esingayikunyikinywa. 21 Kalazi yini?
Kalizwanga yini? Kalitshelwanga yini kwasekuqaleni?
Kaliqedisisanga yini kwasekusekelweni komhlaba?
22 Kunguye ohlala phezu kwesigombolozi somhlaba,
labahlali bawo banjengentethe; owendlala amazulu
njengekhetheni, awelule njengethente lokuhlala; 23
owenza iziphathamandla zingabi yilutho, enze abehluleli
bomhlaba babe njengeze. 24 Yebo, kabayikugxunyekwa;
yebo, kabayikuhlanyelwa; yebo, isiqu sabo kasiyikugxila
emhlabathini; laye uzaphephetha phezu kwabo, babune;
lesivunguzane sibasuse njengamabibi. 25 Pho,
lizangifananisa lobani, engizafanana laye? kutsho
oNgcwele. 26 Phakamiselani amehlo enu phezulu,
libone odale lezizinto; okhipha ibutho lazo ngenani;
azibize zonke ngamabizo ngobukhulu bamandla akhe,
ngoba eqinile emandleni; kayikho leyodwa esilelayo.
27 Utsholoni, wena Jakobe, ukhulume, wena Israyeli
ukuthi: Indlela yami isithekile eNkosini lesahlulelo sami
sedlulisiwe nguNkulunkulu wami? 28 Kawazi yini,

kawukezwa yini? UNkulunkulu olaphakade, iNkosi,
uMdali wemikhawulo yomhlaba kapheli amandla njalo
kadinwa? Kakuphenyeki ukuqedisisa kwakhe. 29 Inika
abadangeleyo amandla, lakwabangaqinanga yandisa
amandla. 30 Labatsha bazaphelelwa ngamandla,
badinwe, lamajaha azakuwa lokuwa; 31 kodwa abalindela
iNkosi bazavuselela amandla; bazaqonga ngempiko
njengenkozi, bagijime bangadinwa, bahambe bangapheli
amandla.

41 Thulani phambi kwami, zihlenge, kakuthi
abantu bavuselele amandla; kabasondele;
babesebekhuluma; kasisondele kanyekanye kusahlulelo.
2 Ngubani owavusa olungileyo ngasempumalanga?
Wambizela enyaweni lwakhe; wanikela izizwe phambi
kwakhe, wamenza wabusa phezu kwamakhosi,
wawanikela enkembeni yakhe njengothuli, edandilini
lakhe njengezibi eziqhutshelwayo. 3 Waxotshana
lawo, wedlula ephephile, ngendlela angayihambanga
ngenyawo zakhe. 4 Ngubani okusebenzileyo,
wakwenza, ebiza izizukulwana kwasekuqaleni?
Mina iNkosi ngingowokuqala, njalo ngilabokucina;
nginguye. 5 Izihlenge zakubona, zesaba; imikhawulo
yomhlaba yathuthumela; yasondela, yafika. 6
Basiza, ngulowo lalowo umakhelwane wakhe, wonke
wasesithi kumfowabo: Qina! 7 Umbazi waseqinisa
umkhandi wegolide, lololonga ngesando lowo otshaya
isikhandelo, esithi: Kulungele ukunuselwa; wakuqinisa
ngezipikili ukuze kunganyikinyeki. 8 Kodwa wena
Israyeli, nceku yami, Jakobe engikukhethileyo, nzalo
kaAbrahama isithandwa sami, 9 wena engakubambayo
kwasemikhawulweni yomhlaba, ngakubiza ezikhulwini
zawo, ngathi kuwe: Uyinceku yami, ngikukhethile,
kangikulahlanga; 10 ungesabi, ngoba ngilawe,
ungathalathalazi, ngoba mina nginguNkulunkulu wakho;
ngizakuqinisa, yebo ngizakusiza, yebo ngizakusekela
ngesandla sami sokunene esokulunga kwami. 11
Khangela bonke abakuthukuthelelayo bazayangeka
badaniswe, bazakuba njengento engesilutho; labantu
abalwa lawe bazabhubha. 12 Uzabadinga, ungabatholi;
abantu abaphikisana lawe bazakuba njengento
engesilutho, labantu abalwa lawe bazakuba njengeze.
13 Ngoba mina Nkosi, uNkulunkulu wakho, ngibamba
isandla sakho sokunene, ngisithi kuwe: Ungesabi,
mina ngizakusiza. 14 Ungesabi, mpethu enguJakobe,
bantu bakoIsrayeli; mina ngizakusiza, kutsho iNkosi,
lomhlengi wakho, oNgcwele kaIsrayeli. 15 Khangela,
ngizakwenza ube lubhulo olubukhali olutsha, olubukhali
nhlangothi zombili; uzabhula izintaba uzichoboze, wenze
amaqaqa abe njengamakhoba; 16 uzawela, lomoya
uzawasusa, lesivunguzane siwachithachithe; njalo wena
uthokoze ngeNkosi, uzidumise ngoNgcwele kaIsrayeli. 17
Abayanga labaswelayo badinga amanzi, kodwa engekho;
ulimi lwabo lome ngokoma; mina Nkosi ngizabaphendula;
mina Nkulunkulu kaIsrayeli kangiyikubadela. 18
Ngizavula imifula emadundulwini, lemithombo phakathi
kwezigodi; ngizakwenza inkangala ibe yisiziba samanzi,
lomhlabathi owomileyo ube yiziphethu zamanzi. 19
Ngizamisa enkangala umsedari, isihlahla sesinga,
lemiteli, lesihlahla samafutha; ngibeke egwaduleni
isihlahla sefiri, umangwe, lomsayiphuresi ndawonye;
20 ukuze babone, bazi, baqaphelise, baqedisise
kanyekanye, ukuthi isandla seNkosi sikwenzile lokhu,
loNgcwele kaIsrayeli ukudalile. 21 Sondezani indaba
yenu, itsho iNkosi, lisondeze izizatho zenu eziqinileyo,
itsho iNkosi kaJakobe. 22 Kabasondeze, basitshele
okuzakwenzakala; kabakhulume izinto zamandulo, ukuthi
ziyini, ukuze sizibeke enhliziyweni yethu, sazi isiphetho
sazo; loba yenza ukuthi sizwe izinto ezizayo. 23
Tshonini izinto ezizakuza ngasemuva, ukuze sazi ukuthi
lingonkulunkulu; yebo, yenzani okuhle kumbe lenze okubi,
ukuze simangale, sikhangele kanyekanye. 24 Khangelani,
livela kokungekho, lomsebenzi wenu uvela emayeni;
uyisinengiso olikhethayo. 25 Ngimvusileovela enyakatho,
njalo uzafika, evela lapho eliphuma khona ilanga uzabiza
ibizo lami; njalo uzakwehlela phezu kweziphathamandla
njengodaka, lanjengombumbi evoxa ibumba. 26 Ngubani
owabikayo kwasekuqaleni, ukuze sazi, langaphambili
ukuze sitsho ukuthi: Ulungile? Yebo, kakho obikayo,
yebo, kakho ozwakalisayo, yebo, kakho owezwayo
amazwi enu. 27 Owokuqala uzakuthi eZiyoni: Khangela,
ubakhangele; njalo ngizanika iJerusalema oletha izindaba
ezinhle. 28 Ngoba ngakhangela, njalo kwakungelamuntu,
laphakathi kwabo kungekho umeluleki, ukuthi, lapho
ngibabuza, baphendule ilizwi. 29 Khangela, bonke
bayize; imisebenzi yabo kayisilutho; izithombe zabo
ezibunjiweyo zingumoya lokusanganiseka.

42 Khangela inceku yami, engiyisekelayo, umkhethwa
wami, othokoza ngaye umphefumulo wami;
ngibekile uMoya wami phezu kwakhe; uzavezela
izizwe isahlulelo. 2 Kayikumemeza, kayikuphakamisa
ilizwi, kayikwenza ilizwi lakhe lizwakale esitaladeni.
3 Umhlanga ofecekileyo kayikuwephula, lentambo
yesibane ethunqayo kayikuyicitsha; uzaveza isahlulelo
ngeqiniso. 4 Kayikudinwa, kayikwephulwa, aze amise
isahlulelo emhlabeni; lezihlenge zizalindela umlayo
wakhe. 5 Utsho njalo uNkulunkulu iNkosi, owadala
amazulu, wawelula, owendlala umhlaba lalokho
okuphuma kuwo, onika abantu abakuwo ukuphefumula,
lomoya kulabo abahamba kuwo. 6 Mina Nkosi
ngikubizile ngokulunga, ngizabamba isandla sakho,
ngikulondoloze, ngikunike ube yisivumelwano sabantu,
ube yikukhanya kwabezizwe. 7 Ukuthi uvule amehlo
eziphofu, ukuthi ukhuphe izibotshwa entolongweni,
labahlezi emnyameni endlini yezibotshwa. 8 NgiyiNkosi,
lelo libizo lami; lodumo lwami kangiyikulunika omunye,
kumbe indumiso yami ezithombeni ezibaziweyo. 9
Khangela, izinto zamandulo sezifikile; sengimemezela

izinto ezintsha; zingakahlumi ngilitshela ngazo. **10** Hlabelelani iNkosi ingoma entsha, indumiso zayo kusukela emkhawulweni womhlaba; lina elehlela elwandle, lokugcwala kwalo, zihlenge, labahlali bazo. **11** Kakuthi inkangala lemizi yayo kuphakamise ilizwi, lemizi uKedari ahlala kuyo; kakuthi abahlali bedwala bahlabelele, bamemeze besengqongeni yezintaba. **12** Kabayinike udumo iNkosi, bamemezele indumiso yayo ezihlengeni. **13** INkosi izaphuma njengeqhawe, ivuselele ukutshiseka njengendoda yempi; izamemeza, yebo iklabalale, izinqobe izitha zayo. **14** Kwasendulo ngithule, ngathi zwi, ngazibamba; ngizakhala njengowesifazana obelethayo; ngiphefuzele, ngikhefuzele kanyekanye. **15** Ngizabhidliza izintaba lamaqaqa, ngomise konke okuluhlaza kwazo, ngenze imifula ibe yizihlenge, ngomise amachibi. **16** Njalo ngizakwenza iziphofu zihambe ngendlela ezingayaziyo, ngizikhokhelele emikhondweni ezingayaziyo; ngizakwenza umnyama ube yikukhanya phambi kwazo, lezinto ezigobileyo ziqonde; lezizinto ngizazenza kuzo, ngingaziyekeli. **17** Bazabuyiselwa emuva, bayangeke ngenhloni abathembela ezithombeni ezibaziweyo, abathi ezithombeni ezibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa: Lingonkulunkulu bethu. **18** Zwanini lina zacuthe, lani ziphofu likhangele, ukuze libone. **19** Ngubani oyisiphofu ngaphandle kwenceku yami, kumbe oyisacuthe njengesithunywa sami engisithumayo? Ngubani oyisiphofu njengopheleleyo, loyisiphofu njengenceku yeNkosi? **20** Wena ubona izinto ezinengi, kodwa ungaziqaphelisi; yena uvula izindlebe, kodwa kezwa. **21** INkosi iyathokoza ngenxa yokulunga kwayo; ikhulise umlayo, iwenze ube lodumo. **22** Kodwa laba ngabantu abantshontshelwayo baphangwa, bonke bathiyiwe emigodini, bafihlwa ezintolongweni; bangabokuphangwa, njalo kungekho okhululayo; bayimpango, njalo kungabikho othi: Buyisela. **23** Ngubani phakathi kwenu ozabeka indlebe kulokhu, ozalalela azwe esikhathini esizayo? **24** Ngubani owanikela uJakobe ekuphangweni, loIsrayeli kubaphangi? Kwakungeyisiyo yini iNkosi esone kuyo? Ngoba bengavumanga ukuhamba endleleni zayo, njalo bengalalelanga umlayo wayo. **25** Ngakho yathululela phezu kwakhe ukuvutha kolaka lwayo, lamandla empi; njalo kwamthungela ngomlilo inhlangothi zonke, kodwa kakwazanga; kwamtshisa, kodwa kakubekanga enhliziyweni.

43 Kodwa khathesi itsho njalo iNkosi eyakudalayo, wena Jakobe, leyakubumbayo, wena Israyeli: Ungesabi, ngoba ngikuhlengile, ngakubiza ngebizo lakho; ungowami. **2** Lapho udabula emanzini ngizakuba lawe, lemifuleni, kayiyikukukhukhula; lapho uhamba udabula emlilweni, kawuyikutsha, lelangabi kaliyikukulumathisa. **3** Ngoba ngiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, oNgcwele kaIsrayeli, uMsindisi wakho. Nginikele iGibhithe libe lihlawulo lokuthula lakho, iEthiyophiya leSeba esikhundleni sakho. **4** Njengoba wawuligugu emehlweni ami, wawudumile, njalo mina ngikuthandile. Ngakho ngizanika abantu esikhundleni sakho, lezizwe endaweni yempilo yakho. **5** Ungesabi, ngoba ngilawe; ngizaletha inzalo yakho ivela empumalanga, ngikubuthe uvela entshonalanga; **6** ngizakutsho kuyo inyakatho: Phana; lakuningizimu: Ungagodli; lethani amadodana ami akhatshana, lamadodakazi ami asemkhawulweni womhlaba, **7** wonke obizwa ngebizo lami; ngoba ngimdalele udumo lwami, ngimbumbile, yebo ngimenzile. **8** Khuphani abantu abayiziphofu abalamehlo, lezacuthe ezilendlebe. **9** Izizwe zonke kazibuthane ndawonye, labantu bahlangane. Ngubani phakathi kwabo ongamemezela lokhu, asenze sizwe izinto zamandulo? Kabalethe abafakazi babo, ukuze balungisiswe, kumbe bezwe bathi: Kuliqiniso. **10** Lingabafakazi bami, kutsho iNkosi, lenceku yami engiyikhethileyo; ukuze lazi, lingikholwe, liqedisise ukuthi nginguye; ngaphambi kwami kakubunjwanga unkulunkulu, langemva kwami kayikuba khona. **11** Mina, mina ngiyiNkosi; langaphandle kwami kakulamsindisi. **12** Ngimemezele, ngasindisa, ngazwakalisa, kungakabikho unkulunkulu wezizwe phakathi kwenu; ngakho lingabafakazi bami, kutsho iNkosi, ukuthi nginguNkulunkulu. **13** Yebo, kungakabi khona usuku, mina nginguye; njalo kakho ongakhulula esandleni sami; ngizasebenza, njalo ngubani ongakubuyisela emuva? **14** Itsho njalo iNkosi, uMhlengi wenu, oNgcwele kaIsrayeli: Ngenxa yenu ngithumele eBhabhiloni, ngehlisele phansi bonke ababalekayo babo, lamaKhaladiya okukhala kwawo kusemikhunjini. **15** NgiyiNkosi, oNgcwele wenu, uMdali kaIsrayeli, inkosi yenu. **16** Itsho njalo iNkosi, eyenza indlela olwandle, lomkhondo emanzini alamandla, **17** ekhupha inqola lebhiza, ibutho lamandla; kuzalala ndawonye, kakuyikuvuka; kuzaphela du, kucitshe njengentambo yesibane. **18** Lingakhumbuli izinto zakuqala, linganakani ngezinto zendulo. **19** Khangelani, ngizakwenza into entsha; khathesi izahluma, kaliyikuyazi yini? Yebo, ngizakwenza indlela enkangala, imifula ogwaduleni. **20** Inyamazana zeganga zizangidumisa, imigobho lamadodakazi ezintshe; ngoba nginika amanzi enkangala, imifula ogwaduleni, ukunathisa abantu bami, abakhethiweyo bami. **21** Lababantu ngizibumbele bona; bazalandisa udumo lwami. **22** Kanti kawungibizanga, Jakobe, kodwa udiniwe ngami, Israyeli. **23** Kawulethanga kimi izimvu zomnikelo wakho wokutshiswa, kawungihloniphanga ngemihlatshelo yakho. Kangikwenzanga wakhonza ngomnikelo, kangikudinisanga ngempepha. **24** Kawungithengelanga umhlanga olephunga elimnandi ngemali, njalo kawungisuthisanga ngamahwahwa emihlatshelo yakho; kodwa ungenze ngasebenza ngezono zakho, wangidinisa ngeziphambeko zakho. **25** Mina, mina nginguye owesula iziphambeko zakho ngenxa yami, kangiyikuzikhumbula izono zakho. **26**

Ngikhumbuza; kasehlulelane; landisa wena, ukuze
ulungisiswe. 27 Uyihlo wokuqala wona, labachasisi bakho
baphambukile bemelene lami. 28 Ngakho ngingcolise
iziphathamandla zendlu engcwele, nganikela uJakobe
ekutshabalalisweni, loIsrayeli ekuthukweni.

44 Kodwa khathesi zwana, Jakobe nceku yami,
lawe Israyeli engikukhethileyo. 2 Itsho njalo
INkosi umenzi wakho lombumbi wakho kusukela
esiswini, ezakusiza: Ungesabi, Jakobe, nceku yami, lawe
Jeshuruni engikukhethileyo. 3 Ngoba ngizathela amanzi
phezu kwakhe owomileyo, lezikhukhula emhlabathini
owomileyo; ngizathela umoya wami phezu kwenzalo
yakho, lesibusiso sami phezu kwembewu yakho.
4 Bazahluma phakathi kotshani, njengeminyezane
ngasezifuleni zamanzi. 5 Omunye uzakuthi: Mina
ngingoweNkosi; lomunye azibize ngebizo likaJakobe,
lomunye abhale esandleni sakhe ukuthi: NgingoweNkosi;
azibonge ngebizo likaIsrayeli. 6 Utsho njalo uJehova,
inkosi yakoIsrayeli, loMhlengi wakhe, iNkosi yamabandla:
Ngingowokuqala njalo ngingowokucina; njalo ngaphandle
kwami kakho uNkulunkulu. 7 Njalo ngubani ongabiza
njengami, akumemezele, angihlelele khona, kusukela
ngimisa abantu bendulo? Lezinto ezizayo, lezizakuza,
kabazimemezele kubo. 8 Lingatshaywa luvalo,
lingesabi; kangikuzwisanga yini kusukela ngalesosikhathi,
ngakumemezela? Njalo lina lingabafakazi bami.
Kukhona yini uNkulunkulu ngaphandle kwami?
Yebo, kalikho elinye iDwala; kangilazi. 9 Bonke
ababumba izithombe ezibaziweyo bayize, lezinto zabo
ezithandekayo kazisizi lutho; labo bangabafakazi babo,
kababoni, kabazi; ukuze bayangeke. 10 Ngubani
obumbe unkulunkulu, loba wabumba ngokuncibilikisa
isithombe esibaziweyo esingasizi lutho? 11 Khangela,
bonke abangane bakhe bazayangeka; lababazi
bangababantu; kababuthane bonke, basukume;
bazakwesaba, bayangeke kanyekanye. 12 Umkhandi
wensimbiukhanda ihloka, asebenze emalahleni, alibumbe
ngezando, alisebenze ngamandla engalo yakhe; yebo,
alambe, aze aphele amandla; kanathi manzi, aze adinwe.
13 Umbazi welula intambo yokulinganisa, adwebe
ngosungulo, asenze ngezancele, asidwebe ngekhampasi,
asenze ngomfanekiso womuntu, ngokobuhle bomuntu,
ukuze sihlale endlini. 14 Uzigamulela imisedari, athathe
umsayiphuresi lesihlahla se-okhi, aziqinisela zona
phakathi kwezihlahla zegusu, ahlanyele ifiri, lezulu
liyikhulise. 15 Kuzakuba-ke ngokomuntu ukuthi akubase,
njalo uzathatha kukho, othe; yebo akubase, abhake
isinkwa; yebo enze unkulunkulu, amkhonze, enze
isithombe esibaziweyo, akhothame kuso. 16 Atshise
ingxenye yakho emlilweni; ngengxenye yakho adle
inyama, ose amawoso asuthe; yebo, uyotha athi: Alala!
ngiyakhudumala, ngiwubonile umlilo. 17 Njalo okuseleyo
kwakho akwenze kube ngunkulunkulu, kube yisithombe
sakhe esibaziweyo; akhothame kuso, akhonze, akhuleke
kuso athi: Ngophula, ngoba ungunkulunkulu wami. 18
Kabazanga, kabaqedisisanga; ngoba ebhade amehlo abo
ukuze bangaboni; lenhliziyo zabo ukuze bangaqedisisi.
19 Kakho ocabanga enhliziyweni yakhe, njalo kakulalwazi
njalo kakulakuqedisisa kokuthi: Ngibasile ingxenye yakho
emlilweni, yebo ngibhake isinkwa phezu kwamalahle
akho, ngosa inyama, ngayidla; kambe ngizakwenza insali
yakho isinengiso yini? Ngizakhothamela okwesihlahla
yini? 20 Udla umlotha; inhliziyo ekhohlisiweyo
imphambule, okokuthi angekhulule umphefumulo wakhe
njalo kathi: Kakulamanga yini esandleni sami sokunene?
21 Khumbula lezizinto, Jakobe, lawe Israyeli, ngoba
uyinceku yami; ngikubumbile, uyinceku yami. Wena
Israyeli, kawuyikukhohlwa yimi. 22 Ngesule iziphambeko
zakho njengeyezi elinzima, lanjengeyezi izono zakho;
buyela kimi, ngoba ngikuhlengile. 23 Hlabelelani, lina
mazulu, ngoba iNkosi ikwenzile; memezani, zindawo
eziphansi zomhlaba; qhamukani lihlabele, zintaba, gusu,
laso sonke isihlahla esiphakathi kwakho; ngoba iNkosi
imhlengile uJakobe, yazidumisa koIsrayeli. 24 Itsho njalo
iNkosi, uMhlengi wakho, leyakubumba kwasesiswini:
NgiyiNkosi eyenza zonke izinto; eyendlala amazulu,
mina ngedwa; eyeneka umhlaba ngokwami; 25 efubisa
izibonakaliso zabaqambimanga; yenze izanuse zihlanye;
ebuyisela emuva abahlakaniphileyo; yenze ulwazi lwabo
lube yibuthutha; 26 eqinisa ilizwi lenceku yayo; ifeze
amacebo ezithunywa zayo; ethi kuyo iJerusalema:
Uzahlalwa; lemizini yakoJuda: Lizakwakhiwa; futhi
ngizavusa amanxiwa ayo; 27 etshoyo enzikini: Tshana;
njalo ngizakomisa imifula yakho; 28 etshoyo ngoKoresi:
Ungumelusi wami, uzaphelelisa intokozo yami yonke;
ithi lakuJerusalema: Kayakhiwe; lethempelini: Isisekelo
sakho kasibekwe.

45 Itsho njalo iNkosi kogcotshiweyo wayo, kuKoresi,
osandla sakhe sokunene ngisibambile ukuze
ngehlisele phansi izizwe phambi kwakhe; ngithukulule
izinkalo zamakhosi, ukuvula phambi kwakhe amasango
alezivalo ezimbili, lamasango angavalwa. 2 Mina
ngizahamba phambi kwakho, ngenze indawo ezigobileyo
ziqonde, ngiphahlaze izivalo zethusi, ngiqume phakathi
imigoqo yensimbi. 3 Ngizakunika okuligugu kobumnyama,
lenotho ethukuziweyo yezindawo ezisithekileyo, ukuze
wazi ukuthi mina Nkosi, engikubiza ngebizo lakho,
nginguNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli. 4 Ngenxa yenceku yami
uJakobe, loIsrayeli umkhethwa wami, ngikubizile ngitsho
ngebizo lakho, ngakunika isibongo, lanxa ungangazanga.
5 NgiyiNkosi, njalo kakho omunye, ngaphandle kwami
kakulaNkulunkulu; ngikubhincisile lanxa ungangazanga.
6 Ukuze bazi kusukela lapho eliphuma khona ilanga,
njalo kusukela entshonalanga, ukuthi kakho omunye
ngaphandle kwami; ngiyiNkosi, njalo kakho omunye.
7 Ngibumba ukukhanya, ngidale umnyama; ngenza
ukuthula, ngidale ububi; mina Nkosi ngenza zonke
lezizinto. 8 Thontisani, mazulu, kuvela phezulu,

lamayezi athulule ukulunga; umhlaba kawuvuleke,
njalo kuthele usindiso, njalo kakuthi ukulunga kumile
kanyekanye; mina Nkosi ngikudalile. 9 Maye kuye
ophikisana loMbumbi wakhe, udengezi lezindengezi
zomhlabathi! Ibumba lizakutsho yini kolibumbayo ukuthi:
Wenzani? kumbe: Umsebenzi wakho, kawulazandla
yini? 10 Maye kuye othi kuyise: Uzalani? kumbe
kowesifazana: Ubeletheni? 11 Itsho njalo iNkosi,
oNgcwele kaIsrayeli, loMbumbi wakhe: Buzani kimi
ngezinto ezizayo, ngamadodana ami, langomsebenzi
wezandla zami liyangilaya. 12 Mina ngiwenzile umhlaba,
ngadala umuntu phezu kwawo; mina, izandla zami
zendlale amazulu, ngalawula amabutho awo wonke. 13
Mina ngimvusile ngokulunga, njalo ngizaqondisa zonke
izindlela zakhe; yena uzakwakha umuzi wami, akhulule
abathunjiweyo bami, hatshi ngentengo njalo hatshi
ngesivalamlomo, kutsho iNkosi yamabandla. 14 Itsho
njalo iNkosi: Umsebenzi weGibhithe, lokuthengiswayo
kweEthiyophiya lokwamaShebha, amadoda amade,
kuzadlulela kuwe, kuzakuba ngokwakho; bazakulandela,
bedlule besemaketaneni, bakhothame kuwe, balabhele
kuwe besithi: Isibili uNkulunkulu ukuwe, njalo kakho
omunye, kakho omunye uNkulunkulu. 15 Isibili
unguNkulunkulu ozifihlayo, uNkulunkulu wakoIsrayeli,
uMsindisi. 16 Bazayangeka, ngitsho babe lenhloni,
bonke; bazahamba belehlazo kanyekanye ababazi
bezithombe. 17 Kodwa uIsrayeli uzasindiswa eNkosini
ngosindiso olulaphakade; kaliyikuyangeka, kaliyikuba
lenhloni, kuze kube nini lanini. 18 Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi
eyadala amazulu, yona enguNkulunkulu, eyabumba
umhlaba yawenza; yona yawumisa, ingawudalelanga ize,
yawubumbela ukuze kuhlalwe kuwo: NgiyiNkosi, njalo
kakho omunye. 19 Kangikhulumelanga ekusithekeni,
endaweni emnyama yomhlaba; kangitshongo kuyo
inzalo kaJakobe ukuthi: Ngidingani ngeze. Mina Nkosi
ngikhuluma iqiniso, ngimemezela izinto eziqotho.
20 Buthanani libuye; sondelani kanyekanye, lina
elaphunyuka ezizweni; abathwala izigodo zezithombe
zabo ezibaziweyo kabazi, abakhuleka kunkulunkulu
ongelakusindisa. 21 Tshelani, libasondeze; yebo
kabacebisane kanyekanye: Ngubani owazwakalisa lokhu
kwasendulo? Owakukhulumayo kusukela kulesosikhathi
na? Kakusimi iNkosi yini? Njalo kakho omunye
uNkulunkulu ngaphandle kwami, uNkulunkulu olungileyo
loMsindisi; kakho ngaphandle kwami. 22 Khangelani
kimi, lisindiswe, lina lonke mikhawulo yomhlaba; ngoba
nginguNkulunkulu, njalo kakho omunye. 23 Ngizifungile
mina, ilizwi liphumile emlonyeni wami ngokulunga,
njalo kaliyikuphenduka, elithi: Kimi lonke idolo lizaguqa,
lonke ulimi luzafunga. 24 Ngeqiniso, omunye uzakuthi:
ENkosini ngilokulunga lamandla; kuyo bazakuza; kodwa
bonke abayithukuthelelayo bazayangeka. 25 ENkosini
yonke inzalo yakoIsrayeli izalungisiswa, izincome.

46 UBeli uyakhothama, uNebo uyazithoba; izithombe
zabo zazingezezifuyo, njalo zazingezezinkomo;
imithwalo yenu ethwelweyo ingumthwalo enyamazaneni
ediniweyo. 2 Bayaguqa, bakhothame kanyekanye,
kabalakophula umthwalo, kodwa bona ngokwabo
baya ekuthunjweni. 3 Ngilalela, ndlu kaJakobe,
lensali yonke yendlu kaIsrayeli, abathwalwa yimi
kwasesibelethweni, abasingathwe kwasesizalweni. 4
Kuze kube sekugugeni nginguye; yebo, kuze kube
sebumpungeni mina ngizalithwala; mina ngenzile, mina-
ke ngizaphakamisa, ngitsho mina ngithwale, ngikhulule.
5 Lizangifananisa, lingilinganise, lingiqathanise lobani
ukuze sifanane? 6 Bathulula igolide esikhwameni,
balinganise isiliva esilinganisweni, baqhatshe umkhandi
akwenze unkulunkulu; bathi mbo phansi, yebo,
bakhonze. 7 Bametshata ehlombe, bamthwale, bambeke
endaweni yakhe, ame; angasuki endaweni yakhe.
Yebo, umuntu ememeza kuye, kodwa kaphenduli,
kamsindisi enkathazweni yakhe. 8 Khumbulani
lokhu, lizibonakalise liqinile; kubuyiseleni enhliziyweni,
lina bahlamuki. 9 Khumbulani izinto zakuqala
zendulo; ngoba nginguNkulunkulu, njalo kakho omunye;
nginguNkulunkulu, njalo kakho ofanana lami; 10
engimemezela isiphetho kwasekuqaleni, njalo kusukela
endulo izinto ezingakenziwa, ngisithi: Icebo lami
lizakuma, njalo ngizakwenza yonke intokozo yami;
11 engibiza inyoni edla inyama ivela empumalanga,
umuntu wecebo lami evela elizweni elikhatshana;
yebo, ngikhulumile, yebo, ngizakufeza; ngikumisile,
yebo, ngizakwenza. 12 Ngilalelani, lina abalenhliziyo
eziqinileyo, lina elikhatshana lokulunga. 13 Ngiyasondeza
ukulunga kwami, kakuyikuba khatshana; losindiso lwami
kaluyikuphuza; kodwa ngizanika usindiso eZiyoni, udumo
lwami koIsrayeli.

47 Yehla, uhlale othulini, ntombi emsulwa,
ndodakazi yeBhabhiloni; hlala emhlabathini;
akulasihlalo sobukhosi, ndodakazi yamaKhaladiya;
ngoba kawusayikubizwa ngokuthi uthambile njalo
ubuthakathaka. 2 Thatha amatshe okuchola, uchole
impuphu, wembule isimbombozo sakho, ukhwince
ilogwe, uveze umlenze, uchaphe imifula. 3
Ubunqunu bakho buzakwembulwa, yebo, ihlazo lakho
libonakale. Ngizaphindisela, ngingahlangani lawe
njengomuntu. 4 UMhlengi wethu, iNkosi yamabandla
libizo lakhe, oyiNgcwele kaIsrayeli. 5 Hlala ngokuthula,
ungene emnyameni, ndodakazi yamaKhaladiya; ngoba
kawusayikubizwa ngokuthi: Nkosikazi yemibuso. 6
Ngabathukuthelela abantu bami, ngangcolisa ilifa
lami, ngabanikela esandleni sakho; kawubenzelanga
izihawu; walenza laba nzima kakhulu ijogwe lakho
phezu komdala. 7 Wena wathi: Ngizakuba yinkosikazi
njalonjalo; kawukabeki lezizinto enhliziyweni yakho,
kawukhumbulanga isiphetho sakho. 8 Khathesi-ke zwana
lokhu, wena ozithokozisayo, ohlezi uvikelekile, othi

enhliziyweni yakho: Yimi, njalo kakho omunye ngaphandle
kwami; kangiyikuhlala okomfelokazi, kangiyikwazi
ukufelwa ngabantwana. 9 Kodwa lezizinto ezimbili
zizakwehlela ngokucwayiza kwelihlo ngasuku lunye:
Ukufelwa ngabantwana lobufelokazi; kuzakwehlela
phezu kwakho ngokuphelela kwakho, ngenxa yobunengi
bobuthakathi bakho, ngenxa yobunengi obukhulu
bamalumbo akho. 10 Ngoba wathembela ebubini bakho,
wathi: Kakho ongibonayo. Inhlakanipho yakho lolwazi
lwakho khona kwakuphambula, wathi enhliziyweni yakho:
Yimi, njalo kakho omunye ngaphandle kwami. 11 Ngakho
ububi buzakwehlela, kawusoze wazi lapho obenyuka
khona; lengozi izakwehlela, ongelakho ukwenza
inhlawulo yokuthula ngayo; lencithakalo ihle yehlele
phezu kwakho, ungazi. 12 Mana khathesi ngamalumbo
akho langobunengi bobuthakathi bakho otshikatshike
kukho kusukela ebutsheni bakho; mhlawumbe uzakuba
lakho ukuba lenzuzo, mhlawumbe unqobe. 13
Udiniwe ebunengini bamacebo akho; kakuthi basukume
khathesi abahloli bamazulu, abakhangela izinkanyezi,
abazisa ngezinyanga, bakusindise kwezizakwehlela. 14
Khangela, bazakuba njengamabibi; umlilo uzabatshisa;
kabayikuzophula emandleni elangabi; lingabikho ilahle
lokotha, umlilo wokuhlala phambi kwawo. 15 Bazakuba
njalo kuwe labo owatshikatshika labo, owathengiselana
labo kusukela ebutsheni bakho; bazazulazula, ngulowo
lalowo ngendlela yakhe; kakuyikuba lomsindisi wakho.

48 Zwanini lokhu, lina ndlu kaJakobe, elabizwa
ngebizo likaIsrayeli, elaphuma emanzini akoJuda,
elifunga ngebizo leNkosi, elikhumbuza ngoNkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli, kodwa kungeyisikho ngeqiniso, njalo
kungeyisikho ngokulunga. 2 Ngoba bazibiza ngokuthi
bangabomuzi oyingcwele, beseyama kuNkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli; iNkosi yamabandla libizo lakhe. 3
Ngamemezela izinto zamandulo kwasekuqaleni,
zaphuma emlonyeni wami, ngazizwakalisa; ngenza
masinyane, zafika. 4 Ngoba ngangisazi ukuthi ulukhuni,
lentamo yakho ingumsipha wensimbi, lebunzi lakho
lilithusi; 5 ngitsho kwasekuqaleni ngamemezela
kuwe, kungakenzakali ngakwenza wakuzwa, hlezi
uthi: Isithombe sami sizenzile, lesithombe sami
esibaziweyo, lesithombe sami esibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa
sikulayile. 6 Usuzwile, khangela konke lokhu; njalo
kaliyikukumemezela yini? Ngikwenze uzwe izinto ezintsha
kusukela khathesi, lezinto ezifihlakeleyo obungazazi.
7 Zidalwe khathesi, kungeyisikho ekuqaleni; ngitsho
lungakafiki lolusuku ungakezwa ngazo, hlezi uthi:
Khangela, bengizazi. 8 Yebo, kawuzwanga; yebo,
kawazanga; yebo, kusukela ngalesosikhathi indlebe
yakho yayingavulekanga; ngoba bengisazi ukuthi
uzakwenza lokwenza ngenkohliso, wabizwa ngokuthi
uyisiphambuki kusukela esizalweni. 9 Ngenxa yebizo
lami ngizaphuzisa ulaka lwami, langenxa yodumo lwami
ngizibambe ngawe, ukuze ngingakuqumi. 10 Khangela,
ngikuhlolile, kodwa hatshi ngesiliva, ngikukhethile
esithandweni senhlupheko. 11 Ngenxa yami, ngenxa
yami ngiyakwenza; ngoba ibizo lami lingangcoliswa
njani? Njalo kangiyikunika udumo lwami komunye.
12 Ngilalela, Jakobe, lawe Israyeli obiziweyo wami:
Nginguye; ngingowokuqala, njalo ngingowokucina. 13
Isandla sami laso sabeka isisekelo somhlaba, lesandla
sami sokunene sendlale amazulu; lapho ngikubiza,
kuyasukuma kanyekanye. 14 Buthanani lina lonke,
lizwe; ngubani phakathi kwabo omemezele lezizinto?
INkosi imthandile; izakwenza intando yayo eBhabhiloni,
lengalo yayo izakuba phezu kwamaKhaladiya. 15 Mina
uqobo ngikhulumile; yebo ngambiza, ngimlethile, njalo
uzaphumelelisa indlela yakhe. 16 Sondelani kimi, lizwe
lokhu; kangikhulumanga ensitha kusukela ekuqaleni;
kusukela kulesosikhathi kusenzeka, ngikhona. Khathesi-
ke iNkosi uJehova kanye loMoya wayo ingithumile.
17 Itsho njalo iNkosi, uMhlengi wakho, oNgcwele
kaIsrayeli: NgiyiNkosi, uNkulunkulu wakho, ekufundisa
okukusizayo, ekukhokhela ngendlela ofanele ukuthi
uhambe ngayo. 18 Kungathi ngabe walalela imilayo yami!
Khona ukuthula kwakho kwakuzakuba njengomfula,
lokulunga kwakho njengamagagasi olwandle. 19 Inzalo
yakho layo yayizakuba njengetshebetshebe, lembewu
yemibilini yakho njengezinhlamvu zalo; ibizo lawo
belingayikuqunywa kumbe lichithwe lisuke phambi kwami.
20 Phumani eBhabhiloni, libalekele amaKhaladiya,
limemeze ngelizwi lokuhlabelela, likuzwakalise,
likuphumisele ngasemkhawulweni womhlaba, lithi: INkosi
ihlengile inceku yayo uJakobe. 21 Njalo kabomanga
lapho ibakhokhela bedabula izinkangala; yenza amanzi
abagelezela evela edwaleni, futhi yaqhekeza idwala,
lamanzi ampompoza. 22 Akulakuthula, itsho INkosi,
kwabakhohlakeleyo.

49 Ngilalelani, zihlenge; lizwe, lina bantu
abakhatshana: INkosi ingibizile ngisesiswini;
ngisemibilini kamama yaqamba ibizo lami. 2 Yasisenza
umlomo wami waba njengenkemba ebukhali, yangifihla
ngaphansi komthunzi wesandla sayo; yangenza
ngibe ngumtshoko ololiweyo, yangifihla esambeni
sayo semitshoko. 3 Yathi kimi: Uyinceku yami,
Israyeli, engizazidumisa ngayo. 4 Ngasengisithi mina:
Ngitshikatshikele ize, amandla ami ngiwachithele
okungelutho lokuyize; qiniso, isahlulelo sami siseNkosini,
lomvuzo wami ukuNkulunkulu wami. 5 Khathesi-
ke itsho iNkosi, eyangibumba kwasesiswini ukuba
yinceku yayo yokubuyisela uJakobe kuyo; lanxa
uIsrayeli engabuthwanga, kube kanti ngizadunyiswa
emehlweni eNkosi; njalo uNkulunkulu wami uzakuba
ngamandla ami. 6 Yasisithi: Kuyinto encane ukuthi ube
yinceku yami yokuvusa izizwe zikaJakobe, lokubuyisela
abalondoloziweyo bakoIsrayeli; ngizakupha futhi ube

yikukhanya kwabezizwe, ukuze ube lusindiso lwami kuze
kube semkhawulweni womhlaba. 7 Itsho njalo iNkosi,
uMhlengi kaIsrayeli, oNgcwele wakhe, kumphefumulo
odelelwayo, kuye onengwa yisizwe, kunceku yababusi:
Amakhosi azabona asukume, iziphathamandla lazo
zizakhonza, ngenxa yeNkosi ethembekileyo, oNgcwele
kaIsrayeli, ekukhethileyo. 8 Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ngesikhathi
esemukelekayo ngikuphendulile, langosuku losindiso
ngikusizile; njalo ngizakulondoloza, ngikunike ube
yisivumelwano sabantu, ukuvuselela umhlaba, ukubenza
badle amafa achithekileyo, 9 ukuze uthi kuzibotshwa:
Phumani; kwabasemnyameni: Zivezeni. Bazakudla
ezindleleni, ledlelo labo libe semadundulwini wonke. 10
Kabayikulamba, kumbe bome, njalo ukutshisa kumbe
ilanga kakuyikubatshaya, ngoba yena olesihawu kibo
uzabakhokhela, lemithonjeni yamanzi uzabaqondisa. 11
Njalo ngizakwenza zonke intaba zami zibe yindlela,
lemigwaqo yami iphakame. 12 Khangela laba bazavela
khatshana, njalo khangela laba ngasenyakatho
langasentshonalanga, lalaba elizweni leSinimi. 13
Hlabelelani, mazulu, uthokoze, lawe mhlaba, lihlokome
ngokuhlabela, lani zintaba, ngoba iNkosi ibaduduzile
abantu bayo, izakuba lesihawu kwabahluphekileyo
bayo. 14 Kodwa iZiyoni yathi: UJehova ungidelile,
njalo iNkosi yami ingikhohliwe. 15 Owesifazana
angamkhohlwa yini umntanakhe omunyayo, ukuba
angabi lasihawu kuyo indodana yesisu sakhe? Yebo,
bona bangakhohlwa, kodwa mina kangiyikukukhohlwa.
16 Khangela, ngikubhale ngokugubha ezintendeni
zezandla; imiduli yakho ihlezi iphambi kwami. 17
Abantwana bakho bazaphangisa; abachithi bakho
labakumotshayo bazaphuma kuwe. 18 Phakamisa
amehlo akho inhlangothi zonke, ukhangele; bonke
laba bayabuthana, beze kuwe. Kuphila kwami, itsho
iNkosi, isibili, uzazigqokisa ngabo bonke njengesiceciso,
uzibhince ngabo njengomakoti. 19 Ngoba indawo zakho
ezichithekileyo lamanxiwa akho, lelizwe lencithakalo
yakho, isibili khathesi lizaminyana kakhulu ngenxa
yabahlali; lalabo abakuginyayo bazakuba khatshana. 20
Abantwana bokufelwa kwakho bazakuthi futhi endlebeni
zakho: Lindawo iminyene kakhulu kimi; ngivulela
indawo ukuze ngihlale! 21 Khona uzakuthi enhliziyweni
yakho: Ngubani ongizalele laba, njengoba ngafelwa
ngabantwana, ngaba njengenyumba, ngingumthunjwa,
ngisiwa le lale? Njalo ngubani okhulise laba? Khangela
mina ngangisele ngedwa; laba babengaphi? 22 Itsho
njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngizaphakamisela izizwe
isandla sami, ngimise uphawu lwami ebantwini; njalo
bazaletha amadodana akho esifubeni, lamadodakazi
akho bewetshete. 23 Lamakhosi azakuba ngabondli
bakho, lezindlovukazi zawo zibe ngabalizane bakho.
Bazakukhothamela ngobuso emhlabathini, bakhothe
uthuli lwezinyawo zakho. Njalo uzakwazi ukuthi mina
ngiyiNkosi, ngoba abangithembayo kabayikuyangeka. 24
Impango izathathwa yini kolamandla, kumbe umthunjwa
ngokomthetho akhululwe? 25 Kodwa itsho njalo
iNkosi: Yebo, abathunjiweyo beqhawe bazathathwa,
lempango yabesabekayo izakophulwa; ngoba mina
ngizalwisana laye olwisana lawe, mina-ke ngisindise
abantwana bakho. 26 Njalo ngizadlisa abacindezeli
bakho eyabo inyama, badakwe ngelabo igazi kungathi
ngewayini elimnandi. Njalo yonke inyama izakwazi ukuthi
mina Nkosi nginguMsindisi wakho, loMhlengi wakho,
oLamandla kaJakobe.

50 Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ingaphi incwadi yesehlukaniso
kanyoko engamlahla ngayo? Loba ngubani
kubakweledisi bami engilithengise kuye? Khangelani,
lathengiswa ngenxa yobubi benu, langenxa
yeziphambeko zenu unyoko walahlwa. 2 Kungani
ekufikeni kwami kwakungelamuntu? Ngibiza, kodwa
engekho ophendulayo? Isandla sami sifinyeziwe
lokufinyezwa yini ukuthi singehlenge? Kumbe
kakulamandla kimi okukhulula yini? Khangela
ngokukhuza kwami ngomisa ulwandle, ngenza imifula
ibe yinkangala; izinhlanzi zayo zibe levumba ngoba
kungelamanzi, zife ngenxa yokoma. 3 Ngigqokisa
amazulu ngobumnyama, ngenze isaka libe yisembeso
sawo. 4 INkosi uJehova inginike ulimi lwabafundileyo,
ukuze ngazi ukukhuluma ilizwi ngesikhathi esifaneleyo
kokhatheleyo. Iyavuka ukusa ngokusa; ivusa indlebe
yami, ukuze ngizwe njengabafundileyo. 5 INkosi
uJehova ivule indlebe yami, njalo mina kangibanga
lenkani, kangibuyelanga emuva. 6 Nganika umhlana
wami kubatshayi, lezihlathi zami kulabo abacutha
indevu; kangifihlanga ubuso bami ehlazweni elikhulu
lamathe. 7 Ngoba iNkosi uJehova izangisiza;
ngakho-ke kangiyangiswa; ngakho-ke ngimise
ubuso bami njengensengetshe, njalo ngiyazi ukuthi
kangiyikuyangeka. 8 Useduze yena ongilungisisayo.
Ngubani ongalwisana lami? Kasime ndawonye. Ngubani
ummangaleli wami? Kasondele kimi. 9 Khangela,
iNkosi uJehova izangisiza; ngubani ozangilahla?
Khangela, bonke bazaguga njengesembatho; inundu
izabadla. 10 Ngubani phakathi kwenu oyesabayo
iNkosi, olalela ilizwi lenceku yayo, ohamba emnyameni,
njalo engelakukhanya? Kathembele ebizweni leNkosi,
eyame kuNkulunkulu wakhe. 11 Khangelani, lina lonke
eliphemba umlilo, elizigombolozela ngenhlansi: Hambani
ekukhanyeni komlilo wenu, lenhlansini elizibasileyo.
Lokhu kuzakwenzakala kini kuvela esandleni sami;
lizalala phansi ngobuhlungu.

51 Lalelani kimi, lina elidingisisa ukulunga, lina
elidinga iNkosi; khangelani edwaleni elacezulwa
kulo, lemlindini wegodi elagejwa kuwo. 2 Khangelani
kuAbrahama uyihlo, lakuSara owalizalayo; ngoba
ngambiza eyedwa, ngambusisa, ngamandisa. 3
Ngoba iNkosi izayiduduza iZiyoni, iduduze wonke

amanxiwa ayo, njalo izakwenza inkangala yayo ifanane
leEdeni, logwadule lwayo lufanane lensimu yeNkosi;
injabulo lentokozo kuzatholakala kuyo, ukubonga
lelizwi lokuhlabelela. 4 Lalelani kimi, bantu bami,
libeke indlebe kimi, sizwe sami; ngoba umlayo
uzaphuma kimi, njalo ngizakwenza ukwahlulela kwami
kuphumule kube yikukhanya kwabantu. 5 Ukulunga
kwami kuseduze, usindiso lwami luphumile, lengalo
zami zizakwehlulela abantu; izihlenge zingilindele,
zithembele engalweni yami. 6 Phakamiselani amehlo
enu emazulwini, likhangele emhlabeni phansi; ngoba
amazulu azanyamalala njengentuthu, lomhlaba uguge
njengesembatho, labahlezi kuwo bafe ngokunjalo; kodwa
usindiso lwami luzakuba phakade, lokulunga kwami
kakuyikuchithwa. 7 Lalelani kimi, lina elazi ukulunga,
abantu abamlayo wami usenhliziyweni yabo; lingesabi
ukusola kwabantu, kumbe lethuswe yizithuko zabo.
8 Ngoba inundu izabadla njengesembatho, lempethu
ibadle njengoboya bezimvu, kodwa ukulunga kwami
kuzakuba laphakade, losindiso lwami esizukulwaneni
lezizukulwana. 9 Vuka, vuka, uzembathise amandla,
wena ngalo yeNkosi; vuka njengensukwini zendulo,
ezizukulwaneni zaphakade. Kawusuwe yini lowo
owaquma iRahabi, wagwaza umgobho? 10 Kawusuwe
yini lowo owomisa ulwandle, amanzi enziki enkulu,
owenza ukujula kolwandle kwaba yindlela yokuchapha
kwabahlengiweyo? 11 Ngakho abahlengiweyo beNkosi
bazaphenduka, beze eZiyoni ngokuhlabelela; lentokozo
elaphakade izakuba phezu kwekhanda labo; bazazuza
intokozo lenjabulo, usizi lokububula kuzabaleka. 12
Mina, mina nginguye oliduduzayo; ungubani wena
ozakwesaba umuntu ozakufa, lendodana yomuntu
ezakwenziwa ibe njengotshani? 13 Ubusukhohlwa
iNkosi, umenzi wakho, eyendlala amazulu, yabeka
izisekelo zomhlaba, uqhubeka usesaba usuku lonke
ngenxa yentukuthelo yomcindezeli, kungathi uzimisele
ukuchitha? Ingaphi-ke intukuthelo yomcindezeli? 14
Isibotshwa esithunjiweyo siyaphangisa ukuze sikhululwe;
singafeli emgodini, lokudla kwaso kungasweleki. 15
Ngoba ngiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho eyavusa ulwandle
ukuze amagagasi alo ahlokome; iNkosi yamabandla
libizo layo. 16 Njalo ngifakile amazwi ami emlonyeni
wakho, ngakusibekela emthunzini wesandla sami, ukuze
ngihlanyele amazulu, ngibeke izisekelo zomhlaba,
ngithi kuyo iZiyoni: Wena uyisizwe sami. 17 Vuka,
vuka, usukume, Jerusalema, wena onathe esandleni
seNkosi inkezo yolaka lwayo, wanatha inzece zenkezo
yokudengezela, wazikhoca. 18 Kakho ongayikhokhela
kuwo wonke amadodana ewazeleyo; njalo kakho
ongayibamba ngesandla kuwo wonke amadodana
ewakhulisileyo. 19 Lokhu kokubili kukwehlele, ngubani
ozakuzwela usizi? Incithakalo, lokubhujiswa, lendlala,
lenkemba; ngizakududuza ngobani? 20 Amadodana
akho aphelelwe ngamandla, alele esihlokweni sezitalada
zonke, njengenkunzi yendle embuleni; agcwele ulaka
lweNkosi, ukukhuza kukaNkulunkulu wakho. 21
Ngakho khathesi zwana lokhu, wena ohluphekayo
lodakiweyo, kodwa hatshi ngewayini. 22 Itsho njalo iNkosi
yakho, uJehova loNkulunkulu wakho olabhelela udaba
lwabantu bakhe: Khangela, ngisusile esandleni sakho
inkezo yokudengezela, inzece zenkezo yolaka lwami,
kawusayikuyinatha futhi. 23 Kodwa ngizayibeka esandleni
salabo abakuhluphayo, abathe emphefumulweni wakho:
Khothama, ukuze sedlule phezulu; usubeke umhlana
wakho njengomhlabathi, lanjengesitalada kwabadlula
phezulu.

52 Vuka, vuka, wembathe amandla akho, Ziyoni!
Yembatha izembatho zakho ezinhle, Jerusalema,
muzi ongcwele! Ngoba kakusayikungena kuwe futhi
ongasokanga longcolileyo. 2 Zithintithe usuke othulini,
sukuma, uhlale phansi, Jerusalema! Zikhululekuzibopho
zentamo yakho, ndodakazi ethunjiweyo yeZiyoni! 3 Ngoba
itsho njalo iNkosi: Lathengiswa ngeze; njalo lizahlengwa
ngaphandle kwemali. 4 Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi
uJehova: Abantu bami behlela eGibhithe esikhathini
sendulo ukuhlala njengabezizwe khona, njalo iAsiriya
yabacindezela ngaphandle kwesizatho. 5 Khathesi-ke,
ngilani lapha, itsho iNkosi, ukuthi abantu bami bathethwe
ngeze? Labo abababusayo babenza baqhinqe isililo,
itsho iNkosi, lebizo lami liqhubeka lihlanjazwa lonke
usuku. 6 Ngakho abantu bami bazalazi ibizo lami; ngakho
ngalolosuku bazakwazi ukuthi yimi engikhulumayo;
khangela, yimi. 7 Zinhle kangakanani phezu kwezintaba
inyawo zalowo oletha izindaba ezinhle, omemezela
ukuthula, oletha indaba ezinhle zokulunga, ozwakalisa
usindiso, othi kuyo iZiyoni: UNkulunkulu wakho uyabusa.
8 Ilizwi labalindi bakho! Bazaphakamisa ilizwi, bahlabele
kakhulu kanyekanye, ngoba bazabona ilihlo ngelihlo,
lapho iNkosi izabuyisa iZiyoni. 9 Qhamukani ngentokozo,
lihlabelele kanyekanye, lina manxiwa eJerusalema,
ngoba iNkosi isibaduduzile abantu bayo, iyihlengile
iJerusalema. 10 INkosi yembule ingalo yayo engcwele
emehlweni azo zonke izizwe, njalo imikhawulo yonke
yomhlaba izabona usindiso lukaNkulunkulu wethu. 11
Sukani, sukani, liphume lapha, lingathinti okungcolileyo,
phumani phakathi kwayo, banini ngabahlambulukileyo,
lina elithwala izitsha zeNkosi. 12 Ngoba kaliyikuphuma
ngokuphangisa, kumbe lihambe ngokubaleka, ngoba
iNkosi izahamba phambi kwenu, loNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli
uzakuba ngumvikeli wenu ngasemuva. 13 Khangela,
inceku yami izakwenza ngenhlakanipho, iphakeme
njalo iphakanyisiwe, iphakeme kakhulu. 14 Njengoba
abanengi babethithibele ngawe; ukukhangeleka kwayo
kwakonakele kangaka, okwedlula loba nguwuphi, lesimo
sayo okwedlula amadodana abantu. 15 Ngokunjalo
izafafaza izizwe ezinengi; amakhosi azayivalela umlomo
wawo; ngoba lokho abangakulandiselwanga bazakubona,
lalokho abangakuzwanga bazakuqedisisa.

53 Ngubani okholwe umbiko wethu? Njalo ingalo
yeNkosi yembulelwe bani? **2** Ngoba uzakhula
phambi kwakhe njengesihlahla esibuthakathaka,
lanjengempande emhlabathini owomileyo; kalasimo
kumbe ubuhle; lapho simbona, kalakubukeka ukuthi
simloyise. **3** Uyeyiswa njalo udelelwa ngabantu; umuntu
wezinsizi, njalo ejwayele inhlungu; kwangathi sifihla
ubuso kuye; weyiswa, kasimnanzanga. **4** Isibili yena
wathwala inhlungu zethu, waphatha insizi zethu; kanti
thina sathi ujezisiwe, utshayiwe nguNkulunkulu, njalo
uhlutshiwe. **5** Kodwa walinyazwa ngenxa yeziphambeko
zethu, wachotshozwa ngenxa yobubi bethu; ukujeziswa
kokuthula kwethu kwakuphezu kwakhe, langemivimvinya
yakhe thina sisilisiwe. **6** Thina sonke njengezimvu
siduhile; saphendukela ngulowo lalowo endleleni yakhe;
njalo iNkosi yehlisele phezu kwakhe ububi bethu
sonke. **7** Wacindezelwa njalo yena wahlutshwa,
kube kanti kawuvulanga umlomo wakhe; walethwa
ekuhlatshweni njengewundlu, lanjengemvu ithule phambi
kwabagundi bayo, laye kawuvulanga umlomo wakhe. **8**
Wasuswa ekucindezelweni lekwahlulelweni; njalo ngubani
ongakhuluma ngesizukulwana sakhe? Ngoba waqunywa
wasuswa elizweni labaphilayo; ngenxa yesiphambeko
sabantu bami watshaywa. **9** Wenza ingcwaba lakhe kanye
lababi, njalo kanye lonothileyo ekufeni kwakhe; ngoba
engenzanga okubi, njalo kungekho inkohliso emlonyeni
wakhe. **10** Kanti kwayithokozisa iNkosi ukumchoboza,
yamenza adabuke. Lapho uzakwenza umphefumulo
wakhe umnikelo wesono, uzabona inzalo yakhe, elule
izinsuku zakhe, lentokoziso yeNkosi izaphumelela
esandleni sakhe. **11** Uzabona okuvela ekuhluphekeni
komphefumulo wakhe, eneliswe; ngolwazi lwayo, inceku
yami elungileyo izalungisisa abanengi, ngoba yona
izathwala ububi babo. **12** Ngakho ngizayabela kanye
labakhulu, yabelane impango kanye labalamandla; ngoba
yathulula umphefumulo wayo ekufeni, yabalwa ndawonye
labaphambeki; njalo yona yathwala isono sabanengi,
yalabhelela abaphambeki.

54 Hlabelela, nyumba, wena ongazalanga; qhamuka
ngokuhlabelela, umemeze, wena ongazange
uhelelwe! Ngoba banengi abantwana botshiyiweyo
kulabantwana bowendileyo, itsho iNkosi. **2** Qhelisa
indawo yethente lakho, kabatshombulule amakhetheni
endawo yakho yokuhlala; ungagodli, yelula izintambo
zakho, uqinise izikhonkwane zakho. **3** Ngoba
uzaqhamuka ngakwesokudla langakwesokunene, lenzalo
yakho izafuya abezizwe, yenze imizi echithekileyo ihlalwe.
4 Ungesabi, ngoba kawuyikuyangeka; njalo ungabi
lenhloni, ngoba kawuyikuyangiswa; ngoba uzakhohlwa
ihlazo lobutsha bakho, ungabe usakhumbula ukuyangeka
kobufelokazi bakho. **5** Ngoba uMenzi wakho ungumyeni
wakho, iNkosi yamabandla libizo lakhe; loMhlengi
wakho ungoNgcwele kaIsrayeli, uzabizwa ngokuthi
nguNkulunkulu womhlaba wonke. **6** Ngoba iNkosi
ikubizile njengomfazi olahliweyo lodabukileyo emoyeni,
lomfazi wobutsha, lapho waliwe, kutsho uNkulunkulu
wakho. **7** Okomzuzwana omncinyane ngakutshiya, kodwa
ngezihawu ezinkulu ngizakubutha. **8** Ngolaka oluncinyane
ngakufihlela ubuso bami okomzuzwana, kodwa
ngothandolomusa waphakade ngizakuhawukela, itsho
iNkosi, uMhlengi wakho. **9** Ngoba lokhu kunjengamanzi
kaNowa kimi, lapho ngafunga ukuthi amanzi kaNowa
kawaseyikwedlula emhlabeni; ngokunjalo ngifungile
ukuthi kangiyikukuthukuthelela, ngikusole. **10** Ngoba
izintaba zizasuka, lamaqaqa azamazame, kodwa
umusa wami kawuyikusuka kuwe, lesivumelwano sami
sokuthula kasiyikuzamazama, itsho iNkosi elesihawu
kuwe. **11** Wena ohluphekileyo, ophoswe yisiphepho,
ongaduduzwanga, khangela, ngizabeka amatshe akho
abe mahle, ngibeke isisekelo sakho ngamasafire.
12 Ngizakwenza imiphotshongo yakho nge-agate,
lamasango akho ngama-emeraldi, lawo wonke umngcele
wakho ngamatshe entokozo. **13** Labantwana bakho
bonke bazafundiswa yiNkosi, njalo kube kukhulu ukuthula
kwabantwana bakho. **14** Uzaqiniswa ekulungeni; ube
khatshana locindezelo, ngoba kawuyikwesaba; levalweni,
ngoba kakuyikusondela kuwe. **15** Khangela bazabuthana
sibili, kodwa hatshi ngami; loba ngubani ozabuthana
emelene lawe uzakuwa ngenxa yakho. **16** Khangela
mina ngidale umkhandi wensimbi ovuthela amalahle
emlilweni, lovezela umsebenzi wakhe isikhali; njalo
mina ngidale umchithi ukuthi achithe. **17** Kakulasikhali
esibunjelwe ukumelana lawe esizaphumelela; lalo lonke
ulimi olukuvukelayo ekwehluleleni uzalulahla. Lokhu
kuyilifa lezinceku zeNkosi, lokulunga kwazo kuvela kimi,
itsho iNkosi.

55 We lina lonke elomileyo, wozani emanzini,
laye ongelamali, wozani, lithenge, lidle; yebo,
wozani lithenge ngaphandle kwemali langaphandle
kwentengo, iwayini lochago. **2** Kungani lichitha
imali kokungeyisikho kudla, lomtshikatshika wenu
kokungenelisiyo? Ngilalelani lokungilalela, lidle okuhle,
lomphefumulo wenu kawuzithokozise kokunonileyo.
3 Thobani indlebe yenu, lize kimi, zwanini, njalo
umphefumulo wenu uzaphila; njalo ngizakwenza
isivumelwano esilaphakade lani, izisa eziqinisekileyo
zikaDavida. **4** Khangela, ngimnike waba ngumfakazi
ebantwini, umkhokheli lomlawuli ebantwini. **5** Khangela,
uzabiza isizwe ongasaziyo, lezizwe ebezingakwazi
zizagijimela kuwe, ngenxa yeNkosi, uNkulunkulu wakho,
langoNgcwele kaIsrayeli, ngoba ekudumisile. **6** Dingani
iNkosi iselokutholwa, ibizeni iseseduze. **7** Omubi katshiye
indlela yakhe, lomuntu ongalunganga imicabango
yakhe; kabuyele eNkosini, njalo izakuba lomusa kuye,
lakuNkulunkulu wethu, ngoba uzathethelela ngokukhulu.
8 Ngoba imicabango yami kayisiyo imicabango yenu,
lendlela zenu kayisizo izindlela zami, itsho iNkosi.

9 Ngoba njengoba amazulu ephakeme kulomhlaba,
ngokunjalo indlela zami ziphakeme kulendlela zenu,
lemicabango yami kulemicabango yenu. 10 Ngoba
njengalokhu izulu lisehla, leliqhwa elikhithikileyo kuvela
emazulwini, kungabuyeli khona, kodwa kuthelela
umhlaba, kuwenze ukuthi uthele uhlume, ukuze unike
inhlanyelo kumhlanyeli, lokudla kodlayo, 11 lizakuba
njalo ilizwi lami eliphuma emlonyeni wami; kaliyikubuyela
kimi lize, kodwa lizakwenza lokho engikufisayo,
liphumelele kulokhu engilithumele khona. 12 Ngoba
lizaphuma ngentokozo, njalo likhokhelwe ngokuthula;
izintaba lamaqaqa kuzaqhamuka ngokuhlabela phambi
kwenu, lezihlahla zonke zeganga zitshaye izandla. 13
Endaweni yameva kuzamila ifiri, lendaweni yokhula
oluhlabayo kumile imiteli; kuzakuba seNkosini libizo,
kube yisibonakaliso esilaphakade esingayikuqunywa.

56 Itsho njalo iNkosi: Gcinani isahlulelo, lenze
ukulunga, ngoba usindiso lwami luseduze ukuthi
lufike, lokulunga kwami ukuthi kubonakaliswe. 2
Ubusisiwe umuntu owenza lokhu, lendodana yomuntu
ebambelela kukho; ogcina isabatha engalingcolisi,
egcina isandla sakhe ukuthi singenzi loba yikuphi
okubi. 3 Kayingakhulumi-ke indodana yowezizweni,
ezihlanganise leNkosi, isithi: INkosi ingehlukanise
ngokupheleleyo labantu bayo; lomthenwa kangathi:
Khangela ngiyisihlahla esomileyo. 4 Ngoba itsho
njalo iNkosi kubathenwa abagcina amasabatha
ami, abakhetha engikuthandayo, lababambelela
esivumelwaneni sami: 5 Ngizabanika labo endlini yami
langaphakathi kwemiduli yami indawo lebizo elingcono
kulelamadodana lakulelamadodakazi; ngizabanika ibizo
elingapheliyo, elingayikuqunywa. 6 Lamadodana
awemzini azihlanganisa leNkosi ukuyikhonza lokuthanda
ibizo leNkosi, ukuba zinceku zayo, wonke ogcina
isabatha engalingcolisi, lababambelela esivumelwaneni
sami; 7 lalabo ngizabaletha entabeni yami engcwele,
ngibathokozise endlini yami yomkhuleko; iminikelo
yabo yokutshiswa lemihlatshelo yabo kuzakwemukeleka
phezu kwelathi lami, ngoba indlu yami izabizwa
ngokuthi yindlu yomkhuleko yabantu bonke. 8
INkosi uJehova oqoqa abaxotshiweyo bakoIsrayeli
uthi: Ngisezabuthelela abanye kuye ngaphandle
kwababuthiweyo bakhe. 9 Lina lonke zilo zeganga,
wozani lidle, lina lonke zilo eziseguswini. 10
Abalindi bakhe bayiziphofu, bonke kabalalwazi; bonke
bayizinja eziyizimungulu, bangeke bakhonkothe; balele,
bacambalele, bathanda ukuwozela. 11 Yebo bayizinja
ezihahayo, ezingasoze zisuthe; njalo bangabelusi
abangakwaziyo ukuqedisisa; bonke baphendukela
kweyabo indlela, ngulowo lalowo enzuzweni yakhe
ephethelweni lakhe. 12 Uthi: Wozani, ngizaletha iwayini,
sinathe kakhulu okunathwayo okulamandla; lekusasa
izakuba njengalamuhla, kwengezelelwe ngokukhulukazi.

57 Olungileyo uyabhubha, njalo kakulamuntu okubeka
enhliziyweni; njalo abantu abalomusa bayasuswa,
engekho okunanzayo ukuthi olungileyo ususiwe
ngaphambi kobubi. 2 Uzangena ekuthuleni. Bazaphumula
emibhedeni yabo, ngulowo lalowo ehamba ebuqothweni
bakhe. 3 Kodwa lina sondelani lapha, madodana
omthakathikazi, nzalo yesifebe, lawe wule. 4 Lidlala
limelene lobani? Livulela bani umlomo ube banzi,
likhupha ulimi? Alisibantwana besiphambeko yini, inzalo
yenkohliso, 5 lizitshisa phakathi kwezihlahla zama-
okhi ngaphansi kwaso sonke isihlahla esiluhlaza,
libulalela abantwana ezihotsheni ngaphansi kwezingoxo
zamadwala? 6 Isabelo sakho siphakathi kwamatshe
abutshelezi esifula; wona, wona ayinkatho yakho;
njalo kiwo uthululele umnikelo wokunathwayo, waletha
umnikelo wokudla. Ngizazisola ngalezizinto yini? 7
Phezu kwentaba ende lephakemeyo ubekile umbheda
wakho; ngitsho lapho wenyukela khona ukuyanikela
umhlatshelo. 8 Langemva kwesivalo lensika yomnyango
wabeka isikhumbuzo sakho; ngoba uzivezile komunye
kulakimi, wenyuka, waqhelisa umbheda wakho,
wazenzela isivumelwano labo; wathanda umbheda
wabo lapho uwubona. 9 Waya enkosini ulamafutha,
wandisa amakha akho, wathuma izithunywa zakho
khatshana, wazehlisela esihogweni. **(Sheol h7585)** 10
Wadinwa yibukhulu bendlela yakho, kodwa kawutshongo
ukuthi: Kakulathemba; wathola impilo yesandla sakho,
ngakho-ke kawuphelanga amandla. 11 Njalo wesaba
bani watshaywa luvalo, ukuthi uqambe amanga,
ungangikhumbuli, ungakufaki enhliziyweni yakho?
Kangithulanga yini ngitsho kwasendulo, njalo mina
ungangesabi? 12 Mina ngizamemezela ukulunga
kwakho, lemisebenzi yakho; ngoba kakuyikukusiza. 13
Lapho ukhala, amaxuku akho kawakukhulule! Kanti
umoya uzawaphephula wonke, ize lizawathatha. Kodwa
othemba kimi uzakudla ilifa lelizwe, adle ilifa lentaba
yami engcwele. 14 Azakuthi: Buthelelani, buthelelani,
lungisani indlela, susani isikhubekiso endleleni yabantu
bami. 15 Ngoba utsho njalo ophezulu lophakemeyo,
ohlala ephakadeni, obizo lakhe lingoNgcwele,
uthi: Ngihlala endaweni ephakemeyo lengcwele,
njalo kanye laye olomoya odabukileyo lozithobayo,
ukuvuselela umoya wabathobekileyo, lokuvuselela
inhliziyo yabadabukileyo. 16 Ngoba kangiyikulwisa
kuze kube phakade, kangiyikuthukuthela njalonjalo;
ngoba umoya ungaphela amandla phambi kwami,
lemiphefumulo mina engiyenzileyo. 17 Ngenxa yobubi
bokufisa kwakhe ngathukuthela, ngamtshaya, ngazifihla,
ngathukuthela; kodwa waqhubeka ehlubuka ngendlela
yenhliziyo yakhe. 18 Ngizibonile izindlela zakhe, njalo
ngizamsilisa, ngimkhokhele, ngibuyisele izinduduzo
kuye labalilayo bakhe. 19 Ngidala izithelo zezindebe;
ukuthula, ukuthula kokhatshana loseduze, itsho iNkosi;
njalo ngizamsilisa. 20 Kodwa ababi banjengolwandle

olutshukumayo; ngoba kalulakuphumula, lamanzi alo
akhafula udaka lengcekeza. 21 Kakulakuthula, utsho
uNkulunkulu wami, kwababi.

58 Memeza ngomphimbo, ungayekeli, uphakamise
ilizwi lakho njengophondo, utshele abantu bami
isiphambeko sabo, lendlu kaJakobe izono zabo. 2
Kanti bayangidinga mina usuku ngosuku, bethokoza
ukwazi indlela zami; njengesizwe esenza ukulunga,
esingadelanga isimiso sikaNkulunkulu waso, babuza
kimi izimiso zokulunga, bathokoza ekusondeleni
kuNkulunkulu. 3 Besithi: Kungani sizile ukudla, wena-ke
ungaboni? Kungani sihluphe umphefumulo wethu, wena-
ke ungakwazi? Khangelani, ngosuku lokuzila kwenu
ukudla, lithola intokozo, licindezele zonke izisebenzi
zenu. 4 Khangelani, lizila ukudla lisenzela ingxabano
lokuphikisana, lokutshaya ngenqindi yenkohlakalo;
lingazili ukudla njengalamuhla, ukwenza ilizwi lenu
lizwakale phezulu. 5 Kunjalo yini ukuzila ukudla
engikukhethileyo? Lusuku lokuthi umuntu ahluphe
umphefumulo wakhe yini? Ukuthi akhothamise ikhanda
lakhe njengomhlanga, endlale phansi kwakhe isaka
lomlotha? Lokhu ungakubiza yini ngokuthi yikuzila
ukudla, losuku olwemukelekayo eNkosini? 6 Kayisikho
lokhu yini ukuzila ukudla engikukhethileyo: Ukuthukulula
izibopho zobubi, ukukhulula imichilo yejogwe, ukuyekela
abacindezelweyo bahambe bekhululekile, lokuthi lephule
lonke ijogwe? 7 Kayisikho yini ukwabela olambileyo
isinkwa sakho, lokungenisa abayanga abayimihambuma
endlini, lapho ubona onqunu umembese, lokuthi
ungacatsheli inyama yakho? 8 Khona ukukhanya kwakho
kuzaqhamuka njengokusa, lokusila kwakho kuhlume
masinyane; lokulunga kwakho kuhambe phambi kwakho;
inkazimulo yeNkosi ibe ngumvikeli wakho ngasemuva. 9
Khona uzabiza, iNkosi iphendule, uzakhala, ibisisithi:
Khangela ngilapha. Uba ususa phakathi kwakho ijogwe,
ukukhomba ngomunwe, lokukhuluma okubi, 10 ukhuphele
olambileyo umphefumulo wakho, usuthise umphefumulo
ohluphekileyo, khona ukukhanya kwakho kuzaphuma
emnyameni, lobumnyama bakho bube njengemini
enkulu. 11 Njalo iNkosi izakukhokhela njalonjalo,
isuthise umphefumulo wakho engwaduleni, iqinise
amathambo akho, ube njengesivande esithelelwayo,
lanjengomthombo wamanzi, omanzi awo angapheliyo.
12 Labakho bazakwakha amanxiwa amadala; uzavusa
izisekelo zezizukulwana ngezizukulwana; uzabizwa
ngokuthi: UMvalisikhala, uMbuyiseli wemikhondo
yokuhlala. 13 Uba uphendula unyawo lwakho lusuka
kusabatha, ungenzi intokozo yakho ngosuku lwami
olungcwele; ulibize isabatha ngokuthi yintokozo,
olungcwele lweNkosi, oluhloniphekayo; njalo uluhlonipha,
ungenzi indlela zakho, ungatholi intokozo yakho, loba
ukhulume ilizwi lakho, 14 khona uzazithokozisa eNkosini,
ngizakugadisa ezindaweni eziphakemeyo zomhlaba,
ngizakwenza udle ilifa likaJakobe uyihlo; ngoba umlomo
weNkosi ukhulumile.

59 Khangela isandla seNkosi kasifinyezwanga ukuthi
singasindisi, lendlebe yayo kayinzima ukuthi
ingezwa. 2 Kodwa iziphambeko zenu zehlukanisile
phakathi kwenu loNkulunkulu wenu, lezono zenu
zibusithile ubuso bakhe kini, ukuthi angezwa. 3
Ngoba izandla zenu zingcoliswe ngegazi, leminwe
yenu ngenkohlakalo; indebe zenu zikhulume amanga,
lolimi lwenu lungunguna ububi. 4 Kakho omemeza
ngokulunga, njalo kakho olabhela ngeqiniso; bathemba
okuyize, bakhulume amanga; bamitha ububi, bazale
isiphambeko. 5 Bachamusela amaqanda enhlangwana,
beluke ubulembu besayobe; odla okwamaqanda awo
uyafa; lelichotshoziweyo liqhamuka lilibululu. 6 Ubulembu
babo kabuyikuba yizembatho, njalo kabayikuzembesa
ngemisebenzi yabo. Imisebenzi yabo yimisebenzi
yobubi, lesenzo sodlakela sisezandleni zabo. 7 Inyawo
zabo zigijimela ebubini; baphangisa ukuchitha igazi
elingelacala; imicabango yabo yimicabango yobubi;
ukubhubhisa lokuchitha kusezindleleni zabo. 8 Indlela
yokuthula kabayazi; njalo kakulasahlulelo emikhondweni
yabo; bazenzela izindlela zabo ezimazombazombe;
loba ngubani ohamba kuzo kayikwazi ukuthula. 9
Ngakho-ke isahlulelo sikhatshana lathi, lokulunga
kakusifinyeleli. Silindela ukukhanya, kodwa khangela,
ubumnyama; silindela ukukhazimula, kodwa sihamba
emnyameni omkhulu. 10 Siphumputha umduli
njengeziphofu, siphumputhe kwangathi kasilamehlo;
sikhubeke emini enkulu kwangathi kukusihlwa,
sisendaweni ezichithekileyo njengabafileyo. 11 Sonke
siyabhonga njengamabhere, silile lokulila njengamajuba;
silindela isahlulelo, kodwa kasikho; losindiso, kodwa
lukhatshana lathi. 12 Ngoba iziphambeko zethu zandile
phambi kwakho, lezono zethu zifakaza zimelene
lathi; ngoba iziphambeko zethu zilathi, lobubi bethu
siyabazi; 13 ukuphambuka, lokuqambela iNkosi amanga,
lokusuka ekulandeleni uNkulunkulu wethu, ukukhuluma
incindezelo lokuhlamuka, ukukhulelwa lokukhuluma
amazwi amanga aphuma enhliziyweni. 14 Ngakho
isahlulelo sibuyiselwa emuva, lokulunga kumi khatshana;
ngoba iqiniso liyakhubeka esitaladeni, lobuqotho
kabulakungena. 15 Yebo, iqiniso liyasilela, lowehlukana
lobubi uzenza impango. INkosi yasikubona, njalo
kwaba kubi emehlweni ayo ukuthi kakulasahlulelo. 16
Yasibona ukuthi kwakungelamuntu, yamangala kakhulu
ukuthi kwakungelamlamuli; ngakho ingalo yayo yaletha
usindiso kuye, lokulunga kwayo khona kwamsekela.
17 Ngoba yembatha ukulunga njengebhatshi lensimbi,
lengowane yosindiso ekhanda layo; yembatha
izembatho zempindiselo njengesembatho, yazembesa
ukutshiseka njengejazi. 18 Njengokwezenzo, ngokunjalo
izaphindisela, ulaka kwabamelana layo, umvuzo ezitheni
zayo; ezihlengeni uzabuyisela umvuzo. 19 Ngokunjalo

bazalesaba ibizo leNkosi kusukela entshonalanga,
lodumo lwayo kusukela lapho okuphuma khona ilanga.
Lapho isitha sizangena njengomfula, uMoya weNkosi
uzaphakamisa isiboniso esimelene laso. 20 LoMhlengi
uzafika eZiyoni, lakulabo abaphenduka eziphambekweni
koJakobe, itsho iNkosi. 21 Mina-ke, lesi yisivumelwano
sami labo, itsho iNkosi: UMoya wami ophezu kwakho,
lamazwi ami engiwafake emlonyeni wakho, kawayikusuka
emlonyeni wakho, lemlonyeni wenzalo yakho, lemlonyeni
wenzalo yenzalo yakho, itsho iNkosi, kusukela khathesi
kuze kube phakade.

60 Vuka, ukhanye, ngoba ukukhanya kwakho kufikile,
lodumo lweNkosi luphume phezu kwakho. 2
Ngoba khangela, umnyama uzasibekela umhlaba,
lomnyama omkhulu izizwe; kodwa iNkosi izaphuma
phezu kwakho, lodumo lwayo luzabonakala phezu
kwakho. 3 Labezizwe bazakuza ekukhanyeni kwakho,
lamakhosi ekukhazimuleni kokuphuma kwakho. 4
Phakamisa amehlo akho inhlangothi zonke, ubone; bonke
bayabuthana, beze kuwe; amadodana akho azavela
khatshana, lamadodakazi akho azakondliwa eceleni. 5
Khona uzabona, ugeleze ndawonye, lenhliziyo yakho
izakwesaba, yenziwe banzi; ngoba ubunengi bolwandle
buzaphendulelwa kuwe, amabutho ezizwe azakuza kuwe.
6 Ubunengi bamakamela buzakwembesa, amakamela
amatsha eMidiyani leEfa; wonke evela eShebha azakuza;
azaletha igolide lempepha, amemezele indumiso
zeNkosi. 7 Yonke imihlambi yeKedari izabuthelwa
kuwe; izinqama zeNebayothi zizakukhonza; zizakuza
ngokwemukeleka phezu kwelathi lami, njalo ngizadumisa
indlu yodumo lwami. 8 Ngobani laba abandiza njengeyezi,
lanjengamajuba esiya emawindini awo? 9 Qotho
izihlenge zizangilindela, lemikhumbi yeThashishi kuqala,
ukuletha amadodana akho evela khatshana, isiliva sawo
legolide lawo kanye lawo, kulo ibizo leNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho, lakoNgcwele kaIsrayeli, ngoba ukudumisile.
10 Lamadodana abezizwe azakwakha imiduli yakho,
lamakhosi abo akukhonze; ngoba elakeni lwami
ngakutshaya, kodwa ngomusa wami ngikuhawukele.
11 Njalo amasango akho azahlala evulekile, emini
lebusuku kawayikuvalwa, ukuze bakulethele inotho
yabezizwe, lamakhosi azo alethwe. 12 Ngoba isizwe
lombuso okungayikukukhonza kuzabhubha; yebo,
lezozizwe zizaphela nya. 13 Udumo lweLebhanoni
luzakuza kuwe, isihlahla sefiri, umangwe, lomsayiphuresi
kanyekanye, ukucecisa indawo yendlu yami engcwele;
njalo ngizakwenza indawo yenyawo zami ikhazimule. 14
Amadodana lawo awabakucindezelayo azakuza kuwe
akhothame; labo bonke abakudelelayo bazakhothamela
kungaphansi yezinyawo zakho, bakubize ngokuthi umuzi
weNkosi, iZiyoni yoNgcwele kaIsrayeli. 15 Esikhundleni
sokuthi wawutshiyiwe, wazondwa, okokuthi kwakungekho
odabula phakathi kwakho, ngizakwenza ube ludumo
laphakade, intokozo yezizukulwana ngezizukulwana.
16 Uzamunya futhi uchago lwabezizwe, yebo, umunye
amabele amakhosi; njalo uzakwazi ukuthi mina Nkosi
nginguMsindisi wakho loMhlengi wakho, oLamandla
kaJakobe. 17 Endaweni yethusi ngizaletha igolide,
lendaweni yensimbi ngilethe isiliva, lendaweni yesigodo
ithusi, lendaweni yamatshe insimbi. Ngizakwenza futhi
ababonisi bakho babe yikuthula, labacindezeli bakho
babe yikulunga. 18 Udlakela kalusayikuzwakala elizweni
lakho, ukuchitheka lokubhubhisa phakathi kwemingcele
yakho; kodwa uzabiza imiduli yakho ngokuthi luSindiso,
lamasango akho iNdumiso. 19 Ilanga kalisayikuba
yikukhanya kuwe emini, lenyanga kayisayikukukhanyisela
kube yikukhazimula; kodwa iNkosi izakuba yikukhanya
okulaphakade kuwe, loNkulunkulu wakho abe ludumo
lwakho. 20 Ilanga lakho kalisayikutshona, lenyanga
yakho kayiyikuhlehlela nyovane; ngoba iNkosi izakuba
yikukhanya kwakho okulaphakade, lensuku zokulila
kwakho zizaphela. 21 Njalo abantu bakho bonke
bazakuba ngabalungileyo, badle ilifa lelizwe kuze kube
laphakade, ugatsha lokuhlanyela kwami, umsebenzi
wezandla zami, ukuze ngidunyiswe. 22 Omncinyane
uzakuba yinkulungwane, lomncane abe yisizwe
esilamandla. Mina Nkosi ngizakuphangisisa ngesikhathi
sakhe.

61 UMoya weNkosi uJehova uphezu kwami,
ngoba iNkosi ingigcobile ukuthi ngitshumayele
indaba ezinhle kwabamnene; ingithumile ukubopha
abalenhliziyo ezidabukileyo, ukumemezela
inkululeko kwabathunjiweyo, lokuvulwa kwentolongo
kwababotshiweyo; 2 ukumemezela umnyaka
owemukelekayo weNkosi, losuku lwempindiselo
lukaNkulunkulu wethu; ukududuza bonke abalilayo;
3 ukumisa kwabalilayo beZiyoni, ukubanika ubuhle
esikhundleni somlotha, amafutha enjabulo endaweni
yokulila, isembatho sendumiso endaweni yomoya
obuthakathaka; ukuze babizwe ngokuthi yizihlahla
ezinkulu zokulunga, ukuhlanyelwa kweNkosi,
ukuze idunyiswe. 4 Njalo bazakwakha amanxiwa
amadala, bavuse izincithakalo zakuqala, balungise
imizi engamanxiwa, izincithakalo zezizukulwana
ngezizukulwana. 5 Labezizwe bazakuma beluse
imihlambi yenu, lamadodana awemzini abe ngabalimi
benu labaphathi benu bezivini. 6 Kodwa lina lizabizwa
ngokuthi lingabaPristi beNkosi; lithiwe liyiziKhonzi
zikaNkulunkulu wethu; lizakudla inotho yabezizwe,
lizincome ngodumo lwazo. 7 Esikhundleni sehlazo
lenu lizakuba lokuphindwe kabili; langokuyangeka
bazajabula ngesabelo sabo; ngakho elizweni labo
bazafuya okuphindwe kabili, intokozo elaphakade ibe
ngeyabo. 8 Ngoba mina Nkosi ngithanda isahlulelo;
ngizonda impango emhlatshelweni otshiswayo; njalo
ngizanika umvuzo wabo ngeqiniso, ngenze labo
isivumelwano esilaphakade. 9 Lenzalo yabo izakwaziwa

phakathi kwabezizwe, lembewu yabo phakathi kwabantu;
bonke abababonayo bazabazi ukuthi bayinzalo iNkosi
eyibusisileyo. 10 Ngizathokoza lokuthokoza eNkosini;
umphefumulo wami uzajabula kuNkulunkulu wami;
ngoba ungigqokise izembatho zosindiso; ungembese
ngebhatshi lokulunga, njengomyeni ezicecise ngesiceciso
sobukhosi, lanjengomakoti ezicecise ngokuligugu
kwakhe. 11 Ngoba njengomhlaba uveza ihlumela
lawo, lanjengesivande sikhulisa okuhlanyelweyo kiso,
ngokunjalo iNkosi uJehova izakwenza ukulunga lodumo
kuhlume phambi kwezizwe zonke.

62 Ngenxa yeZiyoni kangiyikuthula, langenxa
yeJerusalema kangiyikuphumula, kuze kuphume
ukulunga kwayo njengokukhanya, losindiso lwayo
njengesibane esivuthayo. 2 Labezizwe bazabona
ukulunga kwakho, lamakhosi wonke inkazimulo
yakho; njalo uzabizwa ngebizo elitsha, umlomo
weNkosi ozakutha lona. 3 Njalo uzakuba ngumqhele
wobuhle esandleni seNkosi, lomqhele wobukhosi
esandleni sikaNkulunkulu wakho. 4 Kawusayikuthiwa
ngoTshiyiweyo, lelizwe lakho kalisayikuthiwa
ngeliLahliweyo; kodwa uzabizwa ngokuthi nguHefiziba,
lelizwe lakho ngokuthi yiBhewula; ngoba iNkosi ithokoza
ngawe, lelizwe lakho lizakwenda. 5 Ngoba njengejaha
lithatha intombi emsulwa, ngokunjalo amadodana
akho azakuthatha; lanjengomyeni ethokoza ngomakoti,
ngokunjalo uNkulunkulu wakho uzathokoza ngawe.
6 Ngibekile abalindi phezu kwemithangala yakho,
Jerusalema, abangayikuthula kokuphela imini yonke
lobusuku bonke. Lina elikhumbuza ngeNkosi, lingabi
lokuthula, 7 lingayiphumuzi, ize imise, njalo ize yenze
iJerusalema ibe ludumo emhlabeni. 8 INkosi ifungile
ngesandla sayo sokunene, langengalo yamandla ayo:
Isibili kangisayikunika amabele akho abe yikudla
kwezitha zakho, njalo isibili amadodana awezizwe
kawayikunatha iwayini lakho elitsha olitshikatshikeleyo.
9 Kodwa labo abawabuthileyo bazawadla, badumise
iNkosi; lalabo abaliqoqileyo bazalinatha emagumeni
obungcwele bami. 10 Dabulani, dabulani emasangweni;
lungisani indlela yabantu; phakamisani, phakamisani
umgwaqo omkhulu, likhuphe amatshe, liphakamisele
abantu uphawu. 11 Khangelani, iNkosi iyezwakala kuze
kube sephethelweni lomhlaba: Tshonini kundodakazi
yeZiyoni: Khangela, usindiso lwakho luyeza; khangela
umvuzo wayo ilawo, lenkokhelo yayo iphambi kwayo.
12 Bazababiza ngokuthi ngaBantu abaNgcwele,
abaHlengiweyo beNkosi; yebo, uzabizwa ngokuthi
ngoDingiweyo, uMuzi ongaTshiywanga.

63 Ngubani lo ovela eEdoma, olezembatho ezibomvu
evela eBhozira? Lo odumisekileyo ngezembatho
zakhe, ehamba ngobukhulu bamandla akhe? Yimi
engikhuluma ngokulunga, engilamandla okusindisa.
2 Kungani izigqoko zakho zibomvu, lezembatho
zakho zinjengezonyathela esikhamelweni sewayini? 3
Ngisinyathele ngedwa isikhamelo sewayini, lebantwini
kwakungekho loyedwa lami; ngoba ngizabanyathela
ekuthukutheleni kwami, ngibahlifize elakeni lwami;
legazi labo lizafafazwa ezembathweni zami, ngingcolise
izigqoko zami zonke. 4 Ngoba usuku lwempindiselo
lusenhliziyweni yami, lomnyaka wabahlengwa bami
usufikile. 5 Njalo ngakhangela, kodwa kwakungekho
osizayo, ngamangala kakhulu ukuthi kwakungekho
osekelayo; ngakho ingalo yami yaletha usindiso kimi,
lolaka lwami lona lwangisekela. 6 Besenginyathela abantu
ekuthukutheleni kwami, ngibadakise olakeni lwami,
ngehlisele emhlabathini amandla abo. 7 Ngizakhumbuza
ngothandolomusa omkhulu weNkosi, izindumiso zeNkosi,
njengakho konke iNkosi esinike khona, lobuhle obukhulu
ngasendlini kaIsrayeli, ebanike bona ngokwezisa zayo,
lanjengobunengi bothandolomusa wayo omkhulu. 8
Ngoba yathi: Isibili bangabantu bami, abantwana
abangayikukhuluma amanga; ngakho yaba nguMsindisi
wabo. 9 Enhluphekweni yabo yonke yahlupheka,
lengilosi yobukhona bayo yabasindisa; ngothando lwayo
langesihawu sayo yona yabahlenga, yabaphakamisa,
yabathwala zonke izinsuku zendulo. 10 Kodwa bona baba
lenkani, badabukisa uMoya wayo oNgcwele; ngakho
yaphenduka yaba yisitha sabo, yona yalwa imelene labo.
11 Yasikhumbula insuku zendulo, uMozisi, labantu bakhe,
isithi: Ungaphi lowo owabakhuphula olwandle labelusi
bomhlambi wakhe? Ungaphi lowo owafaka uMoya
wakhe oyiNgcwele phakathi kwakhe? 12 Owakhokhela
ingalo yakhe elodumo esandleni sokunene sikaMozisi,
esehlukanisa amanzi phambi kwabo, ukuzenzela ibizo
eliphakade? 13 Owabakhokhela ezinzikini, njengebhiza
enkangala kabakhubekanga? 14 Njengenkomo isehlela
esigodini, uMoya weNkosi wabaphumuza. Ngokunjalo
wabakhokhela abantu bakho, ukuze uzenzele ibizo
elilodumo. 15 Khangela phansi usemazulwini, ubone
usendaweni yakho yokuhlala yobungcwele bakho
leyodumo lwakho. Kungaphi ukutshiseka kwakho
lamandla akho? Ubunengi bemibilini yakho, lezihawu
zakho kimi, kuyazibamba yini? 16 Isibili wena ungubaba;
lanxa uAbrahama engasazi, loIsrayeli engasivumi; wena
Nkosi ungubaba wethu, umhlengi wethu; ibizo lakho
lisukela ephakadeni. 17 Nkosi, kungani usenza siduhe
ezindleleni zakho, usenza inhliziyo yethu ibe lukhuni
sisuka ekukwesabeni? Phenduka ngenxa yenceku zakho,
izizwe zelifa lakho. 18 Abantu bobungcwele bakho babe
lakho okwesikhatshana; izitha zethu zinyathelele phansi
indlu yakho engcwele. 19 Singabakho; kawuzange ubuse
phezu kwabo; kababizwanga ngebizo lakho.

64 Kungathi ungadabula amazulu, wehlele phansi,
izintaba zigeleze ebukhoneni bakho; 2
njengokutshisa komlilo oncibilikisayo, umlilo wenze
amanzi abile, ukulazisa ibizo lakho ezitheni zakho, ukuze
izizwe zithuthumele ebukhoneni bakho. 3 Ekwenzeni

kwakho izinto ezesabekayo esasingazilindelanga,
wehlela phansi; izintaba zageleza ebukhoneni bakho.
4 Ngoba kusukela endulo kabezwanga, kabalalelanga
ngendlebe, ilihlo kalibonanga, Nkulunkulu, ngaphandle
kwakho, osebenzela lowo olindele kuye. 5 Uhlangabeza
othokozayo lowenza ukulunga, abakukhumbulayo
ezindleleni zakho. Khangela, wena wathukuthela,
ngoba sonile; kuzo kulokuqhubeka, njalo sizasindiswa.
6 Kodwa sonke sinjengongcolileyo, lakho konke
ukulunga kwethu kunjengezidwedwe ezingcolileyo;
njalo sonke siyabuna njengehlamvu, leziphambeko
zethu, njengomoya, zisiphephule. 7 Njalo kakho
obiza ibizo lakho, ozivusela ukubambelela kuwe;
ngoba ufihlile ubuso bakho kithi, wasicikiza ngenxa
yeziphambeko zethu. 8 Kodwa, khathesi, Nkosi, wena
ungubaba wethu; thina silibumba, wena-ke ungumbumbi
wethu; njalo sonke singumsebenzi wesandla sakho. 9
Ungathukutheli wedlulise, Nkosi, ungakhumbuli ububi
phakade. Khangela, ake ubone, sonke singabantu
bakho. 10 Imizi yakho engcwele isiyinkangala, iZiyoni
isiyinkangala, iJerusalema iyincithakalo. 11 Indlu yethu
engcwele leyethu enhle, lapho obaba abakudumisela
khona, itshisiwe ngomlilo; lazo zonke izinto zethu
ezithandekayo sezilunxiwa. 12 Uzazithinta yini ngenxa
yalezizinto, Nkosi? Uzathula yini, usihluphe wedlulise?

65 Ngadingwa yilabo abangangicelanga; ngatholwa
yilabo abangangidinganga. Ngathi: Ngikhangelani,
ngikhangelani, esizweni esingabizwa ngebizo lami. 2
Ngelule izandla zami usuku lonke ebantwini abavukelayo,
abahamba ngendlela engalunganga, belandela
imicabango yabo; 3 abantu abangithukuthelisayo
njalonjalo ebusweni bami, abenza imihlatshelo
ezivandeni, betshisa impepha phezu kwezitina; 4 abahlala
emangcwabeni, balale endaweni ezisithekileyo, abadla
inyama yengulube, lomhluzi wezinto ezinengekayo
emiganwini yabo. 5 Abathi: Xeka wena, ungasondeli
kimi; ngoba ngingcwele kulawe. Laba bayintuthu
emakhaleni ami, umlilo otshisayo usuku lonke. 6
Khangela, kubhaliwe phambi kwami: Kangiyikuthula,
kodwa ngizaphindisela, yebo ngiphindisele esifubeni
sabo, 7 iziphambeko zenu, leziphambeko zaboyihlo
kanyekanye, itsho iNkosi, abatshise impepha phezu
kwezintaba, bangithuka phezu kwamaqaqa; ngakho
ngizalinganisa imisebenzi yabo yakuqala esifubeni
sabo. 8 Itsho njalo iNkosi: Njengewayini elitsha litholwa
ehlukuzweni, lomunye athi: Ungalibhubhisi, ngoba
isibusiso sikulo; ngizakwenza njalo ngenxa yenceku
zami, ukuze ngingazibhubhisi zonke. 9 Njalo ngizaveza
inzalo ivela kuJakobe, lakoJuda kuvele indlalifa yezintaba
zami; labakhethiweyo bami bazakudla ilifa lazo, lenceku
zami zihlale khona. 10 Njalo iSharoni izakuba yisibaya
semihlambi, lesihotsha seAkori sibe yindawo yokulala
yenkomo, eyabantu bami abangidingayo. 11 Kodwa
lina elidela iNkosi, elikhohlwa intaba yami engcwele,
elihlelele leloviyo itafula, njalo eligcwalisele lelonani
umnikelo wokunathwayo. 12 Ngakho ngizalimisela
inkemba, njalo lonke lizakhothamela ukuhlatshwa;
ngoba ngalibiza, kodwa kaliphendulanga, ngakhuluma,
kodwa kalizwanga, kodwa lenza okubi emehlweni ami,
lakhetha lokho engingathokozanga ngakho. 13 Ngakho
itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, izinceku zami
zizakudla, kodwa lina lizalamba; khangela, inceku zami
zizanatha, kodwa lina lizakoma; khangela, inceku zami
zizathokoza, kodwa lina lizayangeka; 14 khangela,
inceku zami zizahlabela ngentokozo yenhliziyo, kodwa
lina lizakhala ngenxa yokudabuka kwenhliziyo, liqhinqe
isililo ngenxa yokudabuka komoya. 15 Njalo lizatshiya
ibizo lenu libe yisiqalekiso kwabakhethiweyo bami,
ngoba iNkosi uJehova izalibulala; kodwa izabiza
inceku zayo ngelinye ibizo; 16 ukuthi lowo ozibusisa
emhlabeni uzazibusisa kuNkulunkulu weqiniso, lalowo
ofunga emhlabeni uzafunga ngoNkulunkulu weqiniso;
ngoba inhlupheko zakuqala sezikhohlakele, njalo ngoba
zisithekile emehlweni ami. 17 Ngoba khangela, ngidala
amazulu amatsha lomhlaba omutsha; okwakuqala
kakusayikukhunjulwa, kumbe kuvele enhliziyweni.
18 Kodwa jabulani, lithokoze kuze kube laphakade
ngengikudalayo, ngoba khangela, ngidala iJerusalema
ibe yintokozo, labantu bayo babe yinjabulo. 19
Ngizathokoza-ke ngeJerusalema, ngijabule ngabantu
bami; njalo kalisayikuzwakala kuyo ilizwi lokulila lelizwi
lokukhala. 20 Kusukela lapho kakusayikuba khona
usane lwezinsuku, kumbe ixhegu elingagcwalisi insuku
zalo; ngoba omutsha uzakufa eleminyaka elikhulu,
kodwa isoni esileminyaka elikhulu sizaqalekiswa. 21
Njalo bazakwakha izindlu, bahlale kuzo; bahlanyele
izivini, badle izithelo zazo. 22 Kabayikwakha, kuhlale-ke
omunye; kabayikuhlanyela, kudle-ke omunye; ngoba
insuku zabantu bami zizakuba njengensuku zesihlahla,
labakhethwa bami bazakholisa umsebenzi wezandla
zabo okwesikhathi eside. 23 Kabayikutshikatshikela ize,
loba bazalele uhlupho; ngoba bayinzalo yababusisiweyo
beNkosi, lembewu yabo kanye labo. 24 Kuzakuthi-ke
bengakabizi, mina ngiphendule; lapho besakhuluma,
mina-ke ngizwe. 25 Impisi lewundlu kuzakudla ndawonye,
lesilwane sidle amahlanga njengenkomo, lothuli lube
yikudla kwenyoka. Kaziyikulimaza kumbe zibhubhise
kuyo yonke intaba yami engcwele, itsho iNkosi.

66 Itsho njalo iNkosi: Amazulu ayisihlalo sami
sobukhosi, lomhlaba uyisenabelo senyawo zami.
Ingaphi leyondlu elizangakhela yona? Njalo ingaphi
indawo yami yokuphumula? 2 Ngoba zonke lezizinto
isandla sami sazenza, lazo zonke lezizinto zikhona,
itsho iNkosi. Kodwa kulowo ngizakhangela, kulowo
ongumyanga lolomoya odabukileyo, lothuthumela
ngelizwi lami. 3 Ohlaba inkabi unjengobulala umuntu;
onikela umhlatshelo ngewundlu unjengowephula intamo
yenja; onikela umnikelo wokudla unjengonikela igazi

lengulube; otshisa impepha yesikhumbuzo unjengobusisa
isithombe. Yebo, bona bakhethile izindlela zabo,
lomphefumulo wabo uthokoza ngezinengiso zabo. **4** Lami
ngizakhetha izigcono zabo, ngibehlisele abakwesabayo;
ngoba ngabiza, akwaphendula muntu; ngakhuluma,
akwalalela muntu; kodwa benza okubi emehlweni ami,
bakhetha lokho engingathokozanga ngakho. **5** Zwanini
ilizwi leNkosi, lina elithuthumela ngelizwi layo. Abafowenu
abalizondayo, abalixotsha ngenxa yebizo lami, bathi:
Kayidunyiswe iNkosi; khona sizabona intokozo yenu;
bona-ke bazayangeka. **6** Ilizwi lomsindo elivela emzini,
ilizwi elivela ethempelini, ilizwi leNkosi elibuyisela izinzuzo
ezitheni zayo. **7** Ingakahelelwa, yazala; kungakafiki
ubuhlungu bayo, yabeletha owesilisa. **8** Ngubani owake
wezwa okunje? Ngubani owake wabona izinto ezinje?
Umhlaba uzakwenziwa uzale yini ngosuku olulodwa?
Kumbe isizwe singabelethwa yini ngesikhathi sinye?
Ngoba iZiyoni ithe ihelelwa, yazala abantwana bayo.
9 Mina ngizasondeza ekuzalweni, ngingazalisi yini?
itsho iNkosi. Ngizazalisa, besengivala yini? utsho
uNkulunkulu wakho. **10** Thokozani kanye leJerusalema,
lijabule layo, lina lonke eliyithandayo; thokozani kanye
layo ngentokozo, lina lonke eliyililelayo; **11** ukuze
limunye, lisuthe ngamabele ezinduduzo zayo; ukuze
limunyisise lizithokozise ngobunengi bodumo lwayo.
12 Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi: Khangelani, ngizaqhelisa
ukuthula kuye njengomfula, lodumo lwezizwe njengesifula
esikhukhulayo; khona lizamunya, lithwalwe enhlangothini,
lidlaliswe emadolweni. **13** Njengalowo unina amduduzayo,
ngokunjalo mina ngizaliduduza; njalo lizaduduzeka
eJerusalema. **14** Lapho libona lokhu, inhliziyo yenu
izathokoza, lamathambo enu ahlume njengohlaza;
lesandla seNkosi sizakwaziwa ngasezincekwini zayo,
njalo izakuba lolaka ngasezitheni zayo. **15** Ngoba
khangela, iNkosi izafika ngomlilo, lezinqola zayo
njengesivunguzane, ukubuyisela intukuthelo yayo
ngokufutheka, lokukhuza kwayo ngamalangabi omlilo.
16 Ngoba ngomlilo langenkemba yayo iNkosi izangena
ekwahluleleni layo yonke inyama, lababuleweyo
beNkosi bazakuba banengi. **17** Labo abazingcwelisayo,
bazihlambulule ezivandeni ngemva kwesihlahla esisodwa
esiphakathi, besidla inyama yezingulube, lesinengiso,
legundwane, bazaqedwa kanyekanye, itsho iNkosi. **18**
Ngoba mina ngiyayazi imisebenzi yabo lemicabango
yabo; kuzafika ukuthi ngibuthe zonke izizwe lezinlimi;
njalo zizafika, zibone udumo lwami. **19** Ngizabeka-ke
isibonakaliso phakathi kwazo, ngithume abaphunyukileyo
babo baye ezizweni, eTarshishi, iPhuli, leLudi, abadonsa
idandili, eThubhali, leJavani, izihlenge ezikhatshana
ezingakezwa indumela yami, lezingakaboni udumo
lwami; njalo zizamemezela udumo lwami phakathi
kwezizwe. **20** Bazaletha-ke bonke abafowenu babe
ngumnikelo eNkosini bephuma kuzo zonke izizwe
bephezu kwamabhiza, langezinqola, langamathala,
laphezu kwezimbongolo, laphezu kwezinyamazana
ezilejubane, entabeni yami engcwele eJerusalema,
itsho iNkosi, njengabantwana bakoIsrayeli beletha
umnikelo ngesitsha esihlambulukileyo endlini yeNkosi.
21 Ngizathatha-ke lakubo babe ngabapristi njalo babe
ngamaLevi, itsho iNkosi. **22** Ngoba njengamazulu
amatsha lomhlaba omutsha engizakwenza kuzakuma
phambi kwami, itsho iNkosi, ngokunjalo inzalo yakho
lebizo lakho kuzakuma. **23** Kuzakuthi-ke ekuthwaseni
kwenye inyanga kusiya kwenye, njalo kusukela kwelinye
isabatha kusiya kwelinye, yonke inyama izakuzakhonza
phambi kwami, itsho iNkosi. **24** Bazaphuma-ke, babone
izidumbu zabantu abaphambeke bemelene lami; ngoba
impethu yabo kayiyikufa, lomlilo wabo kawuyikucitsha;
njalo bazakuba yisinengiso kuyo yonke inyama.

UJeremiya

1 Amazwi kaJeremiya, indodana kaHilikhiya wabapristi
ababeseAnathothi elizweni lakoBhenjamini; **2**
okwafika kuye ilizwi leNkosi ensukwini zikaJosiya
indodana kaAmoni, inkosi yakoJuda, ngomnyaka
wetshumi lantathu wokubusa kwakhe. **3** Lafika
futhi ensukwini zikaJehoyakhimi indodana kaJosiya,
inkosi yakoJuda, kwaze kwaba sekupheleni komnyaka
wetshumi lanye kaZedekhiya indodana kaJosiya, inkosi
yakoJuda, kwaze kwaba sekuthunjweni kweJerusalema
enyangeni yesihlanu. **4** Kwasekufika kimi ilizwi leNkosi
lisithi: **5** Ngingakakubumbi esiswini ngakwazi, njalo
ungakaphumi esizalweni ngakwehlukanisa; ngakubeka
waba ngumprofethi ezizweni. **6** Ngasengisithi: Hawu
Nkosi Jehova! Khangela, angikwazi ukukhuluma,
ngoba ngingumntwana. **7** Kodwa iNkosi yathi kimi:
Ungatsho ukuthi: Ngingumntwana; ngoba uzakuya kubo
bonke engikuthuma kubo, lakho konke engikulaya
khona uzakukhuluma. **8** Ungesabi ubuso babo,
ngoba mina ngilawe ukukophula, itsho iNkosi. **9**
INkosi yasiselula isandla sayo, yathinta umlomo wami;
iNkosi yasisithi kimi: Khangela, ngibekile amazwi ami
emlonyeni wakho. **10** Bona, ngikubekile lamuhla
phezu kwezizwe laphezu kwemibuso, ukusiphuna,
lokudiliza, lokubhubhisa, lokuphosela phansi, ukwakha,
lokuhlanyela. **11** Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi lisithi:
Ubonani, Jeremiya? Ngasengisithi: Ngibona uswazi
lwesihlahla se-alimondi. **12** INkosi yasisithi kimi: Ubone
kuhle, ngoba ngizalinda ilizwi lami ukuze ngilenze.
13 Njalo ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi ngokwesibili lisithi:
Ubonani? Ngasengisithi: Ngibona imbiza ebilayo, njalo
ubuso bayo bungasenyakatho. **14** INkosi yasisithi
kimi: Okubi kuzaqutshulwa kuvela enyakatho phezu
kwabo bonke abakhileyo belizwe. **15** Ngoba khangela,
ngibiza insapho zonke zemibuso yenyakatho, itsho
iNkosi; njalo zizafika, zimise ngasinye isihlalo salo
sobukhosi ekungeneni kwamasango eJerusalema,
zimelene lemiduli yayo yonke inhlangothi zonke, zimelene
lemizi yonke yakoJuda. **16** Ngizakhuluma izigwebo
zami zimelene labo ngenxa yabo bonke ababi babo,
abangidelileyo, batshisela abanye onkulunkulu impepha,
bakhonza imisebenzi yezandla zabo. **17** Wena-ke, bopha
ukhalo lwakho, usukume, ukhulume kibo konke mina
engikulaya khona. Ungethuki ngenxa yobuso babo,
hlezi ngikwethuse phambi kwabo. **18** Ngoba khangela,
mina ngikubekile lamuhla ube ngumuzi ovikelweyo,
njalo ube yinsika yensimbi, njalo ube yimiduli yethusi,
ukumelana lelizwe lonke, ukumelana lamakhosi akoJuda,
ukumelana leziphathamandla zayo, ukumelana labapristi
bayo, lokumelana labantu belizwe. **19** Njalo bazakulwa
bemelene lawe; kodwa kabayikukwehlula; ngoba ngilawe,
itsho iNkosi, ukukophula.

2 Laselifika kimi ilizwi leNkosi lisithi: **2** Hamba
uyememezela endlebeni zeJerusalema usithi: Itsho
njalo iNkosi: Ngiyakukhumbula, umusa wobutsha bakho,
uthando lokuganwa kwakho, ukungilandela kwakho
enkangala, elizweni elingahlanyelwanga. **3** UIsrayeli
wayeyibungcwele eNkosini, izithelo zokuqala zesivuno
sayo; bonke abamudlayo bazakuba lecala, ababi
buzabehlela, itsho iNkosi. **4** Zwanini ilizwi leNkosi, ndlu
kaJakobe, lensendo zonke zendlu kaIsrayeli. **5** Itsho
njalo iNkosi: Yibubi bani oyihlo ababuthola kimi, ukuze
baye khatshana lami, balandele okuyize, babe yize? **6**
Njalo kabatshongo ukuthi: Ingaphi iNkosi eyasenyusa
elizweni leGibhithe, eyasikhokhela enkangala, elizweni
elilamagwadule lelilemigodi, elizweni lokoma, lelethunzi
lokufa, elizweni umuntu angalidabulanga, lalapho
okungahlalanga muntu khona? **7** Njalo ngaliletha
elizweni elivundileyo, ukuze lidle izithelo zalo lokuhle
kwalo; kodwa selingenile lalingcolisa ilizwe lami, lenza
ilifa lami laba yisinengiso. **8** Abapristi kabatshongo
ukuthi: Ingaphi iNkosi? Lalabo abaphatha umlayo
kabangazanga; lababusi baphambuka bemelene lami;
labaprofethi baprofetha ngoBhali, balandela izinto
ezingasiziyo. **9** Ngakho ngisezaphikisana lawe, itsho
iNkosi, njalo ngizaphikisana labantwana babantwana
benu. **10** Ngoba dlulelani ezihlengeni zeKhithimi libone,
lithumele eKedari, linakane kuhle, libone ukuthi kukhona
into enjengale yini? **11** Isizwe sake santshintsha yini
onkulunkulu baso, abangeyisibo onkulunkulu? Kodwa
abantu bami bantshintshile uDumo lwabo ngalokho
okungasizi lutho. **12** Mangalani kakhulu, mazulu,
ngalokhu, lethuke, lichitheke kakhulu, itsho iNkosi.
13 Ngoba abantu bami benzile izinto ezimbi ezimbili;
bangidelile mina mthombo wamanzi aphilayo, ukuthi
bazigebhele izikhongozelo, izikhongozelo ezidabukileyo,
ezingegcine manzi. **14** UIsrayeli uyisigqili yini? Kumbe
esizelwe ekhaya yini? Kungani waba yimpango? **15**
Amabhongo ezilwane abhongele phezu kwakhe, akhupha
ilizwi lawo, enza ilizwe lakhe laba yincithakalo; imizi
yakhe itshisiwe ingelamhlali. **16** Futhi abantwana
beNofi leThahaphanesi badlele enkanda yakho. **17**
Kawuzenzelanga lokhu yini, ngokuthi udele iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho, ngesikhathi ikukhokhela endleleni?
18 Khathesi-ke ulani lendlela yeGibhithe, ukuthi unathe
amanzi eSihori? Futhi ulani lendlela yeAsiriya, ukuthi
unathe amanzi omfula? **19** Ababi bakho buzakulaya,
lokuhlehlela kwakho nyovane kuzakukhuza. Ngakho yazi
ubone ukuthi kuyinto embi lebabayo ukuthi uyidelile iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho, lokuthi ukungesaba kakukho kuwe,
itsho iNkosi uJehova wamabandla. **20** Ngoba kwasendulo
ngephula ijogwe lakho, ngaqamula izibopho zakho;
wasusithi: Kangiyikukhonza; kodwa phezu kwalo lonke
uqaqa oluphakemeyo langaphansi kwaso sonke isihlahla
esiluhlaza wazulazula njengesifebe. **21** Kube kanti mina
ngakuhlanyela, ulivini elihle, inhlanyelo ethembekileyo

ngokupheleleyo. Pho, usuphenduke njani waba lugatsha
olonakeleyo lwevini lemzini kimi? 22 Ngoba lanxa ugeza
ngesoda, uzithathele isepa enengi, kanti ububi bakho
bube lichatha phambi kwami, itsho iNkosi uJehova. 23
Ungatsho njani ukuthi: Kangingcolanga, kangilandelanga
oBhali? Bona indlela yakho esigodini, wazi ukuthi
wenzeni, kamela elisikazi elilejubane elizulazula
ezindleleni zalo. 24 Ungubabhemi weganga owejwayele
inkangala, ophembela umoya enkanukweni yenhliziyo
yakhe. Ngubani ongamvimbela enkanukweni yakhe?
Bonke abamdingayo kabayikuzidinisa; ngenyanga yakhe
bazamthola. 25 Nqanda unyawo lwakho ekungabini
ngolungelasicathulo, lomphimbo wakho ekomeni; kodwa
wena wathi: Kakulathemba; hatshi; ngoba ngathanda
abemzini, njalo ngizabalandela. 26 Njengesela lilenhloni
lapho selibanjiwe, ngokunjalo indlu kaIsrayeli ilenhloni,
bona, amakhosi abo, iziphathamandla zabo, labapristi
babo, labaprofethi babo, 27 besithi esigodweni:
Wena ungubaba; lelitsheni: Wena wangizala. Ngoba
baphendulele umhlana kimi, hatshi-ke ubuso; kodwa
ngesikhathi sokuhlupheka kwabo bazakuthi: Sukuma,
usisindise! 28 Kodwa bangaphi onkulunkulu bakho
ozenzele bona? Kabasukume uba bengakusindisa
ngesikhathi sobubi bakho; ngoba njengenani lemizi
yakho bangako onkulunkulu bakho, Juda. 29
Liphikisanelani lami? Lonke liphambekile kimi, itsho
iNkosi. 30 Ngibatshayile abantwana benu ngeze;
kabemukelanga ukuqondiswa; inkemba yenu ibadlile
abaprofethi benu, njengesilwane esichithayo. 31 Wena
sizukulwana, lina bonani ilizwi leNkosi. Bengiyinkangala
yini kuIsrayeli? Kumbe ilizwe lobumnyama obunzima
yini? Batsholoni abantu bami ukuthi: Sizulazulile;
kasisayikuza kuwe? 32 Intombi ingazikhohlwa yini
iziceciso zayo, kumbe umakoti amabhanti akhe? Kanti
abantu bami bangikhohliwe insuku ezingelanani. 33
Kungani ulungisa indlela yakho ekudingeni uthando?
Ngakho ubafundisile labo ababi izindlela zakho. 34
Lezigqokweni zakho kutholakala igazi lemiphefumulo
yabayanga abangelacala; kawubatholanga befohlela
phakathi, kodwa phezu kwakho konke lokhu. 35 Kanti
wena uthi: Ngoba kangilacala, isibili intukuthelo yakhe
izaphenduka isuke kimi. Khangela, ngizakwehlulelana
lawe, ngoba uthi: Kangonanga. 36 Kungani uzulazula
kangaka ukuntshintsha indlela yakho? Uzayangiswa
yiGibhithe layo, njengoba wayangiswa yiAsiriya. 37
Yebo, uzaphuma usuka lapha, lezandla zakho ziphezu
kwekhanda lakho, ngoba iNkosi iwalile amathemba akho,
njalo kawuyikuphumelela ngawo.

3 Kuthiwa: Uba indoda ilahla umkayo, asuke kuyo,
abe ngowenye indoda, izabuyela kuye futhi yini?
Lelolizwe belingayikungcoliswa kakhulu yini? Kanti
wena ufebile lezithandwa ezinengi; kodwa buyela
kimi, itsho iNkosi. 2 Phakamisela amehlo akho
emadundulwini, ubone; kungaphi lapho ongalalwanga
khona? Ezindleleni wabahlalela, njengomArabhiya
enkangala; njalo ulingcolisile ilizwe ngobufebe bakho
langenkohlakalo yakho. 3 Ngakho izihlambo zigodliwe;
njalo lalingekho izulu langemuva; njalo waba lebunzi
lewule, wala ukuba lenhloni. 4 Kawuyikuthi kusukela
khathesi ukhale yini kimi uthi: Baba, ungumeluleki
wobutsha bami? 5 Yena uzalugcina yini ulaka lwakhe
phakade? Uzalulondoloza kuze kube sekucineni yini?
Khangela, ukhulumile, wenza izinto ezimbi, uphumelele.
6 INkosi yasisithi kimi ensukwini zikaJosiya inkosi: Ubonile
yini lokho uIsrayeli ohlehlele nyovane akwenzileyo?
Yena waya kuyo yonke intaba ephakemeyo, langaphansi
kwaso sonke isihlahla esiluhlaza, waphingela khona. 7
Ngasengisithi esezenzile zonke lezizinto: Buyela kimi;
kodwa kabuyelanga. Lodadewabo ongathembekanga
uJuda wakubona lokho. 8 Ngasengibona, lapho
ngenxa yazo zonke imbangela uIsrayeli ohlehlela
nyovane aphinga ngazo, ngamxotsha ngamnika incwadi
yesehlukaniso, ukuthi udadewabo ongathembekanga,
uJuda, kesabanga, kodwa laye wayafeba. 9 Kwasekusithi
ngenxa yendumela yokufeba kwakhe wangcolisa ilizwe,
waphinga lamatshe lezihlahla. 10 Kube kanti kukho
konke lokhu udadewabo ongathembekanga, uJuda,
kabuyelanga kimi ngenhliziyo yakhe yonke, kodwa
ngenkohliso, itsho iNkosi. 11 INkosi yasisithi kimi:
UIsrayeli ohlehlela nyovane uzilungisise kuloJuda
okhohlisayo. 12 Hamba uyememezela lamazwi
ngasenyakatho uthi: Phenduka, Israyeli ohlehlela
nyovane, itsho iNkosi. Kangiyikwenza ulaka lwami
lwehlele phezu kwakho, ngoba ngilesihawu, itsho iNkosi,
njalo kangiyikugcina ulaka lwami kuze kube phakade. 13
Yazi kuphela isiphambeko sakho ukuthi uphambekile
umelene leNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, wahlakaza izindlela
zakho kwabezizweni ngaphansi kwaso sonke isihlahla
esiluhlaza, njalo kawulalelanga ilizwi lami, itsho iNkosi.
14 Phendukani, bantwana abahlehlela nyovane, itsho
iNkosi, ngoba mina ngiliganile; njalo ngizalithatha,
abe munye emzini, lababili kulo usendo, ngililethe
eZiyoni. 15 Njalo ngizalinika abelusi njengokwenhliziyo
yami, abazalelusa ngolwazi lokuqedisisa. 16
Kuzakuthi-ke lapho selandile laba banengi elizweni,
ngalezonsuku, itsho iNkosi, kabasayikuthi: Umtshokotsho
wesivumelwano seNkosi; njalo kawuyikufika enhliziyweni,
njalo kabayikuwukhumbula, futhi kabayikuwuhambela,
kungabuyi kwenziwe futhi. 17 Ngalesosikhathi bazabiza
iJerusalema ngokuthi yisihlalo sobukhosi seNkosi;
lezizwe zonke zizabuthaniswa kuyo, ngebizo leNkosi,
eJerusalema; futhi kazisayikulandela inkani yenhliziyo
yazo embi. 18 Ngalezonsuku indlu yakoJuda izakuya
kuyo indlu yakoIsrayeli, ziphume kanyekanye elizweni
lenyakatho, zize elizweni engalinika oyihlo libe yilifa
labo. 19 Kodwa mina ngathi: Ngizakubeka njani phakathi
kwabantwana, ngikunike ilizwe eliloyisekayo, ilifa elihle

kakhulu lezizwe. Ngasengisithi: Uzangibiza ngokuthi:
Baba; njalo ungaphambuki ekungilandeleni. 20 Isibili,
njengomfazi ungathembekanga kumkakhe, ngokunjalo
kalithembekanga kimi, lina ndlu kaIsrayeli, itsho iNkosi.
21 Ilizwi lezwakala emadundulwini, ukukhala lokuncenga
kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli, ngoba bephambule indlela
yabo, bayikhohlwa iNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo. 22
Phendukani, lina bantwana abahlehlela nyovane;
ngizakwelapha ukuhlehlela nyovane kwenu. Khangela,
thina siyeza kuwe, ngoba uyiNkosi uNkulunkulu
wethu. 23 Isibili kuyize ukuthembela kusindiso oluvela
emaqaqeni, lebunengini bezintaba. Isibili luseNkosini
uNkulunkulu wethu usindiso lukaIsrayeli. 24 Ngoba
ihlazo liwuqedile umtshikatshika wabobaba kusukela
ebutsheni bethu, izimvu zabo lenkomo zabo, amadodana
abo lamadodakazi abo. 25 Silala phansi ehlazweni
lethu, lenhloni zethu zisimbozile; ngoba sonile eNkosini
uNkulunkulu wethu, thina labobaba, kusukela ebutsheni
bethu kuze kube lamuhla, njalo kasilalelanga ilizwi
leNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu.

4 Uba uphenduka, Israyeli, itsho iNkosi, phendukela
kimi; njalo uba ususa phambi kwami izinengiso
zakho, kawuyikuphambuka. 2 Futhi uzafunga: Kuphila
kukaJehova, ngeqiniso, ngokwahlulela, langokulunga;
lezizwe zizazibusisa kuyo, lakuyo zizincome. 3 Ngoba
itsho njalo iNkosi kumadoda akoJuda leJerusalema:
Qhathani ingqatho yenu, lingahlanyeli phakathi kwameva.
4 Zisokeleni eNkosini, lisuse amajwabu aphambili
enhliziyo yenu, madoda akoJuda labahlali beJerusalema;
hlezi ulaka lwami luphume njengomlilo, lutshise, kungabi
khona ongalucitsha, ngenxa yobubi bezenzo zenu. 5
Bikani koJuda, lizwakalise eJerusalema, lithi: Vuthelani
uphondo elizweni; klabalalani ngokugcweleyo lithi:
Buthanani, singene emizini ebiyelweyo. 6 Misani uphawu
ngaseZiyoni, balekani, lingemi; ngoba ngizaletha ububi
buvela enyakatho, lokwephuka okukhulu. 7 Isilwane
sesenyukile siphuma ehlathini laso, lomchithi wezizwe
usukile, uphumile endaweni yakhe ukuze ulenze ilizwe
lakho incithakalo; imizi yakho izakuba ngamanxiwa,
ingabi lomhlali. 8 Ngenxa yalokhu bhincani amasaka,
lilani liqhinqe isililo; ngoba ulaka lweNkosi oluvuthayo
kaluphendukanga lusuka kithi. 9 Njalo kuzakuthi
ngalolosuku, itsho iNkosi, inhliziyo yenkosi izaphela,
lenhliziyo yeziphathamandla; labapristi bazamangala
kakhulu, labaprofethi bazathithibala. 10 Ngasengisithi:
Hawu, Nkosi Jehova! Isibili ubakhohlisile lokubakhohlisa
lababantu leJerusalema usithi: Lizakuba lokuthula; kanti
inkemba ifinyelela emphefumulweni. 11 Ngalesosikhathi
kuzakuthiwa kulabobantu lakuyo iJerusalema: Umoya
otshisayo wamadundulu enkangala, indlela yendodakazi
yabantu bami, ungeyisiwo wokwela njalo ungeyisiwo
wokuhlambulula. 12 Umoya ogcweleyo ovela kuwo
uzakuza kimi. Khathesi lami ngizakhuluma izahlulelo
zimelene labo. 13 Khangela, uzakwenyuka njengamayezi,
lenqola zakhe njengesivunguzane; amabhiza akhe
alesiqubu kulezinkozi. Maye kithi, ngoba sichithiwe!
14 Jerusalema, hlambulula inhliziyo yakho kuphume
inkohlakalo, ukuze usindiswe. Koze kube nini imicabango
yakho emibi ihlala phakathi kwakho? 15 Ngoba
ilizwi liyamemeza lisuka koDani, lizwakalisa uhlupho
oluvela entabeni yakoEfrayimi. 16 Khumbuzani izizwe,
khangelani, lizwakalise limelene leJerusalema; kufika
abalindi bevela elizweni elikhatshana, baphakamisa
ilizwi labo bemelene lemizi yakoJuda. 17 Njengabalindi
bensimu bamelene layo inhlangothi zonke, ngoba
ingivukele, itsho iNkosi. 18 Indlela yakho lezenzo zakho
kukwenzele lezizinto; lokhu kuyinkohlakalo yakho, ngoba
kubuhlungu, ngoba kufinyelela enhliziyweni yakho. 19
Imibilini yami, imibilini yami! Ngilobuhlungu emidulini
yenhliziyo yami. Inhliziyo yami yenza umsindo phakathi
kwami; ngingeke ngithule; ngoba wena mphefumulo
wami, uzwile ukukhala kophondo, umkhosi wempi.
20 Kuyamenyezelwa incithakalo phezu kwencithakalo,
ngoba ilizwe lonke lichithekile. Amathente ami ahle
achithwa, amakhetheni ami ngokucwayiza kwelihlo. 21
Koze kube nini ngibona isiboniso, ngizwe ukukhala
kophondo? 22 Ngoba abantu bami bayizithutha,
mina kabangazi; bangabantwana abayiziphukuphuku,
kabalakuqedisisa; bahlakaniphele ukwenza okubi,
kodwa ukwenza okuhle kabakwazi. 23 Ngabona
umhlaba, khangela-ke, wawungelasimo, ungelalutho;
lemazulwini, kodwa kakukho ukukhanya kwawo.
24 Ngabona izintaba, khangela-ke, zazinyikinyeka,
lamaqaqa wonke ayenyakazela. 25 Ngabona, khangela-
ke, kwakungelamuntu, lenyoni zonke zamazulu
zibalekile. 26 Ngabona, khangela-ke, ilizwe elivundileyo
laliyinkangala, lemizi yalo yonke yayidiliziwe phambi
kweNkosi, phambi kokuvutha kolaka lwayo. 27 Ngoba
itsho njalo iNkosi: Ilizwe lonke lizakuba lunxiwa,
kodwa kangiyikuqeda ngokupheleleyo. 28 Ngenxa
yalokhu umhlaba uzalila, lamazulu aphezulu abe
mnyama; ngenxa yokuthi ngikhulumile, ngikuhlosile,
njalo kangiyikuzisola, njalo kangiyikubuyela emuva
ngisuka kukho. 29 Umuzi wonke uzabaleka ngenxa
yomsindo wabagadi bamabhiza labatshoki ngamadandili;
bazangena ezixukwini, bakhwele emadwaleni; wonke
umuzi uzatshiywa, njalo kungabi lamuntu ohlala kuwo.
30 Wena-ke ozachitheka, uzakwenzani? Loba ugqoka
okubomvu, loba uzicecisa ngezigqizo zegolide, loba
ucomba amehlo akho ngomphendulo, uzenza ube muhle
ngeze, izithandwa zakho zizakudelela, zidinga impilo
yakho. 31 Ngoba ngizwile ilizwi kungathi ngelowesifazana
ohelelwayo, ubuhlungu obunjengobeletha umntwana
olizibulo, ilizwi lendodakazi yeZiyoni, ikhefuzela, iselula
izandla zayo isithi: Maye-ke mina! Ngoba umphefumulo
wami uphele amandla ngenxa yababulali.

5 Hambani liye le lale ezitaladeni zeJerusalema,
libone khathesi, lazi, lidinge ezindaweni zayo

ezingamagceke, uba lingathola umuntu, uba
ekhona owenza isahlulelo, odinga iqiniso; khona
ngizayithethelela. 2 Loba-ke besithi: Kuphila kukaJehova;
kanti bafunga amanga. 3 Nkosi, amehlo akho kawakho
eqinisweni yini? Ubatshayile, kodwa kabezwanga
buhlungu; ubaqothule, kodwa bala ukwemukela
ukulaywa. Benzile ubuso babo bube lukhuni kuledwala,
bala ukuphenduka. 4 Mina ngasengisithi: Qiniso, laba
ngabayanga, bayizithutha; ngoba kabayazi indlela
yeNkosi, isahlulelo sikaNkulunkulu wabo. 5 Mina
ngizakuya kwabakhulu, ngikhulume labo, ngoba bona
bayayazi indlela yeNkosi, isahlulelo sikaNkulunkulu
wabo; kodwa labo kanyekanye balephulile ijogwe,
baqamula izibopho. 6 Ngakho-ke isilwane esiphuma
ehlathini sizababulala, impisi yezinkangala ibachithe,
ingwe ilinde imelene lemizi yabo; wonke ophuma
kiyo uzadatshudatshulwa; ngoba iziphambeko zabo
zinengi, ukuhlehlela nyovane kwabo kwandile. 7
Ngingakuthethelela njani ngalokhu? Abantwana bakho
bangidelile, bafunga ngabangeyisibo onkulunkulu.
Sengibasuthisile, basebefeba, babuthana ngamaxuku
endlini yezifebe. 8 Babenjengamabhiza asuthayo
ekuseni, bakhonya, omunye lomunye kumfazi
kamakhelwane wakhe. 9 Kangiyikujezisa yini ngenxa
yalezizinto? itsho iNkosi; kumbe umphefumulo wami
kawuyikuphindisela yini esizweni esinjengalesi? 10
Yenyukelani emidulwini yayo, lichithe, kodwa lingenzi
isiphetho esipheleleyo; susani ingatsha zayo, ngoba
kazisizo zeNkosi. 11 Ngoba indlu kaIsrayeli lendlu
kaJuda zenze ngenkohliso enkulu zimelene lami, itsho
iNkosi. 12 Bayiphikile iNkosi, bathi: Kayisiyo; njalo ububi
kabuyikusehlela, futhi kasiyikubona inkemba loba indlala.
13 Labaprofethi bazakuba ngumoya, lelizwi kalikho
kubo; kuzakwenziwa njalo kibo! 14 Ngalokho itsho njalo
iNkosi uNkulunkulu wamabandla: Ngoba likhuluma
lelilizwi, khangela, ngizakwenza amazwi ami emlonyeni
wakho abe ngumlilo, lalababantu babe zinkuni, njalo
uzabaqothula. 15 Khangelani, ngizaletha phezu kwenu
isizwe esivela khatshana, ndlu kaIsrayeli, itsho iNkosi;
yisizwe esilamandla, yisizwe esidala, isizwe ongalwaziyo
ulimi lwaso, longayikuzwa esikukhulumayo. 16 Isamba
saso semitshoko sinjengengcwaba elivulekileyo;
bonke bangamaqhawe. 17 Njalo sizakudla isivuno
sakho lokudla kwakho; sizakudla amadodana akho
lamadodakazi akho; sizakudla izimvu zakho lenkomo
zakho; sizakudla ivini lakho lomkhiwa wakho; lemizi
yakho ebiyelweyo othembela kiyo, sizayithelela
ubuyanga ngenkemba. 18 Kodwa langalezonsuku, itsho
iNkosi, kangiyikwenza isiphetho esipheleleyo kini. 19
Kuzakuthi-ke lapho lisithi: INkosi uNkulunkulu wethu
yenzeleni zonke lezizinto kithi? Khona uzakutsho kubo
uthi: Njengoba lingidelile, lakhonza onkulunkulu bemzini
elizweni lakini, ngokunjalo lizakhonza abezizwe elizweni
elingeyisilo lenu. 20 Memezelani lokhu endlini kaJakobe,
likuzwakalise koJuda, lisithi: 21 Zwanini-ke lokhu, lina
bantu abayizithutha labangelangqondo, elilamehlo,
kodwa lingaboni, elilendlebe, kodwa lingezwa. 22
Kalingesabi yini? itsho iNkosi; kaliyikuthuthumela phambi
kwami yini, engabeka itshebetshebe laba ngumngcele
wolwandle ngesimiso saphakade olungeledlule? Lanxa
amagagasi alo etshayana kube kanti angenqobe;
lanxa ehlokoma kube kanti kawayikudlula phezu
kwawo. 23 Kodwa lababantu balenhliziyo evukelayo
lephikayo; baphambukile, bahamba. 24 Futhi kabatsho
enhliziyweni zabo ukuthi: Ake sesabe iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wethu, enika izulu lakuqala lelamuva ngesikhathi salo,
esigcinela amaviki amisiweyo esivuno. 25 Iziphambeko
zenu ziphambule lezizinto, lezono zenu zaligodlela
okuhle. 26 Ngoba phakathi kwabantu bami kutholakala
abakhohlakeleyo; bacatheme njengabathiya inyoni;
babeka umgibe ochithayo, babambe abantu. 27
Njengezongo ligcwele inyoni, zinjalo izindlu zabo
zigcwele inkohliso; ngakho-ke sebebakhulu, banothile. 28
Bazimukile, bancwaba, yebo, bedlula imisebenzi yomubi;
kabameli udaba, udaba lwezintandane, kube kanti
bayaphumelela; lelungelo labaswelayo kabalahluleli.
29 Kangiyikubajezisa ngalezizinto yini? kutsho iNkosi.
Umphefumulo wami kawuyikuphindisela esizweni
esinjengalesi yini? 30 Okwethusayo lokwesabekayo
kwenzakele elizweni. 31 Abaprofethi baprofetha
ngamanga, labapristi babusa ngezandla zabo; labantu
bami bakuthanda kunjalo; kodwa lizakwenzani
ekupheleni kwakho?

6 Lina bantwana bakoBhenjamini, buthanelani
ukubaleka liphume phakathi kweJerusalema, livuthele
uphondo eThekhowa, liphakamise uphawu lomlilo eBeti-
Hakeremi: ngoba ububi bubona phansi busenyakatho,
lencithakalo enkulu. 2 Indodakazi yeZiyoni ngiyifananise
lowesifazana omuhle obuthakathaka. 3 Abelusi bazafika
kuye lemihlambi yabo; bazamisa amathente beqondene
laye inhlangothi zonke, beluse ngulowo lalowo endaweni
yakhe. 4 Zehlukaniseleni impi limelene layo; sukumani,
kasenyuke emini enkulu. Maye kithi! ngoba ilanga
selithambeme, ngoba amathunzi okuhlwa aselulekile. 5
Sukumani, senyuke ngobusuku, sidilize izigodlo zayo.
6 Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Gamulani
izihlahla, libuthelele umduli wokuvimbezela limelene
leJerusalema. Yiwo lo umuzi ozajeziswa; kulocindezelo
kuphela phakathi kwawo. 7 Njengomthombo umpompoza
amanzi awo, ngokunjalo umpompoza inkohlakalo
yawo; udlakela lencithakalo kuzwakala kuwo; phambi
kwami kulenhlungu lamanxeba njalonjalo. 8 Layeka,
Jerusalema, hlezi umphefumulo wami wehlukane
lawe; hlezi ngikwenze unxiwa, ilizwe elingahlalwanga.
9 Itsho njalo INkosi yamabandla: Bazayikhothoza
lokuyikhothoza insali kaIsrayeli njengevini; buyisela
isandla sakho ezitsheni njengomvuni wevini. 10
Ngizakhuluma kubani, ngixwayise, ukuze bezwe?

Khangela, indlebe yabo kayisokwanga, kabalakulalela;
khangela, ilizwi leNkosi lilihlazo kibo, kabathokozi
ngalo. 11 Ngakho ngigcwele ulaka lweNkosi, ngikhathele
yikuzithiba. Ngizakuthululela phezu kwabantwana
esitaladeni lemhlanganweni wamajaha ndawonye, ngoba
lendoda kanye lomfazi bazathathwa, omdala kanye
logcwele izinsuku. 12 Lezindlu zabo zizanikelwa
kwabanye, amasimu labafazi kanyekanye; ngoba
ngizakwelulela isandla sami phezu kwabahlali belizwe,
itsho iNkosi. 13 Ngoba kusukela komncinyane wabo
kuze kufike komkhulu wabo bonke bayizihwaba zenzuzo
embi; njalo kusukela komprofethi kuze kube kompristi
bonke benza ngenkohliso. 14 Bapholisa kancane inxeba
labantu bami, besithi: Ukuthula, ukuthula; lapho kungekho
ukuthula. 15 Baba lenhloni yini lapho besenza isinengiso?
Hatshi, kababanga lanhloni lakanye, futhi kabakwazi
ukuyangeka. Ngakho bazakuwa phakathi kwabawayo;
ngesikhathi sokubahambela kwami bazakhubeka, itsho
iNkosi. 16 Itsho njalo iNkosi: Manini ezindleleni, libone,
libuze ngemikhondo yasendulo, ukuthi ingaphi indlela
enhle, lihambe kuyo, njalo lizazuzela imiphefumulo
yenu ukuthula. Kodwa bathi: Kasiyikuhamba ngayo. 17
Futhi ngilibekele abalindi, ngisithi: Lalelani ukukhala
kophondo. Kodwa bathi: Kasiyikulalela. 18 Ngakho
zwanini, lina zizwe, wazi, wena bandla, okuphakathi
kwabo. 19 Zwana, wena mhlaba; khangela, ngizaletha
ububi phezu kwalababantu, isithelo semicabango
yabo, ngoba bengalalelanga amazwi ami, lomlayo
wami, kodwa bawalile. 20 Izelani kimi impepha ivela
eShebha, lomhlanga olephunga elimnandi ovela elizweni
elikhatshana? Iminikelo yenu yokutshiswa kayemukeleki,
lemihlatshelo yenu kayimnandi kimi. 21 Ngakho itsho
njalo iNkosi: Khangela, ngizabeka izikhubekiso phambi
kwalababantu, njalo oyise lamadodana bakhubeke
kanyekanye kuzo, umakhelwane lomngane wakhe,
bazabhubha. 22 Itsho njalo INkosi: Khangela, abantu
bayeza bevela elizweni lenyakatho, lesizwe esikhulu
sizavuswa ezinhlangothini zomhlaba. 23 Bazabamba
idandili lomkhonto; balesihluku, kabalasihawu; ilizwi labo
lihlokoma njengolwandle; bagade amabhiza, behleliwe
njengabantu bempi bemelene lawe, ndodakazi yeZiyoni.
24 Siyizwile indumela yakho, izandla zethu ziyadangala;
usizi lusibambile, ubuhlungu obunjengobowesifazana
obelethayo. 25 Lingaphumi liye egangeni, lingahambi
endleleni, ngoba kukhona inkemba yesitha, ukwesaba
inhlangothi zonke. 26 Wena ndodakazi yabantu bami,
bhinca amasaka, ubhuquze emlotheni, uzenzele isililo,
esinjengesendodana eyiyo yodwa, ukukhala okubuhlungu
kakhulu; ngoba umchithi uzafika kithi masinyane. 27
Ngikubekile ube ngumphotshongo lenqaba phakathi
kwabantu bami, ukuze wazi uhlole indlela yabo. 28 Bonke
bangabahlamuki abalenkani, behamba behleba; balithusi
lensimbi, bonke bangabonakalisi. 29 Imvutho itshile,
umnuso usuqedwe ngumlilo; umncibilikisi uncibilikisela
ize, ngoba ababi kabakhutshwa. 30 Bazababiza ngokuthi
bayisiliva esilahliweyo, ngoba iNkosi ibalahlile.

7 Ilizwi elafika kuJeremiya livela eNkosini lisithi: 2
Mana esangweni lendlu yeNkosi umemezele khona
lelilizwi uthi: Zwanini ilizwi leNkosi, lina bonke bakoJuda,
abangena kulamasango ukuzakhonza iNkosi. 3 Itsho
njalo INkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu wakoIsrayeli:
Lungisani indlela zenu lezenzo zenu, khona ngizalenza
ukuthi lihlale kulindawo. 4 Lingathembi lina emazwini
amanga okuthi: La alithempeli leNkosi, ithempeli leNkosi,
ithempeli leNkosi. 5 Ngoba uba lilungisisa lokulungisa
izindlela zenu lezenzo zenu; uba lisenza lokwenza
isahlulelo phakathi komuntu lomakhelwane wakhe;
6 lingacindezeli owezizweni, intandane, lomfelokazi,
lingachithi igazi elingelacala kulindawo; futhi lingalandeli
abanye onkulunkulu ukuze kube kubi kini; 7 khona
ngizalenza ukuthi lihlale kulindawo, elizweni engalinika
oyihlo, kusukela endulo kuze kube nininini. 8
Khangelani, lina lithembela emazwini amanga angasizi
lutho. 9 Lizakweba, libulale, lifebe, lifunge amanga,
litshisele uBhali impepha, lilandele abanye onkulunkulu
elingabaziyo yini? 10 Beselisiza lime phambi kwami
kulindlu, ebizwa ngebizo lami, lithi: Sikhululwe ukuze
senze zonke lezizinengiso. 11 Indlu le, ebizwa ngebizo
lami, isibe lubhalu lwabaphangi emehlweni enu yini?
Khangelani, mina sengibonile, itsho iNkosi. 12 Ngoba
yanini khathesi endaweni yami eseShilo, lapho engamisa
khona ibizo lami kuqala, libone engikwenzileyo kiyo
ngenxa yobubi babantu bami uIsrayeli. 13 Khathesi-
ke, ngoba lenzile yonke le imisebenzi, itsho iNkosi,
njalo ngikhulumile lani, ngivuka ngovivi ngikhuluma,
kodwa kalizwanga, ngalibiza, kodwa kaliphendulanga;
14 ngakho ngizakwenza kulindlu, ebizwa ngebizo lami,
elithemba kiyo, lakundawo engayinika lina laboyihlo,
njengalokho engakwenza eShilo. 15 Njalo ngizalixotsha
lisuke ebusweni bami, njengalokho ngaxotsha bonke
abafowenu, inzalo yonke kaEfrayimi. 16 Ngakho wena
ungabakhulekeli lababantu, ungabaphakamiseli ukukhala
loba umkhuleko, ungalabheli kimi, ngoba kangiyikukuzwa.
17 Kawukuboni yini abakwenza emizini yakoJuda
lezitaladeni zeJerusalema? 18 Abantwana batheza inkuni,
laboyise baphembe umlilo, labesifazana baxove inhlama,
ukuze benzele indlovukazi yamazulu amaqebelengwana,
bathululele abanye onkulunkulu iminikelo yokunathwayo,
ukuze bangithukuthelise. 19 Bathukuthelisa mina yini?
itsho iNkosi. Kabazenzeni yini kuze kusanganiseke
ubuso babo? 20 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova:
Khangela, intukuthelo yami lolaka lwami kuzathululelwa
kulindawo, phezu komuntu, laphezu kwenyamazana,
laphezu kwezihlahla zasendle, laphezu kwesithelo
somhlabathi; njalo kuzakutsha, kungacitshwa. 21 Itsho
njalo INkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Fakani
iminikelo yenu yokutshiswa kanye lemihlatshelo yenu,
lidle inyama. 22 Ngoba kangikhulumanga kuboyihlo, njalo

kangibalayanga ngosuku engabakhupha ngalo elizweni
leGibhithe, mayelana lendaba zeminikelo yokutshiswa
kumbe imihlatshelo. 23 Kodwa ngabalaya le into ngisithi:
Lalelani ilizwi lami, njalo ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wenu,
lina-ke libe ngabantu bami; njalo hambani ngayo yonke
indlela engililaya yona, ukuze kulilungele. 24 Kodwa
kabalalelanga, kabathobanga indlebe yabo; kodwa
bahamba ngamacebo, ngenkani yenhliziyo yabo embi,
bahlehlela nyovane, hatshi-ke phambili. 25 Kusukela
osukwini oyihlo abaphuma ngalo elizweni leGibhithe
kuze kube yilolusuku, ngithume kini zonke inceku
zami, abaprofethi, insuku ngensuku ngivuka ngovivi,
ngithuma. 26 Kanti kabangilalelanga, njalo kababekanga
indlebe yabo, kodwa benza intamo yabo yaba lukhuni;
benza kubi kulaboyise. 27 Ngakho uzakhuluma wonke
lamazwi kibo, kodwa kabayikukulalela; futhi uzababiza,
kodwa kabayikukuphendula. 28 Ngakho uzakuthi kibo:
Lesi yisizwe esingalaleli ilizwi leNkosi, uNkulunkulu
waso, lesingemukeli ukulaywa; iqiniso liphelile, liqunyiwe
emlonyeni waso. 29 Gela inwele zakho, wena Jerusalema,
uzilahle, uphakamise isililo emadundulwini; ngoba iNkosi
isalile yasidela isizukulwana solaka lwayo. 30 Ngoba
abantwana bakoJuda benzile ububi emehlweni ami,
itsho iNkosi; babekile izinengiso zabo endlini ebizwa
ngebizo lami, ukuze bayingcolise. 31 Bakhile-ke indawo
eziphakemeyo zeTofethi, ezisesihotsheni sendodana
kaHinomu, ukuze batshise amadodana abo lamadodakazi
abo ngomlilo; engingabalayanga khona, lokungavelanga
enhliziyweni yami. 32 Ngakho khangela, insuku
ziyeza, itsho iNkosi, lapho engasayikubizwa ngokuthi
yiTofethi, loba isihotsha sendodana kaHinomu, kodwa
isihotsha sokubulala; ngoba bazangcwaba eTofethi,
kuze kungabi landawo. 33 Lezidumbu zalababantu
zizakuba yikudla kwenyoni zamazulu, lezezinyamazana
zomhlaba, kungekho ozazethusa. 34 Khona ngizakwenza
kuphele emizini yakoJuda lezitaladeni zeJerusalema
ilizwi lenjabulo, lelizwi lentokozo, ilizwi lomyeni, lelizwi
likamakoti, ngoba ilizwe lizakuba lunxiwa.

8 Ngalesosikhathi, itsho iNkosi, bazakhupha
amathambo amakhosi akoJuda, lamathambo
eziphathamandla zayo, lamathambo abapristi,
lamathambo abaprofethi, lamathambo abahlali
beJerusalema, emangcwabeni abo; 2 baweneke
elangeni lenyangeni, lakulo lonke ibutho lamazulu,
abakuthandayo, labakusebenzelayo, labakulandelayo,
labakudingayo, labakukhonzayo; kawayikubuthwa,
kawayikungcwatshwa; azakuba ngawomquba phezu
kobuso bomhlaba. 3 Njalo ukufa kuzakhethwa kulempilo
yiyo yonke insali yabaseleyo balolusapho olubi, kuzo
zonke indawo zabaseleyo lapho engibaxotshele khona,
itsho iNkosi yamabandla. 4 Uzakuthi kibo futhi: Itsho
njalo INkosi: Bazakuwa bangavuki yini? Uzaphambuka
angaphenduki yini? 5 Pho, baphambukelani
lababantu eJerusalema ngokuphambuka okulaphakade?
Babambelela enkohlisweni, bayala ukuphenduka. 6
Ngilalele ngezwa, kabakhulumanga kuhle; kakulamuntu
ozisolayo ngobubi bakhe esithi: Ngenzeni? Wonke
uphendukela emjahweni wakhe njengebhiza ligijimela
empini. 7 Yebo ingabuzane emazulwini liyazazi
izikhathi zalo ezimisiweyo; lejuba lehemu lenkonjane
kuyagcina isikhathi sokubuya kwakho; kodwa abantu
bami kabazazi izimiso zeNkosi. 8 Litsho njani ukuthi:
Sihlakaniphile, lomlayo weNkosi ulathi? Khangelani,
isibili usiba lwamanga lwababhali lusebenzela ize.
9 Abahlakaniphileyo bayangekile, besabe kakhulu
bathethwe; khangela, balalile ilizwi leNkosi; pho
balenhlakanipho bani? 10 Ngakho omkabo ngizabanika
abanye, amasimu abo kwabazakudla ilifa labo; ngoba
kusukela komncinyane kuze kufike komkhulu bonke
bayizihwaba zenzuzo embi, kusukela kumprofethi
kuze kube kumpristi wonke wenza ngenkohliso.
11 Ngoba balipholise kancane inxeba lendodakazi
yabantu bami, besithi: Ukuthula, ukuthula; khona
kungelakuthula. 12 Baba lenhloni yini lapho sebenze
amanyala? Hatshi, kababanga lanhloni lakanye,
futhi kabakwazi ukuyangeka; ngakho bazakuwa
phakathi kwabawayo; ngesikhathi sokuhanjelwa kwabo
bazawiselwa phansi, itsho iNkosi. 13 Isibili ngizabaqeda,
itsho iNkosi; kakuyikuba khona izithelo zevini evinini;
njalo kakuyikuba khona imikhiwa emkhiweni, lehlamvu
lizabuna; lengibanike khona kuzakwedlula kibo. 14
Sihlaleleni? Buthanani, singene emizini evikelweyo,
sithule khona; ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu
isithulisile, yasinathisa amanzi enyongo, ngoba sonile
eNkosini. 15 Salindela ukuthula, kodwa kakubanga
lokuhle; isikhathi sokwelatshwa, kodwa khangela,
luhlupho. 16 Ukuthimula kwamabhiza akhe kwezwakala
kusukela koDani; ilizwe lonke lathuthumela emsindweni
wokukhonya kwalamandla akhe; ngoba afikile, adla
ilizwe lokugcwala kwalo, umuzi labahlala kiwo. 17
Ngoba khangelani, ngithumela phakathi kwenu izinyoka,
amabululu, angelakulunjwa, njalo azaliluma, itsho
iNkosi. 18 Ukududuzwa kwami kusosizini, inhliziyo yami
iphelelwa ngamandla kimi. 19 Khangelani, ilizwi lokukhala
kwendodakazi yabantu bami livela elizweni elikhatshana.
INkosi kayikho eZiyoni yini? Inkosi yayo kayikho
phakathi kwayo yini? Bangicunuleleni ngezithombe
zabo ezibaziweyo, ngokuyize kwabezizwe? 20 Isivuno
sidlulile, ihlobo liphelile, kanti thina kasisindiswanga. 21
Ngokwephuka kwendodakazi yabantu bami ngephukile;
ngimnyama; ukumangala okukhulu kungibambile. 22
Kakulabhalisamu yini eGileyadi? Kakho yini umelaphi
khona? Ngoba kungani kungaveli ukwelatshwa
kwendodakazi yabantu bami?

9 Kungathi ngabe ikhanda lami lingamanzi, lamehlo
ami umthombo wezinyembezi, ukuze ngikhalele

ababuleweyo bendodakazi yabantu bami emini lebusuku!
2 Kungathi ngabe ngilendawo yokulala yezihambi
enkangala, ukuze ngitshiye abantu bami, ngisuke kubo!
Ngoba bonke bayizifebe, ixuku labakhohlisayo. 3 Njalo
bagobisa ulimi lwabo njengedandili labo besenzela
amanga; kodwa kabaliqineli iqiniso elizweni; ngoba
baqhubeka kusukela kokubi kusiya kokubi, mina-ke
kabangazi, itsho iNkosi. 4 Qaphelani, ngulowo lalowo
umakhelwane wakhe, lingathembi lawuphi umfowenu,
ngoba wonke umfowenu uzakhohlisa lokukhohlisa,
laye wonke umakhelwane uzahamba ngokuhleba. 5
Njalo bazakhohlisa, ngulowo lalowo umakhelwane
wakhe, bengakhulumi iqiniso; balufundisile ulimi lwabo
ukukhuluma amanga, bezidinisa ngokwenza okubi.
6 Indawo yakho yokuhlala iphakathi kwenkohliso;
ngenkohliso bayala ukungazi, itsho iNkosi. 7
Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Khangela,
ngizabancibilikisa, ngibahlole; ngoba ngizakwenza
njani ngenxa yendodakazi yabantu bami? 8
Ulimi lwabo lungumtshoko wokubulala, lukhuluma
inkohliso; ngulowo lalowo ukhuluma ukuthula ngomlomo
wakhe kumakhelwane wakhe, kodwa ngaphakathi
kwakhe uyamcathamela. 9 Kangiyikubajezisa yini
ngenxa yalezizinto? itsho iNkosi; umphefumulo wami
kawuyikuphindisela yini esizweni esinjengalesi? 10
Ngizaphakamisa ukukhala lesililo phezu kwezintaba,
laphezu kwezindawo zokuhlala zenkangala ingoma
yokulila, ngoba kutshisiwe, okokuthi kungekho odlulayo;
njalo bangezwa ilizwi lezifuyo; kusukela enyonini
zamazulu kusiya enyamazaneni kubalekile, kuhambile.
11 Ngizayenza iJerusalema ibe zinqumbi, umlindi
wemigobho; lemizi yakoJuda ngizayenza ibe lunxiwa,
ingabi lamhlali. 12 Ngubani umuntu ohlakaniphileyo
ongaqedisisa lokhu? Njalo ngubani umlomo weNkosi
okhulume kuye, ukuze akubike? Kungani ilizwe libhubhile
litshiswe njengenkangala, kuze kungabikho odlulayo?
13 INkosi yasisithi: Ngoba bedelile umlayo wami
engawubeka phambi kwabo, njalo bengalilalelanga ilizwi
lami, bengahambanga ngalo; 14 kodwa balandela inkani
yenhliziyo yabo, belandela oBhali, oyise ababafundisa
khona. 15 Ngalokho itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla,
uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Khangela, ngizabondla lababantu
ngomhlonyane, ngibanathise amanzi enyongo. 16
Njalo ngizabahlakaza phakathi kwezizwe abangazanga
bazazi bona laboyise, ngithume inkemba emva kwabo,
ngize ngibaqede. 17 Itsho njalo INkosi yamabandla:
Qaphelani, libize abesifazana abalilayo ukuthi beze;
lithumele kwabesifazana abahlakaniphileyo, ukuthi beze.
18 Kabaphangise, basiphakamisele isililo, ukuze amehlo
ethu ehlise inyembezi, lenkophe zethu zimpompoze
amanzi. 19 Ngoba ilizwi lokulila liyezwakala liphuma
eZiyoni lisithi: Yeka ukuchitheka kwethu! Silenhloni
kakhulu, ngoba silitshiyile ilizwe, ngoba babhidlizile
izindawo zethu zokuhlala. 20 Kanti zwanini ilizwi leNkosi,
lina besifazana, lendlebe zenu zilemukele ilizwi lomlomo
wayo; lifundise amadodakazi enu ukuqhinqa isililo, kube
ngulowo lalowo umakhelwane wakhe ingoma yokulila.
21 Ngoba ukufa kwenyukele emawindini ethu, kwangena
ezigodlweni zethu, ukuquma abantwana ezitaladeni,
amajaha emidangeni. 22 Khuluma uthi: Itsho njalo iNkosi:
Ngitsho isidumbu somuntu sizakuwa njengamalongwe
ebusweni bensimu, lanjengomzila wamabele asikiweyo
emva komvuni, njalo kungabi lobuthayo. 23 Itsho njalo
iNkosi: Ohlakaniphileyo kangazincomi ngenhlakanipho
yakhe, leqhawe lingazincomi ngobuqhawe balo, isinothi
singazincomi ngenotho yaso; 24 kodwa ozincomayo
kazincome ngalokhu, ukuthi uyaqedisisa uyangazi mina,
ukuthi ngiyiNkosi esebenzisa uthandolomusa, isahlulelo,
lokulunga emhlabeni; ngoba kulezizinto ngiyathokoza,
itsho iNkosi. 25 Khangela, insuku ziyeza, itsho iNkosi,
lapho ngizajezisa bonke abasokileyo ekungasokini: 26
IGibhithe, loJuda, loEdoma, labantwana bakoAmoni,
loMowabi, labo bonke abaphoselwe engonsini, abahlala
enkangala; ngoba zonke izizwe kazisokwanga, layo
yonke indlu kaIsrayeli kayisokwanga enhliziyweni.

10 Zwanini ilizwi iNkosi elikhuluma kini, lina ndlu
kaIsrayeli. 2 Itsho njalo INkosi: Lingafundi
indlela yabahedeni, lingatshaywa luvalo ngezibonakaliso
zamazulu, ngenxa yokuthi abahedeni bayazesaba. 3
Ngoba imikhuba yabantu iyize; ngoba kuganyulwa
isihlahla ehlathini, umsebenzi wezandla zengcitshi,
ngehloka. 4 Basicecisa ngesiliva langegolide,
basiqinisa ngezipikili langezando, ukuze singazamazami.
5 Zinjengesihlahla selala somsebenzi obaziweyo,
kodwa kazikhulumi; kusweleka zithwalwe, ngoba
zingehambe; lingazesabi, ngoba zingelakwenza okubi,
futhi kakukho ukwenza okuhle kuzo. 6 Njengoba
kungekho onjengawe, Nkosi; umkhulu, lebizo lakho
likhulu ngobuqhawe. 7 Ngubani ongekwesabe, wena
Nkosi yezizwe? ngoba kukufanele. Ngoba phakathi
kwabo bonke abahlakaniphileyo bezizwe, lakuyo
yonke imibuso yabo, kakho onjengawe. 8 Kodwa
kanyekanye banjengezinyamazana bayiziphukuphuku;
isigodo siyimfundiso sokuyize. 9 Isiliva esikhandiweyo
silethwa sivela eTarshishi, legolide livela eUfazi,
umsebenzi wengcitshi, lowezandla zomkhandi wegolide;
ziluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende izigqoko
zabo; konke kungumsebenzi wabahlakaniphileyo. 10
Kodwa iNkosi inguNkulunkulu weqiniso, inguNkulunkulu
ophilayo lenkosi yaphakade. Ekuthukutheleni kwayo
umhlaba uyazamazama, lezizwe kazilakulumela ulaka
lwayo. 11 Lizakutsho njalo kubo: Onkulunkulu
abangenzanga amazulu lomhlaba bazabhubha basuke
emhlabeni langaphansi kwala amazulu. 12 Owenza
umhlaba ngamandla akhe, wamisa ilizwe ngenhlakanipho
yakhe, langokuqedisisa kwakhe wendlala amazulu. 13
Lapho ekhupha ilizwi, kulenhlokomo yamanzi emazulwini;
wenza inkungu yenyuke emkhawulweni womhlaba,

wenza imibane lezulu, akhuphe umoya eziphaleni zakhe.
14 Wonke umuntu unjengenyamazana elwazini; wonke
umkhandi wegolide uyangiswa yisithombe esibaziweyo;
ngoba isithombe sakhe esibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa
siyinkohliso, njalo kakulamphefumulo kuzo. 15 Ziyize,
umsebenzi wezinkohliso; ngesikhathi sempindiselo yazo
zizabhubha. 16 Isabelo sikaJakobe kasinjengazo,
ngoba ungumbumbi wakho konke, loIsrayeli uyintonga
yelifa lakhe; iNkosi yamabandla libizo layo. 17
Qoqa impahla yakho uyikhuphe elizweni, wena
mhlalikazi wenqaba. 18 Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi:
Khangela, ngizabajikijela ngaphandle abahlali belizwe
ngalesisikhathi, ngibacindezele ukuze bakuthole. 19
Maye kimi ngenxa yokwephuka kwami! Inxeba lami
linzima; kodwa mina ngathi: Isibili lokhu yinhlupheko
yami engizayithwala. 20 Ithente lami lidiliziwe,
lentambo zami zonke ziqamukile; abantwana bami
basukile kimi, njalo kabakho; kakho ongelula ithente
lami futhi, amise amakhetheni ami. 21 Ngoba
abelusi sebenjengenyamazana, kabadinganga iNkosi;
ngakho-ke kabaphumelelanga, lomhlambi wabo wonke
uhlakazekile. 22 Khangela, umsindo wombiko ufikile,
lokuzamazama okukhulu okuvela elizweni lenyakatho,
okuzakwenza imizi yakoJuda ibe lunxiwa, indawo
yokuhlala yemigobho. 23 Nkosi, ngiyazi ukuthi indlela
yomuntu kayikho kuye; kakukho emuntwini ohambayo
ukuthi aqondise ukunyathela kwakhe. 24 Nkosi,
ngilaya, kodwa ngesahlulelo, hatshi olakeni lwakho,
hlezi unginciphise. 25 Thululela ulaka lwakho phezu
kwabahedeni abangakwaziyo, laphezu kwensendo
ezingabizi ibizo lakho; ngoba bamdlile uJakobe,
bamginya, bamqeda, bachitha indawo yakhe yokuhlala.

11 Ilizwi elafika kuJeremiya livela eNkosini, lisithi:
2 Zwanini amazwi alesisivumelwano, likhulume
ebantwini bakoJuda lakubahlali beJerusalema. 3 Njalo
uthi kibo: Itsho njalo INkosi uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli:
Uqalekisiwe umuntu ongalaleli amazwi alesisivumelwano,
4 engawalayela oyihlo ngosuku engibakhupha ngalo
elizweni leGibhithe, esithandweni sensimbi, ngisithi:
Lalelani ilizwi lami, liwenze njengakho konke engililaya
khona; ngalokho lizakuba ngabantu bami, lami ngibe
nguNkulunkulu wenu, 5 ukuze ngimise isifungo
engasifunga kuboyihlo ukuthi ngibanike ilizwe eligeleza
uchago loluju, njengalamuhla. Ngasengiphendula ngathi:
Ameni, Nkosi. 6 INkosi yasisithi kimi: Memezela wonke
lamazwi emizini yakoJuda lezitaladeni zeJerusalema,
usithi: Zwanini amazwi alesisivumelwano, liwenze.
7 Ngoba ngafakaza lokufakaza kuboyihlo ngosuku
engabakhuphula ngalo elizweni leGibhithe, kuze kube
lamuhla, ngivuka ngovivi ngifakaza, ngisithi: Lalelani
ilizwi lami. 8 Kodwa kabalalelanga, kababekanga indlebe
yabo, kodwa bahamba, ngulowo lalowo ngobulukhuni
benhliziyo yabo embi. Ngakho ngizaletha phezu
kwabo wonke amazwi alesisivumelwano, engabalaya
ukuthi bawenze, kodwa kabawenzanga. 9 INkosi
yasisithi kimi: Kutholakele ugobe phakathi kwabantu
bakoJuda, laphakathi kwabahlali beJerusalema. 10
Sebebuyele eziphambekweni zabokhokho babo, abala
ukuzwa ilizwi lami; bona balandela abanye onkulunkulu
ukuze babakhonze; indlu yakoIsrayeli lendlu yakoJuda
zisephulile isivumelwano sami engasenza laboyise. 11
Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi: Khangela, ngizaletha okubi
phezu kwabo, abangeke baphume kukho; lapho bekhala
kimi, kangiyikubezwa. 12 Khona imizi yakoJuda labahlali
beJerusalema bezahamba bakhale kubonkulunkulu
ababatshisela impepha, kodwa kabayikubasindisa
lokubasindisa ngesikhathi sobubi babo. 13 Ngoba
njengenani lemizi yakho babenjalo onkulunkulu bakho,
Juda, lanjengenani lezitalada zeJerusalema limisile
amalathi kulokhu okuyangisayo, amalathi okutshisela
uBhali impepha. 14 Ngakho wena ungabakhulekeli
lababantu, futhi ungabaphakamiseli ukukhala kumbe
umkhuleko, ngoba kangiyikuzwa ngesikhathi sokukhala
kwabo kimi ngenxa yenhlupheko yabo. 15 Othandekayo
wami ulani endlini yami, lokhu enze amanyala labanengi,
lenyama engcwele isiyedlule kuwe yini? Lapho usenza
okubi, kulapho uthokoza. 16 INkosi yabiza ibizo
lakho ngokuthi: Isihlahla somhlwathi esiluhlaza esihle
ngezithelo ezinhle; ngomsindo wenhlokomo enkulu
izasithungela ngomlilo, lengatsha zaso zephuke. 17
Ngoba iNkosi yamabandla, eyakuhlanyelayo, ikhulumile
okubi ngawe, ngenxa yobubi bendlu yakoIsrayeli lobendlu
yakoJuda, abakwenzileyo bemelene labo ngokwabo
ukungicunula ngokutshisela uBhali impepha. 18 INkosi
yasingazisa ukuthi ngazi; wasungitshengisa izenzo
zabo. 19 Kodwa mina nganginjengewundlu kumbe inkabi
kusiwa ekuhlatshweni; ngoba ngangingazi ukuthi baceba
amacebo bemelene lami, besithi: Asichithe isihlahla
lesithelo saso; asimqume asuke elizweni labaphilayo,
ukuze ibizo lakhe lingabe lisakhunjulwa. 20 Kodwa, wena
Nkosi yamabandla, umahluleli olungileyo, ohlola izinso
lenhliziyo, kangibone impindiselo yakho kibo; ngoba
ngembule udaba lwami kuwe. 21 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi
ngamadoda eAnathothi, adinga impilo yakho, esithi:
Ungaprofethi ngebizo leNkosi, ukuze ungafi ngesandla
sethu. 22 Ngakho itsho njalo INkosi yamabandla:
Khangela, ngizawajezisa; amajaha azakufa ngenkemba,
amadodana awo lamadodakazi awo azakufa ngendlala,
23 njalo kakuyikuba lensali kuwo; ngoba ngizaletha okubi
phezu kwamadoda eAnathothi, ngomnyaka wempindiselo
yawo.

12 Ulungile wena Nkosi, lapho ngiphikisana lawe;
kanti ngizakhuluma lawe ngezahlulelo zakho.
Kungani indlela yabakhohlakeleyo iphumelela? Kungani
behlezi kuhle bonke abenza inkohliso ngenkohliso? 2
Ubahlanyele, yebo, bagxilile impande; bayaqhubeka,
yebo, bathele izithelo; useduze emlonyeni wabo, kanti
ukhatshana lezinso zabo. 3 Kodwa wena, Nkosi,

uyangazi, ungibonile, wahlola inhliziyo yami ngakuwe.
Bahudule njengezimvu zokuhlatshwa, ubehlukanisele
usuku lokuhlatshwa. 4 Koze kube nini ilizwe lilila,
lohlaza lweganga lonke lubuna? Ngenxa yobubi
babakhileyo kulo izinyamazana lenyoni ziyabhubha;
ngoba bathi: Kayiyikubona isiphetho sethu. 5 Uba
ugijime labezinyawo, bakudinisa, pho, ungancintisana
njani lamabhiza? Uba uthembela elizweni elilokuthula,
pho, uzakwenza njani ekukhukhumaleni kweJordani?
6 Ngoba ngitsho abafowenu lendlu kayihlo, ngitsho
labo bakuphatha ngenkohliso, yebo, bona bayamemeza
emva kwakho ngokugcweleyo; ungabakholwa, loba
bekhuluma izinto ezinhle kuwe. 7 Ngiyidelile indlu
yami, ngilitshiyile ilifa lami; nginikele othandiweyo
womphefumulo wami esandleni sezitha zakhe. 8 Ilifa
lami kimi linjengesilwane ehlathini; lingiphumisele ilizwi;
ngakho-ke ngilizondile. 9 Ilifa lami kimi linjengenyoni
elamabalabala edla inyama, inyoni ezidla inyama
ziyihanqile zimelene layo; wozani, libuthe zonke izilo
zeganga, lizilethe ukuthi zidle. 10 Abelusi abanengi
basichithile isivini sami, banyathelele phansi isabelo sami,
basenzile isabelo sami esiloyisekayo saba yinkangala
elunxiwa. 11 Basenze saba lunxiwa, sililela kimi
silunxiwa; ilizwe lonke lilunxiwa, ngoba kakulamuntu
okubeka enhliziyweni. 12 Abachithi bafikile phezu
kwawo wonke amadundulu enkangala; ngoba inkemba
yeNkosi izakudla kusukela komunye umkhawulo welizwe
kusiya komunye umkhawulo welizwe; kakulakuthula
kuyo yonke inyama. 13 Bahlanyele ingqoloyi, kodwa
bazavuna ameva; bazihluphe, kabayikuzuza; njalo
lizakuba lenhloni ngezivuno zenu, ngenxa yokuvutha
kolaka lweNkosi. 14 Itsho njalo iNkosi: Mayelana
labo bonke omakhelwane bami ababi abathinta ilifa
engenze isizwe sami uIsrayeli ukuthi sidle ilifa lalo:
Khangela, ngizabasiphuna elizweni labo, ngiyisiphune
indlu yakoJuda isuke phakathi kwabo. 15 Kuzakuthi-ke
emva kokubasiphuna kwami, ngizabuya ngibe lesihawu
kubo, ngibabuyise, kube ngulowo lalowo elifeni lakhe,
langulowo lalowo elizweni lakhe. 16 Kuzakuthi-ke uba
bezazifunda ngokukhuthala izindlela zabantu bami,
ukuthi bafunge ngebizo lami bathi: Kuphila kukaJehova;
njengalokho bafundisa abantu bami ukufunga ngoBhali,
khona bezakwakhiwa phakathi kwabantu bami. 17 Kodwa
uba bengalaleli, ngizasisiphuna lesosizwe, ngisisiphune
ngisibhubhise, itsho iNkosi.

13 Itsho njalo INkosi kimi: Hamba uzithengele
ibhanti lelembu elicolekileyo, ulifake ekhalweni
lwakho, ungalifaki emanzini. 2 Ngasengithenga ibhanti
njengokwelizwi leNkosi, ngalifaka ekhalweni lwami. 3
Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi ngokwesibili lisithi: 4 Thatha
ibhanti olithengileyo elisokhalweni lwakho, usukume
uye eYufrathi, ulifihle khona engoxweni yedwala. 5
Ngasengihamba, ngalifihla ngaseYufrathi njengoba
iNkosi ingilayile. 6 Kwasekusithi ekupheleni kwensuku
ezinengi, iNkosi yasisithi kimi: Sukuma, uye eYufrathi,
uyethatha khona ibhanti engakulaya ukuthi ulifihle khona.
7 Ngasengisiya eYufrathi, ngagebha, ngalithatha ibhanti
endaweni lapho engangilifihle khona; khangela-ke,
ibhanti lalonakele, lalingasasizi lutho. 8 Laselifika kimi
ilizwi leNkosi lisithi: 9 Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ngalindlela
ngizakonakalisa ukuziqhenya kukaJuda lokuziqhenya
okukhulu kweJerusalema. 10 Lababantu ababi, abala
ukuzwa amazwi ami, abahamba ngobulukhuni benhliziyo
yabo, belandela abanye onkulunkulu ukubakhonza,
lokubakhothamela, bazakuba njengalelibhanti elingasizi
lutho. 11 Ngoba njengoba ibhanti linamathela okhalweni
lomuntu, ngokunjalo nginamathelise kimi indlu yonke
yakoIsrayeli lendlu yonke yakoJuda, itsho iNkosi; ukuze
kimi babe ngabantu, lebizo, lendumiso, lenkazimulo;
kodwa kabalalelanga. 12 Ngakho uzakhuluma kibo
lelilizwi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Yonke
imbodlela izagcwaliswa ngewayini. Njalo bazakuthi
kuwe: Isibili kasikwazi yini ukuthi yonke imbodlela
izagcwaliswa ngewayini? 13 Ubususithi kibo: Itsho
njalo iNkosi: Khangela, ngizagcwalisa bonke abakhileyo
balelilizwe, lamakhosi ahlala esihlalweni sobukhosi
sikaDavida, labapristi, labaprofethi, labo bonke abahlali
beJerusalema, ngokudakwa. 14 Njalo ngizabaphahlaza
omunye komunye, laboyise lamadodana ndawonye, itsho
iNkosi; kangiyikuhawukela, kangiyikuyekela, kangiyikuba
lomusa, ukuthi ngingabachithi. 15 Zwanini, libeke
indlebe, lingaziqhenyi, ngoba iNkosi ikhulumile. 16
Inikeni iNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu udumo, ingakalethi
ubumnyama, lenyawo zenu zingakakhubeki ezintabeni
zokuhwalala, lisalindela ukukhanya, ikwenze kube
lithunzi lokufa, ikwenze kube ngumnyama onzima. 17
Kodwa uba lingalaleli, umphefumulo wami uzakhala
inyembezi endaweni zensitha ngenxa yokuziqhenya
kwenu, lelihlo lami lizakhala inyembezi kabuhlungu,
lehlise inyembezi, ngoba umhlambi weNkosi uthunjiwe.
18 Tshono enkosini lendlovukazini uthi: Zithobeni, hlalani
phansi; ngoba imiqhele yenu izawela phansi, umqhele
wodumo lwenu. 19 Imizi yeningizimu izavalwa, njalo kakho
ozayivula; uJuda uzathunjwa, yena wonke, uzathunjwa
ngokupheleleyo. 20 Phakamisani amehlo enu, libone
labo abavela enyakatho. Ungaphi umhlambi owaphiwa
wona, umhlambi wakho omuhle? 21 Uzakuthini uba
esenza isijeziso phezu kwakho, ngoba wena ubafundise
ukuthi babe yizinduna lenhloko phezu kwakho; inhlungu
kaziyikukubamba yini njengowesifazana obelethayo? 22
Njalo uba usithi enhliziyweni yakho: Kungani lezizinto
zenzakele kimi? Ngenxa yobunengi bobubi bakho
amalogwe akho embuliwe, lezithende zakho zaphathwa
ngodlakela. 23 UmEthiyophiya angasiphendula yini
isikhumba sakhe, kumbe ingwe amabala ayo? Khona
lani lizakuba lakho ukwenza okuhle elejwayele ukwenza
okubi. 24 Ngakho ngizabahlakaza njengamakhoba
edluliswa ngomoya wenkangala. 25 Le yinkatho

yakho, isabelo sezilinganiso zakho ezivela kimi, itsho
iNkosi, ngoba ungikhohliwe, wathemba emangeni.
26 Ngakho lami ngizakwembula amalogwe akho
phezu kobuso bakho, ukuze kubonakale ihlazo lakho.
27 Ngibonile ubufebe bakho, lokukhonya kwakho,
inkohlakalo zokuphinga kwakho, phezu kwamaqaqa
egangeni, amanyala akho. Maye kuwe, Jerusalema!
Kawuyikuhlambuluka yini? Kusezadlula nini?

14 Ilizwi leNkosi elafika kuJeremiya mayelana lendaba
zembalela. 2 UJuda uyalila, lamasango akhe
adangele; amnyama kuze kube semhlabathini, lokukhala
kweJerusalema kwenyukile. 3 Njalo izikhulu zakhe
zithuma abancinyane bazo emanzini; bafika emithonjeni,
bangatholi manzi; babuyele inkonxa zabo zingelalutho,
belenhloni, beyangekile, bembomboze ikhanda labo.
4 Ngoba umhlabathi udabukile, ngoba kungekho izulu
elizweni, abalimi balenhloni, bambomboza ikhanda
labo. 5 Yebo impala layo iyazala egangeni, ikutshiye,
ngoba kungelatshani. 6 Labobabhemi beganga bayema
emadundulwini, baphembele umoya njengemigobho;
amehlo abo ayaphela, ngoba kungelatshani. 7
Lanxa izono zethu zifakaza zimelana lathi, Nkosi,
yenza ngenxa yebizo lakho; ngoba ukuhlehlela
nyovane kwethu kunengi, sonile kuwe. 8 Wena
themba likaIsrayeli, uMsindisi wakhe ngesikhathi
sembandezelo, kungani uzakuba njengowezizweni
elizweni, lanjengesihambi esiphambukela eceleni ukulala
ubusuku? 9 Kungani uzakuba njengomuntu odidekileyo,
njengeqhawe elingelakusindisa. Kanti wena uphakathi
kwethu, Nkosi, lebizo lakho libizwe phezu kwethu;
ungasitshiyi. 10 Itsho njalo iNkosi ngalababantu:
Ngokunjalo bathanda ukuzula, kabazinqandanga inyawo
zabo; ngakho iNkosi kayithokozi ngabo, khathesi
izakhumbula ububi babo, izihambele izono zabo. 11
INkosi yasisithi kimi: Ungakhulekeli lababantu kube
kuhle. 12 Lapho bezila ukudla, kangiyikuzwa ukukhala
kwabo; lalapho benikela umnikelo wokutshiswa lomnikelo
wokudla, kangiyikuthokoza ngabo; kodwa ngizabaqeda
ngenkemba langendlala langomatshayabhuqe wesifo.
13 Ngasengisithi: Hawu, Nkosi Jehova! Khangela,
abaprofethi bathi kubo: Kaliyikubona inkemba, kaliyikuba
lendlala, kodwa ngizalinika ukuthula okuqinisekileyo
kulindawo. 14 INkosi yasisithi kimi: Abaprofethi
baprofetha amanga ngebizo lami. Kangibathumanga,
njalo kangibalayanga, njalo kangikhulumanga kibo;
baprofetha kini umbono wamanga, lokuhlahlula, lokuyize,
lenkohliso yenhliziyo yabo. 15 Ngakho itsho njalo
iNkosi mayelana labaprofethi abaprofetha ebizweni lami,
ngoba mina ngingabathumanga, kanti bathi: Inkemba
lendlala kakuyikuba khona kulelilizwe: Ngenkemba
langendlala labobaprofethi bazaqedwa. 16 Labantu,
abaprofetha kibo, bazakuba ngabaphoselwa ezitaladeni
zeJerusalema ngenxa yendlala lenkemba; njalo kungekho
obangcwabayo, bona, omkabo, lamadodana abo,
lamadodakazi abo; ngoba ngizathululela ububi babo
phezu kwabo. 17 Ngakho uzakutsho lelilizwi kibo
elokuthi: Amehlo ami kawehlise inyembezi ebusuku
lemini, zingakhawuli, ngoba intombi emsulwa yabantu
bami yephukile ngokwephuka okukhulu, ukutshaywa
okubuhlungu kakhulu. 18 Uba ngiphumela emaphandleni,
khangela-ke, ababulewe ngenkemba. Njalo uba ngingena
emzini, khangela-ke, abagulayo ngendlala. Yebo, bobabili
umprofethi lompristi babhodabhoda elizweni kodwa
bengazi. 19 Usumalile isibili uJuda yini? Umphefumulo
wakho unengwa yiZiyoni yini? Usitshayeleni njalo singabi
lokwelatshwa? Salindela ukuthula, kodwa kakubanga
lokuhle; lesikhathi sokwelatshwa, kodwa khangela, uvalo.
20 Siyazi, Nkosi, ukukhohlakala kwethu lobubi babobaba,
ngoba sonile kuwe. 21 Ungasideleli, ngenxa yebizo
lakho, ungayangisi isihlalo sobukhosi sodumo lwakho;
khumbula, ungasephuli isivumelwano sakho lathi. 22
Kukhona yini phakathi kokuyize kwabezizwe okunganisa
izulu? Kumbe amazulu anganika izihlambo yini? Akusuwe
yini, Nkosi, Nkulunkulu wethu? Ngakho sizalindela kuwe;
ngoba nguwe owenze zonke lezizinto.

15 INkosi yasisithi kimi: Loba bekumi phambi
kwami oMozisi loSamuweli, inhliziyo yami
ibingebe kulababantu; baxotshe phambi kwami,
bayekele baphume. 2 Kuzakuthi-ke uba besithi kuwe:
Sizaphuma siye ngaphi? Uzabatshela-ke uthi: Itsho
njalo iNkosi: Abokufa baya ekufeni, labenkemba baya
enkembeni, labendlala baya endlaleni, labokuthunjwa
baya ekuthunjweni. 3 Ngoba ngizabamisela izinhlobo
ezine, itsho iNkosi: Inkemba yokubulala, lezinja
zokudonsa, lenyoni zamazulu lezinyamazana zomhlaba
zokudla lezokubhubhisa. 4 Ngizabanikela babe
yinto eyesabekayo kuyo yonke imibuso yomhlaba,
ngenxa kaManase indodana kaHezekhiya, inkosi
yakoJuda, ngalokho akwenza eJerusalema. 5 Ngoba
ngubani ozakuhawukela, wena Jerusalema? Njalo
ngubani ozakulilela? Njalo ngubani ozaphambukela
eceleni ukubuza ngokuthula kwakho? 6 Wena
ungidelile, itsho iNkosi, wabuyela emuva; ngakho
ngizakwelula isandla sami ngimelene lawe, ngikuchithe;
ngikhathele yikuhawukela. 7 Njalo ngizabela ngoluthi
lokwela emasangweni elizwe; ngizabemuka abantwana,
ngibhubhise abantu bami; kabaphendukanga endleleni
zabo. 8 Abafelokazi babo bandile kimi kuletshebetshebe
lolwandle. Ngilethe phezu kwabo, phezu kukanina, ijaha,
umchithi emini enkulu; ngiwisele phezu kwabo uvalo
lezesabiso benganzelele. 9 Owazala abayisikhombisa
usekhathele; usephefumule okokucina; ilanga lakhe
litshone kusesemini; waba lenhloni, wayangeka;
lensali yabo ngizayinikela enkembeni phambi kwezitha
zabo, itsho iNkosi. 10 Maye mina, mama, ukuthi
ungizele, umuntu wokuphikisana lomuntu wokuxabana
emhlabeni wonke! Kangebolekisanga ngenzuzo, futhi
kabangebolekisanga ngenzuzo, kanti bayangithuka,

ngulowo lalowo wabo. **11** INkosi yathi: Isibili kuzakuba
kuhle ngensali yakho; isibili ngizakuncengela esitheni
ngesikhathi sokubi langesikhathi sosizi. **12** Insimbi
ingayephula yini insimbi evela enyakatho lethusi?
13 Inotho yakho lokuligugu kwakho ngizakunikela
kube yimpango, kungelantengo, langenxa yezono
zakho zonke, ngitsho emingceleni yakho yonke. **14**
Ngizakwenza ukuthi udlule kanye lezitha zakho uye
elizweni ongalaziyo; ngoba umlilo ubasiwe olakeni
lwami; uzabhebha phezu kwenu. **15** Wena uyazi,
Nkosi; ngikhumbula, ungihambele, ungiphindiselele
kwabangizingelayo; ungangisusi ekubekezeleni kwakho;
yazi ukuthi ngenxa yakho ngithwele ihlazo. **16**
Amazwi akho atholakala njalo ngawadla; lelizwi lakho
kimi laba yinjabulo njalo laba yintokozo yenhliziyo
yami; ngoba ibizo lakho labizwa phezu kwami, wena
Nkosi, Nkulunkulu wamabandla. **17** Kangihlalanga
emhlanganweni wabahleka usulu, kumbe ngijabule;
ngenxa yesandla sakho ngahlala ngedwa; ngoba
ungigcwalise ngentukuthelo. **18** Kungani ubuhlungu bami
bube khona njalonjalo, lenxeba lami lingelapheki, lisala
ukuphola? Isibili uzakuba njengomqambimanga kimi
yini, njengamanzi angathembekanga? **19** Ngakho itsho
njalo iNkosi: Uba ubuya, ngizakubuyisa, ume phambi
kwami; njalo uba ukhupha okuligugu kokungasizi lutho,
uzakuba njengomlomo wami. Bona kababuyele kuwe,
kodwa wena ungabuyeli kubo. **20** Ngoba ngizakwenza
ube ngumduli wethusi ovikelweyo kulababantu; njalo
bazakulwa bemelene lawe, kodwa kabayikukwehlula,
ngoba mina ngilawe ukukusindisa lokukophula, itsho
iNkosi. **21** Ngizakophula esandleni sababi, ngikuhlenge
esandleni sabalesihluku.

16 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi lisithi: **2** Ungazithatheli
umfazi, njalo ungabi lamadodana kumbe
amadodakazi kulindawo. **3** Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi
mayelana lamadodana lamayelana lamadodakazi
azalelwe kulindawo, lamayelana labonina abawazalayo
lamayelana laboyise abawazalele kulelilizwe: **4**
Bazakufa izimfa zemikhuhlane; kabayikulilelwa, futhi
kabayikungcwatshwa; bazakuba ngumquba phezu
kobuso bomhlaba; njalo bazaqedwa yinkemba layindlala;
lezidumbu zabo zizakuba yikudla kwezinyoni zamazulu
lokwenyamazana zomhlaba. **5** Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi:
Ungangeni endlini yesililo, ungayikulila, ungabakhaleli;
ngoba ngikususile ukuthula kwami kulababantu, itsho
iNkosi, uthandolomusa lezihawu. **6** Njalo abakhulu
labancinyane bazakufa kulelilizwe; kabayikungcwatshwa,
kabayikubalilela, kabayikuzisika, kabayikuziphuca
ngenxa yabo. **7** Futhi kabayikubahlephulela isinkwa
esililweni, ukubaduduza ngenxa yofileyo; futhi kakho
ozabanathisa inkezo yezinduduzo ngenxa kayise
langenxa kanina. **8** Njalo ungangeni endlini yedili,
ukuhlala labo, ukudla lokunatha. **9** Ngoba itsho
njalo iNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli:
Khangelani, ngizakwenza ukuthi kuphele kule indawo,
emehlweni enu, lensukwini zenu, ilizwi lentokozo, lelizwi
lenjabulo, ilizwi lomyeni, lelizwi likamakoti. **10** Njalo
kuzakuthi lapho utshela lababantu wonke lamazwi,
babesebesithi kuwe: INkosi ikhulumelani konke lokhu
okubi okukhulu imelene lathi, njalo buyini ububi bethu,
njalo yisiphi isono sethu esisonileyo simelene leNkosi
uNkulunkulu wethu? **11** Khona uzakuthi kubo: Ngenxa
yokuthi oyihlo bangidelile, itsho iNkosi, balandela
abanye onkulunkulu, babasebenzela, babakhonza,
bangidela mina, kabagcinanga umlayo wami; **12**
lina-ke lenze okubi kulaboyihlo; ngoba khangelani,
lilandela, ngulowo lalowo ubulukhuni benhliziyo yakhe
embi, ukuthi bangangilaleli. **13** Ngakho ngizaliphosela
ngaphandle kwalelilizwe, liye elizweni elingalaziyo, lina
laboyihlo; lapho-ke lizasebenzela abanye onkulunkulu
emini lebusuku, ngoba kangiyikulinika umusa. **14**
Ngakho, khangela, insuku ziyeza, itsho iNkosi, lapho
kungasayikuthiwa: Kuphila kweNkosi, eyakhuphula
abantwana bakoIsrayeli elizweni leGibhithe; **15**
kodwa: Kuphila kweNkosi, eyakhuphula abantwana
bakoIsrayeli elizweni lenyakatho lakuwo wonke amazwe
eyayibaxotshele kiwo; ngoba ngizababuyisa futhi
elizweni lakibo engalinika oyise. **16** Khangela,
ngizathumela kubagoli benhlanzi abanengi, itsho
iNkosi, babesebebagola; lemva kwalokho ngizathumela
kubazingeli abanengi, babazingele bebasusa kuyo
yonke intaba, lakulo lonke uqaqa, lasezingoxweni
zamadwala. **17** Ngoba amehlo ami aphezu kwazo
zonke izindlela zabo; kazifihlakalanga ebusweni bami,
lobubi babo kabucatshanga phambi kwamehlo ami. **18**
Kuqala-ke ngizaphindisela isiphambeko sabo lesono
sabo ngokuphindiweyo, ngoba bengcolise ilizwe
lami, bagcwalisa ilifa lami ngezidumbu zamanyala
abo lezinengiso zabo. **19** Nkosi, wena mandla
ami, lenqaba yami, lesiphephelo sami ngosuku
lwembandezelo, abezizwe bazafika kuwe bevela
emikhawulweni yomhlaba, bathi: Isibili obaba badlile
ilifa lamanga, okuyize, lokungekho inzuzo kukho. **20**
Umuntu angazenzela onkulunkulu yini, kanti kabayisibo
onkulunkulu? **21** Ngakho, khangela, ngizabenza
bazi okwalesisikhathi, ngizabenza bazi isandla sami
lobuqhawe bami; bazakwazi-ke ukuthi ibizo lami
linguJehova.

17 Isono sakoJuda sibhaliwe ngepheni yensimbi,
ngomcijo wendayimana; sibhalwe ngokugujwa
esibhebheni senhliziyo yabo, lezimpondweni zamalathi
enu; **2** abantwana babo besakhumbula amalathi
abo lezixuku zabo ngasezihlahleni eziluhlaza phezu
kwamaqaqa aphakemeyo. **3** Wena ntaba yami
esegangeni, ngizanikela imfuyo yakho lakho konke
okuligugu kwakho empangweni, lezindawo zakho
eziphakemeyo, ngenxa yesono kuyo yonke imingcele
yakho. **4** Lawe, ngitsho ngokwakho, uzayekela ilifa

lakho engakunika lona; njalo ngizakwenza usebenzele
izitha zakho elizweni ongalaziyo; ngoba usuphembe
umlilo ekuthukutheleni kwami; uzavutha kuze kube
nininini. 5 Itsho njalo iNkosi: Uqalekisiwe umuntu
othembela emuntwini, esenza inyama ibe yingalo yakhe,
lonhliziyo yakhe iphambuka eNkosini. 6 Ngoba uzakuba
njengesihlahlanyana enkangala, esingayikubona nxa
okuhle kusiza; kodwa uzahlala ezindaweni ezomileyo
enkangala, elizweni letshwayi, elingahlalwayo. 7
Ubusisiwe umuntu othembela eNkosini, lothemba
lakhe liyiNkosi. 8 Ngoba uzakuba njengesihlahla
esihlanyelwe ngasemanzini, esinabisela impande zaso
ngasemfuleni, esingesabi lapho kufika ukutshisa, kodwa
ihlamvu laso lizakuba luhlaza; kasikhathazeki emnyakeni
wokubalela, kasiyekeli ukuthela isithelo. 9 Inhliziyo
ilenkohliso okwedlula konke, futhi imbi kakhulu; ngubani
ongayazi? 10 Mina Nkosi ngihlola inhliziyo, ngilinge izinso,
ngitsho ukupha wonke umuntu njengokwezindlela zakhe,
njengokwesithelo sezenzo zakhe. 11 Njengethendele
elifukamela amaqanda lingawachamuseli, unjalo lowo
owenza inotho kodwa hatshi ngokulunga; uzakutshiya
phakathi kwensuku zakhe, lekucineni kwakhe abe
yisithutha. 12 Isihlalo sobukhosi esilenkazimulo,
esiphakanyisiweyo kwasekuqaleni, siyindawo yendlu
yethu engcwele. 13 Nkosi, themba likaIsrayeli, bonke
abakudelayo bazayangeka; labasuka kimi bazabhalwa
emhlabathini, ngoba bayidelile iNkosi, umthombo
wamanzi aphilayo. 14 Ngisilisa, Nkosi, njalo ngizasila;
ngisindisa, njalo ngizasindiswa; ngoba uyindumiso yami.
15 Khangela, bathi kimi: Lingaphi ilizwi leNkosi? Kalize
khathesi! 16 Kodwa mina kangiphangisanga ukuthi
ngingabi ngumelusi emva kwakho; futhi kangilufisanga
usuku olwesabekayo; wena uyakwazi; okwaphuma
emlonyeni wami kwakuphambi kobuso bakho. 17
Ungabi luvalo kimi; wena uyisiphephelo sami osukwini
lobubi. 18 Kabayangeke labo abangizingelayo,
kodwa mina kangingayangeki, kabesabe bona, kodwa
mina kangingesabi; behlisele usuku lobubi, ubephule
ngokwephula okuphindiweyo. 19 Itsho njalo iNkosi
kimi: Hamba uyekuma esangweni labantwana babantu,
angena ngalo amakhosi akoJuda, aphuma ngalo,
lakuwo wonke amasango eJerusalema, 20 ubususithi
kubo: Zwanini ilizwi leNkosi, lina makhosi akoJuda,
loJuda wonke, labo bonke abahlali beJerusalema,
abangena ngala amasango! 21 Itsho njalo iNkosi:
Ziqapheleni, lingathwali mthwalo ngosuku lwesabatha,
kumbe liwungenise ngamasango eJerusalema. 22
Futhi lingakhuphi umthwalo ezindlini zenu ngosuku
lwesabatha, lingenzi loba yiwuphi umsebenzi; kodwa
lungcweliseni usuku lwesabatha, njengalokhu ngalaya
oyihlo. 23 Kodwa kabalalelanga, kababekanga indlebe
yabo, kodwa benza intamo yabo yaba lukhuni
ukuze bangezwa, lokuze bangemukeli ukulaywa. 24
Kuzakuthi-ke uba lina lingilalela lokungilalela, itsho
iNkosi, ukuthi lingangenisi mthwalo ngamasango
alumuzi ngosuku lwesabatha, kodwa lilungcwelise
usuku lwesabatha, ukuthi lingenzi loba yiwuphi
umsebenzi ngalo; 25 khona kuzangena ngamasango
alumuzi amakhosi leziphathamandla abahlala esihlalweni
sobukhosi sikaDavida, begade izinqola lamabhiza, wona
leziphathamandla zawo, abantu bakoJuda, labahlali
beJerusalema; lalumuzi uzahlalwa kuze kube nininini.
26 Bazakuza-ke bevela emizini yakoJuda, lezindaweni
ezizingelezele iJerusalema, lelizweni lakoBhenjamini,
legcekeni, lezintabeni, lasezansi, beletha umnikelo
wokutshiswa, lomhlatshelo, lomnikelo wokudla, lenhlaka,
beletha umhlatshelo wokubonga, endlini yeNkosi. 27
Kodwa uba lingangilaleli, ukwenza usuku lwesabatha
lube ngcwele, ukuthi lingathwali mthwalo nxa lingena
ngamasango eJerusalema ngosuku lwesabatha, khona
ngizaphemba umlilo emasangweni ayo, ozaqothula
izigodlo zeJerusalema, ongayikucitshwa.

18 Ilizwi elafika kuJeremiya livela eNkosini lisithi:
2 Sukuma, wehlele endlini yombumbi, lapho-
ke ngizakuzwisa amazwi ami. 3 Ngasengisehlela
endlini yombumbi, khangela-ke wayesenza umsebenzi
emavilini. 4 Njalo imbiza ayeyenza ngebumba yonakala
esandleni sombumbi; wasebuya wenza ngayo enye
imbiza njengoba kwakuqondile emehlweni ombumbi
ukwenza. 5 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi lisithi: 6 Ndlu
kaIsrayeli, ngingeze ngenza kini njengalo umbumbi
yini? itsho iNkosi. Khangela, njengebumba esandleni
sombumbi, linjalo lina esandleni sami, lina ndlu kaIsrayeli.
7 Ngesikhatshana ngizakhuluma ngesizwe langombuso
ukuthi ngizakusiphuna, ngikudilize, ngikuchithe; 8 uba
lesosizwe engikhulume ngimelene laso siphenduka
ebubini baso, ngizazisola ngokubi ebengicabanga ukuthi
ngizakwenza kiso. 9 Langesikhatshana ngizakhuluma
ngesizwe langombuso, ukwakha lokukuhlanyela; 10 uba
kusenza okubi emehlweni ami, kungalaleli ilizwi lami,
khona ngizazisola ngokuhle ebengisithi ngizakwenzela
okuhle ngakho. 11 Ngakho khathesi ake ukhulume
ebantwini bakoJuda lakubahlali beJerusalema, usithi:
Itsho njalo iNkosi: Khangelani, ngilibumbela okubi,
ngilicebela icebo. Phendukani khathesi, ngulowo lalowo
endleleni yakhe embi, lenze indlela zenu lezenzo
zenu zibe zinhle. 12 Kodwa bathi: Kakulathemba;
kodwa sizalandela awethu amacebo, senze, ngulowo
lalowo inkani yenhliziyo yakhe embi. 13 Ngakho itsho
njalo iNkosi: Buzani khathesi phakathi kwabahedeni,
ngubani owake wezwa izinto ezinje? Intombi emsulwa
yakoIsrayeli yenzile into eyesabekayo kakhulu. 14
Umuntu angatshiya yini iliqhwa elikhithikileyo leLebhanoni
elivela edwaleni leganga? Angatshiywa yini amanzi
aqandayo ageleza evela kwezinye indawo? 15 Kodwa
abantu bami bangikhohliwe, batshisela okuyize impepha,
babenza bakhubeka ezindleleni zabo, emikhondweni
yasendulo, ukuthi bahambe ezindledlaneni, endleleni

engabuthelelwanga; 16 besenza ilizwe labo libe
lunxiwa, ukuncifelwa njalonjalo; wonke owedlula khona
uzamangala kakhulu, anikine ikhanda lakhe. 17
Ngizabahlakaza njengomoya wempumalanga phambi
kwesitha; ngizabatshengisa umhlana, hatshi ubuso,
ngosuku lwengozi yabo. 18 Basebesithi: Wozani
simcebele amacebo uJeremiya; ngoba umthetho
kawuyikuphela kumpristi, lokweluleka kohlakaniphileyo,
lelizwi kumprofethi. Wozani simtshaye ngolimi, singananzi
lawaphi amazwi akhe. 19 Nginakekela, Nkosi, ulalele ilizwi
labaphikisana lami. 20 Kuyavuzwa okubi esikhundleni
sokuhle yini? Ngoba bagebhele umphefumulo wami
umgodi. Khumbula ukuthi ngema phambi kwakho
ukubakhulumela okuhle, ukuphambula ulaka lwakho kibo.
21 Ngakho nikela abantwana babo endlaleni, ubanikele
emandleni enkemba; labafazi babo balahlekelwe
ngabantwana, babe ngabafelokazi, lamadoda abo
abulawe yikufa, amajaha abo atshaywe ngenkemba
empini. 22 Kakuzwakale ukukhala endlini zabo, lapho
uzahle ulethe iviyo phezu kwabo; ngoba begebhe
umgodi ukungibamba, bafihlela inyawo zami imijibila.
23 Kanti wena, Nkosi, uyawazi wonke amacebo abo
bemelene lami ukungibulala. Ungathetheleli isiphambeko
sabo, lesono sabo ungasicitshi sisuke phambi kwakho;
kodwa kabawiswe phambi kwakho, bana lokwenza labo
ngesikhathi sokuthukuthela kwakho.

19 Itsho njalo iNkosi: Hamba uyethenga isiphiso
sombumbi esebumba; uthathe ebadaleni babantu
lebadaleni babapristi. 2 Ubusuphuma uye esihotsheni
sendodana kaHinomu esisekungeneni kwesango
lodengezi, umemezele khona amazwi engizakutshela
wona. 3 Uthi: Zwanini ilizwi leNkosi, lina
makhosi akoJuda lani bakhileyo beJerusalema: Itsho
njalo iNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli:
Khangelani, ngizaletha okubi phezu kwalindawo,
okuzakuthi loba ngubani okuzwayo, indlebe zakhe
zizakhenceza. 4 Ngenxa yokuthi bangidelile, bayenza
lindawo yaba ngeyabezizwe, batshisela kiyo impepha
kwabanye onkulunkulu, abangabazanga bona laboyise
lamakhosi akoJuda; futhi bayigcwalisa lindawo ngegazi
labangelacala. 5 Futhi bakha izindawo eziphakemeyo
zikaBhali, ukutshisa amadodana abo ngomlilo abe
ngumnikelo wokutshiswa kuBhali, engingakulayanga,
engingakukhulumanga, okungavelanga enhliziyweni
yami. 6 Ngakho khangela, insuku ziyeza, itsho iNkosi,
lapho lindawo ingasayikubizwa ngokuthi yiTofethi,
loba isiHotsha sendodana kaHinomu, kodwa isiHotsha
sokuBulawa. 7 Njalo ngizachitha icebo lakoJuda
leJerusalema kulindawo, ngenze ukuthi bawe ngenkemba
phambi kwezitha zabo, langesandla sabazingela impilo
zabo; nginike izidumbu zabo zibe yikudla kwenyoni
zezulu lokwenyamazana zomhlaba. 8 Ngenze lumuzi
ube lunxiwa, lokokuncifelwa; wonke owedlula kuwo
uzamangala kakhulu ancife ngenxa yazo zonke
inhlupheko zawo. 9 Njalo ngizabenza badle inyama
yamadodana abo lenyama yamadodakazi abo; njalo
bazakudla ngulowo inyama kamakhelwane wakhe
ekuvinjezelweni lekucindezelweni, ezizabacindezela
ngakho izitha zabo labadinga impilo yabo. 10 Khona
uzaphahlaza isiphiso emehlweni amadoda ahamba
lawe; 11 ubususithi kiwo: Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla:
Ngokunjalo ngizabaphahlaza lababantu lalumuzi,
njengomuntu ephahlaza imbiza yombumbi, engebuye
ilungiswe futhi; njalo bazabangcwaba eThofethi, ngoba
kungasoze kube lendawo yokungcwaba. 12 Ngizakwenza
njalo kulindawo, itsho iNkosi, lakwabakhileyo bayo,
ukuthi ngenze lumuzi ube njengeThofethi. 13 Njalo
izindlu zeJerusalema lezindlu zamakhosi akoJuda
zizangcoliswa njengendawo yeThofethi, ngenxa yazo
zonke izindlu abatshisela phezu kwempahla zazo
impepha kulo lonke ibutho lamazulu, bathululela abanye
onkulunkulu iminikelo yokunathwayo. 14 Khona wabuya
uJeremiya evela eTofethi, lapho iNkosi eyayimthume
khona ukuprofetha, wasesima egumeni lendlu yeNkosi,
wathi ebantwini bonke: 15 Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla,
uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Khangelani, ngizakwehlisela
kulumuzi lakuyo yonke imizana yawo konke okubi
engikutshiloyo ngawo, ngoba benze lukhuni intamo yabo,
ukuze bangezwa amazwi ami.

20 Kwathi uPashuri umpristi, indodana kaImeri,
umpristi, owayengumbonisi oyinduna endlini
yeNkosi, wamuzwa uJeremiya eprofetha lezizinto, 2
uPashuri wasemtshaya uJeremiya umprofethi, wamfaka
esitokisini esisesangweni lakoBhenjamini elingaphezulu,
elalingasendlini yeNkosi. 3 Kwasekusithi ngosuku
olulandelayo, uPashuri wamkhupha uJeremiya esitokisini.
UJeremiya wasesithi kuye: INkosi kayibizanga ibizo
lakho ngokuthi uPashuri, kodwa uMagori-Misabibi. 4
Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi: Khangela, ngizakwenza ube
yinto eyesabekayo kuwe uqobo, lakubo bonke abangane
bakho; njalo bazakuwa ngenkemba yezitha zabo,
lamehlo enu azakubona. Njalo ngizanikela wonke uJuda
esandleni senkosi yeBhabhiloni, ezabathumba ibase
eBhabhiloni, ibatshaye ngenkemba. 5 Futhi ngizanikela
yonke inotho yalumuzi, lawo wonke umsebenzi wawo,
lakho konke okuligugu kwawo, lazo zonke iziphala
zamakhosi akoJuda, ngikunikele esandleni sezitha
zabo, ezizakuphanga, zikuthathe, zikulethe eBhabhiloni.
6 Lawe Pashuri, lani lonke bahlali bendlu yakho,
lizakuya ekuthunjweni; njalo uzakuya eBhabhiloni,
ufele khona, ungcwatshelwe khona, wena labangane
bakho bonke, oprofethe kibo amanga. 7 Nkosi,
wangiyenga, ngayengeka; ulamandla kulami, unqobile;
ngaba yinhlekisa lonke usuku, bonke bayangiklolodela.
8 Ngoba loba nini ngikhuluma, ngiyakhala, ngimemeze
udlakela lencithakalo; ngoba ilizwi leNkosi selibe
lihlazo lenhlekisa kimi usuku lonke. 9 Ngasengisithi:
Kangiyikuyikhumbula, kangisayikukhuluma ngebizo

layo; kodwa enhliziyweni yami kunjengomlilo ovuthayo
ovalelwe emathanjeni ami; sengikhathele yikugodla,
ngingeke ngenelise. 10 Ngoba ngizwile ukuhleba
kwabanengi, ukwesaba inhlangothi zonke, besithi: Bikani,
lathi sizakubika! Bonke abalokuthula lami balindele
ukukhubeka kwami, besithi: Mhlawumbe angakhohliseka,
khona sizamehlula, siphindisele impindiselo yethu kuye.
11 Kodwa iNkosi ilami njengeqhawe elesabekayo; ngakho-
ke abangizingelayo bazakhubeka, kabayikunqoba;
bazayangeka kakhulu, ngoba bengayikuphumelela; ihlazo
labo elilaphakade kaliyikukhohlakala. 12 Kodwa, Nkosi
yamabandla, ohlolayo olungileyo, obona izinso lenhliziyo,
ngibone impindiselo yakho kibo, ngoba kuwe ngambulile
udaba lwami. 13 Hlabelelani eNkosini, dumisani iNkosi;
ngoba yophule umphefumulo woswelayo esandleni
sabenzi bobubi. 14 Kaluqalekiswe usuku engazalwa
ngalo; usuku umama angizala ngalo kalungabusiswa.
15 Kaqalekiswe umuntu owaletha izindaba kubaba,
esithi: Uzalelwe umntwana wesilisa; emenza athokoze
kakhulu. 16 Njalo lowomuntu kabe njengemizi iNkosi
eyayigenqulayo, ingazisoli; njalo kezwe ukukhala ekuseni,
lokuhlaba umkhosi ngesikhathi semini enkulu. 17 Ngoba
ingangibulalanga kwasesiswini; kumbe umama waba
lingcwaba lami, lesisu sakhe sakhulelwa kokuphela. 18
Ngaphumelani esiswini ukuthi ngibone uhlupho losizi,
ukuthi insuku zami ziphele ehlazweni?

21 Ilizwi elafika kuJeremiya livela eNkosini lapho
inkosi uZedekhiya ethuma kuye uPashuri
indodana kaMalikiya, loZefaniya indodana kaMahaseya,
umpristi, isithi: 2 Ake usibuzele eNkosini, ngoba
uNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni ulwa emelene lathi;
mhlawumbe iNkosi ingasenzela njengokwezimangaliso
zayo zonke, ukuze enyuke asuke kithi. 3 UJeremiya
wasesithi kubo: Lizakutsho njalo kuZedekhiya: 4
Itsho njalo iNkosi uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Khangelani,
ngizaphendulela emuva izikhali zempi ezisezandleni
zenu, elilwa ngazo lenkosi yeBhabhiloni lamaKhaladiya,
abalivimbezeleyo ngaphandle komduli, ngibaqoqe
ngaphakathi kwalumuzi. 5 Njalo mina ngizakulwa
lani ngesandla eseluliweyo, langengalo elamandla,
langentukuthelo, langokufutheka, langolaka olukhulu. 6
Njalo ngizatshaya abakhileyo balumuzi, umuntu kanye
lesifuyo; bazakufa ngomatshayabhuqe wesifo omkhulu.
7 Kuthi emva kwalokhu, itsho iNkosi, uZedekhiya inkosi
yakoJuda, lenceku zakhe, labantu, labaseleyo phakathi
kwalumuzi kumatshayabhuqe wesifo, enkembeni,
lendlaleni, ngizabanikela esandleni sikaNebhukadirezari
inkosi yeBhabhiloni, lesandleni sezitha zabo, lesandleni
salabo abadinga impilo yabo. Njalo uzabatshaya
ngobukhali benkemba; kayikubayekela, kayikuhawukela,
kayikuba lomusa. 8 Njalo kulababantu uzakuthi: Itsho
njalo INkosi: Khangelani, ngibeka phambi kwenu indlela
yokuphila lendlela yokufa. 9 Osala kulumuzi uzakufa
ngenkemba langendlala langomatshayabhuqe wesifo;
kodwa ophumayo, awele kumaKhaladiya alivimbezelayo,
uzaphila, lempilo yakhe izakuba yimpango kuye. 10
Ngoba ngimisile ubuso bami bumelene lalumuzi ngokubi,
hatshi ngokuhle, itsho iNkosi; uzanikelwa esandleni
senkosi yeBhabhiloni, iwutshise ngomlilo. 11 Lamayelana
lendlu yenkosi yakoJuda, zwanini ilizwi leNkosi: 12
Wena ndlu kaDavida, itsho njalo INkosi: Yehlulelani
isahlulelo ekuseni, lophule ophangiweyo esandleni
somcindezeli, hlezi ulaka lwami luphume njengomlilo,
lutshise, ukuthi kungabi khona ocitshayo, ngenxa yobubi
bezenzo zenu. 13 Khangela, ngimelene lawe, wena mhlali
wesigodi, dwala legceke, itsho iNkosi; lina elithi: Ngubani
ozakwehla amelane lathi? Kumbe ngubani ozangena
endaweni zethu zokuhlala? 14 Kodwa ngizalijezisa
njengokwesithelo sezenzo zenu, itsho iNkosi, ngiphembe
umlilo ehlathini lakho, ozaqeda konke inhlangothi zonke
zakho.

22 Itsho njalo iNkosi: Yehlela endlini yenkosi yakoJuda,
ukhulume khona lelilizwi, 2 uthi: Zwana ilizwi
leNkosi, wena nkosi yakoJuda, ohlezi esihlalweni
sobukhosi sikaDavida, wena, lezinceku zakho, labantu
bakho abangena ngalamasango. 3 Itsho njalo iNkosi:
Yenzani isahlulelo lokulunga, lophule ophangiweyo
esandleni somcindezeli; lingacindezeli, lingenzi udlakela
kowezizwe, izintandane, lomfelokazi, njalo lingachithi
igazi elingelacala kulindawo. 4 Ngoba uba lisenza linto
isibili, khona kuzangena ngamasango alindlu amakhosi
ahlalela uDavida esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi, egade
izinqola lamabhiza, yona lenceku zayo labantu bayo. 5
Kodwa uba lingawalaleli lamazwi, ngiyafunga ngami,
kutsho iNkosi, ukuthi lindlu izakuba lunxiwa. 6 Ngoba
itsho njalo iNkosi mayelana lendlu yenkosi yakoJuda:
UyiGileyadi kimi, inhloko yeLebhanoni; isibili ngizakwenza
inkangala, imizi engahlalwayo. 7 Ngizakulungisela
abachithi, ngulowo elezikhali zakhe; njalo bazagamula
ikhethelo lemisedari yakho, bayiphosele emlilweni. 8
Lezizwe ezinengi zizadlula kulumuzi, zithi, ngulowo
kumakhelwane wakhe: INkosi yenzeleni kanje kulumuzi
omkhulu? 9 Khona bazakuthi: Ngenxa yokuthi basidelile
isivumelwano seNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo, bakhonza
abanye onkulunkulu, babasebenzela. 10 Lingamkhaleli
ofileyo, lingamlileli; khalelani kakhulu ohambileyo,
ngoba kasayikubuya kumbe abone ilizwe lokuzalwa
kwakhe. 11 Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi mayelana
loShaluma indodana kaJosiya, inkosi yakoJuda, owabusa
esikhundleni sikaJosiya uyise, owaphuma kulindawo:
Kasayikubuya lapha; 12 kodwa uzafela endaweni
abamthumbele kuyo, kasayikulibona lelilizwe. 13 Maye
kowakha indlu yakhe ngokungalungi, lamakamelo akhe
aphezulu ngokungaqondanga, osebenzisa umakhelwane
wakhe ngeze, angamniki umvuzo wakhe; 14 othi:
Ngizazakhela indlu enkulu lamakamelo aphezulu abanzi;
azisikele amawindi, yembeswe ngemisedari, iconjwe
ngokubomvu. 15 Uzabusa yini, ngoba utshisekela

ulaka ugqoke imisedari? Uyihlo kadlanga yini wanatha,
wenza isahlulelo lokulunga, kwasekusiba kuhle kuye?
16 Wehlulela udaba lomyanga loswelayo; khona
kwaba kuhle. Lokhu kakusikungazi yini? itsho iNkosi.
17 Kodwa amehlo akho lenhliziyo yakho kakukho
kokunye ngaphandle kwemhawini wakho, lekuchitheni
igazi elingelacala, lencindezelweni, lekwenzeni
udlakela. 18 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi mayelana
loJehoyakhimi indodana kaJosiya, inkosi yakoJuda:
Kabayikumkhalela besithi: Hawu mfowethu! kumbe:
Hawu dadewethu! Kabayikumkhalela besithi: Hawu
nkosi! loba: Hawu, bukhosi bakhe! 19 Uzangcwatshwa
ngokungcwatshwa kukababhemi, ehudulwa alahlwe
ngaphandle kwamasango eJerusalema. 20 Yenyukela
eLebhanoni, umemeze, uphakamise ilizwi lakho
eBashani, umemeze useAbarimi, ngoba zonke
izithandwa zakho zibhujisiwe. 21 Ngakhuluma lawe
ekonwabeni kwakho, kodwa wathi: Kangiyikulalela.
Lokhu bekuyindlela yakho kusukela ebutsheni bakho,
ukuthi ungalilaleli ilizwi lami. 22 Umoya uzakudla
bonke abelusi bakho, lezithandwa zakho zizakuya
ekuthunjweni; isibili khona uzakuba lenhloni, uyangeke,
ngenxa yobubi bakho bonke. 23 Wena ohlala eLebhanoni,
owakhe isidleke phakathi kwemisedari, uzahawukelwa
kangakanani ekuzeni kwenhlungu kuwe, ubuhlungu
obunjengobowesifazana ohelelwayo. 24 Kuphila kwami,
itsho iNkosi, loba uKoniya indodana kaJehoyakhimi,
inkosi yakoJuda, ebeyindandatho elophawu esandleni
sami sokunene, kanti bengizakuhluthula kuso, 25
ngikunikele esandleni sabadinga impilo yakho,
lesandleni salabo owesaba ubuso babo, ngitsho
esandleni sikaNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni,
lesandleni samaKhaladiya, 26 ngikuphosele phandle
kanye lonyoko owakubelethayo, liye kwelinye ilizwe,
elingazalelwanga kulo; njalo lizafela khona. 27 Kodwa
elizweni abaphakamisa umphefumulo wabo ukubuyela
kulo, kabayikubuyela kulo. 28 Lumuntu uKoniya
uyisithombe esidelelekayo lesiphahlazekileyo yini?
Uyisitsha okungelantokozo kuso yini? Baphoselwani
phandle, yena lenzalo yakhe, yebo, bephoselwa
elizweni abangalaziyo? 29 Lizwe, lizwe, lizwe, zwana
ilizwi leNkosi. 30 Itsho njalo iNkosi: Bhalani lumuntu
ukuthi kalabantwana, umuntu ongayikuphumelela
ensukwini zakhe; ngoba kakulamuntu enzalweni yakhe
ozaphumelela, ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaDavida,
esabusa koJuda.

23 Maye kubelusi abachitha behlakaza izimvu zedlelo
lami! itsho iNkosi. 2 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi,
uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, imelene labelusi abelusa
abantu bami: Lizihlakazile izimvu zami, lazixotsha,
kalizethekelelanga. Khangelani, ngizaphindisela phezu
kwenu ububi bezenzo zenu, itsho iNkosi. 3 Mina-ke
ngizabutha insali yezimvu zami iphume kuwo wonke
amazwe lapho engizixotshele khona, ngizibuyise futhi
esibayeni sazo; njalo zizazala, zande. 4 Ngizamisa phezu
kwazo abelusi abazazelusa; njalo kazisayikwesaba,
kaziyikutshaywa luvalo, kaziyikulahleka, itsho iNkosi.
5 Khangela, insuku ziyeza, itsho iNkosi, lapho
engizavusela uDavida iHlumela elilungileyo; njalo
iNkosi izabusa iphumelele, izakwenza isahlulelo
lokulunga emhlabeni. 6 Ensukwini zalo uJuda
uzasindiswa, loIsrayeli ahlale evikelekile. Njalo leli libizo
layo ezabizwa ngalo: INkosi Ukulunga Kwethu. 7
Ngakho khangela, insuku ziyeza, itsho iNkosi, lapho
abangasayikuthi: Kuphila kweNkosi, eyabakhuphula
abantwana bakoIsrayeli elizweni leGibhithe. 8 Kodwa:
Kuphila kweNkosi eyakhuphula eyaletha inzalo yendlu
kaIsrayeli isuka elizweni lenyakatho lakuwo wonke
amazwe engangiyixotshele khona. Njalo bazahlala
elizweni lakibo. 9 Mayelana labaprofethi: Inhliziyo
yami yephukile ngaphakathi kwami; amathambo ami
wonke ayathuthumela; nginjengesidakwa, lanjengomuntu
owehlulwe liwayini, ngenxa yeNkosi, langenxa yamazwi
obungcwele bayo. 10 Ngoba ilizwe ligcwele izifebe;
ngoba ngenxa yesiqalekiso ilizwe liyalila; amadlelo
enkangala omile, lokuhamba kwabo kubi, lamandla
abo kawaqondanga. 11 Ngoba lomprofethi lompristi
kabamesabi uNkulunkulu; ngitsho endlini yami ngitholile
ububi babo, itsho iNkosi. 12 Ngakho indlela yabo
izakuba kibo njengezindlela ezitshelelayo emnyameni;
bafuqelwa phansi, bawele kuyo; ngoba ngizabehlisela
okubi ngomnyaka wokuhanjelwa kwabo, itsho iNkosi.
13 Ngibonile-ke ubuwula kubaprofethi beSamariya;
baprofetha ngoBhali, baduhisa abantu bami uIsrayeli.
14 Kodwa kubaprofethi beJerusalema ngibonile into
eyesabekayo; bayafeba, bahambe emangeni, baqinisa
izandla zabenzi bobubi ukuze bangaphenduki ngulowo
ebubini bakhe; bonke sebenjengeSodoma kimi,
labakhileyo bayo njengeGomora. 15 Ngakho itsho
njalo iNkosi yamabandla mayelana labaprofethi:
Khangela, ngizabadlisa umhlonyane, ngibanathise
amanzi enyongo; ngoba kusukela kubaprofethi
beJerusalema ukungamesabi uNkulunkulu kuphumele
ilizwe lonke. 16 Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Lingalaleli
amazwi abaprofethi abaprofetha kini; balenza libe
yize; bakhuluma umbono wenhliziyo yabo, hatshi
ovela emlonyeni weNkosi. 17 Baqhubeka besithi
kwabangidelelayo: INkosi ithe: Lizakuba lokuthula;
njalo bathi kuye wonke ohamba ngenkani yenhliziyo
yakhe: Ububi kabuyikukwehlela. 18 Ngoba ngubani
omi kucebo leNkosi, wabona wezwa ilizwi layo?
Ngubani oqaphelise ilizwi lakhe, walizwa? 19 Khangela,
isivunguzane seNkosi, ulaka luphumile, ngitsho
isivunguzane esibuhlungu; sizakwehlela ngamandla
phezu kwekhanda labakhohlakeleyo. 20 Ulaka lweNkosi
kaluyikuphenduka, ize yenze, njalo ize iqinise iminakano
yenhliziyo yayo. Ekucineni kwezinsuku lizakuqedisisa

lokukuqedisisa. **21** Kangibathumanga lababaprofethi,
kanti bona bagijima; kangikhulumanga labo, kanti
bona baprofetha. **22** Kodwa uba bebemi kucebo
lami, ngabe benza abantu bami bezwa amazwi ami,
ngabe babaphendula endleleni yabo embi lebubini
bezenzo zabo. **23** NginguNkulunkulu oseduze yini,
itsho iNkosi, njalo hatshi uNkulunkulu okhatshana?
24 Ukhona yini ongacatsha endaweni ezisithekileyo
ukuze ngingamboni? itsho iNkosi. Kangigcwalisi yini
amazulu lomhlaba? itsho iNkosi. **25** Ngizwile ukuthi
abaprofethi batheni, abaprofetha amanga ebizweni lami
besithi: Ngiphuphile, ngiphuphile! **26** Koze kube nini
kusenhliziyweni yabaprofethi abaprofetha amanga?
Yebo, bangabaprofethi benkohliso yenhliziyo yabo;
27 abacabanga ukwenza abantu bami bakhohlwe
ibizo lami ngamaphupho abo abawalandisa ngulowo
umakhelwane wakhe, njengaboyise bakhohlwa ibizo lami
ngenxa kaBhali. **28** Umprofethi olephupho, kalilandise
iphupho; lolelizwi lami, kalikhulume ilizwi lami ngeqiniso.
Amahlanga ayini lamabele? itsho iNkosi. **29** Ilizwi lami
kalinjalo njengomlilo yini, itsho iNkosi, lanjengesando
esiqhekeza idwala libe yizicucu? **30** Ngakho khangela,
ngimelene labaprofethi, itsho iNkosi, abeba amazwi
ami, ngulowo kumakhelwane wakhe. **31** Khangela,
ngimelene labaprofethi, itsho iNkosi, abasebenzisa ulimi
lwabo, bathi: Ithi. **32** Khangela, ngimelene labaprofetha
amaphupho amanga, itsho iNkosi, bawalandisa, baduhise
abantu bami ngamanga abo, langokuwalazela kwabo,
kanti mina ngingabathumanga, ngingabalayanga; ngakho
kabayikubasiza ngitsho ngalutho lababantu, itsho iNkosi.
33 Lalapho lababantu, loba umprofethi, kumbe umpristi,
bekubuza, besithi: Uyini umthwalo weNkosi? Khona
uzakuthi kibo: Umthwalo bani? Ukuthi ngizalidela,
itsho iNkosi. **34** Mayelana lomprofethi, lompristi,
labantu, abazakuthi: Umthwalo weNkosi; ngizamjezisa
lalowomuntu lendlu yakhe. **35** Lizakhuluma ngalindlela,
ngulowo kumakhelwane wakhe, langulowo kumfowabo:
INkosi iphendule yathini? Lokuthi: INkosi ikhulumeni?
36 Kodwa umthwalo weNkosi kalisayikukhuluma
ngawo. Ngoba ilizwi langulowo lalowomuntu lizakuba
ngumthwalo wakhe, ngoba liwahlanekele amazwi
kaNkulunkulu ophilayo, iNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu
wethu. **37** Uzakutsho ngokunjalo kumprofethi: INkosi
ikuphenduleni? njalo: INkosi ikhulumeni? **38** Kodwa
uba lisithi: Umthwalo weNkosi; ngakho itsho njalo
iNkosi: Ngoba likhuluma lamazwi okuthi: Umthwalo
weNkosi; njalo ngithumele kini ngisithi: Lingabokuthi:
Umthwalo weNkosi; **39** ngakho khangelani, mina
ngizalikhohlwa ngokupheleleyo, ngitshiye lina lomuzi
engalinika wona laboyihlo, lisuke ebusweni bami. **40** Njalo
ngizabeka phezu kwenu ihlazo elilaphakade lokuyangeka
okulaphakade, okungayikukhohlakala.

24 INkosi yangenza ngibone, khangela-ke,
izitsha ezimbili zemikhiwa zibekwe phambi
kwethempeli leNkosi, emva kokuthi uNebhukadirezari
inkosi yeBhabhiloni esethumbe uJekoniya indodana
kaJehoyakhimi, inkosi yakoJuda, leziphathamandla
zakoJuda, lababazi, labakhandi, wabasusa eJerusalema,
wabasa eBhabhiloni. **2** Esinye isitsha sasilemikhiwa
emihle kakhulu njengemikhiwa evuthwe kuqala; kodwa
esinye isitsha sasilemikhiwa emibi kakhulu, eyayingeke
idliwe ngenxa yobubi bayo. **3** INkosi yasisithi kimi:
Ubonani, Jeremiya? Ngasengisithi: Imikhiwa, imikhiwa
emihle, emihle kakhulu; lemibi, emibi kakhulu, engeke
idliwe ngenxa yobubi bayo. **4** Lafika kimi futhi ilizwi
leNkosi lisithi: **5** Itsho njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli:
Njengalimikhiwa emihle, ngokunjalo ngizananzelela
abathunjiweyo bakoJuda, engibaxotshe ngabasusa
kulindawo ngabasa elizweni lamaKhaladiya, kube kuhle.
6 Ngoba ngizabeka ilihlo lami phezu kwabo ngokuhle,
ngibabuyisele kulelilizwe; ngibakhe, ngingabadilizi;
njalo ngizabahlanyela, ngingabasiphuni. **7** Njalo
ngizabanika inhliziyo yokuthi bangazi mina, ukuthi
ngiyiNkosi; njalo bazakuba ngabantu bami, mina ngibe
nguNkulunkulu wabo; ngoba bazabuyela kimi ngenhliziyo
yabo yonke. **8** Kodwa njengemikhiwa emibi engeke
idliwe ngenxa yobubi bayo, isibili itsho njalo iNkosi:
Ngokunjalo ngizanika uZedekhiya, inkosi yakoJuda,
leziphathamandla zakhe, lensali yeJerusalema, eseleyo
kulelilizwe, lalabo abahlala elizweni leGibhithe, **9**
ngibanikele babe yinto eyesabekayo, babe yibubi, kuyo
yonke imibuso yomhlaba, babe lihlazo, lesaga, inhlekisa,
lesiqalekiso, kuzo zonke indawo engizabaxotshela
khona. **10** Njalo ngizathumela phakathi kwabo inkemba,
indlala, lomatshayabhuqe wesifo, baze baqedwe basuke
elizweni engalinika bona laboyise.

25 Ilizwi elafika kuJeremiya mayelana labantu bonke
bakoJuda, ngomnyaka wesine kaJehoyakhimi
indodana kaJosiya, inkosi yakoJuda (kwakungumnyaka
wokuqala kaNebhukadirezari, inkosi yeBhabhiloni), **2**
alikhulumayo uJeremiya umprofethi kubo bonke abantu
bakoJuda, lakubo bonke abahlali beJerusalema, esithi:
3 Kusukela emnyakeni wetshumi lantathu kaJosiya,
indodana kaAmoni, inkosi yakoJuda, kuze kube lamuhla,
sekuyiminyaka engamatshumi amabili lantathu, ilizwi
leNkosi lifikile kimi, njalo ngilikhulumile kini, ngivuka
ngovivi ngikhuluma; kodwa kalilalelanga. **4** Futhi iNkosi
ithumile kini zonke izinceku zayo, abaprofethi, ivuka
ngovivi ibathuma; kodwa kalilalelanga, kalibekanga
indlebe yenu ukuthi lizwe; **5** besithi: Phendukani
khathesi ngulowo lalowo endleleni yakhe embi, lebubini
bezenzo zenu, lihlale elizweni iNkosi elinike lina laboyihlo
kusukela nininini kuze kube nininini; **6** njalo lingalandeli
abanye onkulunkulu ukubasebenzela lokubakhonza,
lingangithukuthelisi ngomsebenzi wezandla zenu; khona
ngingayikulenzela okubi. **7** Kodwa kalingilalelanga, itsho
iNkosi, ukuze lingithukuthelise ngomsebenzi wezandla
zenu, kuze kube kubi kini. **8** Ngakho itsho njalo

iNkosi yamabandla: Ngenxa yokuthi lingawalalelanga
amazwi ami, 9 khangela, ngizathuma, ngilande zonke
izinsapho zenyakatho, itsho iNkosi, lakuNebhukadirezari
inkosi yeBhabhiloni inceku yami, ngibalethe bamelane
lalelilizwe bamelane labakhileyo balo, bamelane lazo
zonke lezizizwe inhlangothi zonke, ngibatshabalalise,
ngibenze babe yisesabiso, babe ngokuncifelwayo,
babe zincithakalo ezilaphakade. 10 Futhi ngizaphelisa
ngisuse kubo ilizwi lentokozo lelizwi lenjabulo, ilizwi
lomyeni lelizwi likamakoti, umsindo wamatshe okuchola,
lokukhanya kwesibane. 11 Lelizwe lonke leli lizakuba
lunxiwa libe yisesabiso; lalezizizwe zizasebenzela inkosi
yeBhabhiloni iminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa. 12
Kuzakuthi-ke iminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa
isiphelele ngijezise inkosi yeBhabhiloni lalesosizwe,
itsho iNkosi, ngobubi babo, lelizwe lamaKhaladiya,
ngilenze libe ngamanxiwa laphakade. 13 Ngehlisele
phezu kwalelolizwe wonke amazwi ami engawakhuluma
ngimelene lalo, konke okubhaliweyo kulolugwalo,
uJeremiya akuprofethayo ngazo zonke izizwe. 14 Ngoba
izizwe ezinengi lamakhosi amakhulu zizabasebenzisa
bona uqobo; njalo ngizabaphindisela njengokwenza
kwabo lanjengokomsebenzi wezandla zabo. 15 Ngoba
itsho njalo iNkosi uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli kimi: Thatha
inkezo yewayini yalolulaka esandleni sami, wenze
zonke izizwe engikuthuma kuzo ziyinathe. 16 Njalo
zizanatha, zidiyazele, zihlanye, ngenxa yenkemba
engizayithuma phakathi kwazo. 17 Ngasengithatha
inkezo esandleni seNkosi, nganathisa zonke izizwe iNkosi
eyayingithume kizo, 18 iJerusalema, lemizi yakoJuda,
lamakhosi ayo, leziphathamandla zayo, ukubenza babe
yincithakalo, babe yisesabiso, babe yinto yokuncifelwa,
babe yisiqalekiso, njengalamuhla; 19 uFaro inkosi
yeGibhithe, lezinceku zakhe, leziphathamandla zakhe,
labantu bakhe bonke; 20 labo bonke abaxubeneyo,
lawo wonke amakhosi elizwe leUzi, lawo wonke
amakhosi elizwe lamaFilisti, leAshikeloni, leGaza,
leEkhironi, lensali yeAshidodi; 21 iEdoma, loMowabi,
labantwana bakoAmoni; 22 lawo wonke amakhosi
eTire, lawo wonke amakhosi eSidoni, lamakhosi
ezihlenge ezingaphetsheya kolwandle; 23 iDedani,
leTema, leBuzi, labo bonke abaqunywe ezingonsini; 24
lamakhosi wonke eArabhiya, lamakhosi wonke abantu
abaxubeneyo abahlala enkangala; 25 lamakhosi wonke
eZimri, lamakhosi wonke eElamu, lamakhosi wonke
eMede; 26 lawo wonke amakhosi enyakatho, aseduze
lakhatshana, omunye lomunye, layo yonke imibuso
yomhlaba, esebusweni bomhlaba; lenkosi yeSheshaki
izanatha emva kwabo. 27 Ubususithi kibo: Itsho njalo
INkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Nathani
lidakwe, lihlanze, liwe, lingasukumi, ngenxa yenkemba
engizayithuma phakathi kwenu. 28 Kuzakuthi-ke lapho
besala ukuthatha inkezo esandleni sakho ukuthi banathe,
uthi kibo: Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Lizanatha isibili.
29 Ngoba khangela, ngiyaqala ukwenza okubi emzini
obizwa ngebizo lami, lina-ke belizakuba ngabangelacala
isibili yini? Kaliyikuba ngabangelacala; ngoba ngizabizela
inkemba phezu kwabo bonke abakhileyo bomhlaba,
itsho iNkosi yamabandla. 30 Wena-ke profetha
wonke lamazwi umelene labo, uthi kubo: INkosi
izabhonga iphezulu, iphumise ilizwi layo isendaweni
yayo engcwele; izabhonga kakhulu phezu kwendawo
yayo yokuhlala, imemeze iphendule njengabanyathela
izithelo zevini, imelene labo bonke abakhileyo bomhlaba.
31 Umsindo uzafika emkhawulweni womhlaba; ngoba
iNkosi ilempikisano lezizwe, izakwehlulela yonke
inyama; abakhohlakeleyo izabanikela enkembeni,
itsho iNkosi. 32 Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla:
Khangela, ububi buzaphuma esizweni busiya esizweni,
lesivunguzane esikhulu sizavuswa sisuka ezinhlangothini
zomhlaba. 33 Langalolosuku ababuleweyo beNkosi
bazasukela komunye umkhawulo womhlaba baze bafike
komunye umkhawulo; kabayikulilelwa, kabayikubuthwa,
kabayikungcwatshwa; bazakuba ngumquba phezu
kobuso bomhlaba. 34 Qhinqani isililo, belusi, likhale,
lizibhuqe emlotheni, zikhulu zomhlambi; ngoba izinsuku
zokuhlatshwa lezokuhlakazeka kwenu zigcwalisekile,
njalo lizakuwa njengesitsha esiloyisekayo. 35 Lokubaleka
kuzaphela kubelusi, lokuphunyuka kuzikhulu zomhlambi.
36 Kuzakuba lelizwi lokukhala kwabelusi lokuqhinqa
isililo kwezikhulu zomhlambi; ngoba iNkosi izachitha
idlelo labo. 37 Lezibaya ezilokuthula zizachithwa ngenxa
yokuvutha kolaka lweNkosi. 38 Itshiyile ubhalu lwayo
njengesilwane esitsha, ngoba ilizwe labo seliyincithakalo
ngenxa yokuvutha komcindezeli, langenxa yokuvutha
kolaka lwayo.

26 Ekuqaleni kokubusa kukaJehoyakhimi indodana
kaJosiya inkosi yakoJuda kwafika lelilizwi livela
eNkosini lisithi: 2 Itsho njalo iNkosi: Mana egumeni
lendlu yeNkosi, ukhulume kuyo yonke imizi yakoJuda,
efikayo ukuzakhonza endlini yeNkosi, wonke amazwi
engikulaya ukuthi uwakhulume kubo; unganciphisi
lalizwi. 3 Mhlawumbe bazalalela, baphenduke ngulowo
lalowo endleleni yakhe embi, ukuze ngizisole ngokubi
ebengicabanga ukukwenza kubo ngenxa yobubi bezenzo
zabo. 4 Uzakuthi-ke kibo: Itsho njalo INkosi: Uba
lingayikungilalela, ukuthi lihambe ngomlayo wami
engiwubeka phambi kwenu, 5 ukuthi lilalele amazwi
enceku zami abaprofethi engibathume kini, yebo
ngivuka ngovivi ngibathuma, kodwa kalilalelanga, 6
ngizakwenza-ke lindlu ibe njengeShilo, ngenze lumuzi
ube yisiqalekiso kuzo zonke izizwe zomhlaba. 7
Ngakho abapristi labaprofethi labo bonke abantu
bamuzwa uJeremiya ekhuluma lamazwi endlini yeNkosi.
8 Kwathi uJeremiya eseqedile ukukhuluma konke
iNkosi eyayimlaye ukuthi akukhulume ebantwini bonke,
abapristi labaprofethi labo bonke abantu bambamba
besithi: Uzakufa lokufa! 9 Kungani uprofetha ngebizo

leNkosi usithi: Lindlu izakuba njengeShilo, lomuzi
lo uzakuba lunxiwa, ungabi lamhlali? Bonke abantu
basebembuthanela uJeremiya endlini yeNkosi. **10** Kwathi
iziphathamandla zakoJuda sezizwile lezizinto, zenyuka
zivela endlini yenkosi zafika endlini yeNkosi, zahlala
emnyango wesango elitsha lendlu yeNkosi. **11** Abapristi
labaprofethi basebekhuluma kuzo iziphathamandla
lakubo bonke abantu besithi: Umuntu lo ufanele
isigwebo sokufa, ngoba uprofethe emelene lalumuzi,
njengoba lizwile ngendlebe zenu. **12** Wasekhuluma
uJeremiya kuzo zonke iziphathamandla lakubo bonke
abantu esithi: INkosi yangithuma ukuprofetha ngimelene
lalindlu ngimelene lalumuzi wonke amazwi eliwezwileyo.
13 Ngakho-ke lungisani indlela zenu lezenzo zenu,
lilalele ilizwi leNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu; khona iNkosi
izazisola ngobubi ebukhulume imelene lani. **14** Kodwa
mina, khangela, ngisesandleni senu; yenzani kimi
njengokulungileyo lanjengokuqondileyo emehlweni enu.
15 Kodwa yazini isibili ukuthi uba lingibulala, isibili
lizakwehlisela igazi elingelacala phezu kwenu laphezu
kwalumuzi laphezu kwabakhileyo bawo; ngoba ngeqiniso
iNkosi ingithume kini ukuthi ngikhulume wonke la
amazwi endlebeni zenu. **16** Iziphathamandla labo
bonke abantu basebesithi kubapristi lakubaprofethi:
Lumuntu kafanele isigwebo sokufa, ngoba ukhulumile kithi
ebizweni leNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu. **17** Kwasekusukuma
abanye babadala belizwe, bakhuluma kulo lonke
ibandla labantu, besithi: **18** UMika umMorashethi
waprofetha ensukwini zikaHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda,
wakhuluma kibo bonke abantu bakoJuda esithi: Itsho
njalo INkosi yamabandla: IZiyoni izalinywa njengensimu,
leJerusalema ibe zinqumbi, lentaba yendlu ibe zindawo
eziphakemeyo zegusu. **19** UHezekhiya inkosi yakoJuda
layo wonke uJuda bambulala isibili yini? Kayesabanga yini
iNkosi, wancenga ubuso beNkosi, njalo iNkosi yazisola
ngokubi eyayikukhulume imelene labo? Ngalokho senza
ububi obukhulu simelene lemiphefumulo yethu. **20**
Kwakukhona njalo umuntu owaprofetha ebizweni leNkosi,
uUriya indodana kaShemaya oweKiriyathi-Jeyarimi,
owaprofetha ngalumuzi langalelilizwe njengokwamazwi
wonke kaJeremiya. **21** Kwathi inkosi uJehoyakhimi lawo
wonke amaqhawe akhe lazo zonke iziphathamandla
zakhe besizwa amazwi akhe, inkosi yadinga ukumbulala;
kwathi uUriya ekuzwa, wesaba, wabaleka, waya
eGibhithe. **22** Inkosi uJehoyakhimi yasithuma amadoda
eGibhithe, uElinathani indodana kaAkhibhori, lamanye
amadoda kanye laye eGibhithe, **23** basebemkhipha
uUriya eGibhithe, bamletha enkosini uJehoyakhimi,
owambulala ngenkemba, waphosela isidumbu sakhe
emangcwabeni abantwana babantu. **24** Kodwa isandla
sikaAhikhamu indodana kaShafani sasiloJeremiya, ukuze
bangamnikeli esandleni sabantu ukuthi bambulale.

27 Ekuqaleni kokubusa kukaJehoyakhimi indodana
kaJosiya, inkosi yakoJuda, kwafika lelilizwi
kuJeremiya livela eNkosini, lisithi: **2** Itsho njalo
iNkosi kimi: Zenzele imichilo lamajogwe, ukugaxe
entanyeni yakho, **3** ukuthumele enkosini yeEdoma
lenkosini yakoMowabi lenkosini yabantwana bakoAmoni
lenkosini yeTire lenkosini yeSidoni, ngesandla
sezithunywa ezifika eJerusalema kuZedekhiya inkosi
yakoJuda; **4** uzilaye ukuthi zithi emakhosini azo:
Itsho njalo Nkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli:
Lizakutsho njalo emakhosini enu: **5** Mina ngenze
umhlaba, umuntu, lenyamazana, okuphezu kobuso
bomhlaba, ngamandla ami amakhulu langengalo
yami eyeluliweyo, ngiwunike lowo okuqondileyo
emehlweni ami. **6** Khathesi mina sengiwanikele
wonke lamazwe esandleni sikaNebhukadinezari
inkosi yeBhabhiloni inceku yami; njalo ngimnikile
lenyamazana zeganga ukuthi zimsebenzele. **7**
Lezizwe zonke zizasebenzela yena, lendodana
yakhe, lendodana yendodana yakhe, kuze kufike
isikhathi selakhe ilizwe uqobo; khona izizwe ezinengi
lamakhosi amakhulu bezamkhonzisa. **8** Kuzakuthi-
ke isizwe lombuso okungayikumsebenzela yena,
uNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni, lokungayikubeka
intamo yakho ngaphansi kwejogwe lenkosi yeBhabhiloni,
lesosizwe ngizasijezisa, itsho iNkosi, ngenkemba
langendlala langomatshayabhuqe wesifo, ngize
ngikuqede ngesandla sakhe. **9** Lina-ke lingabalaleli
abaprofethi benu labavumisi benu labaphuphi benu
labachasisi bemibono benu labalumbi benu abakhuluma
kini besithi: Kaliyikuyisebenzela inkosi yeBhabhiloni.
10 Ngoba baprofetha amanga kini, ukuze balisuse liye
khatshana lelizwe lakini, lokuze ngilixotshe liphume,
libhubhe. **11** Kodwa isizwe esizangenisa intamo
yaso ngaphansi kwejogwe lenkosi yeBhabhiloni,
siyisebenzele, ngizasiyekela elizweni laso, itsho iNkosi,
ukuthi silisebenze, sihlale kulo. **12** Ngakhuluma
lakuZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda njengokwalawomazwi
wonke ngathi: Ngenisani intamo zenu ngaphansi
kwejogwe lenkosi yeBhabhiloni, lisebenzele yona
labantu bayo, liphile. **13** Lizafelani, wena labantu
bakho, ngenkemba, ngendlala, langomatshayabhuqe
wesifo, njengokutsho kweNkosi mayelana lesizwe
esingayikuyisebenzela inkosi yeBhabhiloni? **14** Ngakho
lingawalaleli amazwi abaprofethi abakhuluma kini
besithi: Kaliyikuyisebenzela inkosi yeBhabhiloni; ngoba
baprofetha amanga kini. **15** Ngoba kangibathumanga,
itsho iNkosi, kodwa baprofetha amanga ngebizo lami,
ukuze ngilixotshe, libhubhe, lina labaprofethi abaprofetha
kini. **16** Ngasengikhuluma kubapristi lakulababantu
bonke, ngisithi: Itsho njalo INkosi: Lingawalaleli amazwi
abaprofethi benu abaprofetha kini besithi: Khangelani,
izitsha zendlu yeNkosi zizabuyiswa khathesi masinyane
zivela eBhabhiloni; ngoba baprofetha amanga kini.
17 Lingabalaleli; sebenzelani inkosi yeBhabhiloni,
liphile. Kungani umuzi lo ube lunxiwa? **18** Kodwa

uba bengabaprofethi, njalo uba ilizwi leNkosi likubo,
khathesi kabayincenge iNkosi yamabandla, ukuthi izitsha
eziseleyo endlini yeNkosi lendlini yenkosi yakoJuda
leJerusalema zingayi eBhabhiloni. 19 Ngoba itsho njalo
iNkosi yamabandla mayelana lezinsika, langolwandle,
langezisekelo, langensali yezitsha ezisele kulumuzi, 20
uNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni angazithathanga,
ekuthumbeni kwakhe uJekoniya indodana kaJehoyakhimi
inkosi yakoJuda eJerusalema emusa eBhabhiloni, lazo
zonke izikhulu zakoJuda leJerusalema; 21 yebo, itsho
njalo iNkosi yamabandla uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli mayelana
lezitsha eziseleyo endlini kaJehova lendlini yenkosi
yakoJuda leJerusalema: 22 Zizasiwa eBhabhiloni, zibe
khona kuze kube lusuku engizakuzihambela ngalo, itsho
iNkosi; khona ngizazenyusa, ngizibuyisele kulindawo.

28 Kwasekusithi ngalowomnyaka, ekuqaleni kokubusa
kukaZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda, ngomnyaka
wesine, ngenyanga yesihlanu, uHananiya indodana
kaAzuri umprofethi owayengoweGibeyoni wakhuluma
kimi endlini yeNkosi emehlweni abapristi labantu
bonke, esithi: 2 Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla,
uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, isithi: Ngilephulile ijogwe
lenkosi yeBhabhiloni. 3 Kusesephakathi kweminyaka
emibili yezinsuku ngizabuyisela kulindawo izitsha
zonke zendlu yeNkosi, uNebhukadinezari inkosi
yeBhabhiloni azisusa kulindawo wazisa eBhabhiloni.
4 Futhi uJekoniya indodana kaJehoyakhimi inkosi
yakoJuda, labo bonke abathunjwa bakoJuda, abaya
eBhabhiloni, ngizababuyisela kulindawo, itsho iNkosi;
ngoba ngizalephula ijogwe lenkosi yeBhabhiloni.
5 Wasekhuluma uJeremiya umprofethi kuHananiya
umprofethi emehlweni abapristi lemehlweni abantu
bonke ababemi endlini yeNkosi; 6 uJeremiya umprofethi
wasesithi: Ameni! INkosi kayenze njalo, iNkosi kayiqinise
amazwi akho owaprofethileyo, ukuthi ibuyise izitsha
zendlu yeNkosi, labo bonke abathunjwa, kusuke
eBhabhiloni kuze kulindawo. 7 Kodwa ake uzwe
lelilizwi engilikhuluma endlebeni zakho lendlebeni zabo
bonke abantu: 8 Abaprofethi ababephambi kwami
lababephambi kwakho kwasendulo baprofetha bemelene
lamazwe amanengi bemelene lemibuso emikhulu, ngempi
langobubi langomatshayabhuqe wesifo. 9 Umprofethi
oprofetha ngokuthula, lapho ilizwi lomprofethi selifikile,
lowomprofethi uzakwaziwa ukuthi iNkosi imthumile
ngeqiniso. 10 Umprofethi uHananiya waselisusa ijogwe
entanyeni kaJeremiya umprofethi, walephula. 11
UHananiya wasekhuluma emehlweni abantu bonke
esithi: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ngokunjalo ngizalephula
ijogwe likaNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni ngilisuse
entanyeni yezizwe zonke kusesephakathi kweminyaka
emibili yezinsuku. UJeremiya umprofethi wasehamba
ngendlela yakhe. 12 Laselifika ilizwi leNkosi kuJeremiya,
emva kokuthi uHananiya umprofethi esephulile ijogwe
elisusa entanyeni kaJeremiya umprofethi, lisithi: 13
Hamba uyetshela uHananiya usithi: Itsho njalo iNkosi:
Wephulile amajogwe esigodo; kodwa uzawenza
amajogwe ensimbi endaweni yawo. 14 Ngoba itsho njalo
iNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Ngigaxile
ijogwe lensimbi entanyeni yazo zonke lezizizwe ukuze
zisebenzele uNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni;
futhi zizamsebenzela, njalo ngimnikile lezinyamazana
zeganga. 15 UJeremiya umprofethi wasesithi kuHananiya
umprofethi: Ake uzwe, Hananiya; iNkosi kayikuthumanga,
kodwa wena wenza lababantu ukuthi bathembe amanga.
16 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi: Khangela, ngizakuxotsha
ebusweni bomhlaba; lonyaka uzakufa, ngoba ukhulumile
ukuhlamuka umelene leNkosi. 17 Wafa-ke uHananiya
umprofethi ngalowomnyaka ngenyanga yesikhombisa.

29 La-ke ngamazwi encwadi ayithumelayo uJeremiya
umprofethi ivela eJerusalema isiya kunsali
yabadala babathunjiweyo lakubapristi lakubaprofethi
lebantwini bonke ayebathumbile uNebhukadinezari
besuka eJerusalema wabasa eBhabhiloni 2
(emva kokuphuma kukaJekoniya inkosi, lendlovukazi,
labathenwa, iziphathamandla zakoJuda lezeJerusalema,
lababazi, labakhandi, besuka eJerusalema), 3 ngesandla
sikaElasa indodana kaShafani, loGemariya indodana
kaHilikhiya, uZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda eyabathuma
eBhabhiloni kuNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni,
isithi: 4 Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli, kibo bonke abathunjiweyo engabenza
bathunjwa besuswa eJerusalema basiwa eBhabhiloni:
5 Yakhani izindlu, lihlale kizo, lihlanyele izivande, lidle
izithelo zazo; 6 lithathe abafazi, lizale amadodana
lamadodakazi, lithathele amadodana enu abafazi,
lendise amadodakazi enu emadodeni, ukuze azale
amadodana lamadodakazi, lande khona, linganciphi.
7 Lidinge ukuthula komuzi lapho engilithumbele
khona, liwukhulekele eNkosini; ngoba ekuthuleni
kwawo lizakuba lokuthula. 8 Ngoba itsho njalo
iNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Akuthi
abaprofethi benu labavumisi benu abaphakathi kwenu
bangalikhohlisi; lingawalaleli amaphupho enu eliwenza
aphutshwe; 9 ngoba baprofetha amanga kini
ngebizo lami; kangibathumanga, itsho iNkosi. 10
Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi: Qiniso, lapho iminyaka
engamatshumi ayisikhombisa isigcwalisekile eBhabhiloni,
ngizalihambela, ngiqinise ilizwi lami elihle kini,
ukuthi ngilibuyise kulindawo. 11 Ngoba mina
ngiyazi imicabango engiyicabanga ngani, itsho iNkosi,
imicabango yokuthula, kayisiyo eyokubi, ukuthi ngilinike
isiphetho lokulindelweyo. 12 Khona lizangibiza liyekhuleka
kimi, ngilizwe. 13 Njalo lizangidinga, lingithole, lapho
lingidingisisa ngenhliziyo yenu yonke. 14 Njalo
ngizatholwa yini, itsho iNkosi, ngibuyise ukuthunjwa
kwenu, ngiliqoqe kuzo zonke izizwe lakuzo zonke
indawo lapho engilixotshele khona, itsho iNkosi,

ngilibuyise endaweni engalithumba livela khona. **15**
Ngoba litshilo: INkosi isivusele abaprofethi eBhabhiloni.
16 Ngoba utsho njalo uJehova ngenkosi ehlezi
esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaDavida langabo bonke abantu
abahlala kulumuzi, abafowenu abangaphumelanga
ekuthunjweni kanye lani: **17** Itsho njalo iNkosi
yamabandla: Khangelani, ngizathumela phakathi kwabo
inkemba, indlala, lomatshayabhuqe wesifo, ngibenze
babe njengemikhiwa eyenyanyekayo, engadlekiyo
ngenxa yobubi. **18** Ngixotshane labo ngenkemba,
ngendlala, langomatshayabhuqe wesifo, ngibanikele
ukuba yisesabiso kuyo yonke imibuso yomhlaba, babe
yisiqalekiso, lento eyesabekayo, lokuncifelwayo, lehlazo,
phakathi kwazo zonke izizwe lapho engibaxotshele
khona; **19** ngenxa yokuthi bengawalalelanga amazwi
ami, itsho iNkosi, engawathumela kibo ngenceku
zami abaprofethi, ngivuka ngovivi ngibathuma, kodwa
kalilalelanga, itsho iNkosi. **20** Lina-ke zwanini ilizwi
leNkosi, lina lonke bathunjiweyo, engabathuma besuka
eJerusalema besiya eBhabhiloni: **21** Itsho njalo
iNkosi yamabandla uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, mayelana
loAhabi indodana kaKolaya, lamayelana loZedekhiya
indodana kaMahaseya, abaprofetha amanga kini
ngebizo lami: Khangelani, ngizabanikela esandleni
sikaNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni, ozababulala
phambi kwamehlo enu. **22** Njalo kuzathathwa
kubo isiqalekiso yibo bonke abathunjiweyo koJuda
abaseBhabhiloni kuthiwe: Kungathi iNkosi ikumise
njengoZedekhiya lanjengoAhabi, inkosi yeBhabhiloni
eyamosa ngomlilo; **23** ngenxa yokuthi benze
ubuthutha koIsrayeli, bafeba labafazi babomakhelwane
babo, baqamba amazwi angamanga ngebizo lami,
engingabalayanga wona; njalo yimi engaziyo,
engingumfakazi, itsho iNkosi. **24** Uzakhuluma kuShemaya
umNehelami usithi: **25** Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla,
uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, isithi: Ngenxa yokuthi wena
uthumele izincwadi ngebizo lakho kubo bonke abantu
abaseJerusalema, lakuZefaniya indodana kaMahaseya
umpristi, lakubo bonke abapristi, usithi: **26** INkosi
isikwenze ube ngumpristi esikhundleni sikaJehoyada
umpristi, ukuthi libe ngababonisi bendlu yeNkosi phezu
kwakhe wonke umuntu ohlanyayo ozitshaya umprofethi,
ukuthi limfake esitokisini elezankosi entanyeni. **27**
Khathesi-ke, kungani ungamkhuzanga uJeremiya
umAnathothi ozitshaya umprofethi kini? **28** Ngoba ngenxa
yalokhu usethumele kithi eBhabhiloni esithi: Kuzakuba
kude; yakhani izindlu, lihlale kizo, lihlanyele izivande,
lidle izithelo zazo. **29** UZefaniya umpristi waseyifunda
lincwadi endlebeni zikaJeremiya umprofethi. **30** Laselifika
ilizwi leNkosi kuJeremiya lisithi: **31** Thumela kubo bonke
abathunjiweyo usithi: Itsho njalo iNkosi ngoShemaya
umNehelami: Ngenxa yokuthi uShemaya eprofethe kini,
mina-ke ngingamthumanga, walenza ukuthi lithembe
amanga, **32** ngakho itsho iNkosi: Khangela, ngizajezisa
uShemaya umNehelami kanye lenzalo yakhe; kayikuba
lamuntu ozahlala phakathi kwalababantu, angaboni
okuhle engizakwenzela abantu bami, itsho iNkosi, ngoba
ukhulume ukuhlamuka emelene leNkosi.

30 Ilizwi elafika kuJeremiya livela eNkosini lisithi: **2**
Itsho njalo iNkosi uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, isithi:
Zibhalele encwadini wonke amazwi engiwakhulume
kuwe. **3** Ngoba khangela, insuku ziyeza, itsho iNkosi,
ukuthi ngizabuyisa ukuthunjwa kwabantu bami uIsrayeli
loJuda, itsho iNkosi, ngibabuyisele elizweni engalinika
oyise, njalo bazakudla ilifa lalo. **4** Lala ngamazwi
iNkosi eyawakhuluma mayelana loIsrayeli lamayelana
loJuda. **5** Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi: Sizwile ilizwi
lokuthuthumela; kulokwesaba, hatshi ukuthula. **6** Ake
libuze, libone uba indoda ingabeletha yini? Kungani
ngibona ngulowo lalowo owesilisa isandla sakhe
siphezu kokhalo lwakhe njengowesifazana obelethayo,
lobuso bonke sebuphenduke baba mhlotshana? **7**
Maye! ngoba lukhulu lolosuku, okokuthi kalukho
olunjengalo; kuyisikhathi sokuhlupheka kukaJakobe,
kodwa uzasindiswa kukho. **8** Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku,
itsho iNkosi yamabandla, ngizakwephula ijogwe lakhe
entanyeni yakho, ngiqamule izibopho zakho; labezizwe
kabasayikumsebenzisa. **9** Kodwa bazasebenzela
uJehova, uNkulunkulu wabo, loDavida inkosi yabo
engizabavusela yena. **10** Ngakho wena ungesabi, nceku
yami Jakobe, itsho iNkosi; futhi ungatshaywa luvalo,
Israyeli; ngoba khangela, ngizakusindisa ukhatshana,
lenzalo yakho elizweni lokuthunjwa kwayo; njalo
uJakobe uzaphenduka, athule, onwabe, njalo kakho
ozamenza esabe. **11** Ngoba mina ngilawe, itsho iNkosi,
ukukusindisa; ngoba ngizakwenza ukuphela kuzo zonke
izizwe engikuhlakazele khona, kodwa kangiyikwenza
ukuphela kuwe; kodwa ngizakulaya ngokufaneleyo,
kangiyikukuyekela ungajeziswanga ngokupheleleyo.
12 Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi: Ukwaphuka kwakho
kakwelapheki, isilonda sakho sibi. **13** Kakho owahlulela
udaba lwakho, ukuthi abophe isilonda sakho; kawulamithi
epholisayo. **14** Zonke izithandwa zakho zikukhohliwe;
kazikudingi; ngoba ngikutshayile ngokutshaya kwesitha,
ngokulaywa kololunya, ngenxa yobunengi besiphambeko
sakho, izono zakho zandile. **15** Ukhalelani ngokwephuka
kwakho? Usizi lwakho kalwelapheki ngenxa yobunengi
besiphambeko sakho; ngoba izono zakho zandile,
ngizenzile lezizinto kuwe. **16** Ngakho bonke abakudlayo
bazadliwa; lazo zonke izitha zakho, zonke zizakuya
ekuthunjweni; labakuphangayo bazakuba yimpango,
labo bonke abakwemukayo ngizabanikela ekwemukweni.
17 Ngoba ngizakwenyusela ukuphila kuwe, ngikwelaphe
emanxebeni akho, itsho iNkosi; ngoba bakubize ngokuthi
oXotshiweyo, besithi: YiZiyoni, kakulamuntu oyidingayo.
18 Itsho njalo iNkosi: Khangela, ngizabuyisa ukuthunjwa
kwamathente kaJakobe, ngihawukele amakhaya abo;
njalo umuzi uzakwakhiwa phezu kwenqumbi yawo,

lesigodlo sizahlala njengomkhuba waso. **19** Njalo
kuzaphuma kubo ukubonga, lelizwi labathokozayo; njalo
ngizabandisa, kabayikuba balutshwana; ngibadumise,
kabayikweyiswa. **20** Labantwana babo bazakuba
njengendulo, lenhlangano yabo izamiswa phambi kwami;
njalo ngizajezisa bonke ababacindezelayo. **21** Lesikhulu
sabo sizavela kubo, lombusi wabo uzaphuma evela
phakathi kwabo; njalo ngizamsondeza, asondele kimi;
ngoba ngubani lowo ongenza inhliziyo yakhe isibambiso
sokusondela kimi? itsho iNkosi. **22** Njalo lizakuba
ngabantu bami, lami ngibe nguNkulunkulu wenu. **23**
Khangelani isivunguzane seNkosi, ukuvutha kuphumile,
isivunguzane esikhukhulayo; sizakwehla ngamandla
phezu kwekhanda lababi. **24** Ukuvutha kolaka lweNkosi
kakuyikudeda, ize ikwenze, ize iqinise injongo zenhliziyo
yayo; ekucineni kwezinsuku lizanakana ngalokhu.

31 Ngalesosikhathi, itsho iNkosi, ngizakuba
nguNkulunkulu wensapho zonke zakoIsrayeli;
bona-ke bazakuba ngabantu bami. **2** Itsho njalo
iNkosi: Abantu babaseleyo benkemba bathola umusa
enkangala; ngitsho uIsrayeli, lapho ngisiyamphumuza.
3 INkosi yabonakala kimi ikhatshana isithi: Yebo,
ngikuthandile ngothando olulaphakade, ngakho-ke
ngikudonsile ngothandolomusa. **4** Ngizabuya ngikwakhe,
wakheke, wena ntombi emsulwa yakoIsrayeli; uzabuya
uvunuliswe ngezigujana zakho, uphume phakathi
kokugida kwabathokozayo. **5** Uzabuya uhlanyele
izivini phezu kwezintaba zeSamariya; abahlanyeli
bazahlanyela, badle izithelo. **6** Ngoba kuzakuba
khona usuku abazamemeza ngalo abalindi entabeni
yakoEfrayimi besithi: Sukumani, senyuke siye eZiyoni,
eNkosini uNkulunkulu wethu. **7** Ngoba itsho njalo
iNkosi: Mhlabeleleni uJakobe ngentokozo, limemezele
phakathi kwenhloko yezizwe; zwakalisani, dumisani,
lithi: Nkosi, sindisa abantu bakho, insali yakoIsrayeli. **8**
Khangelani, ngizabaletha bevela elizweni lenyakatho,
ngibabuthe emaceleni omhlaba; phakathi kwabo kukhona
iziphofu labaqhulayo, abesifazana abakhulelweyo
lababelethayo ndawonye; bazabuya lapha belibandla
elikhulu. **9** Bazabuya belokukhala, ngizabakhokhela
belokuncenga; ngizabahambisa emifuleni yamanzi
ngendlela eqondileyo, abangayikukhubeka kuyo; ngoba
nginguyise kaIsrayeli, loEfrayimi ulizibulo lami. **10**
Zwanini ilizwi leNkosi, lina zizwe, lilimemeze ezihlengeni
ezikhatshana, lithi: Yena owachitha uIsrayeli uzambutha,
amgcine, njengomelusi umhlambi wakhe. **11** Ngoba
iNkosi imhlengile uJakobe, yamhlawulela emsusa
esandleni solamandla kulaye. **12** Ngakho bazakuza
bahlabelele ekuphakameni kweZiyoni, bagelezele
kokuhle kweNkosi, ngamabele, langewayini elitsha,
langamafutha, langamazinyane ezimvu, lenkomo;
lomphefumulo wabo ube njengesivande esithelelweyo,
kabasayikubuya babe losizi. **13** Khona intombi
izathokoza ekugideni, lamajaha labadala kanyekanye;
ngoba ngizaphendula ukulila kwabo kube yintokozo,
ngibaduduze, ngibathokozise, bangabi losizi. **14** Njalo
ngizasuthisa umphefumulo wabapristi ngamanono,
labantu bami bazasuthiswa ngokuhle kwami, itsho
iNkosi. **15** Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ilizwi lezwakala eRama,
ukulila, ukukhala inyembezi okubuhlungu kakhulu;
uRasheli ekhalela abantwana bakhe, esala ukududuzwa
ngabantwana bakhe, ngoba bengasekho. **16** Itsho
njalo iNkosi: Bamba ilizwi lakho ekukhaleni, lamehlo
akho ezinyembezini; ngoba kulomvuzo womsebenzi
wakho, itsho iNkosi, ngoba bazabuya bevela elizweni
lesitha. **17** Kukhona-ke ithemba enzalweni yakho,
itsho iNkosi; ngoba abantwana bakho bazabuyela
emngceleni wakibo. **18** Ngizwile lokuzwa uEfrayimi
ezililelaesithi: Ungilayile, njalo ngalaywa njengethole
elingathambanga; ngiphenduka, njalo ngizaphendula;
ngoba uyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wami. **19** Isibili emva
kokuphenduka kwami, ngazisola, lemva kokufundiswa
kwami ngatshaya phezu kwethangazi lami; ngaba
lenhloni, njalo ngayangeka, ngoba ngathwala ihlazo
lobutsha bami. **20** UEfrayimi uyindodana yami eligugu
yini, ungumntwana wami othokozisayo yini? Ngoba
selokhu ngakhuluma ngimelene laye, ngisamkhumbula
ngoqotho; ngenxa yalokho imibilini yami iyakhala
ngaye; isibili ngizakuba lesihawu kuye, kutsho iNkosi.
21 Zibekele izitshengiso zendlela, uzimisele izinsika
zeziqondiso, ubeke inhliziyo yakho kumgwaqo omkhulu,
indlela owahamba ngayo; phenduka, ntombi emsulwa
yakoIsrayeli, uphendukele kule imizi yakini. **22** Koze
kube nini uzulazula, ndodakazi ehlehlela nyovane?
Ngoba iNkosi idale into entsha emhlabeni: Owesifazana
uzahanqa indoda. **23** Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla,
uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Bazabuya batsho lelilizwi elizweni
lakoJuda lemizini yakho, lapho ngibuyisela ukuthunjwa
kwabo: Kwangathi iNkosi ingakubusisa, khaya lokulunga,
ntaba yobungcwele. **24** Njalo kuzahlala kulo uJuda
layo yonke imizi yakhe ndawonye, abalimi labahamba
lemihlambi. **25** Ngoba ngisuthise umphefumulo
okhatheleyo, ngigcwalise wonke umphefumulo ophela
amandla. **26** Ngasengiphaphama, ngabona; lobuthongo
bami babumnandi kimi. **27** Khangela, insuku ziyeza, itsho
iNkosi, lapho ngizahlanyela indlu kaIsrayeli lendlu kaJuda
ngenhlanyelo yabantu lenhlanyelo yenyamazana. **28**
Kuzakuthi-ke njengalokho ngibalindile ukuthi ngisiphune
lokuthi ngidilize lokuthi ngichithe lokuthi ngibhubhise
lokuthi ngenze okubi, ngokunjalo ngizabalinda ukuze
ngakhe ngihlanyele, itsho iNkosi. **29** Ngalezonsuku
kabasayikuthi: Oyise badlile izithelo zevini ezimunyu,
amazinyo abantwana asetshelela. **30** Kodwa ngulowo
lalowo uzafela ububi bakhe; wonke umuntu odla
izithelo zevini ezimunyu, amazinyo akhe azatshelela.
31 Khangela, insuku ziyeza, itsho iNkosi, lapho
ngizakwenza isivumelwano esitsha lendlu kaIsrayeli
lendlu kaJuda; **32** kungeyisikho njengesivumelwano

engasenza laboyise mhla ngibamba isandla sabo
ukubakhupha elizweni leGibhithe, osivumelwano sami
bona abasephulayo, lanxa mina ngangingumyeni
wabo, itsho iNkosi. **33** Kodwa yilesi isivumelwano
engizasenza lendlu kaIsrayeli emva kwalezonsuku,
itsho iNkosi: Ngizafaka umlayo wami emibilini yabo,
ngiwubhale enhliziyweni yabo, ngibe nguNkulunkulu
wabo, labo babe ngabantu bami. **34** Kabasayikufundisa-
ke, ngulowo lalowo umakhelwane wakhe, langulowo
lalowo umfowabo, esithi: Yazi iNkosi; ngoba bonke
bazangazi, kusukela komncinyane wabo kuze kufike
komkhulu wabo, itsho iNkosi; ngoba ngizathethelela
isiphambeko sabo, lesono sabo kangisayikusikhumbula.
35 Itsho njalo iNkosi, enika ilanga libe yikukhanya
emini, izimiso zenyanga lezezinkanyezi zibe yikukhanya
ebusuku, enyakazisa ulwandle ukuze amagagasi alo
ahlokome; iNkosi yamabandla libizo layo. **36** Uba
lezozimiso zingasuka phambi kwami, itsho iNkosi, inzalo
yakoIsrayeli layo izaphela ekubeni yisizwe phambi kwami
zonke insuku. **37** Itsho njalo iNkosi: Uba engalinganiswa
amazulu phezulu, zihlolwe izisekelo zomhlaba phansi,
lami ngizayala yonke inzalo yakoIsrayeli ngenxa yakho
konke abakwenzileyo, itsho iNkosi. **38** Khangela,
insuku ziyeza, itsho iNkosi, lapho umuzi uzakwakhelwa
iNkosi, kusukela emphotshongweni kaHananeli kuze
kufike esangweni leNgonsi. **39** Lentambo yokulinganisa
isezaphuma maqondana layo kuze kube soqaqeni
lweGarebi, iphendukele ngaseGowa. **40** Lesihotsha
sonke sezidumbu lesomlotha, lawo wonke amasimu kuze
kufike esifuleni seKidroni, kuze kufike engonsini yeSango
lamabhiza ngempumalanga, kuzakuba yibungcwele
beNkosi. Kakuyikusitshunwa kakusayikudilizwa kuze
kube nininini.

32 Ilizwi elafika kuJeremiya livela eNkosini emnyakeni
wetshumi kaZedekhiya, inkosi yakoJuda,
owawungumnyaka wetshumi lesificaminwembili
kaNebhukadirezari. **2** Ngoba ngalesosikhathi ibutho
lenkosi yeBhabhiloni layivimbezela iJerusalema;
uJeremiya umprofethi wayevalelwe-ke egumeni
lentolongo, elalisendlini yenkosi yakoJuda. **3** Ngoba
uZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda wayemvalele esithi: Kungani
wena uprofetha usithi: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Khangela,
ngiwunikela lumuzi esandleni senkosi yeBhabhiloni,
njalo izawuthumba; **4** loZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda
kayiyikuphunyuka esandleni samaKhaladiya, kodwa
uzanikelwa isibili esandleni senkosi yeBhabhiloni,
lomlomo wakhe uzakhuluma lomlomo wayo, lamehlo
akhe abone amehlo ayo; **5** izakhokhela-ke uZedekhiya
imuse eBhabhiloni, abe khona ngize ngimhambele, itsho
iNkosi; lanxa lisilwa lamaKhaladiya, kaliyikuphumelela.
6 UJeremiya wasesithi: Ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi lisithi: **7**
Khangela, uHanameli indodana kaShaluma umalumakho
uzafika kuwe esithi: Zithengele insimu yami eseAnathothi,
ngoba nguwe olelungelo lokuhlenga ukuthi uthenge. **8**
Kwasekufika kimi uHanameli indodana kamalumami,
njengokutsho kweNkosi, egumeni lentolongo, wasesithi
kimi: Ake uthenge insimu yami eseAnathothi eselizweni
lakoBhenjamini, ngoba ulelungelo lelifa, ulohlengo;
zithengele yona. Ngasengisazi ukuthi yilizwi leNkosi.
9 Ngasengiyithenga insimu kuHanameli indodana
kamalumami, eseAnathothi, ngamlinganisela imali
engamashekeli ayisikhombisa lenhlamvu ezilitshumi
zesiliva. **10** Ngasengibhala incwadi, ngayiphawula,
ngenza abafakazi bafakaze, ngalinganisa imali ngesikali.
11 Ngasengithatha incwadi yokuthenga enanyekiweyo
njengokomthetho lezimiso, levulekileyo, **12** nganika
incwadi yokuthenga kuBharukhi indodana kaNeriya,
indodana kaMahaseya, phambi kwamehlo kaHanameli
indodana kamalumami, laphambi kwamehlo abafakazi
ababephawule incwadi yokuthenga, phambi kwamehlo
awo wonke amaJuda ayehlezi egumeni lentolongo. **13**
Ngasengilaya uBharukhi phambi kwamehlo abo ngisithi:
14 Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli:
Thatha lezizincwadi, le incwadi yokuthenga, zombili
enanyekiweyo lale incwadi evulekileyo, uzifake embizeni
yebumba, ukuze zihlale insuku ezinengi. **15** Ngoba
itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli:
Kuzabuya kuthengwe izindlu lamasimu lezivini kulelilizwe.
16 Ngasengikhuleka eNkosini, senginike uBharukhi
indodana kaNeriya incwadi yokuthenga, ngisithi: **17**
Hawu Nkosi Jehova! Khangela, nguwe owenze amazulu
lomhlaba ngamandla akho amakhulu langengalo yakho
eyeluliweyo; kakuladaba olunzima kakhulu kuwe;
18 owenza uthandolomusa kwabayizinkulungwane,
uphindisela isiphambeko saboyise kusifuba sabantwana
babo emva kwabo; uNkulunkulu omkhulu, olamandla,
iNkosi yamabandla libizo layo; **19** omkhulu ngeseluleko,
lolamandla ngokwenza; ngoba amehlo akho avulekele
zonke indlela zamadodana abantu, ukunika ngulowo
lalowo ngokwendlela zakhe, lanjengesithelo sezenzo
zakhe; **20** owamisa izibonakaliso lezimangaliso elizweni
leGibhithe, kuze kube lamuhla, lakoIsrayeli laphakathi
kwabantu; wasuzenzela ibizo njengalamuhla. **21**
Wabakhupha abantu bakho uIsrayeli elizweni leGibhithe
ngezibonakaliso, langezimangaliso, langesandla
esilamandla, langengalo eyeluliweyo, langokwesabeka
okukhulu; **22** wabanika lelilizwe, owafunga kuboyise
ukubanika lona, ilizwe eligeleza uchago loluju. **23**
Basebengena badla ilifa lalo, kodwa kabalilalelanga ilizwi
lakho, kabahambanga ngomlayo wakho, kabakwenzanga
konke owabalaya khona ukuthi bakwenze; ngakho
ubehlisele bonke lobububi. **24** Khangela amadundulu;
afikile emzini ukuwuthumba, lomuzi unikelwe
esandleni samaKhaladiya alwa emelene lawo; ngenxa
yenkemba lendlala lomatshayabhuqe wesifo; lalokho
owakukhulumayo kwenzakele; khangela-ke, uyakubona.
25 Kanti, wena Nkosi Jehova, uthe kimi: Zithengele
insimu ngemali, wenze abafakazi bafakaze; ngoba

umuzi unikelwe esandleni samaKhaladiya. 26 Laselifika
ilizwi leNkosi kuJeremiya lisithi: 27 Khangela, ngiyiNkosi,
uNkulunkulu wayo yonke inyama; kambe, kukhona
loba yini okunzima kakhulu kimi? 28 Ngakho itsho
njalo iNkosi: Khangela, ngiwunikela lumuzi esandleni
samaKhaladiya, lesandleni sikaNebhukadirezari inkosi
yeBhabhiloni, ozawuthumba. 29 LamaKhaladiya alwa
emelene lalumuzi azangena, awuthungele lumuzi
ngomlilo, awutshise kanye lezindlu obekunikelelwa
phezu kwazo impepha kuBhali, lobekuthululelwa phezu
kwazo iminikelo yokunathwayo kwabanye onkulunkulu,
ukuze bangithukuthelise. 30 Ngoba abantwana
bakoIsrayeli labantwana bakoJuda bebesenza okubi
kuphela emehlweni ami, kusukela ebutsheni babo;
ngoba abantwana bakoIsrayeli bangizondisile kuphela
ngesenzo sezandla zabo, itsho iNkosi. 31 Ngoba lumuzi
ubukimi ngokolaka lwami langokwentukuthelo yami,
kusukela ngosuku abawakha ngalo kuze kube lamuhla,
ukuze ngiwususe ebusweni bami; 32 ngenxa yabo bonke
ububi babantwana bakoIsrayeli lobabantwana bakoJuda
abakwenzayo ukungithukuthelisa, bona, amakhosi abo,
iziphathamandla zabo, abapristi babo, labaprofethi
babo, labantu bakoJuda, labahlali beJerusalema. 33
Basebengiphendulela umhlana, hatshi-ke ubuso; lanxa
ngibafundisile ngivuka ngovivi ngibafundisa; kanti
kabalalelanga ukwemukela ukulaywa. 34 Kodwa bamisa
izinengiso zabo endlini, obizo lami libizwa kuyo, ukuze
bayingcolise. 35 Basebesakha indawo eziphakemeyo
zikaBhali ezisesihotsheni sendodana kaHinomu, ukuthi
badabulise amadodana abo lamadodakazi abo emlilweni
aye kuMoleki, engingabalayanga khona lokungafikanga
enhliziyweni yami, ukuthi benze lesisinengiso, ukuze
benze uJuda one. 36 Khathesi-ke, ngakho itsho njalo
iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, mayelana lomuzi lo
elithi ngawo: Unikelwe esandleni senkosi yeBhabhiloni
ngenkemba langendlala langomatshayabhuqe wesifo:
37 Khangelani, ngizabaqoqa bevela emazweni wonke
lapho engibaxotshele khona ekuthukutheleni kwami
langokufutheka kwami langolaka olukhulu; njalo
ngizababuyisa kulindawo, ngibenze bahlale bevikelekile.
38 Yebo, bazakuba ngabantu bami, lami ngibe
nguNkulunkulu wabo. 39 Ngizabanika inhliziyonye
lendlelanye, ukuze bangesabe zonke insuku, kube
kuhle kubo lakubantwana babo emva kwabo. 40 Njalo
ngizakwenza labo isivumelwano esilaphakade, ukuze
ngingaphenduki ekubalandeleni, ukuthi ngibenzele
okuhle, ngifake ukungesaba enhliziyweni yabo, ukuze
bangaphenduki basuke kimi. 41 Yebo, ngizathokoza
ngabo ukubenzela okuhle, ngibahlanyele ngobuqotho
kulelilizwe, ngenhliziyo yami yonke langomphefumulo
wami wonke. 42 Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi: Njengoba
ngehlisele phezu kwalababantu bonke lobububi
obukhulu, ngokunjalo ngizabehlisela konke okuhle
engikukhulumileyo ngabo. 43 Amasimu azathengwa-
ke kulelilizwe elithi ngalo: Liyinkangala engelamuntu
lenyamazana, linikelwe esandleni samaKhaladiya. 44
Bazathenga amasimu ngemali, babhale izincwadi,
baphawule, benze abafakazi bafakaze, elizweni
lakoBhenjamini lemaphandleni eJerusalema lemizini
yakoJuda lemizini yezintaba lemizini yesihotsha lemizini
yeningizimu; ngoba ngizabuyisa ukuthunjwa kwabo,
itsho iNkosi.

33 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kuJeremiya ngokwesibili,
esavalelwe egumeni lentolongo, lisithi: 2 Itsho njalo
iNkosi, ekwenzayo, iNkosi, ekubumbayo, ukukumisa;
uJehova libizo lakhe: 3 Ngibiza, ngikuphendule,
ngikwazise izinto ezinkulu lezifihlakeleyo elingazaziyo.
4 Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu wakoIsrayeli,
ngezindlu zalumuzi langezindlu zamakhosi akoJuda,
ezidilizelwe phansi ukuba ngamadundulu langenxa
yenkemba: 5 Beza ukulwa lamaKhaladiya, kodwa
bayazigcwalisa ngezidumbu zabantu engibatshayileyo
ekuthukutheleni kwami lekufuthekeni kwami, njalo
engifihle ubuso bami kulumuzi ngenxa yobubi
babo bonke. 6 Khangela, ngizawandisela impilo
enhle lokusiliswa; ngibelaphe, ngibembulele ukwanda
kokuthula leqiniso. 7 Ngizabuyisa ukuthunjwa kukaJuda
lokuthunjwa kukaIsrayeli, ngibakhe njengakuqala. 8
Ngibahlambulule kubo bonke ububi babo abona
ngabo kimi, ngithethelele zonke iziphambeko zabo
abona ngazo kimi labaphambeka ngazo kimi. 9
Njalo kuzakuba kimi libizo lenjabulo, kube ludumo,
njalo kube yibuhle, kuzo zonke izizwe zomhlaba
ezizakuzwa konke okuhle engibenzela khona; zesabe
zithuthumele ngakho konke okuhle langakho konke
ukuthula engibenzela khona. 10 Itsho njalo iNkosi:
Kuzabuya kuzwakale kulindawo, elithi ngayo, ilunxiwa,
engelamuntu lengelanyamazana, emizini yakoJuda
lezitaladeni zeJerusalema, ezilunxiwa okungelamuntu
lokungelamhlali lokungelanyamazana, 11 ilizwi lokuthaba,
lelizwi lentokozo, ilizwi lomyeni, lelizwi likamakoti, ilizwi
labathi: Dumisani iNkosi yamabandla, ngoba iNkosi
ilungile, ngoba isihawu sayo simi kuze kube nininini;
ilizwi lalabo abaletha indumiso endlini yeNkosi. Ngoba
ngizabuyisa ukuthunjwa kwelizwe njengakuqala, itsho
iNkosi. 12 Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Kule indawo
elunxiwa engelamuntu kuze kube senyamazaneni,
lemizini yonke yayo, kuzabuya kube khona imizi
yabelusi abazakwenza imihlambi ilale kuyo. 13 Emizini
yentabeni, emizini yesihotsha, lemizini yeningizimu,
lelizweni lakoBhenjamini, lemaphandleni eJerusalema,
lemizini yakoJuda, izimvu zizabuya zedlule ngaphansi
kwezandla zalowo obalayo, itsho iNkosi. 14 Khangela,
insuku ziyeza, itsho iNkosi, lapho ngizamisa ilizwi
elihle engilikhulume endlini kaIsrayeli lendlini kaJuda.
15 Ngalezonsuku langalesosikhathi ngizahlumisela
uDavida iHlumela elilungileyo; njalo uzakwenza isahlulelo
lokulunga elizweni. 16 Ngalezonsuku uJuda uzasindiswa,

leJerusalema ihlale ivikelekile. Njalo yileli ibizo
elizabizwa ngalo: INkosi ukulunga kwethu. 17 Ngoba
itsho njalo iNkosi: Kakuyikuqunywa muntu kuDavida
ohlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sendlu kaIsrayeli. 18
Njalo kakuyikuqunywa muntu kubapristi, amaLevi,
ebusweni bami, onikela umnikelo wokutshiswa, atshise
umnikelo wokudla, enze umhlatshelo insuku zonke.
19 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kuJeremiya lisithi: 20 Itsho
njalo iNkosi: Uba lingasephula isivumelwano sami
semini lesivumelwano sami sobusuku, ukuze kungabi
khona imini lobusuku ngesikhathi sakho, 21 khona
sizakwephulwa isivumelwano sami loDavida inceku
yami, ukuze angabi landodana yokubusa esihlalweni
sakhe sobukhosi, lesivumelwano lamaLevi, abapristi,
izikhonzi zami. 22 Njengoba ibutho lamazulu lingebalwe,
letshebetshebe lolwandle lingelinganiswe, ngokunjalo
ngizakwandisa inzalo kaDavida inceku yami lamaLevi
angikhonzayo. 23 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kuJeremiya
lisithi: 24 Kawubonanga yini abakutshoyo lababantu
besithi: Izinsapho ezimbili iNkosi ebizikhethile izilahlile?
Yebo badelela abantu bami, ukuthi bangabe besaba
yisizwe phambi kwabo. 25 Itsho njalo iNkosi: Uba
isivumelwano sami singeyisiso esemini lesebusuku, uba
ngingamisanga izimiso zamazulu lezomhlaba, 26 khona
ngizayala inzalo kaJakobe lekaDavida inceku yami,
ukuthi kangiyikuthatha enzalweni yakhe ukuze abuse
phezu kwenzalo kaAbrahama, uIsaka, loJakobe; ngoba
ngizabuyisa ukuthunjwa kwabo, ngibe lesihawu kibo.

34 Ilizwi elafika kuJeremiya livela eNkosini, lapho
uNebhukadinezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni, lebutho
lakhe lonke, lemibuso yonke yomhlaba yokubusa
kwesandla sakhe, lazo zonke izizwe, babesilwa bemelene
leJerusalema bemelene layo yonke imizi yayo, lisithi:
2 Itsho njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Hamba
ukhulume kuZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda uthi kuye:
Itsho njalo iNkosi: Khangela, nginikela lumuzi esandleni
senkosi yeBhabhiloni, ukuthi iwutshise ngomlilo. 3 Lawe
kawuyikuphunyuka esandleni sayo, kodwa uzabanjwa
isibili, unikelwe esandleni sayo; lamehlo akho azabona
amehlo enkosi yeBhabhiloni, lomlomo wayo uzakhuluma
lomlomo wakho; njalo uzakuya eBhabhiloni. 4 Kodwa
zwana ilizwi leNkosi, Zedekhiya, nkosi yakoJuda:
Itsho njalo iNkosi ngawe: Kawuyikufa ngenkemba. 5
Uzakufa ngokuthula, lanjengokubaselwa kwaboyihlo,
amakhosi endulo, ayephambi kwakho, ngokunjalo
bazakubasela, bakulilele, besithi: Maye inkosi! Ngoba
mina ngilikhulumile lelolizwi, itsho iNkosi. 6 UJeremiya
umprofethi wasewakhuluma wonke lamazwi kuZedekhiya
inkosi yakoJuda eJerusalema, 7 lapho ibutho lenkosi
yeBhabhiloni lisilwa limelene leJerusalema limelene
layo yonke imizi yakoJuda eyayisele, limelene leLakishi
limelene leAzeka; ngoba yiyo imizi ebiyelweyo eyayisisele
phakathi kwemizi yakoJuda. 8 Ilizwi elafika kuJeremiya
livela eNkosini, emva kokuthi inkosi uZedekhiya esenzile
isivumelwano labo bonke abantu ababeseJerusalema
ukumemezela inkululeko kubo, 9 ukuthi ngulowo
lalowo ayekele isigqili sakhe sihambe sikhululekile,
langulowo lalowo isigqilikazi sakhe, umHebheru kumbe
umHebherukazi, ukuze kungabi khona umuntu owenza
umJuda engumfowabo abe yisigqili. 10 Kwasekulalela
zonke iziphathamandla labo bonke abantu ababengene
lesosivumelwano sokuthi ngulowo lalowo ayekele
isigqili sakhe langulowo lalowo isigqilikazi sakhe
sihambe sikhululekile, bangaphindi bazenze zibe yizigqili;
basebelalela, baziyekela zahamba. 11 Kodwa emva
kwalokho baphenduka, bazibuyisa izigqili lezigqilikazi
ababeziyekele zihambe zikhululekile, bazehlisela phansi
zaba yizigqili lezigqilikazi. 12 Ngakho ilizwi leNkosi
lafika kuJeremiya livela eNkosini, lisithi: 13 Itsho
njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Mina ngenza
isivumelwano laboyihlo mhla ngibakhupha elizweni
leGibhithe, endlini yobugqili, ngisithi: 14 Ekupheleni
kweminyaka eyisikhombisa lizayekela ahambe, ngulowo
lalowo umfowabo umHebheru owayethengiswe kuwe,
esekusebenzele iminyaka eyisithupha, umyekele ahambe
ekhululekile esuka kuwe. Kodwa oyihlo kabangilalelanga,
kababekanga indlebe yabo. 15 Lina seliphendukile
lamuhla, lenza okulungileyo emehlweni ami, limemezela
inkululeko, ngulowo lalowo kumakhelwane wakhe, lenza
isivumelwano phambi kwami endlini ebizwa ngebizo
lami. 16 Kodwa liphendukile, langcolisa ibizo lami,
libuyisa, ngulowo lalowo isigqili sakhe langulowo lalowo
isigqilikazi sakhe, ebeliziyekele zahamba zikhululekile
njengokufisa kwazo, lazehlisela phansi, zaba yizigqili
lezigqilikazi zenu. 17 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi: Lina
kalingilalelanga, ukumemezela inkululeko, kube ngulowo
lalowo kumfowabo langulowo lalowo kumakhelwane
wakhe; khangelani, ngizamemezela kini, itsho iNkosi,
inkululeko enkembeni, kumatshayabhuqe wesifo,
lendlaleni; ngilinikele libe yisesabiso kuyo yonke imibuso
yomhlaba. 18 Nginikele amadoda aseqileyo isivumelwano
sami, angaqinisanga amazwi esivumelwano asenza
phambi kwami, lapho adabula ithole kabili, adlula
phakathi kweziqa zalo; 19 iziphathamandla zakoJuda,
leziphathamandla zeJerusalema, abathenwa, labapristi,
labo bonke abantu belizwe, abadabula phakathi
kweziqa zethole. 20 Yebo, ngizabanikela esandleni
sezitha zabo lesandleni salabo abadinga impilo yabo;
lezidumbu zabo zizakuba yikudla kwenyoni zamazulu
lenyamazana zomhlaba. 21 LoZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda
leziphathamandla zakhe ngizabanikela esandleni sezitha
zabo, lesandleni salabo abadinga impilo yabo, lesandleni
sebutho lenkosi yeBhabhiloni, abenyuke basuka kini.
22 Khangelani, ngizalaya, itsho iNkosi, ngibabuyise
kulumuzi; njalo bazakulwa bemelene lawo, bawuthumbe,
bawutshise ngomlilo; lemizi yakoJuda ngizayenza ibe
lunxiwa olungelamhlali.

35 Ilizwi elafika kuJeremiya livela eNkosini ensukwini
zikaJehoyakhimi indodana kaJosiya, inkosi
yakoJuda, lisithi: **2** Yana endlini yamaRekabi, ukhulume
lawo, uwalethe endlini yeNkosi kwelinye lamakamelo,
uwanathise iwayini. **3** Ngasengithatha uJahazaniya,
indodana kaJeremiya, indodana kaHabaziniya,
labafowabo, lawo wonke amadodana akhe, lendlu yonke
yamaRekabi. **4** Ngabaletha endlini yeNkosi, ekamelweni
lamadodana kaHanani, indodana kaIgidaliya, umuntu
kaNkulunkulu, elaliseduze lekamelo leziphathamandla,
elalingaphezu kwekamelo likaMahaseya, indodana
kaShaluma, umlindimbundu. **5** Ngasengibeka phambi
kwamadodana endlu yamaRekabi izimbiza ezigcwele
iwayini, lezinkezo, ngathi kibo: Nathani iwayini. **6** Kodwa
bathi: Kasilinathi iwayini, ngoba uJonadabi, indodana
kaRekabi, ubaba, wasilaya esithi: Linganathi iwayini, lina
labantwana benu, kuze kube nininini. **7** Njalo lingakhi
izindlu, lingahlanyeli inhlanyelo, lingahlanyeli izivini,
lingabi lazo; kodwa lihlale emathenteni zonke insuku zenu,
ukuze liphile insuku ezinengi ebusweni bomhlaba lapho
elihlala khona njengabezizwe. **8** Ngakho salilalela ilizwi
likaJonadabi, indodana kaRekabi, ubaba, kukho konke
asilaya ngakho, ukuthi singanathi iwayini zonke insuku
zethu, thina, omkethu, amadodana ethu, lamadodakazi
ethu; **9** lokuthi singakhi izindlu zokuhlala kwethu; njalo
singabi lesivini kumbe insimu kumbe inhlanyelo; **10**
kodwa sihlala emathenteni, silalele senze njengakho
konke uJonadabi ubaba asilaya khona. **11** Kodwa kwathi
lapho uNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni esenyukela
elizweni, sathi: Wozani siye eJerusalema ngenxa yebutho
lamaKhaladiya langenxa yebutho lamaSiriya. Sasesihlala
eJerusalema. **12** Laselifika ilizwi leNkosi kuJeremiya
lisithi: **13** Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli: Hamba uthi ebantwini bakoJuda lakwabahlali
beJerusalema: Kaliyikwemukela yini ukulaywa ukuthi
lilalele amazwi ami? itsho iNkosi. **14** Aqiniswa amazwi
kaJonadabi, indodana kaRekabi, awalaya abantwana
bakhe ukuthi banganathi iwayini; ngoba kabalinathanga
kuze kube lamuhla, ngoba bawulalele umlayo kayise.
Lami ngikhulumile kini ngivuke ngovivi ngikhuluma, kodwa
kalingilalelanga. **15** Futhi ngithume kini zonke inceku zami
abaprofethi, ngivuka ngovivi ngibathuma, ngisithi: Ake
liphenduke, ngulowo lalowo endleleni yakhe embi, lenze
izenzo zenu zibe zinhle, lingalandeli abanye onkulunkulu
ukuthi libakhonze, ukuze lihlale elizweni engalinika lina
laboyihlo. Kodwa kalibekanga indlebe yenu, kalilalelanga
kimi. **16** Ngoba amadodana kaJonadabi, indodana
kaRekabi, awuqinisile umlayo kayise awalaya wona,
kodwa lababantu kabangilaleli, **17** ngakho itsho
njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu wamabandla, uNkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli: Khangelani, ngizakwehlisela phezu kukaJuda
laphezu kwabakhileyo bonke beJerusalema bonke ububi
engibukhulume ngabo; ngoba ngikhulumile kibo, kodwa
kabalalelanga, ngibabizile, kodwa kabaphendulanga. **18**
Lakuyo indlu yamaRekabi uJeremiya wathi: Itsho njalo
iNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Ngenxa
yokuthi lilalele umlayo kaJonadabi uyihlo, lagcina yonke
imilayo yakhe, lenza njengakho konke alilaya khona,
19 ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli: Kakuyikuqunywa muntu kuJonadabi indodana
kaRekabi oma phambi kwami insuku zonke.

36 Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wesine kaJehoyakhimi,
indodana kaJosiya, inkosi yakoJuda, lelilizwi lafika
kuJeremiya livela eNkosini, lisithi: **2** Zithathele umqulu
wogwalo, ubhale kiwo wonke amazwi engiwakhulume
kuwe ngoIsrayeli langoJuda langazo zonke izizwe,
kusukela ngosuku lokukhuluma kwami kuwe, kusukela
ensukwini zikaJosiya, kuze kube lamuhla. **3** Mhlawumbe
abendlu kaJuda bazakuzwa bonke ububi engicabanga
ukubenza kubo; ukuze baphenduke, ngulowo lalowo
endleleni yakhe embi, ukuze ngithethelele ububi babo
lesono sabo. **4** UJeremiya wasebiza uBharukhi indodana
kaNeriya; uBharukhi wasebhala okuvela emlonyeni
kaJeremiya, wonke amazwi eNkosi eyayiwakhulume
kuye, emqulwini wogwalo. **5** UJeremiya waselaya
uBharukhi esithi: Ngivinjelwe, kangilakungena endlini
yeNkosi. **6** Ngakho hamba wena, ufunde emqulwini
owubhalileyo, kuvela emlonyeni wami, amazwi eNkosi
endlebeni zabantu endlini yeNkosi ngosuku lokuzila
ukudla; uwafunde futhi endlebeni zakhe wonke uJuda
abavela emizini yabo. **7** Mhlawumbe ukuncenga
kwabo kuzakuwa phambi kweNkosi, baphenduke,
ngulowo lalowo endleleni yakhe embi; ngoba lukhulu
ulaka lentukuthelo iNkosi ekukhulume kulababantu. **8**
UBharukhi indodana kaNeriya wasesenza njengakho
konke uJeremiya umprofethi ayemlaye khona, efunda
egwalweni amazwi eNkosi endlini yeNkosi. **9** Kwasekuthi
emnyakeni wesihlanu kaJehoyakhimi, indodana kaJosiya,
inkosi yakoJuda, ngenyanga yesificamunwemunye,
bamemezela ukuzila ukudla phambi kweNkosi, bonke
abantu eJerusalema, labantu bonke abavela emizini
yakoJuda eJerusalema. **10** UBharukhi wasefunda
egwalweni amazwi kaJeremiya endlini yeNkosi,
ekamelweni likaGemariya, indodana kaShafani, umbhali,
egumeni elingaphezulu, emnyango wesango elitsha
lendlu yeNkosi, endlebeni zabantu bonke. **11** UMikhaya,
indodana kaGemariya, indodana kaShafani, wasesizwa
wonke amazwi eNkosi avela kulolugwalo, **12** wehlela
endlini yenkosi, ekamelweni lombhali; khangela-ke,
zonke iziphathamandla zazihlezi lapho, uElishama
umbhali, loDelaya indodana kaShemaya, loElinathani
indodana kaAkhibhori, loGemariya indodana kaShafani,
loZedekhiya indodana kaHananiya, leziphathamandla
zonke. **13** UMikhaya wasebatshela wonke amazwi
ayewezwile, lapho uBharukhi efunda egwalweni
endlebeni zabantu. **14** Zonke iziphathamandla
zasezithuma uJehudi, indodana kaNethaniya, indodana
kaShelemiya, indodana kaKushi, kuBharukhi, zisithi:

Umqulu ofunde kuwo endlebeni zabantu, uthathe
ngesandla sakho uze. Ngakho uBharukhi indodana
kaNeriya wathatha umqulu ngesandla sakhe, waya
kuzo. 15 Zasezisithi kuye: Ake uhlale phansi, uwufunde
endlebeni zethu. UBharukhi wasefunda endlebeni zazo.
16 Kwasekusithi sezizwile wonke amazwi, zethukile,
ngulowo lalowo ekhangele kumakhelwane wakhe,
zathi kuBharukhi: Sizayitshela isibili inkosi wonke
amazwi la. 17 Zasezimbuza uBharukhi zisithi: Ake
usitshele, wawabhala njani wonke lamazwi emlonyeni
wakhe? 18 UBharukhi wasesithi kuzo: Wangifundela
wonke lamazwi evela emlonyeni wakhe, ngawabhala
egwalweni ngeyinki. 19 Iziphathamandla zasezisithi
kuBharukhi: Hamba ucatshe, wena loJeremiya, kakungabi
lamuntu owaziyo lapho elikhona. 20 Zasezingena
enkosini egumeni, kodwa umqulu zawubeka ekamelweni
likaElishama umbhali; zakhuluma wonke amazwi
endlebeni zenkosi. 21 Inkosi yasithuma uJehudi
ukuthi awulande umqulu; wasewuthatha ekamelweni
likaElishama umbhali; uJehudi wawufunda endlebeni
zenkosi lendlebeni zazo zonke iziphathamandla ezazimi
enkosini. 22 Inkosi yayihlezi-ke endlini yobusika
ngenyanga yesificamunwemunye; umlilo wawuvutha
embawuleni phambi kwayo. 23 Kwasekusithi lapho
uJehudi esefundile amakhasi amathathu loba amane,
yawasika ngengqamu yombhali, yawaphosela emlilweni
osembawuleni, waze watsha waphela umqulu wonke
emlilweni osembawuleni. 24 Kodwa kabesabanga,
kabadabulanga izembatho zabo, inkosi lenceku zayo
zonke, abawezwayo wonke lamazwi. 25 Loba kunjalo
labo oElinathani loDelaya loGemariya beyincenga inkosi
ukuthi ingawutshisi umqulu, kodwa kayibalalelanga.
26 Kodwa inkosi yalaya uJerameli indodana yenkosi,
loSeraya indodana kaAziriyeli, loShelemiya indodana
kaAbideli, ukuze babambe uBharukhi umbhali loJeremiya
umprofethi; kodwa iNkosi yabafihla. 27 Ilizwi leNkosi
laselifika kuJeremiya emva kokuthi inkosi isiwutshisile
umqulu lamazwi uBharukhi ayewabhalile evela emlonyeni
kaJeremiya, lisithi: 28 Zithathele futhi omunye umqulu,
ubhale kuwo wonke amazwi okuqala ayesemqulwini
wokuqala, uJehoyakhimi inkosi yakoJuda eyawatshisayo.
29 Njalo uzakuthi kuJehoyakhimi inkosi yakoJuda:
Itsho njalo iNkosi: Wena utshisile lumqulu, usithi:
Ubhaleleni kiwo usithi: Inkosi yeBhabhiloni izafika isibili,
ilichithe lelilizwe, yenze ukuthi kuphele kulo abantu
lenyamazana? 30 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi mayelana
loJehoyakhimi inkosi yakoJuda: Kayikuba lamuntu
ohlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaDavida; lesidumbu
sakhe sizaphoselwa ekutshiseni kwemini lekuqandeni
kobusuku. 31 Ngizamjezisa-ke yena, lenzalo yakhe,
lenceku zakhe, ububi babo; ngehlisele phezu kwabo
laphezu kwabahlali beJerusalema laphezu kwabantu
bakoJuda konke okubi engikukhulume kubo, kodwa
kabalalelanga. 32 UJeremiya wasethatha omunye
umqulu, wawunika uBharukhi, indodana kaNeriya,
umbhali, owabhala kiwo okuvela emlonyeni kaJeremiya
wonke amazwi ogwalo uJehoyakhimi inkosi yakoJuda
eyalutshisayo ngomlilo; kwengezelelwa-ke kiwo amanye
amazwi amanengi afanana lawo.

37 Inkosi uZedekhiya indodana kaJosiya wabusa-ke
esikhundleni sikaKoniya indodana kaJehoyakhimi,
uNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni ambeka abe
yinkosi elizweni lakoJuda. 2 Kodwa kawalalelanga,
yena lenceku zakhe labantu belizwe, amazwi eNkosi
eyayiwakhulume ngesandla sikaJeremiya umprofethi.
3 Inkosi uZedekhiya yasithuma uJehukali indodana
kaShelemiya loZefaniya indodana kaMahaseya umpristi
kuJeremiya umprofethi, isithi: Ake usikhulekele eNkosini
uNkulunkulu wethu. 4 UJeremiya wangena-ke
waphuma phakathi kwabantu, ngoba babengakamfaki
entolongweni. 5 Ibutho likaFaro laliphumile-ke eGibhithe;
kwathi amaKhaladiya ayevimbezela iJerusalema esizwa
amahungahunga ngabo, enyuka asuka eJerusalema. 6
Laselifika ilizwi leNkosi kuJeremiya umprofethi lisithi: 7
Itsho njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Lizakutsho
njalo enkosini yakoJuda elithume kimi ukungibuza:
Khangela, ibutho likaFaro eliphumele ukulisiza lizabuyela
elizweni lalo, iGibhithe. 8 AmaKhaladiya azabuya
futhi, alwe emelene lalumuzi, awuthumbe, awutshise
ngomlilo. 9 Itsho njalo iNkosi: Lingakhohlisi imiphefumulo
yenu lisithi: AmaKhaladiya isibili azasuka kithi; ngoba
kawayikusuka. 10 Ngoba loba lilitshaya ibutho lonke
lamaKhaladiya alwa emelene lani, kusale amadoda
agwaziweyo phakathi kwabo, azasukuma, yileyo
laleyo ethenteni layo, awutshise lumuzi ngomlilo. 11
Kwasekusithi ibutho lamaKhaladiya selenyukile lisuka
eJerusalema ngenxa yebutho likaFaro, 12 uJeremiya
waphuma eJerusalema ukuya elizweni lakoBhenjamini
ukuthi amonyuke phakathi kwabantu. 13 Kwasekusithi
esesesangweni lakoBhenjamini, kwakukhona lapho
induna yabalindi obizo layo lalingulrija, indodana
kaShelemiya, indodana kaHananiya; yasimbamba
uJeremiya umprofethi, isithi: Uhlubukela kumaKhaladiya.
14 UJeremiya wasesithi: Ngamanga; kangihlubukeli
kumaKhaladiya. Kodwa kamlalelanga; ngokunjalo ulriya
wambamba uJeremiya, wamletha kuziphathamandla.
15 Iziphathamandla zasezithukuthela ngoJeremiya,
zamtshaya, zamfaka entolongweni, endlini kaJonathani
umbhali, ngoba zaziyenze yaba yintolongo. 16 UJeremiya
esengene endlini yomgodi lezitokisini, uJeremiya
esehlale khona insuku ezinengi, 17 inkosi uZedekhiya
yasithuma, yamthatha; inkosi yasimbuza endlini yayo
ensitha yathi: Likhona yini ilizwi elivela eNkosini?
UJeremiya wasesithi: Likhona. Wathi: Uzanikelwa
esandleni senkosi yeBhabhiloni. 18 UJeremiya wathi
futhi enkosini uZedekhiya: Ngoneni kuwe lezincekwini
zakho lakulababantu ukuthi lingifake entolongweni? 19
Bangaphi khathesi abaprofethi benu abaprofetha kini

besithi: Inkosi yeBhabhiloni kayiyikufika imelane lani
kumbe imelane lalelilizwe? 20 Khathesi-ke, ake uzwe,
nkosi yami, nkosi, kakuthi ukuncenga kwami kuwe phambi
kwakho, ungangibuyiseli endlini kaJonathani umbhali,
hlezi ngifele khona. 21 Ngakho inkosi uZedekhiya yalaya
ukuthi bamfake uJeremiya egumeni lentolongo, lokuthi
anikwe isinkwa sibe sinye ngosuku esivela esitaladini
sabaphekizinkwa, size siphele sonke isinkwa emzini.
Ngokunjalo uJeremiya wahlala egumeni lentolongo.

38 UShefathiya indodana kaMathani, loGedaliya
indodana kaPashuri, loJukali indodana
kaShelemiya, loPashuri indodana kaMalikiya, sebezwile
amazwi uJeremiya ayewakhuluma kubo bonke abantu
esithi: 2 Itsho njalo iNkosi: Osala kulumuzi uzakufa
ngenkemba, ngendlala, langomatshayabhuqe wesifo;
kodwa ophuma aye kumaKhaladiya uzaphila, ngoba
uzakuba lempilo yakhe ibe yimpango, aphile. 3 Itsho
njalo iNkosi: Lumuzi uzanikelwa isibili esandleni sebutho
lenkosi yeBhabhiloni, elizawuthumba. 4 Iziphathamandla
zasezisithi enkosini: Ake abulawe lumuntu, ngoba
ngalindlela uyekethisa izandla zamadoda empi asele
kulumuzi, lezandla zabo bonke abantu, ngokukhuluma
kibo amazwi anje; ngoba lumuntu kadingi ukuthula
kwalababantu, kodwa okubi. 5 Inkosi uZedekhiya
yasisithi: Khangela, usesandleni senu, ngoba inkosi
kayilakho okuphambene lani ngalutho. 6 Basebemthatha
uJeremiya, bamphosela emgodini kaMalikiya indodana
yenkosi, owawusegumeni lentolongo, bamehlisa
uJeremiya ngamagoda; kwakungelamanzi emgodini,
kodwa udaka; uJeremiya wasetshona odakeni. 7
Kwathi uEbedimeleki umEthiyophiya indoda umthenwa,
owayesendlini yenkosi, esizwa ukuthi uJeremiya
bamfake emgodini (lapho inkosi yayihlezi esangweni
lakoBhenjamini), 8 uEbedimeleki waphuma endlini
yenkosi, wakhuluma lenkosi esithi: 9 Nkosi yami,
nkosi, abantu laba benzile okubi ngakho konke
abakwenze kuJeremiya umprofethi, abamphosele
emgodini, ngoba uzakufa endaweni yakhe ngenxa
yendlala, ngoba kakusekho isinkwa emzini. 10 Inkosi
yasimlaya uEbedimeleki umEthiyophiya, isithi: Thatha
lapha amadoda angamatshumi amathathu ngaphansi
kwesandla sakho, umenyule uJeremiya umprofethi
emgodini engakafi. 11 Ngakho uEbedimeleki wathatha
amadoda ngaphansi kwesandla sakhe, wangena endlini
yenkosi waze waba ngaphansi kwesiphala, wathatha
khona izidwedwe ezidabukileyo lezidwedwe ezigugileyo,
wazehlisela kuJeremiya emgodini ngamagoda. 12
UEbedimeleki umEthiyophiya wasesithi kuJeremiya:
Ake ufake izidwedwe ezidabukileyo lezigugileyo
ngaphansi kwamakhwapha akho ngaphansi kwamagoda.
UJeremiya wasesenza njalo. 13 Basebemdonsa
uJeremiya ngamagoda, bamenyula emgodini. UJeremiya
wasehlala egumeni lentolongo. 14 Inkosi uZedekhiya
yasithuma yathatha uJeremiya umprofethi yamusa kuye,
ekungeneni kwesithathu okusendlini yeNkosi. Inkosi
yasisithi kuJeremiya: Ngizakubuza udaba, ungangifihleli
lutho. 15 UJeremiya wasesithi kuZedekhiya: Uba
ngikutshela, kawuyikungibulala lokungibulala yini?
Loba ngikweluleka, kawuyikungilalela. 16 Inkosi
uZedekhiya yasifunga kuJeremiya ekusithekeni isithi:
Kuphila kukaJehova owasenzela lumphefumulo: Isibili
kangiyikukubulala, futhi isibili kangiyikukunikela esandleni
salamadoda adinga umphefumulo wakho. 17 UJeremiya
wasesithi kuZedekhiya: Itsho njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu
wamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Uba uphuma
isibili uye kuziphathamandla zenkosi yeBhabhiloni,
umphefumulo wakho uzaphila, lalumuzi kawuyikutshiswa
ngomlilo; uzaphila wena lendlu yakho. 18 Kodwa uba
ungaphumi uye kuziphathamandla zenkosi yeBhabhiloni,
lumuzi uzanikelwa esandleni samaKhaladiya, awutshise
ngomlilo; lawe kawuyikuphunyuka esandleni sawo. 19
Inkosi uZedekhiya yasisithi kuJeremiya: Ngiyawesaba
amaJuda ahlubukele kumaKhaladiya, hlezi anginikele
esandleni sawo, angiklolodele. 20 UJeremiya
wasesithi: Kawayikukunikela; ake ulalele ilizwi leNkosi
njengalelo engilikhuluma kuwe, khona kukulungele,
futhi umphefumulo wakho uzaphila. 21 Kodwa
uba usala ukuphuma, yileli ilizwi iNkosi engibonise
lona lokuthi: 22 Khangela-ke, bonke abesifazana
abasele endlini yenkosi yakoJuda bazakhitshelwa
kuziphathamandla zenkosi yeBhabhiloni, bathi:
Abangane bakho bakukhuthazile, bakwehlula; inyawo
zakho zitshone odakeni; babuyele emuva. 23 Njalo
azakhuphela abafazi bonke bakho lamadodana
akho kumaKhaladiya; lawe kawuyikuphunyuka
esandleni sawo, kodwa uzabanjwa ngesandla senkosi
yeBhabhiloni, lalumuzi uzawutshisa ngomlilo. 24
UZedekhiya wasesithi kuJeremiya: Kakungabi khona
umuntu owaziyo lamazwi, khona ungayikufa. 25
Kodwa nxa iziphathamandla zisizwa ukuthi ngikhulume
lawe, zize kuwe zithi kuwe: Ake usitshele, ubusithini
enkosini, ungakufihli kithi, khona kasiyikukubulala; njalo
inkosi ikhulumeni kuwe; 26 uzakuthi-ke kuzo: Mina
ngiwise ukuncenga kwami phambi kwenkosi ukuthi
ingangibuyiseli endlini kaJonathani ukuze ngifele khona.
27 Zasezifika zonke iziphathamandla kuJeremiya,
zambuza; yena waziphendula njengawo wonke lamazwi
inkosi ewalayileyo. Zasezithula kuye, ngoba udaba
lwalungezwakali. 28 UJeremiya wasehlala egumeni
lentolongo kwaze kwaba lusuku iJerusalema eyathunjwa
ngalo; wayekhona lapho iJerusalema ithunjwa.

39 Ngomnyaka wesificamunwemunye kaZedekhiya
inkosi yakoJuda, ngenyanga yetshumi, kwafika
uNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni lebutho lakhe
lonke, bamelana leJerusalema, bayivimbezela. 2
Ngomnyaka wetshumi lanye kaZedekhiya, ngenyanga

yesine, ngolwesificamunwemunye lwenyanga, umuzi
wafohlelwa. 3 Zonke iziphathamandla zenkosi
yeBhabhiloni zasezingena, zahlala esangweni
eliphakathi, oNerigali-Sharezi, uSamiganebo,
uSarisekimi, uRabisarisi, uNerigali-Sharezi, uRabimagi,
lazo zonke ezinye iziphathamandla zenkosi yeBhabhiloni.
4 Kwasekusithi lapho uZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda lawo
wonke amadoda empi bezibona, babaleka, baphuma
emzini ebusuku ngendlela yesivande senkosi, ngesango
eliphakathi kwemiduli emibili; waphuma ngendlela
yamagceke. 5 Kodwa ibutho lamaKhaladiya laxotshana
labo, lamfica uZedekhiya emagcekeni eJeriko;
selimbambile lamenyusela kuNebhukadinezari inkosi
yeBhabhiloni eRibila, elizweni leHamathi, owakhuluma
izigwebo ezimelene laye. 6 Inkosi yeBhabhiloni
yasibulala amadodana kaZedekhiya eRibila emehlweni
akhe; inkosi yeBhabhiloni yabuya yabulala zonke izikhulu
zakoJuda. 7 Yasiphumputhekisa amehlo kaZedekhiya,
yambopha ngamaketane ethusi amabili ukuze imuse
eBhabhiloni. 8 AmaKhaladiya asetshisa indlu yenkosi
lezindlu zabantu ngomlilo, adilizela phansi imiduli
yeJerusalema. 9 Lensali yabantu eyayisele emzini, lalabo
ababehlubukile, ababehlubukile kuyo, lensali yabantu
eyayisele, uNebuzaradani induna yabalindi yabathumba
yabasa eBhabhiloni. 10 Kodwa uNebuzaradani
induna yabalindi watshiya elizweni lakoJuda ebantwini
ababengabayanga ababengelalutho, wabanika izivini
lamasimu ngalolosuku. 11 UNebhukadirezari inkosi
yeBhabhiloni waselaya ngesandla sikaNebuzaradani
induna yabalindi ngoJeremiya esithi: 12 Mthathe, umise
amehlo akho kuye, ungamenzeli ulutho olubi, kodwa
njengokukhuluma kwakhe kuwe wenze njalo ngaye.
13 Ngakho bathuma oNebuzaradani induna yabalindi,
loNebushazibani, uRabisarisi, loNerigali-Sharezi,
uRabimagi, lazo zonke induna zenkosi yeBhabhiloni, 14
bathuma, bamthatha uJeremiya egumeni lentolongo,
bamnikela kuGedaliya, indodana kaAhikhamu, indodana
kaShafani, ukuze amkhuphe amuse endlini yakhe.
Wasehlala phakathi kwabantu. 15 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika
kuJeremiya esavalelwe egumeni lentolongo, lisithi: 16
Hamba ukhulume kuEbedimeleki umEthiyophiya uthi:
Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli:
Khangela, ngizakwehlisela amazwi ami kulumuzi ngokubi
kungeyisikho ngokuhle, njalo azakuba phambi kwakho
ngalolosuku. 17 Kodwa ngizakophula ngalolosuku,
itsho iNkosi, njalo kawuyikunikelwa esandleni sabantu
obesabayo. 18 Ngoba ngizakukhulula isibili, kawuyikuwa-
ke ngenkemba, kodwa impilo yakho izakuba yimpango
kuwe, ngoba uthembele kimi, itsho iNkosi.

40 Ilizwi elafika kuJeremiya livela eNkosini
emva kokuthi uNebuzaradani induna yabalindi
esemyekele wahamba esuka eRama, esemthethe
ebotshiwe ngamaketane phakathi kwabo bonke
ababethunjwe eJerusalema lakoJuda, abasiwa
ekuthunjweni eBhabhiloni. 2 Induna yabalindi yasimthatha
uJeremiya yathi kuye: INkosi, uNkulunkulu wakho,
yakhuluma lokhu okubi ngalindawo. 3 INkosi
isikulethile yakwenza njengokutsho kwayo, ngoba lonile
eNkosini, kalilalelanga ilizwi layo; ngakho loludaba
lwenzakele kini. 4 Khathesi-ke, khangela, lamuhla
ngiyakukhulula kulamaketane asezandleni zakho. Uba
kukuhle emehlweni akho ukuya lami eBhabhiloni,
woza, ngimise ilihlo lami phezu kwakho; kodwa uba
kukubi emehlweni akho ukuya lami eBhabhiloni, yekela.
Bona, ilizwe lonke liphambi kwakho; lapho kukuhle
kuqondile emehlweni akho ukuhamba, hamba uye
khona. 5 Kodwa engakabuyeli, wathi: Buyela kuGedaliya,
indodana kaAhikhamu, indodana kaShafani, emmisileyo
inkosi yeBhabhiloni abe phezu kwemizi yakoJuda,
uhlale laye phakathi kwabantu; kumbe loba kungaphi
lapho kuqondile emehlweni akho ukuya khona, hamba.
Ngakho induna yabalindi yasimnika umphako lesipho,
yamyekela ukuthi ahambe. 6 Ngakho uJeremiya
wafika kuGedaliya indodana kaAhikhamu eMizipa,
wahlala laye phakathi kwabantu ababesele elizweni.
7 Kwathi zonke induna zamabutho ezazisegangeni,
zona kanye lamadoda azo, besizwa ukuthi inkosi
yeBhabhiloni ibekile uGedaliya indodana kaAhikhamu
abe phezu kwelizwe, lokuthi inikele kuye amadodana
labesifazana labantwana, lakwabangabayanga belizwe,
kulabo ababengathunjelwanga eBhabhiloni, 8 khona beza
kuGedaliya eMizipa, oIshmayeli, indodana kaNethaniya,
loJohanani, loJonathani, amadodana kaKareya, loSeraya,
indodana kaTanihumethi, lamadodana kaEfayi, umNetofa,
loJezaniya, indodana yomMahakathi, bona lamadoda
abo. 9 UGedaliya, indodana kaAhikhamu, indodana
kaShafani, wasefunga kibo lamadoda abo, esithi:
Lingesabi ukusebenzela amaKhaladiya; hlalani elizweni,
liyisebenzele inkosi yeBhabhiloni; khona kuzalilungela.
10 Khangelani-ke, mina ngihlala eMizipa ukuma phambi
kobuso bamaKhaladiya azafika kithi; kodwa lina buthani
iwayini lezithelo zehlobo lamafutha, likufake ezitsheni
zenu, lihlale emizini yenu eliyithetheyo. 11 Futhi, lapho
wonke amaJuda ayekoMowabi laphakathi kwabantwana
bakoAmoni leEdoma lawayekuwo wonke amazwe
esezwile ukuthi inkosi yeBhabhiloni itshiyile insali
yakoJuda, lokuthi yabeka phezu kwabo uGedaliya,
indodana kaAhikhamu, indodana kaShafani; 12 wonke
amaJuda asebuya esuka endaweni zonke ayexotshelwe
khona, eza elizweni lakoJuda, kuGedaliya eMizipa;
abutha iwayini lezithelo zehlobo, kwaba kunengi
kakhulu. 13 UJohanani indodana kaKareya lazo
zonke induna zamabutho ayesegangeni basebesiza
kuGedaliya eMizipa, 14 bathi kuye: Uyakwazi isibili
yini ukuthi uBhahalisi inkosi yabantwana bakoAmoni
uthume uIshmayeli indodana kaNethaniya ukukutshaya
empilweni? Kodwa uGedaliya indodana kaAhikhamu
kabakholwanga. 15 UJohanani indodana kaKareya

wasekhuluma loGedaliya ensitha eMizipa esithi:
Ake ungiyekele ngihambe ngiyetshaya uIshmayeli
indodana kaNethaniya, kungabi lamuntu okwaziyo.
Uzakutshayelani empilweni, ukuze bahlakazeke bonke
abakoJuda ababuthene kuwe, kubhubhe insali yakoJuda?
16 Kodwa uGedaliya indodana kaAhikhamu wathi
kuJohanani indodana kaKareya: Ungayenzi le indaba,
ngoba uqamba amanga ngoIshmayeli.

41 Kwasekusithi ngenyanga yesikhombisa kwafika
uIshmayeli, indodana kaNethaniya, indodana
kaElishama, owenzalo yesikhosini, lezinduna zenkosi,
lamadoda alitshumi laye, kuGedaliya indodana
kaAhikhamu eMizipa, badla isinkwa khona ndawonye
eMizipa. 2 UIshmayeli indodana kaNethaniya
wasesukuma, lamadoda alitshumi ayelaye, bamtshaya
uGedaliya indodana kaAhikhamu indodana kaShafani
ngenkemba, bambulala yena inkosi yeBhabhiloni
eyayimbeke phezu kwelizwe. 3 UIshmayeli wabulala
lawo wonke amaJuda ayelaye, eloGedaliya, eMizipa,
lamaKhaladiya atholakala khona, amadoda empi. 4
Kwasekusithi ngosuku lwesibili esembulele uGedaliya,
kungelamuntu okwaziyo, 5 kwafika amadoda
evela eShekema, eShilo, leSamariya, amadoda
angamatshumi ayisificaminwembili, ephucile indevu,
lezigqoko zidatshuliwe, ezisikile, elomnikelo wokudla
lempepha esandleni sawo, ukukuletha endlini yeNkosi. 6
UIshmayeli indodana kaNethaniya wasephuma eMizipa
ukuwahlangabeza, ehamba, ehamba ekhala inyembezi.
Kwasekuthi lapho ehlangana lawo, wathi kuwo: Wozani
kuGedaliya indodana kaAhikhamu. 7 Kwasekusithi
sebefikile phakathi komuzi, uIshmayeli indodana
kaNethaniya wawabulala wawaphosela phakathi
komgodi, yena lamadoda ayelaye. 8 Kodwa kwatholakala
amadoda alitshumi phakathi kwawo, athi kuIshmayeli:
Ungasibulali, ngoba sileziphala ensimini, ingqoloyi lebhali
lamafutha loluju. Ngakho wawayekela, kaze awabulala
phakathi kwabafowabo. 9 Njalo umgodi uIshmayeli
ayephosele kuwo zonke izidumbu zabantu ayebatshayile
kanye loGedaliya, wawuyiwo inkosi uAsa eyawenzayo
ngenxa kaBahasha inkosi yakoIsrayeli; lowo uIshmayeli
indodana kaNethaniya wawugcwalisa ngababuleweyo.
10 UIshmayeli wasethumba yonke insali yabantu
ababeseMizipa, amadodakazi enkosi, labo bonke abantu
ababesele eMizipa, uNebuzaradani induna yabalindi
eyayibamisele uGedaliya indodana kaAhikhamu.
UIshmayeli indodana kaNethaniya wasebathumba,
wahamba ukuthi achaphele kubantwana bakoAmoni. 11
Kwathi uJohanani indodana kaKareya lazo zonke induna
zamabutho ezazilaye besizwa konke okubi uIshmayeli
indodana kaNethaniya ayekwenzile, 12 bathatha
wonke amadoda, bayakulwa loIshmayeli indodana
kaNethaniya; bamfica emanzini amanengi aseGibeyoni.
13 Kwasekusithi bonke abantu ababeloIshmayeli bebona
uJohanani indodana kaKareya lazo zonke induna
zamabutho ezazilaye, bathokoza. 14 Basebetshibilika
abantu bonke uIshmayeli ayebathumbe besuka
eMizipa, baphenduka baya kuJohanani indodana
kaKareya. 15 Kodwa uIshmayeli indodana kaNethaniya
waphunyuka wasuka phambi kukaJohanani, lamadoda
ayisificaminwembili, waya ebantwaneni bakoAmoni.
16 UJohanani indodana kaKareya lazo zonke induna
zamabutho ezazilaye basebethatha yonke insali yabantu
ayebabuyisile besuka kuIshmayeli indodana kaNethaniya
eMizipa, esetshaye uGedaliya indodana kaAhikhamu,
amadoda, amadoda empi, labafazi, labantwana,
labathenwa, ayebabuyisile bevela eGibeyoni. 17
Basebesuka bayahlala eGeruthi-Kimihamu eseduze
leBhethelehema, ukuyangena eGibhithe 18 ngenxa
yamaKhaladiya; ngoba babewesaba, ngoba uIshmayeli
indodana kaNethaniya wayebulele uGedaliya indodana
kaAhikhamu, inkosi yeBhabhiloni eyayimmise phezu
kwelizwe.

42 Zasezisondela zonke induna zamabutho,
loJohanani indodana kaKareya, loJezaniya
indodana kaHoshaya, labo bonke abantu, kusukela
komncinyane kuze kube komkhulu, 2 bathi kuJeremiya
umprofethi: Ake kuthi ukuncenga kwethu kuwe phambi
kwakho, usikhulekele eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho,
umele le insali yonke, ngoba sisele sibalutshwana
kwabanengi, njengalokho amehlo akho esibona; 3 ukuze
iNkosi, uNkulunkulu wakho, isazise indlela esizahamba
ngayo, lento esizayenza. 4 UJeremiya umprofethi
wasesithi kibo: Sengizwile; khangelani, ngizakhuleka
eNkosini uNkulunkulu wenu njengokwamazwi enu;
kuzakuthi-ke, lonke ilizwi iNkosi ezaliphendula
ngizalitshela lona, kangiyikuligodlela lizwi. 5 Bona
basebesithi kuJeremiya: INkosi kayibe ngumfakazi
oqinisileyo lothembekileyo phakathi kwethu, uba singenzi
ngokunjalo njengalo lonke ilizwi iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho ekuthuma kithi ngalo. 6 Loba kukuhle loba
kukubi, sizalalela ilizwi leNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu,
esikuthuma kuyo, ukuze kusilungele lapho sililalela
ilizwi leNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu. 7 Kwasekusithi
ekupheleni kwensuku ezilitshumi, ilizwi leNkosi lafika
kuJeremiya. 8 Wasebiza uJohanani indodana kaKareya,
lazo zonke induna zamabutho ezazilaye, labantu
bonke kusukela komncinyane kusiya komkhulu; 9
wathi kibo: Itsho njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli,
elingithume kiyo ukuthi ngenze ukuncenga kwenu kuwe
phambi kwayo: 10 Uba lihlala lokuhlala kulelilizwe,
ngizalakha ngingalidilizi, ngilihlanyele, ngingalisiphuni;
ngoba ngiyazisola ngokubi engikwenzileyo kini. 11
Lingayesabi inkosi yeBhabhiloni eliyesabayo, lingayesabi,
itsho iNkosi; ngoba mina ngilani ukuze ngilisindise
ngilophule esandleni sayo. 12 Ngilinike izihawu, ukuze ibe
lomusa kini, ilibuyisele elizweni lakini. 13 Kodwa uba lisithi:
Kasiyikuhlala kulelilizwe; ukuthi lingalaleli ilizwi leNkosi
uNkulunkulu wenu; 14 lisithi: Hatshi; kodwa sizangena

elizweni leGibhithe, lapho esingayikubona impi khona,
singayikuzwa ukukhala kophondo, singalambelanga
isinkwa, sihlale khona; 15 khathesi-ke, ngakho zwanini
ilizwi leNkosi, nsali yakoJuda: Itsho njalo iNkosi
yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Uba lina libeka
ubuso benu ngokupheleleyo ukuya eGibhithe, lingene
ukuyahlala njengabezizwe khona, 16 kuzakuthi-ke
inkemba eliyesabayo izalifica khona elizweni leGibhithe,
lendlala elinqineka ngayo izanamathela emva kwenu
khona eGibhithe, lifele khona. 17 Bazakuba njalo bonke
abantu ababeka ubuso babo ukuya eGibhithe, ukuze
bahlale njengabezizwe khona; bazakufa ngenkemba,
ngendlala, langomatshayabhuqe wesifo; njalo kabayikuba
lensali kumbe ophunyuke phambi kokubi engizabehlisela
khona. 18 Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla,
uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Njengokuthululwa kolaka lwami
lentukuthelo yami phezu kwabahlali beJerusalema,
ngokunjalo intukuthelo yami izathululelwa phezu
kwenu, nxa lingena eGibhithe. Njalo lizakuba yisithuko
lokwesabekayo lesiqalekiso lehlazo, lingaphindi liyibone
lindawo. 19 INkosi ithe ngani, nsali yakoJuda: Lingangeni
eGibhithe. Yazini isibili ukuthi lamuhla ngifakazile
ngimelene lani. 20 Ngoba liyikhohlisile imiphefumulo
yenu; ngoba lina lingithume eNkosini, uNkulunkulu
wenu, lisithi: Sikhulekele eNkosini uNkulunkulu wethu;
lanjengakho konke iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu ekutshoyo,
ngokunjalo sitshele, sikwenze. 21 Sengilitshelile
lamuhla, kodwa kalililalelanga ilizwi leNkosi uNkulunkulu
wenu, laloba yiyiphi into engithume yona kini. 22
Khathesi-ke yazini isibili ukuthi lizakufa ngenkemba,
ngendlala, langomatshayabhuqe wesifo, endaweni
eliloyisa ukuyahlala khona njengabezizwe.

43 Kwasekusithi lapho uJeremiya eseqedile
ukukhuluma kubo bonke abantu wonke amazwi
eNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo, iNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo
eyayimthume ngawo kibo, ngitsho wonke lamazwi;
2 wasekhuluma uAzariya indodana kaHoshaya,
loJohanani indodana kaKareya, labo bonke abantu
abazikhukhumezayo, besithi kuJeremiya: Uqamba
amanga. INkosi uNkulunkulu wethu kayikuthumanga
ukuze uthi: Lingayi eGibhithe ukuze lihlale njengabezizwe
khona; 3 kodwa uBharukhi indodana kaNeriya
uyakukhuthaza emelene lathi, ukuze asinikele
esandleni samaKhaladiya, ukuze asibulale, asithumbele
eBhabhiloni. 4 Ngakho uJohanani indodana kaKareya,
lazo zonke induna zamabutho, labo bonke abantu,
kabalililalelanga ilizwi leNkosi, ukuze bahlale elizweni
lakoJuda. 5 Kodwa uJohanani indodana kaKareya
lazo zonke induna zamabutho bathatha yonke insali
yakoJuda eyayibuyele ivela kuzo zonke izizwe lapho
ababexotshelwe khona, ukuhlala elizweni lakoJuda;
6 amadoda, labafazi, labantwana, lamadodakazi
enkosi, laye wonke umuntu uNebuzaradani induna
yabalindi ayebatshiye kuGedaliya indodana kaAhikhamu
indodana kaShafani, loJeremiya umprofethi, loBharukhi
indodana kaNeriya. 7 Basebengena elizweni leGibhithe,
ngoba kabalililalelanga ilizwi leNkosi; basebefika
eThahaphanesi. 8 Laselifika ilizwi leNkosi kuJeremiya
eThahaphanesi lisithi: 9 Thatha esandleni sakho amatshe
amakhulu, uwafihle ebumbeni ewondweni, esekungeneni
kwendlu kaFaro eThahaphanesi, emehlweni amadoda
angamaJuda, 10 uthi kiwo: Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla,
uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Khangelani, ngizathuma
ngilande uNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni
inceku yami, ngifake isihlalo sakhe sobukhosi phezu
kwalamatshe engiwafihlileyo, endlale ithente lakhe
lesikhosini phezu kwawo. 11 Eze atshaye ilizwe
leGibhithe; labo abokufa ekufeni, lalabo abokuthunjwa
ekuthunjweni, lalabo abenkemba enkembeni. 12
Ngiphembe umlilo ezindlini zabonkulunkulu beGibhithe,
abatshise, abathumbe, azithandele ngelizwe leGibhithe
njengomelusi ezithandela ngesigqoko sakhe, aphume
khona ngokuthula. 13 Njalo uzakwephula insika
zeBetshemeshi eziyizithombe eziselizweni leGibhithe,
atshise ngomlilo izindlu zabonkulunkulu beGibhithe.

44 Ilizwi elafika kuJeremiya ngawo wonke amaJuda
ayehlala elizweni leGibhithe ahlala eMigidoli
leThahaphanesi leNofi lelizweni lePatrosi, lisithi:
2 Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli: Lina likubonile konke okubi engakwehlisela
phezu kweJerusalema laphezu kwayo yonke
imizi yakoJuda. Khangelani-ke, lamuhla ilunxiwa,
njalo kakho ohlala phakathi kwayo, 3 ngenxa
yobubi babo ababenzileyo, ukungithukuthelisa,
ngokuyatshisa impepha, ngokukhonza abanye
onkulunkulu abangabaziyo, bona, lina, laboyihlo. 4
Kanti ngathuma kini inceku zami zonke abaprofethi,
ngivuke ngovivi ngathuma, ngisithi: Ake lingayenzi linto
enengekayo engiyizondayo. 5 Kodwa kabalililalelanga
kababekanga indlebe yabo, ukuthi baphenduke ebubini
babo, ukuze bangatshiseli abanye onkulunkulu impepha.
6 Ngakho kwathululwa intukuthelo yami lolaka lwami,
kwavutha emizini yakoJuda lezitaladeni zeJerusalema;
zaze zaba lunxiwa lencithakalo, njengalamuhla. 7
Ngakho-ke, itsho njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu wamabandla,
uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Libenzelani ububi obukhulu
kangaka limelene lemiphefumulo yenu, ukuthi
liziqumele indoda lomfazi, umntwana losane, basuke
phakathi kwakoJuda, ukuze lingazitshiyeli insali, 8
ngokungithukuthelisa ngemisebenzi yezandla zenu,
ngokutshisela abanye onkulunkulu impepha elizweni
leGibhithe, lapho eseliyehlala khona njengabezizwe,
ukuze liziqume, lokuze libe yisiqalekiso lehlazo phakathi
kwazo zonke izizwe zomhlaba? 9 Selakhohlwa yini
izinto ezimbi zaboyihlo, lezinto ezimbi zamakhosi
akoJuda, lezinto ezimbi zabomkabo, lezinto zenu
ezimbi, lezinto ezimbi zabomkenu, abazenza elizweni
lakoJuda lezitaladeni zeJerusalema? 10 Kabadabukanga

kuze kube lamuhla, kabesabanga, kabahambanga
ngomlayo wami langezimiso zami engazibeka phambi
kwenu laphambi kwaboyihlo. 11 Ngakho itsho njalo
iNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Khangelani,
ngimisa ubuso bami bumelene lani ngokubi ukuze
ngiqume uJuda wonke. 12 Ngithathe insali yakoJuda,
abamise ubuso babo ukungena elizweni leGibhithe
ukuhlala khona njengabezizwe; njalo bonke bazaphela
bawe elizweni leGibhithe; baqedwe ngenkemba
langendlala; kusukela komncinyane kuze kube komkhulu
bafe ngenkemba langendlala; babe yisifungo, babe
ngokwesabisayo, babe yisiqalekiso, babe lihlazo. 13
Ngoba ngizajezisa labo abahlezi elizweni leGibhithe,
njengoba ngajezisa iJerusalema, ngenkemba, ngendlala,
langomatshayabhuqe wesifo; 14 ukuze insali yakoJuda
efikileyo ukuhlala khona njengowezizwe elizweni
leGibhithe ingabi lophunyukayo losilayo, ukubuyela
elizweni lakoJuda, umphefumulo wayo ofisa ukubuyela
kulo ukuhlala khona; ngoba kabayikubuyela, ngaphandle
kwabaphunyukileyo. 15 Khona wonke amadoda ayesazi
ukuthi omkabo batshisela abanye onkulunkulu impepha,
labo bonke abesifazana ababemi khona, ixuku elikhulu,
labo bonke abantu ababehlala elizweni leGibhithe,
ePatrosi, bamphendula uJeremiya, besithi: 16 Lelilizwi
olikhulume kithi ebizweni leNkosi, kasiyikukulalela.
17 Kodwa sizakwenza lokwenza loba yiyiphi into
ephume emlonyeni wethu, ukutshisela indlovukazi
yamazulu impepha, siyithululele iminikelo yokunathwayo,
njengoba besisenza, thina, labobaba, amakhosi
ethu, leziphathamandla zethu, emizini yakoJuda
lezitaladeni zeJerusalema; khona sasutha isinkwa,
sasiphilile, kasibonanga okubi. 18 Kodwa kusukela
lapho sayekela ukutshisela indlovukazi yamazulu
impepha lokuyithululela iminikelo yokunathwayo,
siswele konke, siqedwe ngenkemba layindlala. 19
Futhi lapho sitshisela indlovukazi yamazulu impepha,
siyithululela iminikelo yokunathwayo, siyayenzela
amakhekhe ngokwesifanekiso sayo, siyithululela
iminikelo yokuthululwa, ngaphandle kwamadoda enu
yini? 20 UJeremiya wasekhuluma kubo bonke abantu,
emadodaneni, lakwabesifazana, lakubo bonke abantu
ababemphendule ngalelolizwi, esithi: 21 Impepha
elayitshisa emizini yakoJuda lezitaladeni zeJerusalema,
lina, laboyihlo, amakhosi enu, leziphathamandla zenu,
labantu belizwe, iNkosi kayiyikukukhumbula yini,
kuvele enhliziyweni yayo? 22 Kwaze kwathi iNkosi
yayingaselakukuthwala, ngenxa yobubi bezenzo zenu,
ngenxa yezinengiso elazenzayo; ngakho ilizwe lenu
laba yincithakalo lokwesabisayo lesiqalekiso, ukuze
kungahlali muntu, njengalamuhla. 23 Ngenxa yokuthi
litshisile impepha, lokuthi lonile eNkosini, kalilalelanga
ilizwi leNkosi, kalihambanga ngomlayo wayo langezimiso
zayo langezifakazelo zayo; ngenxa yalokho okubi lokhu
kwenzakele kini, njengalamuhla. 24 UJeremiya wasesithi
kubo bonke abantu lakwabesifazana bonke: Zwanini
ilizwi leNkosi, wonke uJuda oselizweni leGibhithe. 25
Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli,
ithi: Lina labomkenu, likhulumile ngomlomo wenu,
lakugcwalisa ngezandla zenu, lisithi: Sizakwenza
lokwenza izithembiso zethu esizithembisayo zokutshisela
indlovukazi yamazulu impepha, lokuyithululela iminikelo
yokunathwayo. Lizaqinisa lokuqinisa izithembiso zenu,
lenze sibili izithembiso zenu! 26 Ngakho zwanini
ilizwi leNkosi, lonke Juda elihlala elizweni leGibhithe:
Khangelani, mina ngifungile ngebizo lami elikhulu, itsho
iNkosi: Ibizo lami kalisayikubizwa ngumlomo waloba
ngubani wakoJuda, elizweni lonke leGibhithe, esithi:
Kuphila kweNkosi uJehova. 27 Khangela, ngizabalindela
ngokubi, kungeyisikho ngokuhle; lawo wonke amadoda
akoJuda aselizweni leGibhithe azaqedwa ngenkemba
layindlala, aze aphele. 28 Lalabo abaphepha enkembeni
bazabuyela elizweni lakoJuda bevela elizweni leGibhithe,
balutshwana ngenani; layo yonke insali yakoJuda eze
elizweni leGibhithe ukuhlala khona njengowezizwe,
izakwazi ukuthi ilizwi elizakuma ngelikabani, elami
kumbe elayo. 29 Lalokhu kuzakuba yisibonakaliso kini,
kutsho iNkosi, ukuthi ngizalijezisa kulindawo, ukuze
lazi ukuthi amazwi ami azakuma lokuma emelana lani
ngokubi. 30 Itsho njalo iNkosi: Khangelani, ngizanikela
uFaro Hofira inkosi yeGibhithe esandleni sezitha zakhe,
lesandleni salabo abadinga impilo yakhe, njengoba
nganikela uZedekhiya inkosi yakoJuda esandleni
sikaNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni, isitha sakhe,
esadinga impilo yakhe.

45 Ilizwi uJeremiya umprofethi alikhuluma kuBharukhi
indodana kaNeriya, ekubhaleni kwakhe lamazwi
egwalweni evela emlonyeni kaJeremiya, ngomnyaka
wesine kaJehoyakhimi, indodana kaJosiya, inkosi
yakoJuda, lisithi: 2 Itsho njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli, kuwe Bharukhi: 3 Uthi wena: Hawu maye
mina, ngoba iNkosi yengezelela usizi ebuhlungwini
bami, sengikhathele yikububula kwami, njalo kangitholi
ukuphumula. 4 Uzakutsho njalo kuye: Itsho njalo iNkosi:
Khangela, lokho engikwakhileyo ngiyakudiliza, lalokho
engikuhlanyeleyo ngiyakusiphuna; yebo, ilizwe leli lonke.
5 Wena-ke uzazidingela izinto ezinkulu yini? Ungazidingi;
ngoba khangela, ngiletha okubi phezu kwayo yonke
inyama, itsho iNkosi; kodwa ngizakunika impilo yakho
ibe yimpango kuzo zonke indawo lapho oya khona.

46 Ilizwi leNkosi elafika kuJeremiya umprofethi
limelene labezizwe; 2 limelene leGibhithe,
limelene lebutho likaFaro Neko inkosi yeGibhithe,
elalingasemfuleni iYufrathi, eKarikemishi, alitshayayo
uNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni, ngomnyaka
wesine kaJehoyakhimi, indodana kaJosiya, inkosi
yakoJuda: 3 Hlelani ihawu lesihlangu, lisondele
empini. 4 Bophelani amabhiza, ligade, bagadi

bamabhiza, lizimise lilezingowane, lilole imikhonto,
ligqoke amabhatshi ensimbi. 5 Ngibaboneleni
betshaywa luvalo, bebuyela emuva? Lamaqhawe abo
ephulaphuliwe, ayabaleka ngesiqubu, kawanyemukuli
emuva; kulokwesaba inhlangothi zonke, itsho iNkosi.
6 Olejubane kangabaleki, leqhawe kalingaphunyuki;
bazakhubeka bawele ngenyakatho eceleni komfula
iYufrathi. 7 Ngubani lo okhukhumala njengesifula,
omanzi aso aqubuka njengomfula? 8 IGibhithe
ikhukhumala njengesifula, lamanzi aqubuka njengemifula;
ithi: Ngizakhukhumala, ngiwusibekele umhlaba, ngichithe
umuzi labahlala kiwo. 9 Yenyukani mabhiza, lihlanye
zinqola; kawaphume amaqhawe; amaEthiyophiya,
lamaPuti aphatha isihlangu, lamaLudi aphatha anyathela
idandili. 10 Ngoba lolu lusuku lweNkosi uJehova
wamabandla, usuku lwempindiselo, ukuthi iziphindisele
ezitheni zayo; lenkemba izakudla, isuthe, idakwe
ligazi labo; ngoba iNkosi uJehova wamabandla
ilomhlatshelo elizweni lenyakatho ngasemfuleni iYufrathi.
11 Yenyukela eGileyadi, uyethatha ibhalisamu, ntombi
emsulwa, ndodakazi yeGibhithe; imithi uyandisela ize,
kakulakwelatshwa kuwe. 12 Izizwe zizwile ihlazo
lakho, lomhlaba ugcwele ukukhala kwakho; ngoba
akhubekile, iqhawe limelene leqhawe, womabili awele
phansi ndawonye. 13 Ilizwi iNkosi eyalikhuluma
kuJeremiya umprofethi ngokuza kukaNebhukadirezari
inkosi yeBhabhiloni ukutshaya ilizwe leGibhithe: 14
Memezelani eGibhithe, lizwakalise eMigidoli, lizwakalise
eNofi leThahaphanesi, lithi: Zimise, uzilungiselele, ngoba
inkemba izakudla inhlangothi zonke zakho. 15 Kungani
amadoda akho alamandla ekhukhuliwe? Kawemanga
ngoba iNkosi iwafuqile. 16 Yandisa abakhubekayo, yebo,
omunye wawela phezu komunye; basebesithi: Sukumani,
sibuyele ebantwini bakithi, lelizweni lokuzalwa kwethu,
sisuke enkembeni ecindezelayo. 17 Bamemeza khona,
bathi: UFaro inkosi yeGibhithe ungumsindo; udlulise
isikhathi esimisiweyo. 18 Kuphila kwami, itsho iNkosi,
obizo layo yiNkosi yamabandla: Isibili njengeThabhori
phakathi kwezintaba lanjengeKharmeli ngaselwandle
uzafika. 19 Zenzele izikhali zokuthunjwa, ndodakazi ehlala
eGibhithe; ngoba iNofi izakuba yincithakalo, itshiswe,
kungabi lomhlali. 20 IGibhithe ilithokazi elihle kakhulu;
isibawu siyeza, sivela enyakatho. 21 Labaqhatshiweyo
bayo phakathi kwayo banjengethole lesibaya; ngoba
labo baphendukile, babaleka kanyekanye; kabemanga,
ngoba usuku lokuhlupheka kwabo lubehlele, isikhathi
sempindiselo yabo. 22 Ilizwi layo lizahamba njengenyoka;
ngoba bazahamba lebutho, beze kuyo belamahloka,
njengabagamuli bezihlahla. 23 Bagamule ihlathi layo,
itsho iNkosi, lanxa lingephenywe, ngoba banengi
okwedlula isikhonyane, kabalakubalwa. 24 Indodakazi
yamaGibhithe izayangeka, izanikelwa esandleni sabantu
benyakatho. 25 INkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli, ithi: Khangela, ngizajezisa uAmoni weNo,
loFaro, leGibhithe, labonkulunkulu bayo, lamakhosi
ayo, yebo uFaro labathembela kuye. 26 Ngibanikele
esandleni salabo abadinga impilo yabo, lesandleni
sikaNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni, lesandleni
senceku zakhe; lemva kwalokho ihlalwe njengensukwini
zendulo, itsho iNkosi. 27 Kodwa wena, ungesabi,
nceku yami Jakobe, ungatshaywa luvalo, Israyeli, ngoba
khangela, ngizakusindisa usekhatshana, lenzalo yakho
elizweni lokuthunjwa kwayo; uJakobe uzaphenduka-
ke, athule, onwabe, njalo kakho ozamethusa. 28
Wena, ungesabi, nceku yami Jakobe, itsho iNkosi,
ngoba ngilawe; ngoba ngizaqeda ngokupheleleyo zonke
izizwe engikuxotshele kuzo, kodwa kangiyikukuqeda
ngokupheleleyo, ngikukhuze ngokufaneleyo, kodwa
kangiyikukuyekela lokukuyekela ungajeziswanga.

47 Ilizwi leNkosi elafika kuJeremiya umprofethi
limelene lamaFilisti, uFaro engakatshayi iGaza. 2
Itsho njalo iNkosi: Khangela, amanzi azakhukhumala
evela enyakatho, azakuba yisifula esikhukhulayo,
akhukhule ilizwe lokugcwala kwalo, umuzi labahlala
kiwo; labantu bazakhala, labo bonke abakhileyo
belizwe bazaqhinqa isililo, 3 ngomsindo wokugidiza
kwamasondo amabhiza akhe alamandla, ngomdumo
wenqola zakhe, inhlokomo yamavili akhe; oyise
kabanyemukuli kubantwana ngenxa yokuyekethiswa
kwezandla; 4 ngenxa yosuku oluzayo ukuchitha wonke
amaFilisti, ukuquma asuke eTire leSidoni wonke umsizi
oseleyo; ngoba iNkosi izawachitha amaFilisti, insali
yesihlenge seKafitori. 5 Ubumpabanga sebufikile eGaza,
iAshikeloni iqunyiwe, insali yesihotsha sabo; uzazisika
kuze kube nini? 6 Hawu, nkemba yeNkosi; koze kube
nini ungathuli? Zibuthele emgodleni wakho, phumula,
uthule. 7 Ungathula njani, lapho iNkosi iyilawulile?
Imelene leAshikeloni, imelene lokhumbi lolwandle, lapho
iyimisele khona.

48 Imelene loMowabi, itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla,
uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Maye ngeNebo, ngoba
ichithiwe; iKiriyathayimi iyangekile, ithunjiwe; indawo
ephakemeyo iyangekile, idilikile. 2 Kakusayikuba khona
udumo lukaMowabi eHeshiboni; baceba okubi bemelene
layo, besithi: Wozani siyiqume ekubeni yisizwe; lawe
Madimeni, uzathula, inkemba izakulandela. 3 Ilizwi
lokukhala livela eHoronayimi, incithakalo lokwephuka
okukhulu! 4 UMowabi wephukile; abancinyane bakhe
benze ukukhala kuzwakale. 5 Ngoba ekwenyukeni
kweLubithi ukukhala kuzakwenyuka lokukhala, ngoba
ekwehleni kweHoronayimi izitha zizwile ukukhala
kokuchitheka. 6 Balekani, likhulule impilo yenu,
libe njengesihlahla esiyize enkangala. 7 Ngoba
ngenxa yokuthembela kwakho emisebenzini yakho
lemagugwini akho lawe uzathunjwa; loKemoshi
uzaphumela ekuthunjweni, abapristi bakhe lezikhulu
zakhe kanyekanye. 8 Lomchithi uzafikela wonke

umuzi, njalo kakulamuzi ozaphunyuka; isihotsha
laso sizachitheka, legceke liqothulwe, njengokutsho
kweNkosi. 9 Nikani uMowabi amaphiko, ngoba
uzaphapha aphume; lemizi yakhe izakuba lunxiwa,
engelamhlali kuyo. 10 Uqalekisiwe lowo owenza
umsebenzi weNkosi ngokunganakekeli; uqalekisiwe
lalowo ogodla inkemba yakhe egazini. 11 UMowabi
wonwabile kusukela ebutsheni bakhe, uphumule
enzeceni zakhe, kathululelwanga esuka embizeni
esiya embizeni, kahambanga ekuthunjweni; ngakho-
ke ukunambitheka kwakhe kumi kuye, lephunga lakhe
kaliphenduki. 12 Ngakho, khangela, insuku ziyeza,
itsho iNkosi, lapho ngizathuma kuye abathambeki
abazamthambeka, bathulule imbiza zakhe, babulale
izinqayi zabo. 13 Khona uMowabi uzakuba lenhloni
ngoKemoshi, njengalokho indlu kaIsrayeli yaba lenhloni
ngeBhetheli, ithemba layo. 14 Lingatsho njani ukuthi:
Singamaqhawe lamadoda empi alamandla? 15 UMowabi
uchithiwe, wenyuka emizini yakhe, lekhethelo lamajaha
akhe selehlele ekubulaweni, itsho iNkosi, obizo layo
nguJehova wamabandla. 16 Inkathazo kaMowabi iseduze
ukufika, lobubi bakhe buyaphangisa kakhulu. 17 Mlileleni,
lina lonke elimzingelezeleyo, lani lonke elazi ibizo
lakhe; lithi: Yephuke njani induku elamandla, udondolo
oluhle! 18 Yehla ebukhosini, uhlale ekomeni, wena
ndodakazi ohlala eDiboni; ngoba umchithi kaMowabi
usenyukele ukumelana lawe, wachitha inqaba zakho.
19 Mana endleleni, ulinde, mhlalikazi weAroweri,
ubuze obalekayo lowesifazana ophunyukileyo, uthi:
Kwenzakaleni? 20 UMowabi uyangekile, ngoba udilikile;
qhinqani isililo likhale; libike eArinoni ukuthi uMowabi
uchithiwe. 21 Lesahlulelo sehlele phezu kwelizwe
elilamagceke, phezu kweHoloni, laphezu kweJahaza,
laphezu kweMefahathi, 22 laphezu kweDiboni, laphezu
kweNebo, laphezu kweBeti-Dibilathayimi, 23 laphezu
kweKiriyathayimi, laphezu kweBeti-Gamuli, laphezu
kweBeti-Meyoni, 24 laphezu kweKeriyothi, laphezu
kweBhozira, laphezu kwayo yonke imizi yelizwe
lakoMowabi, ekhatshana leseduze. 25 Uphondo
lukaMowabi luqunyiwe, lengalo yakhe yephukile, itsho
iNkosi. 26 Mdakiseni, ngoba ezikhulisile emelene leNkosi;
uMowabi uzazibhixa emahlanzweni akhe, abe yinhlekisa,
ngitsho yena. 27 Ngoba uIsrayeli kabanga yinhlekisa
yini kuwe? Watholakala yini phakathi kwamasela?
Ngoba kusukela ngesikhathi samazwi akho ngaye
wanyikinya ikhanda. 28 Tshiyani imizi, lihlale edwaleni,
bahlali beMowabi, libe njengejuba elakha isidleke
emaceleni omlomo womgodi. 29 Sizwile ngokuzigqaja
kukaMowabi (uyazigqaja kakhulu), ukuziphakamisa
kwakhe, lokuzigqaja kwakhe, lokuzikhukhumeza kwakhe,
lokuphakama kwenhliziyo yakhe. 30 Mina ngiyayazi,
itsho iNkosi, intukuthelo yakhe, kodwa kakuyikuba njalo;
ukusoma kwakhe kakungenzi njalo. 31 Ngalokho-ke
ngizaqhinqa isililo ngoMowabi, yebo, ngikhale ngaye
wonke uMowabi; bazabubula ngabantu beKiri-Heresi.
32 Ngokukhala inyembezi kweJazeri ngizakukhalela
inyembezi, wena vini leSibima. Ingatsha zakho zedlula
ulwandle, zafinyelela elwandle lweJazeri; umchithi
wehlele phezu kwezithelo zakho zehlobo lemavinini akho
avuniweyo. 33 Lokuthaba lentokozo kususiwe esivandeni
lelizweni lakoMowabi; ngiqedile lewayini ezikhamelweni;
kabayikunyathela ngomsindo wentokozo; umsindo
wentokozo kawuyikuba ngumsindo wentokozo. 34
Ngenxa yokukhala kweHeshiboni, kuze kube seEleyale,
kuze kube seJahazi, bakhupha ilizwi labo, kusukela
eZowari kuze kufike eJoronayimi, ithokazi leminyaka
emithathu; ngoba lamanzi eNimirimi azakuba yincithakalo.
35 Njalo ngizaqeda koMowabi, itsho iNkosi, lowo onikela
endaweni ephakemeyo, lotshisela onkulunkulu bakhe
impepha. 36 Ngenxa yalokho inhliziyo yami izakhalela
uMowabi njengemihubhe, lenhliziyo yami izakhala
njengemihubhe ngabantu beKiri-Heresi; ngoba inotho
ababeyizuzile ichithekile. 37 Ngoba lonke ikhanda
liyimpabanga, lazo zonke indevu zigeliwe; izandla
zonke zisikiwe, lokhalweni kulesaka. 38 Phezu kwazo
zonke impahla zezindlu zakoMowabi lezitaladeni zakhe
yonke indawo kulokuqhinqa isililo, ngoba ngimphahlazile
uMowabi njengembiza engathokozelwayo, itsho iNkosi.
39 Bazaqhinqa isililo besithi: Udilike njani! UMowabi
uphendule njani umhlana elenhloni! Ngakho uMowabi
waba yinhlekisa lesesabiso kuye wonke omzingelezeleyo.
40 Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi: Khangela, uzaphapha
ngesiqubu njengokhozi, elulele impiko zakhe phezu
kukaMowabi. 41 Imizi ithunjiwe, lezinqaba zibanjiwe,
lenhliziyo yamaqhawe akoMowabi ngalolosuku ibe
njengenhliziyo yowesifazana ohelelwayo. 42 LoMowabi
uzachithwa angabi yisizwe, ngoba wazikhulisa emelene
leNkosi. 43 Ukwesaba lomgodi lomjibila kuphezu
kwakho, mhlali wakoMowabi, itsho iNkosi. 44
Obalekela ukwesaba uzawela emgodini, lowenyuka
ephuma emgodini uzabanjwa ngumjibila; ngoba
ngizakwehlisela phezu kwakhe, phezu kukaMowabi,
umnyaka wempindiselo yabo, itsho iNkosi. 45 Emthunzini
weHeshiboni ababalekayo bayema bengelamandla,
ngoba umlilo uphumile eHeshiboni, lelangabi livela
phakathi kukaSihoni, njalo kudlile ingonsi yakoMowabi,
lenkanda yabantwana besiphithiphithi. 46 Maye
kuwe, Mowabi! Abantu bakaKemoshi baphelile, ngoba
amadodana akho athethwe asiwa ekuthunjweni,
lamadodakazi akho ekuthunjweni. 47 Kodwa ngizabuyisa
ukuthunjwa kukaMowabi ekucineni kwezinsuku, itsho
iNkosi. Kuze kube lapha kuyisehlulelo sakoMowabi.

49 Mayelana labantwana bakoAmoni itsho njalo
iNkosi: UIsrayeli kalamadodana yini? Kalayo
indlalifa yini? Kungani uMilkomu esidla ilifa lakoGadi,
labantu bakhe behlala emizini yayo? 2 Ngakho
khangela, insuku ziyeza, itsho iNkosi, lapho ngizakwenza

ukuthi kuzwakale umkhosi wempi eRaba yabantwana
bakoAmoni; njalo izakuba yinqumbi yencithakalo,
lamadodakazi ayo atshiswe ngomlilo; loIsrayeli adle
ilifa labadla ilifa lakhe, itsho iNkosi. 3 Qhinqa
isililo, Heshiboni, ngoba iAyi ichithiwe; khalani,
madodakazi eRaba, libhince amasaka, lilile, liye
le lale ezintangweni; ngoba uMilkomu uzahamba
ekuthunjweni, abapristi bakhe leziphathamandla zakhe
ndawonye. 4 Uzincomelani ngezihotsha? Isihotsha sakho
siyageleza, ndodakazi ehlehlela nyovane, ethemba
amagugu ayo, usithi: Ngubani ozakuza kimi? 5
Khangela, ngizakwehlisela phezu kwakho uvalo, itsho
iNkosi, uJehova wamabandla, luvela kubo bonke
abakuhanqileyo; njalo lizaxotshwa, ngulowo lalowo
phambi kwakhe; njalo kakho ozabutha ozulayo. 6 Kodwa
emva kwalokho ngizabuyisa ukuthunjwa kwabantwana
bakoAmoni, itsho iNkosi. 7 Mayelana leEdoma, itsho njalo
iNkosi yamabandla: Kakuselanhlakanipho yini eThemani?
Icebo liphelile yini kwabaqedisisayo? Inhlakanipho
yabo isinyamalele yini? 8 Balekani, buyelani emuva,
hlalani endaweni ejulileyo, bahlali beDedani; ngoba
ngizakwehlisela inhlupheko kaEsawu phezu kwakhe,
isikhathi sokumhambela kwami. 9 Uba abavuni bamavini
befika kuwe bebengayikutshiya yini umkhothozo?
Uba amasela efika ebusuku, azaphanga aze anele?
10 Kodwa mina ngimhlubule uEsawu, ngizembule
indawo zakhe zensitha, ukuze angabi lakho ukucatsha;
inzalo yakhe ichithiwe, labafowabo, labomakhelwane
bakhe, yena kasekho. 11 Tshiya izintandane zakho,
mina ngizazilondoloza ziphila, labafelokazi bakho
kabathembele kimi. 12 Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi:
Khangela, labo okugwetshwa kwabo kwakungeyisikho
ukunatha inkezo bazayinatha lokuyinatha, wena-ke
nguwe yini ozayekelwa ungajeziswanga ngokupheleleyo?
Kawuyikuyekelwa ungelacala, kodwa isibili uzanatha.
13 Ngoba ngifungile ngami uqobo, itsho iNkosi, ukuthi
iBhozira izakuba ngokwesabekayo, ibe lihlazo, ibe
lunxiwa, ibe yisiqalekiso; lemizi yayo yonke izakuba
ngamanxiwa aphakade. 14 Ngizwile umbiko ovela
eNkosini, lesithunywa sithunywe phakathi kwezizwe,
sisithi: Buthanani, lize limelane layo, lisukumele impi.
15 Ngoba khangela, ngizakwenza ube mncinyane
phakathi kwezizwe, udeleleke phakathi kwabantu.
16 Ukwesabeka kwakho kukukhohlisile, ukuziqhenya
kwenhliziyo yakho, wena ohlala ezingoxweni zamadwala,
obamba izingqonga zoqaqa. Loba usenza isidleke sakho
sibe phezulu njengokhozi, ngizakwehlisa usuka khona,
itsho iNkosi. 17 IEdoma layo izakuba yinto eyesabekayo;
wonke odlula kuyo uzamangala kakhulu, ancife
ngenxa yenhlupheko yonke yayo. 18 Njengokuchithwa
kweSodoma leGomora, labomakhelwane bayo, itsho
iNkosi; kakulamuntu ozahlala khona, kakulandodana
yomuntu ezahlala khona njengowezizwe. 19
Khangela, njengesilwane esivela ekukhukhumaleni
kweJordani uzakwenyuka emelene lendawo yokuhlala
okungapheliyo, kodwa ngizahle ngimgijimise asuke kuyo;
njalo ngubani okhethiweyo engingammisa emelene layo?
Ngoba ngubani onjengami? Ngubani-ke ozangibizela
ukulandisa? Njalo nguwuphi lowomelusi ongema phambi
kwami? 20 Ngakho, zwanini icebo leNkosi elicebe imelene
leEdoma, lemicabango yayo eyicabange emelene
labahlali beThemani: Isibili abancinyane bomhlambi
bazabadonsa; isibili izachitha indawo yabo yokuhlala
phezu kwabo. 21 Ngomsindo wokuwa kwabo umhlaba
uyazamazama; ukukhala, umsindo wakho wezwakala
eLwandle oluBomvu. 22 Khangela, uzakwenyuka
andize ngesiqubu njengokhozi, elulele impiko zakhe
phezu kweBhozira; lenhliziyo yamaqhawe eEdoma
ngalolosuku izakuba njengenhliziyo yowesifazana
ohelelwayo. 23 Mayelana leDamaseko. IHamathi
leArpadi kuyangekile, ngoba bazwile umbiko omubi;
bancibilika, kulokunqineka elwandle, kungeke kube
lokuthula. 24 IDamaseko isibuthakathaka, itshibilike
ukuze ibaleke, lokwethuka kuyibambile, ukucindezelwa
losizi kuyibambile njengobelethayo. 25 Kawutshiywanga
njani umuzi wodumo, umuzi wentokozo yami! 26
Ngakho amajaha awo azawela ezitaladeni zawo, lawo
wonke amadoda empi azabhujiswa ngalolosuku, itsho
iNkosi yamabandla. 27 Ngizaphemba-ke umlilo emdulini
weDamaseko, ozaqothula izigodlo zikaBenihadadi. 28
Mayelana leKedari njalo mayelana lemibuso yeHazori
owayitshayayo uNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni:
Itsho njalo iNkosi: Sukumani, lenyukele eKedari, lichithe
amadodana empumalanga. 29 Bazathatha amathente
abo lemihlambi yabo, amakhetheni abo lempahla yabo
yonke lamakamela abo bazazithwalela khona; bamemeze
kibo bathi: Uvalo enhlangothini zonke. 30 Balekani,
lizulazule kakhulu, lihlale ngokujula, lina bahlali beHazori,
itsho iNkosi; ngoba uNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni
waceba icebo emelene lani, wacabanga umcabango
emelene lani. 31 Sukumani, lenyuke limelene lesizwe
esonwabileyo, esihlala ekuvikelekeni, itsho iNkosi,
esingelamasango, esingelamigoqo, esizihlalele sodwa. 32
Lamakamela abo azakuba yimpango, lemihlambi yezifuyo
zabo izakuba yimpango; njalo ngizabachithachitha
kuyo yonke imimoya, abaphoselwe engonsini, ngilethe
inkathazo yabo evela inhlangothi zonke zaso, itsho iNkosi.
33 LeHazori izakuba yindawo yokuhlala yamakhanka,
unxiwa kuze kube nininini; kakuyikuhlala muntu khona,
lendodana yomuntu kayiyikuhlala kuyo njengowezizwe.
34 Ilizwi leNkosi elafika kuJeremiya umprofethi limelene
leElamu ekuqaleni kokubusa kukaZedekhiya, inkosi
yakoJuda, lisithi: 35 Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla:
Khangela, ngizakwephula idandili leElamu, induna
yamandla abo. 36 Ngilethele iElamu imimoya emine
evela emikhawulweni emine yamazulu, ngibahlakazele
kuyo yonke leyomimoya; njalo kakuyikuba khona isizwe
lapho abaxotshiweyo beElamu abangayikufika khona.

37 Ngoba ngizakwenza abeElamu besabe phambi
kwezitha zabo laphambi kwalabo abadinga impilo yabo,
ngibehlisele okubi, ukuvutha kolaka lwami, itsho iNkosi,
ngithume inkemba emva kwabo, ngize ngibaqede. 38
Ngizamisa-ke isihlalo sami sobukhosi eElamu, ngichithe
kuyo inkosi leziphathamandla, itsho iNkosi. 39 Kodwa
kuzakuthi ekucineni kwezinsuku ngibuyise ukuthunjwa
kukaElamu, itsho iNkosi.

50 Ilizwi iNkosi eyalikhuluma imelene leBhabhiloni,
imelene lelizwe lamaKhaladiya, ngesandla
sikaJeremiya umprofethi, lisithi: 2 Memezani phakathi
kwezizwe, lizwakalise; misani uphawu, lizwakalise,
lingakufihli, lithi: IBhabhiloni ithunjiwe, uBheli uyangekile,
uMerodaki ubhidliziwe; izithombe zayo ziyangisiwe,
imifanekiso yayo ibhidliziwe. 3 Ngoba isizwe senyuka
simelene layo esivela enyakatho, esizakwenza ilizwe
layo libe lunxiwa, ukuze kungabi lomhlali kulo;
kusukela emuntwini kusiya enyamazaneni kuyabaleka
kuhambile. 4 Ngalezonsuku langalesosikhathi, itsho
iNkosi, abantwana bakoIsrayeli bazakuza, bona
labantwana bakoJuda kanyekanye; behamba bekhala
inyembezi, bazahamba, bedinga iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wabo. 5 Bazabuza indlela eZiyoni, ubuso babo
bukhangele ngakuyo; wozani, lizihlanganise leNkosi
ngesivumelwano esiphakade esingayikukhohlakala. 6
Abantu bami bebeyizimvu ezilahlekileyo; abelusi babo
babaduhisile, bebaphendulela ezintabeni; bahamba
besuka entabeni besiya eqaqeni, bakhohlwa indawo yabo
yokulala. 7 Bonke ababatholayo babadla, lezitha zabo
zathi: Kasiyikuba lacala, ngenxa yokuthi bonile eNkosini,
ikhaya lokulunga, ngitsho iNkosi, ithemba laboyise.
8 Balekani liphume phakathi kweBhabhiloni, liphume
elizweni lamaKhaladiya, libe njengezimpongo phambi
komhlambi. 9 Ngoba khangela, ngizavusa ngenze
ukuthi kwenyukele eBhabhiloni ixuku lezizwe ezinkulu
zivela elizweni lenyakatho, zizihlele zimelene layo;
kusukela lapho zithunjwe; imitshoko yakhe njengeqhawe
elilamandla kayiyikubuyela ize. 10 Njalo iKhaladiya
izakuba yimpango; bonke abayiphangayo bazasutha,
itsho iNkosi. 11 Ngoba lalijabula, ngoba lathokoza,
lina bachithi belifa lami, ngoba liqolotsha njengethokazi
etshanini, likhonye njengamabhiza amaduna; 12 unyoko
ulenhloni kakhulu, owalizalayo uyangekile. Khangela,
ingemuva yezizwe iyinkangala eyomileyo lelugwadule.
13 Ngenxa yolaka lweNkosi kayiyikuhlalwa, kodwa
izakuba yincithakalo yonke; wonke owedlula eBhabhiloni
uzamangala kakhulu, ancife ngenxa yazo zonke
inhlupheko zayo. 14 Zihleleleni ukumelana leBhabhiloni
inhlangothi zonke, lina lonke eligobisa idandili, litshoke
kuyo, lingagodli mtshoko, ngoba yonile eNkosini. 15
Memezani limelene layo inhlangothi zonke; isinike
isandla sayo, izisekelo zayo ziwile, imiduli yayo idiliziwe;
ngoba lokho kuyimpindiselo yeNkosi; phindiselani
kuyo, lenze kuyo njengokwenza kwayo. 16 Qumani
umhlanyeli asuke eBhabhiloni, laye ophatha isikela
ngesikhathi sokuvuna; ngenxa yenkemba ecindezelayo
bazaphenduka, ngulowo lalowo kwabakibo, babaleke,
ngulowo lalowo elizweni lakibo. 17 UIsrayeli uyimvu
ehlakazekileyo; izilwane zimxotshile; kuqala inkosi
yeAsiriya yamudla, emva kwalokho lo uNebhukadirezari
inkosi yeBhabhiloni wephule amathambo akhe. 18
Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli: Khangela, ngizayijezisa inkosi yeBhabhiloni
lelizwe layo, njengalokho ngayijezisa inkosi yeAsiriya.
19 Njalo ngizabuyisela uIsrayeli endaweni yakhe
yokuhlala, njalo uzadlisa eKharmeli leBashani,
lomphefumulo wakhe usuthe entabeni yakoEfrayimi
leGileyadi. 20 Ngalezonsuku langalesosikhathi, itsho
iNkosi, kuzadingwa ububi koIsrayeli, kodwa bungabi
khona, lezono zikaJuda, kodwa zingatholwa; ngoba
ngizabathethelela labo engibenza babe yinsali. 21
Umelene lelizwe leMerathayimi, yenyuka umelene
layo, njalo umelene labahlali bePhekhodi; uchithe,
utshabalalise emva kwabo, itsho iNkosi, wenze
njengakho konke engikulaye khona. 22 Umsindo
wempi uselizweni, lokuchitheka okukhulu. 23 Yeka
ukuganyulwa lokwephuka kwesando somhlaba wonke!
Yeka ukwenziwa kweBhabhiloni unxiwa phakathi
kwezizwe! 24 Ngakuthiya ngomjibila, futhi lawe
wathunjwa, Bhabhiloni, lawe wawungazi; watholwa,
futhi wabanjwa, ngoba waphikisana leNkosi. 25
INkosi ivulile isiphala sayo, yakhupha izikhali zolaka
lwayo, ngoba lokhu kungumsebenzi weNkosi uJehova
wamabandla elizweni lamaKhaladiya. 26 Wozani
limelane layo livela ephethelweni, livule izibuya zayo,
liyibuthelele njengezinqumbi, liyitshabalalise, ingabi
lansali. 27 Bulalani amajongosi ayo wonke, kawehlele
ekuhlatshweni. Maye kuwo! Ngoba usuku lwawo lufikile,
isikhathi sempindiselo yawo. 28 Ilizwi lababalekayo
labaphunyukayo bevela elizweni leBhabhiloni, ukuze
bamemeze eZiyoni impindiselo yeNkosi uNkulunkulu
wethu, impindiselo yethempeli layo. 29 Bizani abatshoki
bamelane leBhabhiloni, bonke abagobisa idandili,
limise inkamba limelane layo inhlangothi zonke;
kayingabi lokuphunyuka; liyiphindisele njengomsebenzi
wayo, lenze kuyo njengakho konke ekwenzileyo;
ngoba yenze ngokuziqhenya imelene leNkosi, imelene
loNgcwele kaIsrayeli. 30 Ngakho amajaha ayo azakuwa
ezitaladeni zayo, lawo wonke amadoda ayo empi
azabhujiswa ngalolosuku, itsho iNkosi. 31 Khangela,
ngimelana lawe, wena oziqhenyayo, itsho iNkosi
uJehova wamabandla; ngoba usuku lwakho selufikile,
isikhathi engizakuhambela ngaso. 32 Khona oziqhenyayo
ezakhubeka awe, njalo kungekho ozamvusa; njalo
ngizaphemba umlilo emizini yakhe ozakudla konke
okumhanqileyo. 33 Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla:
Babecindezelwe abantwana bakoIsrayeli labantwana
bakoJuda ndawonye; njalo bonke ababathumbileyo

babagagadlele; bala ukubayekela bahambe. **34** Umhlengi wabo ulamandla, iNkosi yamabandla libizo layo; isibili izamela udaba lwabo, ukuze inike umhlaba ukuphumula, kodwa inyakazise abahlali beBhabhiloni. **35** Inkemba iphezu kwamaKhaladiya, itsho iNkosi, laphezu kwabahlali beBhabhiloni, laphezu kweziphathamandla zayo, laphezu kwabahlakaniphileyo bayo. **36** Inkemba iphezu kwabaqambimanga ukuze benze ngobuthutha; inkemba iphezu kwamaqhawe ayo ukuze adilizwe. **37** Inkemba iphezu kwamabhiza ayo, laphezu kwenqola zayo, laphezu kwayo yonke ingxube yexuku ephakathi kwayo, ukuze babe ngabesifazana; inkemba iphezu kokuligugu kwayo, ukuze kuphangwe. **38** Imbalela iphezu kwamanzi ayo, ukuze ome, ngoba iyilizwe lezithombe ezibaziweyo; bayahlanya ngenxa yezithombe ezesabekayo. **39** Ngakho izilo zenkangala lamakhanka kuzahlala khona, lamadodakazi ezintshe azahlala kuyo, kakusayikuhlala muntu kuyo kuze kube nininini, kakuyikwakhelwa kuyo esizukulwaneni kusiya esizukulwaneni. **40** Njengoba uNkulunkulu wagenqula iSodoma leGomora labomakhelwane bayo, itsho iNkosi, ngokunjalo kakuyikuhlala muntu khona, njalo kakulandodana yomuntu ezahlala njengowezizwe kuyo. **41** Khangela, abantu bazavela enyakatho, lesizwe esikhulu, lamakhosi amanengi azavuswa evela emikhawulweni yomhlaba. **42** Bazabamba idandili lomkhonto; balesihluku, kabayikuba lomusa; ilizwi labo lizahlokoma njengolwandle, bagade amabhiza, ngulowo lalowo ehleliwe njengomuntu wempi emelene lawe, ndodakazi yeBhabhiloni. **43** Inkosi yeBhabhiloni izwile umbiko wabo, lezandla zayo zaba buthakathaka; ucindezelo lwayibamba, umhelo njengowobelethayo. **44** Khangela, njengesilwane esivela ekukhukhumaleni kweJordani uzakwenyuka emelene lendawo yokuhlala okungapheliyo, kodwa ngizahle ngimgijimise asuke kuyo; njalo ngubani okhethiweyo engingammisa phezu kwayo? Ngoba ngubani onjengami? Ngubani-ke ozangibizela ukulandisa? Njalo nguwuphi lowomelusi ongema phambi kwami? **45** Ngakho, zwanini icebo leNKOSI elicebe imelene leBhabhiloni, lemicabango yayo eyicabange imelene lelizwe lamaKhaladiya: Isibili abancinyane bomhlambi bazabadonsa; isibili izachitha indawo yokuhlala phezu kwabo. **46** Ngomsindo wokuthunjwa kweBhabhiloni umhlaba uyazamazama, lokukhala kuzwakala phakathi kwezizwe.

51 Itsho njalo iNkosi: Khangela ngizavusela iBhabhiloni lalabo abahlala enhliziyweni yalabo abangivukelayo umoya ochithayo. **2** Ngithume eBhabhiloni abelayo, abazakuyela, bathulule ilizwe layo, ngoba bazamelana layo bevela inhlangothi zonke ngosuku lobubi. **3** Kakuthi otshokayo agobise idandili lakhe emelene loligobisayo, njalo emelene loziphakamisayo ebhatshini lakhe lensimbi; njalo lingawayekeli amajaha ayo, lilitshabalalise ibutho layo lonke. **4** Ngokunjalo ababuleweyo bazakuwa elizweni lamaKhaladiya, labagwazwe ezitaladeni zayo. **5** Ngoba uIsrayeli kayikutshiywa, loJuda nguNkulunkulu wabo, yiNkosi yamabandla, lanxa ilizwe labo ligcwele icala koNgcwele kaIsrayeli. **6** Balekani liphume phakathi kweBhabhiloni, likhulule ngulowo lalowo umphefumulo wakhe; lingaqunywa esiphambekweni sayo; ngoba lesi yisikhathi sempindiselo yeNkosi, ophindisela impindiselo kuyo. **7** IBhabhiloni yayiyinkezo yegolide esandleni seNkosi, eyayidakisa umhlaba wonke; izizwe zanatha okwewayini layo; ngenxa yalokho izizwe zahlanya. **8** IBhabhiloni yahle yawa, yephuka; qhinqani isililo ngayo, lithathele ubuhlungu bayo ibhalisamu, mhlawumbe ingelatshwa. **9** Besingayelapha iBhabhiloni, kodwa kayelaphekanga; itshiyeni, asihambeni ngulowo lalowo aye elizweni lakhe; ngoba isigwebo sayo sifinyelele emazulwini, siphakanyisiwe kwaze kwafika esibhakabhakeni. **10** INkosi ikhuphe ukulunga kwethu; wozani, silandise eZiyoni umsebenzi weNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu. **11** Lolani imitshoko, liqoqe izihlangu; iNkosi ivusile umoya wamakhosi amaMede; ngoba icebo layo limelene leBhabhiloni ukuyichitha; ngoba lokho kuyimpindiselo yeNkosi, impindiselo yethempeli layo. **12** Phakamisani isiboniso phezu kwemiduli yeBhabhiloni, liqinise ukulinda, libeke abalindi, lilungise abacathami, ngoba iNkosi isikucebile, futhi izakwenza lokho ekukhulume ngabahlali beBhabhiloni. **13** Wena ohlala emanzini amanengi, owande ngamagugu, ukuphela kwakho sekufikile, isilinganiso senzuzo yakho embi. **14** INkosi yamabandla ifungile ngomphefumulo wayo yathi: Isibili ngizakugcwalisa ngabantu njengamacimbi, njalo bazahlabelela umkhosi ngawe. **15** Wenza umhlaba ngamandla akhe, walimisa ilizwe ngenhlakanipho yakhe, langokuqedisisa kwakhe wendlala amazulu. **16** Lapho ekhupha ilizwi lakhe, kulokuhlokoma kwamanzi amanengi emazulwini, ukhuphula inkungu ivela emkhawulweni womhlaba, enze imibane kanye lezulu, akhuphe umoya eziphaleni zakhe. **17** Wonke umuntu uyisiphukuphuku kalalwazi; wonke umkhandi wegolide uyangiswa yisithombe esibaziweyo, ngoba isithombe sakhe esibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa siyinkohliso, njalo kakulamoya kuzo. **18** Ziyize, umsebenzi wezinkohliso; ngesikhathi sokuhanjelwa kwazo zizabhubha. **19** Isabelo sikaJakobe kasinjengazo; ngoba yena nguye umbumbi wakho konke, loIsrayeli uyintonga yelifa lakhe; iNkosi yamabandla libizo lakhe. **20** Wena uyinduku yami yempi, izikhali zempi; ngoba ngawe ngizaphahlaza izizwe, langawe ngichithe imibuso, **21** langawe ngiphahlaze ibhiza lomgadi walo, langawe ngiphahlaze inqola lomkhweli wayo, **22** langawe ngiphahlaze indoda lowesifazana, langawe ngiphahlaze ixhegu lomutsha, langawe ngiphahlaze ijaha lentombi, **23** langawe ngiphahlaze umelusi lomhlambi wakhe, langawe ngiphahlaze umlimi lesipani sakhe, langawe ngiphahlaze ababusi lezinduna. **24**

Njalo ngizayiphindisela iBhabhiloni labo bonke abahlali
beKhaladiya konke okubi kwabo abakwenzileyo eZiyoni
emehlweni enu, itsho iNkosi. 25 Khangela, ngimelana
lawe, wena ntaba echithayo, itsho iNkosi, echitha
umhlaba wonke; ngizakwelulela isandla sami kuwe,
ngikugiqe usuke emadwaleni, ngikwenze ube yintaba
yokutshiswa. 26 Njalo kabayikuthatha kuwe ilitshe libe
ngelengonsi, lelitshe libe ngelezisekelo; ngoba uzakuba
ngamanxiwa aphakade, itsho iNkosi. 27 Phakamisani
isiboniso elizweni, livuthele uphondo phakathi kwezizwe,
lilungise izizwe ukumelana layo, liyibizele ndawonye
imibuso yeArarathi, iMini, leAshikenazi; libeke umlawuli
webutho emelene layo, lenyuse amabhiza njengentethe
ezimaxhakaxhaka. 28 Lungisani izizwe ukumelana
layo, amakhosi amaMede, induna zayo, lababusi
bayo bonke, lelizwe lonke lombuso wayo. 29 Lelizwe
lizazamazama libe lobuhlungu, ngoba ngalinye lamacebo
eNkosi lima limelene leBhabhiloni, ukwenza ilizwe
leBhabhiloni libe yincithakalo engelamhlali. 30 Amaqhawe
eBhabhiloni ayekele ukulwa, ahlala ezinqabeni,
amandla awo aphelile, sebengabesifazana; bathungele
indawo zayo zokuhlala, imigoqo yayo yephukile.
31 Isigijimi sizagijima ukuhlangana lesigijimi, lombiki
ukuhlangana lombiki, ukutshela inkosi yeBhabhiloni
ukuthi umuzi wayo uthunjiwe kusukela ekucineni, 32
lamazibuko abanjiwe, lamaxhaphozi atshiswe ngomlilo,
lamadoda empi ethukile. 33 Ngoba itsho njalo
iNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli: Indodakazi
yeBhabhiloni injengebala lokubhulela; kuyisikhathi
sokuyinyathela; kuseyisikhatshana, lesikhathi sesivuno
sizafika kuyo. 34 UNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni
ungidlile, ungichobozile; wangibeka ngaba yimbiza
engelalutho, wangiginya njengomgobho, wagcwalisa
isisu sakhe ngezibondlo zami, wangixotsha. 35 Udlakela
lwami lolwenyama yami kube phezu kweBhabhiloni,
utsho umhlalikazi weZiyoni; legazi lami libe phezu
kwabahlali beKhaladiya, itsho iJerusalema. 36 Ngakho
itsho njalo iNkosi: Khangela, ngizalumela udaba lwakho,
ngiphindisele impindiselo yakho; ngomise ulwandle lwayo,
ngenze umthombo wayo wome. 37 LeBhabhiloni izakuba
ngamadundulu, indawo yokuhlala yemigobho, isesabiso,
lento yokuncifelwa, kungelamhlali. 38 Bazabhonga
kanyekanye njengamabhongo ezilwane, bahwabhe
njengemidlwane yezilwane. 39 Ekutshisekeni kwabo
ngizabenzela amadili, ngibadakise ukuze bathokoze,
balale ubuthongo obulaphakade, bangavuki, itsho
iNkosi. 40 Ngizabehlisa njengamawundlu ekuhlatshweni,
njengezinqama kanye lezimpongo. 41 Ithunjwe njani
iSheshaki; yebo, lubanjiwe udumo lomhlaba wonke!
IBhabhiloni isibe njani yisesabiso phakathi kwezizwe!
42 Ulwandle lukhukhumele phezu kweBhabhiloni,
isibekelwe ngobunengi bamagagasi alo. 43 Imizi yayo
isingamanxiwa, ilizwe elomileyo, lenkangala, ilizwe
okungahlali muntu kulo, okungadluli kulo indodana
yomuntu. 44 Njalo ngizajezisa uBheli eBhabhiloni,
ngikhuphe emlonyeni wakhe lokho akuginyileyo; lezizwe
kazisayikujulukela kuyo; yebo, umduli weBhabhiloni
uwile. 45 Phumani phakathi kwayo, bantu bami, likhulule
ngulowo lalowo umphefumulo wakhe ekuvutheni kolaka
lweNkosi. 46 Njalo hlezi inhliziyo yenu ibe buthakathaka,
lesabe ngombiko ozwakala elizweni; ngoba kuzafika
umbiko ngomunye umnyaka, lemva kwalokho umbiko
ngomnyaka olandelayo, lodlakela elizweni, lombusi
avukele umbusi. 47 Ngakho khangela, insuku ziyeza lapho
engizahambela izithombe ezibaziweyo zeBhabhiloni;
lelizwe lonke layo lizayangeka, lababuleweyo bayo
bonke bawele phakathi kwayo. 48 Kuzakuthi-ke
amazulu lomhlaba lakho konke okukukho kuhlabelele
ngeBhabhiloni, ngoba abachithi bazayifikela bevela
enyakatho, itsho iNkosi. 49 Njengalokhu iBhabhiloni
yenza bawe ababuleweyo bakoIsrayeli, ngokunjalo
ababuleweyo bomhlaba wonke bazakuwa eBhabhiloni.
50 Lina eliphunyukileyo enkembeni, hambani, lingemi;
khumbulani iNkosi lisekhatshana, leJerusalema ivele
enhliziyweni yenu. 51 Siyangekile ngoba sizwile
ihlazo; inhloni zisibekele ubuso bethu, ngoba abezizwe
sebefikile ezindaweni ezingcwele zendlu yeNkosi. 52
Ngakho khangela, insuku ziyeza, itsho iNkosi, lapho
engizahambela izithombe zayo ezibaziweyo; lakulo
lonke ilizwe layo kuzababula ogwaziweyo. 53 Loba
iBhabhiloni ingaphakamela emazulwini, njalo loba
ingaqinisa ukuphakama kwamandla ayo, kube kanti
abachithi bazayifikela bevela kimi, itsho iNkosi. 54
Kulomsindo wokukhala ovela eBhabhiloni, lokufohlela
okukhulu elizweni lamaKhaladiya. 55 Ngoba iNkosi
ichithile iBhabhiloni, yabhubhisa kuyo ilizwi elikhulu.
Lapho amagagasi abo ahlokoma njengamanzi amanengi,
umsindo wawo uzakhupha ilizwi. 56 Ngoba umchithi
wehlela phezu kwayo, phezu kweBhabhiloni, amaqhawe
ayo azathunjwa, amadandili awo ephukile; ngoba
iNkosi, uNkulunkulu wezimpindiselo, uzayivuza sibili.
57 Ngizadakisa-ke iziphathamandla zayo, lezihlakaniphi
zayo, ababusi bayo, lenduna zayo, lamaqhawe ayo; njalo
bazalala ubuthongo obulaphakade, bangavuki, itsho
iNkosi, obizo layo nguJehova wamabandla. 58 Itsho
njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Imiduli ebanzi yeBhabhiloni
izadilizwa ngokupheleleyo, lamasango ayo aphakemeyo
athungelwe ngomlilo, labantu batshikatshikele ize,
lezizwe zitshikatshikele umlilo, zikhathale. 59 Ilizwi
uJeremiya umprofethi alilaya uSeraya indodana kaNeriya,
indodana kaMahaseya, ekuhambeni kwakhe loZedekhiya
inkosi yakoJuda ukuya eBhabhiloni emnyakeni wesine
wokubusa kwakhe. Njalo uSeraya wayeyisiphathamandla
sokuthula. 60 UJeremiya wasebhala egwalweni konke
okubi okuzakwehlela iBhabhiloni, wonke lamazwi
abhaliweyo emelene leBhabhiloni. 61 UJeremiya
wasesithi kuSeraya: Lapho usufikile eBhabhiloni,
ubone ufunde wonke lamazwi. 62 Ubususithi: Nkosi,

wena ukhulumile ngalindawo ukuthi uzayiquma, ukuze
kungabi khona umhlali kiyo, kusukela emuntwini kusiya
enyamazaneni, kodwa ibe zincithakalo phakade. **63**
Kuzakuthi-ke usuqedile ukulufunda lolugwalo, ubophele
ilitshe kulo, uluphosele phakathi kweYufrathi, **64**
ubususithi: Ngokunjalo iBhabhiloni izatshona, ingabe
isavumbuluka, ngenxa yobubi engizayehlisela bona; njalo
bazadinwa. Kuze kube lapha ngamazwi kaJeremiya.

52 UZedekhiya wayeleminyaka engamatshumi amabili
lanye esiba yinkosi, wabusa iminyaka elitshumi
lanye eJerusalema; lebizo likanina lalinguHamuthali,
indodakazi kaJeremiya weLibhina. **2** Wasesenza
okubi emehlweni eNkosi, njengakho konke akwenzayo
uJehoyakhimi. **3** Ngoba ngenxa yokuthukuthela
kweNkosi kwenzeka eJerusalema loJuda yaze
yabaphosela khatshana lobuso bayo; uZedekhiya
wasevukela inkosi yeBhabhiloni. **4** Kwasekusithi
ngomnyaka wesificamunwemunye wokubusa kwakhe,
ngenyanga yetshumi, ngolwetshumi lwenyanga,
uNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni wafika, yena
lebutho lakhe lonke, ukumelana leJerusalema;
basebemisa inkamba bemelene layo, bayakhela izinqaba
zokuvimbezela bemelene layo inhlangothi zonke. **5**
Ngokunjalo umuzi wangena ekuvinjezelweni kwaze
kwaba ngumnyaka wetshumi lanye wenkosi uZedekhiya.
6 Ngenyanga yesine, ngolwesificamunwemunye
lwenyanga, lapho indlala yayiqinile phakathi komuzi,
abantu belizwe kababanga lokudla. **7** Basebewufohlela
umuzi; wonke amadoda empi asebaleka, aphuma
emzini ebusuku, ngendlela yesango, phakathi
kwemiduli emibili, elisesivandeni senkosi (amaKhaladiya
ayemelene lomuzi inhlangothi zonke), ahamba
ngendlela yegceke. **8** Kodwa ibutho lamaKhaladiya
laxotshana lenkosi, lafica uZedekhiya emagcekeni
eJeriko; lebutho lakhe lonke lahlakazeka lisuka
kuye. **9** Basebeyibamba inkosi, bayenyusela enkosini
yeBhabhiloni eRibila elizweni leHamathi, eyakhuluma
izigwebo kuyo. **10** Inkosi yeBhabhiloni yasibulala
amadodana kaZedekhiya emehlweni akhe, futhi
yazibulala lazo zonke iziphathamandla zakoJuda eRibila.
11 Yasiphumputhekisa amehlo kaZedekhiya, yambopha
ngamaketane ethusi amabili, ukuze inkosi yeBhabhiloni
imuse eBhabhiloni, yamfaka entolongweni, kwaze
kwaba lusuku lokufa kwakhe. **12** Njalo ngenyanga
yesihlanu, ngolwetshumi lwenyanga (lo umnyaka
wawungumnyaka wetshumi lesificamunwemunye
wenkosi uNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni),
uNebuzaradani induna yabalindi, eyayimi phambi
kwenkosi yeBhabhiloni, wangena eJerusalema. **13**
Watshisa indlu kaJehova, lendlu yenkosi, lezindlu zonke
zeJerusalema lezindlu zonke zabakhulu wazitshisa
ngomlilo. **14** Lebutho lonke lamaKhaladiya, elalilenduna
yabalindi, labhidliza yonke imiduli yeJerusalema
inhlangothi zonke. **15** UNebuzaradani induna yabalindi
wasethumba abathile kwabangabayanga babantu,
lensali yabantu eyayisele emzini, lalabo ababehlamukile,
ababehlamukele enkosini yeBhabhiloni, labaseleyo
bexuku. **16** Kodwa uNebuzaradani induna yabalindi
watshiya abanye kwabangabayanga belizwe ukuthi
babe ngabaphathi bezivini labalimi. **17** Lensika zethusi
ezazisendlini yeNkosi, lezisekelo, lolwandle lwethusi
olwalusendlini yeNkosi, amaKhaladiya akuphahlaza,
athwala lonke ithusi lakho alisa eBhabhiloni. **18** Athatha
izimbiza, lamafotsholo, lezindlawu, lemiganu yokufafaza,
lezinkezo, lazo zonke izitsha zethusi abakhonza ngazo,
19 lemiganu, lezitsha zokuthwala umlilo, lemiganu
yokufafaza, lezimbiza, lezinti zezibane, lezinkezo,
lemiganu yomnikelo wokuthululwa; okwakuligolide golide
lokwakuyisiliva siliva induna yabalindi yakuthatha. **20**
Insika zombili, ulwandle olulodwa, lenkabi zethusi
ezazilitshumi lambili ezazingaphansi kwezisekelo
inkosi uSolomoni eyayikwenzele indlu yeNkosi;
ithusi lazo zonke lezizitsha lalingelakulinganiswa
ngesisindo. **21** Mayelana lezinsika, ubude bensika
eyodwa babuzingalo ezilitshumi lesificaminwembili,
lentambo yezingalo ezilitshumi lambili yayigombolozela,
lohlonzi lwayo lwaluyiminwe emine, yayilomwolo.
22 Lesiduku esiphezu kwayo sasilithusi, lobude
besiduku esisodwa babuzingalo ezinhlanu, lembule,
lamapomegranati phezu kwesiduku inhlangothi zonke;
konke kwakulithusi. Lensika yesibili yayilokufanana lalezi,
lamapomegranati. **23** Njalo kwakulamapomegranati
angamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye lesithupha eceleni;
wonke amapomegranati ayelikhulu phezu kwembule
inhlangothi zonke. **24** Induna yabalindi yasithatha
uSeraya umpristi oyinhloko, loZefaniya umpristi owesibili,
labalindi bombundu labo bobathathu. **25** Yasithatha
emzini umthenwa othile owayengumphathi phezu
kwamadoda empi, lamadoda ayisikhombisa kulabo
ababona ubuso benkosi, atholakala emzini, lomabhalane
wenduna yebutho eyayibuthela abantu belizwe
emabuthweni, lamadoda angamatshumi ayisithupha
abantu belizwe, ayetholakala phakathi komuzi. **26**
UNebuzaradani induna yabalindi wasebathatha,
wabasa enkosini yeBhabhiloni eRibila. **27** Inkosi
yeBhabhiloni yasibatshaya, yababulalela eRibila elizweni
leHamathi. Ngokunjalo uJuda wathunjwa esuswa
elizweni lakhe. **28** Laba ngabantu uNebhukadirezari
abathumbayo: Ngomnyaka wesikhombisa, amaJuda
azinkulungwane ezintathu lamatshumi amabili
lantathu; **29** ngomnyaka wetshumi lesificaminwembili
kaNebhukadirezari, kwasuka eJerusalema imiphefumulo
engamakhulu ayisificaminwembili lamatshumi
amathathu lambili; **30** ngomnyaka wamatshumi
amabili lantathu kaNebhukadirezari, uNebuzaradani
induna yabalindi wathumba amaJuda, imiphefumulo
engamakhulu ayisikhombisa lamatshumi amane
lanhlanu; yonke imiphefumulo yayizinkulungwane

ezine lamakhulu ayisithupha. **31** Kwasekusithi
ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu lesikhombisa
wokuthunjwa kukaJehoyakhini inkosi yakoJuda,
ngenyanga yetshumi lambili ngolwamatshumi amabili
lanhlanu lwenyanga, uEvili-Merodaki inkosi yeBhabhiloni,
ngomnyaka wokuqala wokubusa kwakhe, waphakamisa
ikhanda likaJehoyakhini inkosi yakoJuda, wamkhupha
entolongweni, **32** wasekhuluma kuhle laye, wabeka
isihlalo sakhe sobukhosi phezu kwesihlalo sobukhosi
samakhosi ayelaye eBhabhiloni. **33** Wasentshintsha
izigqoko zokubotshwa kwakhe; njalo wadla isinkwa
phambi kwayo njalonjalo insuku zonke zempilo yakhe.
34 Mayelana lesabelo sakhe, isabelo esimiyo wasinikwa
yinkosi yeBhabhiloni, into yosuku ngosuku lwayo, kwaze
kwaba lusuku lokufa kwakhe, zonke insuku zempilo
yakhe.

Izililo

1 Yeka ukuhlala kodwa komuzi owawugcwele
abantu! Usunjengomfelokazi owawumkhulu phakathi
kwezizwe, owawuyinkosikazi phakathi kwezabelo
usuyisibhalwa! **2** Uyakhala lokukhala inyembezi ebusuku,
lezinyembezi zawo zisezihlathini zawo. Kawulamduduzi
phakathi kwazo zonke izithandwa zawo. Bonke abangane
bawo bawuphethe ngenkohliso, sebeyizitha zawo.
3 UJuda useye ekuthunjweni ngenxa yokuhlupheka
langenxa yobukhulu bobugqili; yena uhlala phakathi
kwabezizwe, katholi ukuphumula; bonke abamzingelayo
bamfica ephakathi kwezimbandezelo. **4** Indlela zeZiyoni
ziyalila, ngoba kungekho ozayo emkhosini omisiweyo;
wonke amasango ayo angamanxiwa; abapristi bayo
bayabubula, izintombi zayo ezimsulwa zidabukile,
layo isekubabeni. **5** Abamelani bayo sebeyinhloko,
izitha zayo zonwabile; ngoba iNkosi iyidabulile ngenxa
yobunengi beziphambeko zayo; abantwana bayo
sebeye ekuthunjweni phambi kwesitha. **6** Labo
bonke ububhle bayo busukile kundodakazi yeZiyoni.
Iziphathamandla zayo zinjengezindluzele ezingatholi
idlelo, njalo ziyahamba zingelamandla phambi komzingeli.
7 Ezinsukwini zenhlupheko yayo lokuzulazula kwayo
iJerusalema yakhumbula zonke izinto zayo eziloyisekayo
okwakukhona kusukela ezinsukwini zasendulo, lapho
abantu bayo bawela esandleni sesitha, njalo ingelamsizi;
izitha zayibona, zahleka usulu amasabatha ayo. **8**
IJerusalema yonile kakhulu, ngakho-ke isingcolile; bonke
ababeyihlonipha bayidelela, ngoba sebebonile ubuze
bayo; yona isibubula, ibuyele emuva. **9** Ukungcola kwayo
kwakusemiphethweni yezigqoko zayo; kayikhumbulanga
ukucina kwayo; ngakho yehla ngokumangalisayo,
yayingelamduduzi. Nkosi, bona inhlupheko yami, ngoba
isitha sizikhulisile. **10** Isitha selule isandla saso phezu
kwazo zonke izinto zayo eziloyisekayo; ngoba ibonile
izizwe zingena endaweni yayo engcwele, owazilaya
ukuthi zingangeni phakathi kwebandla lakho. **11**
Bonke abantu bayo bayabubula, bedinga isinkwa;
banike izinto zabo eziloyisekayo ngokudla ukuthi
bavuselele umphefumulo. Bona, Nkosi, ukhangele, ngoba
ngiyadelelwa. **12** Kakusilutho kini yini lonke elidlulayo
ngendlela? Khangelani libone uba kukhona yini usizi
njengosizi lwami, olwenziwe kimi, iNkosi engidabule
ngalo osukwini lokuvutha kolaka lwayo. **13** Iphezulu,
ithumele umlilo emathanjeni ami, wawehlula; ithiyele
unyawo lwami imbule, ingibuyisele emuva; ingenze
ngaba lunxiwa, ngaphela amandla usuku lonke. **14**
Ijokwe leziphambeko zami libotshwe ngesandla sayo;
zelukiwe, zenyukele entanyeni yami, iwisile amandla ami;
iNkosi inginikele ezandleni zabo, ngingelakho ukuvuka.
15 INkosi yeyisile wonke amaqhawe ami phakathi kwami;
yabiza umhlangano omelene lami ukuchoboza amajaha
ami; iNkosi inyathelele intombi emsulwa, indodakazi
yakoJuda, isikhamelo sewayini. **16** Ngenxa yalezizinto
ngiyakhala inyembezi; ilihlo lami, ilihlo lami lehlisa
amanzi, ngoba umduduzi obengavuselela umphefumulo
wami ukhatshana lami; abantwana bami bachithakele
ngoba isitha sinqobile. **17** IZiyoni iyelula izandla zayo,
kakho oyiduduzayo. INkosi ilayile ngoJakobe ukuthi
abamzingelezeleyo babe yizitha zakhe. IJerusalema
injengowesifazana ongcolileyo phakathi kwabo. **18**
INkosi ilungile, ngoba ngivukele umlomo wayo. Ake
lizwe, bantu lonke, libone usizi lwami. Intombi zami
ezimsulwa lamajaha ami baye ekuthunjweni. **19** Ngabiza
izithandwa zami, kodwa zona zangikhohlisa. Abapristi
bami labadala bami baphefumula okokucina emzini,
besazidingela ukudla ukuze bavuselele umphefumulo
wabo. **20** Bona, Nkosi, ngoba ngilusizi; imibilini yami
idungekile, inhliziyo yami iphendukile phakathi kwami,
ngoba ngaba lenkani kakhulu. Ngaphandle inkemba
iyemuka abantwana, endlini kunjengokufa. **21** Bezwile
ukuthi mina ngiyabubula; kangilamduduzi; zonke izitha
zami zizwile ngobubi bami; ziyathokoza ngoba wena
ukwenzile. Uzalufikisa usuku osulumemezile, khona
zizakuba njengami. **22** Kabufike bonke ububi bazo
phambi kwakho, wenze kizo njengalokhu wenzile kimi
ngenxa yazo zonke iziphambeko zami; ngoba ukububula
kwami kunengi, lenhliziyo yami iphela amandla.

2 INkosi iyigubuzele kangakanani indodakazi yeZiyoni
ngeyezi entukuthelweni yayo, yaphosa ubuhle
bukaIsrayeli busuka emazulwini busiya emhlabeni;
njalo kayisikhumbulanga isenabelo senyawo zayo
ngosuku lwentukuthelo yayo! **2** INkosi iginyile
zonke indawo zokuhlala zikaJakobe, ingahawukeli;
ekuthukutheleni kwayo idilizile izinqaba zendodakazi
yakoJuda, yazisa emhlabathini; yangcolisa umbuso
leziphathamandla zawo. **3** Iqumile ngokuvutha kolaka
lwayo lonke uphondo lwakoIsrayeli; yabuyisela emuva
isandla sayo sokunene phambi kwesitha; yatshisa
imelene loJakobe njengomlilo welangabi oqothula
inhlangothi zonke. **4** Igobisile idandili layo njengesitha;
yema ngesandla sayo njengesitha; yabulala zonke
izinto eziloyisekayo zamehlo ethenteni lendodakazi
yeZiyoni; yathulula ulaka lwayo njengomlilo. **5** INkosi
yaba njengesitha; yaginya uIsrayeli, yaginya zonke
izigodlo zakhe, yachitha inqaba zakhe; yandisa ukulila
lesililo kundodakazi yakoJuda. **6** Ithethe ngodlakela
idumba layo njengesivande; yachitha indawo yakhe
yokuhlanganyela; uJehova wenza ukuthi kukhohlakale
eZiyoni umkhosi omisiweyo lesabatha; wadelela inkosi
lompristi ngokuvutha kolaka lwakhe. **7** INkosi ilahlile ilathi
layo; yadelela indawo yayo engcwele; yanikela esandleni
sesitha imiduli yezigodlo zayo. Zakhupha umsindo
endlini yeNkosi njengosukwini lomkhosi omisiweyo.
8 INkosi yacabanga ukuchitha umduli wendodakazi
yeZiyoni; yelulile intambo yokulinganisa; kayibuyisanga
isandla sayo ekuginyeni; ngakho yenza ukuthi kulile

umthangala lomduli, kanyekanye kuphele amandla.
9 Amasango ayo atshonile emhlabathini; yabhubhisa
yephula imigoqo yayo; inkosi yayo leziphathamandla
zayo ziphakathi kwabezizwe; kakulamthetho; labaprofethi
bayo kabatholi umbono uvela eNkosini. 10 Abadala
bendodakazi yeZiyoni bahlezi emhlabathini, bathule,
bathele uthuli ekhanda labo, babhince amasaka;
izintombi zeJerusalema zikhothamisele emhlabathini
amakhanda azo. 11 Amehlo ami ayaphela ngezinyembezi,
imibilini yami idungekile, isibindi sami sithululelwe
emhlabathini, ngenxa yokwephuka kwendodakazi
yabantu bami; ngoba umntwana lomunyayo bayadangala
ezitaladeni zomuzi. 12 Bathi kubonina: Angaphi
amabele lewayini? lapho bedangala njengabagwaziweyo
ezitaladeni zomuzi, lapho umphefumulo wabo
uzithululela esifubeni sabonina. 13 Ngingakufakazelani?
Kuyini engingakufananisa lawe, wena ndodakazi
yeJerusalema? Kuyini engingakulinganisa lawe, ukuze
ngikududuze, ntombi emsulwa ndodakazi yeZiyoni?
Ngoba ukwephuka kwakho kukhulu njengolwandle;
ngubani ongakwelapha? 14 Abaprofethi bakho
bakubonele okuyize lokungafanelanga, kabakuvezanga
ukona kwakho, ukuze babuyise ukuthunjwa kwakho,
kodwa bakubonele imithwalo yamanga lezinkohliso.
15 Bonke abedlulayo ngendlela batshaya izandla
ngawe, bancife, banikine ikhanda labo ngendodakazi
yeJerusalema, besithi: Yiwo lo umuzi yini abathi
ngawo uyikuphelela kobuhle, intokozo yomhlaba
wonke? 16 Zonke izitha zakho zikukhamisele
umlomo wazo, ziyancifa, zigedle amazinyo, zithi:
Siwuginyile; isibili lolu lusuku ebesilulindele, sesilutholile,
silubonile. 17 INkosi yenzile ebikucebile, igcwalisile
ilizwi layo eyalilaya kusukela ensukwini zendulo; idilizile,
kayihawukelanga; yenzile ukuthi isitha sithokoze phezu
kwakho; yaphakamisa uphondo lwabamelene lawe.
18 Inhliziyo yabo yakhala eNkosini: Wena mthangala
wendodakazi yeZiyoni, inyembezi kazehle njengomfula
imini lobusuku; ungaziphi ukuphumula, inhlamvu
yelihlo lakho ingapheli! 19 Sukuma, unqongoloze
ebusuku ekuqaleni kwemilindo, uthulule inhliziyo yakho
njengamanzi phambi kobuso beNkosi; uphakamise
izandla zakho kuyo ngenxa yempilo yabantwana bakho
abancinyane, abaphela amandla ngenxa yendlala
ekuqaleni kwaso sonke isitalada. 20 Bona, Nkosi,
ukhangele ukuthi wenze njalo kubani. Abesifazana
bazakudla isithelo sabo yini, abantwana abancinyane
ababasingathileyo? Umpristi lomprofethi bazabulawa
endaweni engcwele yeNkosi yini? 21 Abatsha
labadala balele emhlabathini ezitaladeni; intombi zami
ezimsulwa lamajaha ami bawile ngenkemba; ubabulele
osukwini lolaka lwakho, ujuqile kawuhawukelanga. 22
Wabiza njengosukwini olumisiweyo izesabiso zami
inhlangothi zonke, ukuze ngosuku lolaka lweNkosi
kakho ophunyukileyo loseleyo; labo engabasingathayo
ngabakhulisa isitha sami sabaqeda.

3 Ngiyindodaebone inhlupheko ngentonga yolaka
lwayo. 2 Ingikhokhele yangihambisa emnyameni
kodwa hatshi ekukhanyeni. 3 Isibili iphenduke yamelana
lami; iphendule isandla sayo imelene lami usuku
lonke. 4 Igugisile inyama yami lesikhumba sami;
yephulile amathambo ami. 5 Yakhile imelene lami,
yangihanqa ngenyongo lobunzima. 6 Ingihlalise endaweni
ezimnyama, njengabafa endulo. 7 Ingibiyele ukuze
ngingaphumi, yenza iketane lami lethusi laba nzima.
8 Njalo nxa ngikhala ngimemeza, ivalela phandle
umkhuleko wami. 9 Ibiyele indlela yami ngamatshe
abaziweyo, yenza izindlela zami zagoba. 10 Yaba kimi
njengebhere elicathemeyo, isilwane ezindaweni zensitha.
11 Iphambule izindlela zami, yangidabudabula, yangenza
unxiwa. 12 Igobisile idandili layo, yangimisa njengento
yokunenjwa ngomtshoko. 13 Yenze amadodana esamba
semitshoko yayo angena ezinsweni zami. 14 Ngaba
yinhlekisa kibo bonke abantu bakithi, ingoma yabo usuku
lonke. 15 Ingisuthise ngezinto ezibabayo, yanginathisa
umhlonyane. 16 Njalo ichoboze amazinyo ami ngokhethe,
yangigiga emlotheni. 17 Njalo wena walahla umphefumulo
wami khatshana lokuthula; ngikhohlwe okuhle. 18
Ngakho ngithi: Kubhubhile amandla ami lethemba lami
eNkosini. 19 Khumbula inhlupheko yami lokuzulazula
kwami, umhlonyane lenyongo. 20 Umphefumulo
wami uhlala ukukhumbula, njalo ukhotheme phakathi
kwami. 21 Lokhu ngiyakubuyisela enhliziyweni yami,
ngakho-ke ngiyathemba. 22 Kuyizihawu zeNkosi ukuthi
kasiqedwanga, ngoba izisa zakhe kazipheli; 23 zintsha
ikuseni yonke; lukhulu uthembeko lwayo. 24 INkosi
iyisabelo sami, kutsho umphefumulo wami; ngakho-ke
ngizathemba kiyo. 25 INkosi ilungile kwabayilindelayo,
kumphefumulo oyidingayo. 26 Kuhle ukuthi umuntu
athembe, njalo ngokuthula kusindiso lweNkosi. 27 Kuhle
emuntwini ukuthi athwale ijogwe ebutsheni bakhe. 28
Kahlale yedwa, athule, ngoba isimethese lona. 29
Kabeke umlomo wakhe othulini; mhlawumbe kungaba
khona ithemba. 30 Kanikele isihlathi sakhe komtshayayo;
asuthe inhlamba. 31 Ngoba iNkosi kayiyikulahla
kuze kube phakade. 32 Ngoba lanxa idabukisile,
kanti izakuba lesihawu ngobunengi bezisa zayo. 33
Ngoba kayihluphi ngenhliziyo yayo idabukise abantwana
babantu; 34 ukuchoboza ngaphansi kwenyawo zayo
zonke izibotshwa zomhlaba; 35 ukuphambukisa
ilungelo lomuntu phambi kobuso boPhezukonke;
36 ukuphambanisa umuntu kudaba lwakhe, iNkosi
kayikuboni yini? 37 Ngubani ongakukhuluma, njalo
kwenzeke, nxa iNkosi ingakulayanga? 38 Kakuphumi
ububi lokuhle emlonyeni woPhezukonke yini? 39
Ngakho usolelani umuntu ophilayo, umuntu ngezono
zakhe? 40 Asihlole silinge izindlela zethu, sibuyele
eNkosini. 41 Asiphakamisele inhliziyo lezandla zethu

kuNkulunkulu emazulwini. **42** Thina siphambukile, saba
lenkani; wena kawuthethelelanga. **43** Wembese ngolaka,
waxotshana lathi, wabulala, kawuhawukelanga. **44**
Uzembese ngeyezi, ukuze kungedluli umkhuleko. **45**
Usenze saba yimfucuza lezibi phakathi kwezizwe. **46**
Zonke izitha zethu zivule umlomo wazo zimelene lathi. **47**
Ukwesaba lomgodi kukhona phambi kwethu, incithakalo
lokwephuka. **48** Ilihlo lami lehlisa imifula yamanzi
ngokuchitheka kwendodakazi yabantu bami. **49** Ilihlo
lami liyajuluka, kaliyekeli, kungelakuma, **50** ize ikhangele
phansi ibone iNkosi isezulwini. **51** Ilihlo lami lenza
umphefumulo wami ube buhlungu ngenxa yawo wonke
amadodakazi omuzi wakithi. **52** Izitha zami zingizingele
kabuhlungu njengenyoni, kungelasizatho. **53** Bayiqumile
impilo yami emgodini, baphosa ilitshe phezu kwami.
54 Amanzi ageleza phezu kwekhanda lami; ngathi:
Ngiqunyiwe. **55** Ngabiza ibizo lakho, Nkosi, ngisemgodini
phansi; **56** wezwa ilizwi lami; ungafihli indlebe yakho
ekuphefumuleni kwami, ekukhaleleni kwami usizo. **57**
Wasondela ngosuku lapho ngikubiza, wathi: Ungesabi. **58**
Nkosi, uzimele izindaba zomphefumulo wami, wahlenga
impilo yami. **59** Nkosi, ubonile ukoniwa kwami; yahlulela
udaba lwami. **60** Ubonile yonke impindiselo yabo, wonke
amacebo abo amelene lami. **61** Uzwile inhlamba yabo,
Nkosi, wonke amacebo abo amelene lami, **62** indebe
zabangivukelayo, lokuzindla kwabo kumelene lami lonke
usuku. **63** Khangela ukuhlala kwabo, lokusukuma kwabo;
ngiyingoma yabo. **64** Buyisela kibo impindiselo, Nkosi,
njengokomsebenzi wezandla zabo. **65** Banike ululukhuni
benhliziyo, isiqalekiso sakho kibo. **66** Xotshana labo
ngolaka, ubabhubhise bangabi ngaphansi kwamazulu
eNkosi.

4 Yeka ukufiphala kwegolide, ukuphenduka kwegolide
elihle kakhulu! Amatshe endawo engcwele achithiwe
ekuqaleni kwazo zonke izitalada. **2** Amadodana
aligugu eZiyoni, alinganiswa legolide elihle, yeka
ukuthiwa kwawo ayizitsha zebumba, umsebenzi
wezandla zombumbi! **3** Ngitsho amakhanka ehlisa
ibele, amunyise imidlwane yawo; kodwa indodakazi
yabantu bami isilesihluku, njengezintshe enkangala.
4 Ulimi lomunyayo lunamathela olwangeni lwakhe
ngenxa yokoma; abantwanyana bacela isinkwa, kakho
obahlephulelayo. **5** Ababesidla izibiliboco baphundlekile
ezitaladeni; abondliwa ngeziyibubende bagona inqumbi
zomquba. **6** Ngoba icala lendodakazi yabantu bami
likhulu kulesono seSodoma, eyachithwa kwangathi
ngomzuzwana, kungelazandla ezayonayo. **7** AmaNazari
ayo ayehlambulukile kuleliqhwa elikhithikileyo, emhlophe
kulochago, ebomvana ngomzimba kulamakorali, isimo
sawo sasingesesafire. **8** Ukubonakala kwawo
sekumnyama kulomsizi, kawaziwa ezitaladeni; isikhumba
sawo sinamathele emathanjeni awo, somile, saba
njengogodo. **9** Ababulawa ngenkemba bangcono
kulababulawa yindlala; ngoba laba bayacikizeka
behlatshwa yikuswela izithelo zensimu. **10** Izandla
zabesifazana abalesihawu zapheka abantwana babo;
baba yikudla kwabo ekwephukeni kwendodakazi yabantu
bami. **11** INkosi iphelelisile intukuthelo yayo, ithululile
ukuvutha kolaka lwayo, yaphemba umlilo eZiyoni
oqothule izisekelo zayo. **12** Amakhosi omhlaba
labo bonke abakhileyo bomhlaba babengayikukholwa
ukuthi umcindezeli lesitha babengangena emasangweni
eJerusalema. **13** Kwakungenxa yezono zabaprofethi
bayo leziphambeko zabapristi bayo, abachitha igazi
labalungileyo phakathi kwayo. **14** Bazula njengeziphofu
ezitaladeni, bangcoliswa ngegazi, kangangokuthi abantu
kabangelakuthinta izembatho zabo. **15** Bamemeza kubo
bathi: Sukani, kungcolile, sukani, sukani, lingathinti!
Lapho bebaleka njalo bezula, bathi phakathi kwabezizwe:
Kabasayikuhlala njengabezizwe. **16** Ubuso beNkosi
bubahlakazile, kayisayikubananza; kabahloniphanga
ubuso babapristi, kababanga lomusa kubadala. **17** Thina,
amehlo ethu asaphela kusizo lwethu oluyize; ekulindeleni
kwethu salindela isizwe esingelakusisindisa. **18** Bazingela
izinyathelo zethu ukuze singahambi ezitaladeni zethu;
isiphetho sethu sisondele, insuku zethu zigcwalisekile,
ngoba isiphetho sethu sesifikile. **19** Abasizingelayo
balejubane kulamanqe amazulu; baxotshana lathi
ngokutshiseka ezintabeni; basicathamela enkangala.
20 Umoya wamakhala ethu, ogcotshiweyo weNkosi,
wabanjwa emigodini yabo, esathi ngaye: Ngaphansi
komthunzi wakhe sizaphila phakathi kwezizwe. **21** Jabula
uthokoze, ndodakazi yeEdoma, ohlala elizweni leUzi;
inkezo izadlulela lakuwe, uzadakwa, uzinqunule. **22** Ububi
bakho buphelile, ndodakazi yeZiyoni; kasayikukuthumba;
uzahambela ububi bakho, ndodakazi yeEdoma;
uzakwembula izono zakho.

5 Khumbula, Nkosi, ukuthi kwenzakaleni kithi; khangela,
ubone ihlazo lethu. **2** Ilifa lethu seliphendulelwe
kwabezizwe, izindlu zethu kwabemzini. **3** Siyizintandane,
kungelababa; omama banjengabafelokazi. **4** Amanzi
ethu siwanathile ngemali; inkuni zethu ziza ngentengo. **5**
Sizingelwa ezintanyeni zethu, sidiniwe, kasilakuphumula.
6 Sinike isandla sethu kwabeGibhithe, labeAsiriya, ukuze
sisuthiswe ngesinkwa. **7** Obaba bona, kabasekho, njalo
thina sithwele iziphambeko zabo. **8** Izigqili ziyasibusa,
kakho ongasihluthuna esandleni sazo. **9** Sizuza isinkwa
sethu ngengozi yempilo yethu, ngenxa yenkemba
yenkangala. **10** Ijwabu lethu limnyama njengeziko ngenxa
yokutshisa okukhulu kwendlala. **11** Badlova abesifazana
eZiyoni, izintombi ezimsulwa emizini yakoJuda. **12**
Iziphathamandla zaphanyekwa ngesandla sazo; ubuso
babadala kabuhlonitshwanga. **13** Amajaha athwala
amatshe okuchola, labafana bakhubeka ngaphansi
kwenkuni. **14** Abadala baphelile esangweni, amajaha
ekuhlabeleleni. **15** Intokozo yenhliziyo yethu iphelile,
ukugida kwethu kwaphenduka ukulila. **16** Umqhele
wekhanda lethu uwile; hawu, maye kithi, ngoba sonile! **17**

Ngenxa yalokhu inhliziyo yethu iphela amandla; ngenxa
yalezizinto amehlo ethu afiphele. **18** Ngenxa yentaba
yeZiyoni elunxiwa, amakhanka ahamba phezu kwayo.
19 Wena, Nkosi, uhlezi kuze kube nininini, isihlalo sakho
sobukhosi sisuka esizukulwaneni sisiya esizukulwaneni.
20 Usikhohlweleni njalonjalo, usidela okobude bezinsuku?
21 Siphendulele kuwe, Nkosi, sizaphenduka; yenza
insuku zethu zibe zintsha njengasendulo. **22** Kodwa
ususilahlile isibili; usithukuthelele kakhulukazi.

UHezekheli

1 Kwasekusithi-ke ngomnyaka wamatshumi amathathu,
ngenyanga yesine, ngolwesihlanu lwenyanga, lapho
ngangiphakathi kwabathunjiweyo ngasemfuleni iKebari,
avuleka amazulu, ngasengibona imibono kaNkulunkulu.
2 Ngolwesihlanu lwenyanga, okungumnyaka wesihlanu
wokuthunjwa kwenkosi uJehoyakhini, **3** ilizwi leNkosi
leza liqonde kuHezekeli, indodana kaBuzi, umpristi,
elizweni lamaKhaladiya ngasemfuleni iKebari; lesandla
seNkosi saba phezu kwakhe lapho. **4** Ngasengibona,
khangela-ke, umoya wesivunguzane wavela enyakatho,
iyezi elikhulu, lomlilo ozimumetheyo, lokucwazimula
inhlangothi zonke zalo, laphakathi kwalo kwavela
kwangathi libala lethusi, livela phakathi komlilo. **5**
Laphakathi kwalo kwavela umfanekiso wezidalwa ezine
eziphilayo. Lalokhu kwakuyisimo sazo: Zazilomfanekiso
womuntu. **6** Njalo yileso laleso sasilobuso obune,
njalo yileso laleso sazo sasilempiko ezine. **7**
Lenyawo zazo zazizinyawo eziqondileyo, lengaphansi
yezinyawo zazo yayinjengengaphansi yonyawo lwethole,
zacwazimula njengombala wethusi elilolongiweyo. **8**
Njalo kwakulezandla zomuntu ngaphansi kwempiko
zazo enhlangothini zazo zozine. Njalo zozine zazilobuso
bazo lempiko zazo. **9** Impiko zazo zazihlangene
olunye kolunye; aziphendukanga ekuhambeni kwazo;
zahamba, yileso laleso siqonde phambili. **10** Njalo
umfanekiso wobuso bazo wawuyibuso bomuntu, njalo
zozine zazilobuso besilwane ngakwesokunene; njalo
zozine zazilobuso benkabi ngakwesokhohlo; futhi zozine
zazilobuso belinqe. **11** Babunjalo ubuso bazo; lempiko
zazo zazehlukene ngaphezulu; yileso laleso sasilezimbili
zihlanganisiwe kolunye, lezimbili zigubuzele imizimba
yazo. **12** Zahamba yileso laleso siqonde phambili; zaya
lapho umoya owaya khona, zingaphenduki ekuhambeni
kwazo. **13** Mayelana lomfanekiso wezidalwa eziphilayo,
ukubonakala kwazo kwakunjengamalahle omlilo
avuthayo, njengokubonakala kwezibane; kwahamba
kusiya le lale phakathi kwezidalwa eziphilayo; njalo
umlilo wawulokukhazimula, njalo emlilweni kwakuphuma
umbane. **14** Lezidalwa eziphilayo zagijima zaphenduka
njengokubonakala kokuphazima kombane. **15** Ngathi
ngikhangela izidalwa eziphilayo, khangela-ke, ivili
elilodwa lalisemhlabeni eceleni kwezidalwa eziphilayo,
ebusweni baso obune. **16** Ukubonakala kwamavili
lomsebenzi wawo kwakufanana lombala webherule;
njalo zozine zazilesimo sinye; lokubonakala kwazo
lomsebenzi wazo kwakunjengokuthi livili phakathi kwevili.
17 Ekuhambeni kwawo ahamba ngezinhlangothi zawo
zozine; kawaphendukanga ekuhambeni kwawo. **18**
Mayelana lamarimu awo, ayephakeme kangangokuthi
ayesesabeka; njalo amarimu awo ayegcwele amehlo
inhlangothi zonke zawo zozine. **19** Ekuhambeni
kwezidalwa eziphilayo amavili ahamba eceleni kwazo;
lekuphakanyisweni kwezidalwa eziphilayo emhlabeni
lamavili aphakanyiswa. **20** Lapho umoya owawusiya
khona zaya khona, kulapho umoya owawuzakuya
khona; lamavili aphakanyiswa eqondene lawo; ngoba
umoya wezidalwa eziphilayo wawusemavilini. **21**
Lapho lezi zihamba, lawo ahamba; lalapho lezi zisima,
lawo ema; lalapho lezi ziphakanyiswa emhlabeni,
amavili aphakanyiswa eqondene lazo; ngoba umoya
wezidalwa eziphilayo wawusemavilini. **22** Njalo isimo
somkhathi ngaphezu kwamakhanda ezidalwa eziphilayo
sasinjengombala wekristali elesabekayo, seluliwe phezu
kwamakhanda azo ngaphezulu. **23** Langaphansi
komkhathi impiko zazo zaziqondile, olunye lusiya kolunye;
yileso laleso silezimbili ezembese imizimba yazo ngapha,
njalo yileso laleso silezimbili ezembese ngaphayana.
24 Lekuhambeni kwazo ngezwa umsindo wempiko
zazo unjengomsindo wamanzi amanengi, njengelizwi
likaSomandla, umsindo wokuhlokoma, njengomsindo
wenkamba; lapho zisima zehlisa impiko zazo. **25**
Kwasekusiba lelizwi elavela phezu komkhathi ongaphezu
kwekhanda lazo lapho sezimi sezehlise impiko zazo.
26 Langaphezu komkhathi owawuphezu kwekhanda
lazo kwakunjengesimo selitshe lesafire, umfanekiso
wesihlalo sobukhosi; langaphezu komfanekiso wesihlalo
sobukhosi kwakulomfanekiso onjengokubonakala
komuntu phezu kwakho ngaphezulu. **27** Ngasengibona
njengombala wethusi, njengokubonakala komlilo
phakathi kwakho inhlangothi zonke, kusukela
ekubonakaleni kokhalo lwakhe langaphezulu, njalo
kusukela ekubonakaleni kokhalo lwakhe langaphansi,
ngabona kunjengokubonakala komlilo, lokukhazimula
inhlangothi zakhe zonke. **28** Njengokubonakala
komchilo wamakhosikazi osemayezini ngosuku lwezulu,
kwakunjalo ukubonakala kokukhazimula inhlangothi
zonke. Lokhu kwakuyikubonakala kwesimo senkazimulo
yeNkosi. Ngathi ngikubona, ngathi mbo ngobuso,
ngasengisizwa ilizwi lowakhulumayo.

2 Wasesithi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, mana ngenyawo
zakho, ngikhulume lawe. **2** Kwasekungena kimi
uMoya lapho ekhuluma kimi, wangimisa ngenyawo
zami; ngasengimuzwa okhuluma kimi. **3** Wasesithi
kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, ngiyakuthuma ebantwaneni
bakoIsrayeli, ezizweni ezivukelayo, abangivukeleyo; bona
laboyise baphambukile kimi, kuze kube yilolusuku kanye.
4 Ngoba bangabantwana abalukhuni ngobuso labalukhuni
ngenhliziyo; ngikuthuma kubo, njalo uzakuthi kubo: Itsho
njalo iNkosi uJehova. **5** Bona-ke, loba bezakuzwa, kumbe
loba beyekela (ngoba beyindlu evukelayo), bazakwazi
ukuthi ubekhona umprofethi phakathi kwabo. **6** Wena-
ke, ndodana yomuntu, ungabesabi, ungawesabi lamazwi
abo, lanxa ameva lokhula oluhlabayo kukuwe, njalo
uhlezi phakathi kwabofezela; ungawesabi amazwi abo,
ungatshaywa luvalo ngobuso babo, ngoba beyindlu
evukelayo. **7** Kodwa uzakhuluma amazwi ami kubo, loba

bezakuzwa kumbe bayekele; ngoba bevukela. 8 Kodwa
wena, ndodana yomuntu, zwana engikutshoyo kuwe;
ungabi ngovukelayo njengaleyana indlu evukelayo; vula
umlomo wakho, udle engikunika khona. 9 Ngasengibona,
khangela-ke, isandla sithunyelwe kimi; khangela-ke
umqulu wogwalo wawukuso. 10 Wasewendlala phambi
kwami, njalo wawubhaliwe phambili langemuva; njalo
kwakubhalwe phakathi kwawo izililo, lokukhala, losizi.

3 Yasisithi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, dlana lokho
ozakuthola; dlana lumqulu, uhambe uyekhuluma
kuyo indlu kaIsrayeli. 2 Ngasengivula umlomo wami,
yasingidlisa lowomqulu. 3 Yasisithi kimi: Ndodana
yomuntu, yenza isisu sakho sidle, ugcwalise amathumbu
akho ngalumqulu engikunika wona. Ngasengisidla; njalo
waba emlonyeni wami njengoluju ngenxa yobumnandi.
4 Yasisithi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, hamba uye
endlini yakoIsrayeli, ukhulume ngamazwi ami kubo.
5 Ngoba kawuthunywanga ebantwini abalenkulumo
ejulileyo lolimi olunzima, kodwa endlini yakoIsrayeli.
6 Hatshi ebantwini abanengi abalenkulumo ejulileyo
lolimi olunzima, abamazwi abo ongeke uwezwe. Isibili,
uba bengikuthume kubo, bona bebezakukuzwa. 7
Kodwa indlu kaIsrayeli kayiyikuvuma ukukulalela, ngoba
kabavumi ukungilalela; ngoba yonke indlu yakoIsrayeli
ilobuso obuqinileyo, njalo balukhuni ngenhliziyo. 8
Khangela, ngenze ubuso bakho baqina bumelene lobuso
babo, lebunzi lakho liqine limelene lebunzi labo. 9
Ngenze ibunzi lakho libe njengendayimana elukhuni
kulensengetshe. Ungabesabi, ungatshaywa luvalo yibuso
babo, lanxa beyindlu evukelayo. 10 Futhi yathi kimi:
Ndodana yomuntu, wonke amazwi ami engizawakhuluma
kuwe, emukele enhliziyweni yakho, uzwe ngendlebe
zakho. 11 Hamba-ke, uye kwabathunjiweyo, ebantwaneni
babantu bakho, ukhulume kubo, uthi kubo: Itsho njalo
iNkosi uJehova; loba bezakuzwa loba bezayekela.
12 UMoya wasengiphakamisa; ngasengisizwa emva
kwami ilizwi lomdumo omkhulu, lisithi: Kayidunyiswe
inkazimulo yeNkosi ivela endaweni yayo. 13 Ngezwa futhi
umsindo wempiko zezidalwa eziphilayo, ezazithintana,
lomsindo wamavili maqondana lazo, lomsindo womdumo
omkhulu. 14 UMoya wasengiphakamisa, wangisusa;
ngasengihamba ngokubaba ekuvutheni komoya wami;
kodwa isandla seNkosi sasilamandla phezu kwami. 15
Ngasengifika kwabathunjiweyo eTelabibi, ababehlala
ngasemfuleni iKebari; ngahlala lapho ababehlala khona,
ngahlala khona insuku eziyisikhombisa ngithithibele
phakathi kwabo. 16 Kwasekusithi ekucineni kwensuku
eziyisikhombisa, ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi, lisithi: 17
Ndodana yomuntu, ngikwenzile waba ngumlindi kuyo
indlu kaIsrayeli. Ngakho zwana ilizwi elivela emlonyeni
wami, ubaxwayise kuvela kimi. 18 Lapho ngisithi
kokhohlakeleyo: Uzakufa lokufa; wena-ke ungamxwayisi,
loba ungakhulumi ukumxwayisa okhohlakeleyo ukuthi
asuke endleleni yakhe ekhohlakeleyo, ukuze agcine
impilo yakhe, lowo okhohlakeleyo uzafela ebubini bakhe;
kodwa igazi lakhe ngizalibiza esandleni sakho. 19 Kodwa
uba wena umxwayisa okhohlakeleyo, angaphenduki
ekukhohlakaleni kwakhe lendleleni yakhe ekhohlakeleyo,
yena uzafela ebubini bakhe; kodwa wena ukhulule
umphefumulo wakho. 20 Futhi, uba olungileyo ephenduka
ekulungeni kwakhe, enze isiphambeko, njalo ngibeke
isikhubekiso phambi kwakhe, yena uzakufa; ngoba
wena ungamxwayisanga, uzafela esonweni sakhe,
lokulunga kwakhe akwenzileyo kungakhunjulwa; kodwa
igazi lakhe ngizalibiza esandleni sakho. 21 Kodwa
uba wena umxwayisa olungileyo, ukuze olungileyo
angoni, yena-ke angaze ona, isibili yena uzaphila,
ngoba exwayisiwe; futhi wena uwukhulule umphefumulo
wakho. 22 Isandla seNkosi sasesiphezu kwami lapho,
yasisithi kimi: Sukuma, uphume uye egcekeni, lalapho
ngizakhuluma lawe. 23 Ngasengisukuma ngaphuma
ngaya egcekeni; khangela-ke, inkazimulo yeNkosi yayimi
khona, njengenkazimulo engangiyibone ngasemfuleni
iKebari; ngasengisithi mbo ngobuso bami. 24 UMoya
wasengena kimi, wangimisa ngenyawo zami, wakhuluma
kimi wathi kimi: Hamba uyezivalela phakathi kwendlu
yakho. 25 Wena-ke, ndodana yomuntu, khangela,
bazafaka izibopho phezu kwakho, bakubophe ngazo,
ukuze ungaphumi phakathi kwabo. 26 Njalo ngizakwenza
ulimi lwakho lunamathele olwangeni lwakho, ukuze
ube yisimungulu, njalo ungabi ngumuntu okhuzayo
kubo; ngoba bayindlu evukelayo. 27 Kodwa lapho
ngikhuluma lawe, ngizavula umlomo wakho, ububusithi
kubo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ozwayo kezwe,
loyekelayo kayekele; ngoba bayindlu evukelayo.

4 Wena-ke, ndodana yomuntu, zithathele isitina,
usibeke phambi kwakho, ubhale ngokugubha
kiso umuzi, iJerusalema; 2 wenze ukuvinjezelwa
umelene lawo, wakhe inqaba umelene lawo, ubuthelele
idundulu umelene lawo, wenze izinkamba umelene
lawo, umise izinqama zokudiliza inhlangothi zonke
zimelene lawo. 3 Futhi wena uzithathele umganu
wensimbi, uwumise ube ngumduli wensimbi phakathi
kwakho lomuzi; umise ubuso bakho bumelene lawo,
njalo ube sekuvinjezelweni, futhi uzawuvimbezela.
Lokhu kuzakuba yisibonakaliso kundlu kaIsrayeli. 4
Futhi wena lala ngomhlubulo wakho wangasekhohlo,
ubeke isiphambeko sendlu kaIsrayeli phezu kwayo;
njengokwenani lezinsuku ozalala phezu kwawo uzathwala
isiphambeko sabo. 5 Ngoba mina ngikumisele iminyaka
yesiphambeko sabo, njengokwenani lezinsuku, izinsuku
ezingamakhulu amathathu layisificamunwemunye;
ngokunjalo uzathwala isiphambeko sendlu kaIsrayeli. 6
Lapho usuziphelelisile lezo, lala okwesibili ngomhlubulo
wakho wangakwesokunene, uthwale isiphambeko sendlu
kaJuda insuku ezingamatshumi amane; ngikunike
usuku lube ngumnyaka, usuku lube ngumnyaka.
7 Ngakho uzamisa ubuso bakho ekuvinjezelweni

kweJerusalema, lengalo yakho izakwembulwa, uprofethe
umelene layo. 8 Khangela-ke, ngizabeka izibopho
phezu kwakho, ukuze ungaphenduki usuka komunye
umhlubulo usiya komunye umhlubulo, uze uqede
izinsuku zokuvimbezela kwakho. 9 Futhi wena
zithathele ingqoloyi lebhali lendumba lamalentili
lenyawuthi lespelite, ukubeke esitsheni esisodwa,
uzenzele kube yisinkwa; njengokwenani lezinsuku olala
ngazo ngomhlubulo wakho, izinsuku ezingamakhulu
amathathu lesificamunwemunye uzakudla sona. 10
Lokudla kwakho ozakudla kuzakuba ngesilinganiso,
amashekeli angamatshumi amabili ngelanga; ukudle
isikhathi ngesikhathi. 11 Lamanzi uzawanatha
ngesilinganiso, ingxenye yesithupha yehini, uwanathe
isikhathi ngesikhathi. 12 Njalo uzakudla iqebelengwana
lebhali, ulipheke emehlweni abo ngamalongwe
aphuma emuntwini. 13 INkosi yasisithi: Ngokunjalo
abantwana bakoIsrayeli bazakudla isinkwa sabo
esingcolileyo phakathi kwezizwe engizabaxotshela
kuzo. 14 Ngasengisithi: Hawu Nkosi Jehova! Khangela,
umphefumulo wami kawuzanga ungcoliswe; ngoba
kwasebutsheni bami kuze kube lakhathesi kangizanga
ngidle okuzifeleyo kumbe okudatshuliweyo, njalo
kakulanyama enengekayo eseyake yangena emlonyeni
wami. 15 Yasisithi kimi: Bona, ngikunike amalongwe
enkomo esikhundleni samalongwe omuntu, njalo
uzalungisa isinkwa sakho ngawo. 16 Yathi futhi
kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, khangela, ngizakwephula
udondolo lwesinkwa eJerusalema; njalo bazakudla
isinkwa ngesisindo langokunqineka, banathe amanzi
ngesilinganiso langovalo; 17 ukuze baswele isinkwa
lamanzi, bethuke omunye lomunye, bacikizeke ngobubi
babo.

5 Wena-ke, ndodana yomuntu, zithathele ingqamu
ebukhali, zithathele impuco yabageli, uyihambise
phezu kwekhanda lakho laphezu kwesilevu sakho;
ubusuzithathela isikali sokulinganisa, wehlukanise inwele.
2 Ingxenye yesithathu uzayitshisa ngomlilo phakathi
komuzi sezigcwalisekile insuku zokuvimbezela; uthathe
ingxenye yesithathu utshaye inhlangothi zonke zayo
ngenkemba; lengxenye yesithathu uyihlakaze emoyeni;
njalo ngizahwatsha inkemba emva kwabo. 3 Njalo
uzathatha ezinlutshwana ngenani kuzo, uzigoqele
emaphethelweni ezembatho zakho. 4 Ubusuthatha
kuzo futhi, uziphosele phakathi komlilo, uzitshise
emlilweni; kuzaphuma kuwo umlilo uye kuyo yonke
indlu kaIsrayeli. 5 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Le
yiJerusalema; ngiyimisile phakathi kwezizwe lamazwe
inhlangothi zonke zayo. 6 Kodwa iphendule izahlulelo
zami zaba yibubi okwedlula izizwe, lezimiso zami
okwedlula amazwe ayihanqileyo; ngoba bazalile
izahlulelo zami, lezimiso zami kabahambanga kuzo.
7 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngoba
leyisile okwedlula izizwe ezilihanqileyo, lingahambanga
ezimisweni zami, lingazenzanga izahlulelo zami,
lingenzanga njengokwezahlulelo zezizwe ezilihanqileyo;
8 ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela,
ngimelene lawe, ngitsho mina, njalo ngizakwenza
izahlulelo phakathi kwakho, emehlweni ezizwe. 9
Ngenze phakathi kwakho engingazange ngikwenze,
lengingasayikukwenza okunjengakho, ngenxa yamanyala
akho wonke. 10 Ngakho oyise bazakudla amadodana
phakathi kwakho, lamadodana azakudla oyise. Njalo
ngizakwenza izahlulelo phakathi kwakho, lensali
yakho yonke ngizayihlakaza kuwo wonke umoya.
11 Ngakho, kuphila kwami, itsho iNkosi uJehova,
isibili, ngoba ungcolisile indawo yami engcwele
ngazo zonke izinengiso zakho langamanyala akho
wonke, ngakho lami ngizakunciphisa, futhi ilihlo lami
kaliyikuhawukela, futhi lami kangiyikuyekela. 12 Ingxenye
yesithathu yakho izakufa ngomatshayabhuqe wesifo,
langendlala bazaqedwa phakathi kwakho; lengxenye
yesithathu izakuwa ngenkemba enhlangothini zonke
zakho; lengxenye yesithathu ngizayihlakaza kuwo
wonke umoya, ngihwatshe inkemba emva kwabo.
13 Ngokunjalo ukuthukuthela kwami kuzapheleliswa,
ngenze ukufutheka kwami kuphumule phezu kwabo,
ngiduduzeke; njalo bazakwazi ukuthi mina iNkosi
ngikhulumile ekutshisekeni kwami, lapho sengiphelelise
ukufutheka kwami kubo. 14 Futhi ngizakwenza ube
lunxiwa ube lihlazo phakathi kwezizwe ezikuhanqileyo,
emehlweni akhe wonke owedlulayo. 15 Ngakho kuzakuba
lihlazo, lenhlekisa, imfundiso, lesesabiso ezizweni
ezikuhanqileyo nxa ngisenza izahlulelo phakathi kwakho
ngolaka langokufutheka langokukhuza kokufutheka; mina
Nkosi ngikhulumile. 16 Lapho ngithumela phezu kwabo
imitshoko emibi yendlala, ezakuba ngeyokubhubhisa,
engizayithumela ukulibhubhisa, ngizakwandisa indlala
phezu kwenu, ngephule udondolo lwesinkwa kini. 17
Ngokunjalo ngizathuma phezu kwenu indlala lezilo ezimbi,
ezizakwemuka abantwana; lomatshayabhuqe wesifo
legazi kudabule phakathi kwakho; ngilethe inkemba
phezu kwakho. Mina Nkosi ngikhulumile.

6 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi lisithi: 2 Ndodana yomuntu,
khangelisa ubuso bakho ngasezintabeni zakoIsrayeli,
uprofethe umelene lazo. 3 Uthi: Lina zintaba zakoIsrayeli,
zwanini ilizwi leNkosi uJehova. Itsho njalo iNkosi
uJehova ezintabeni, lemaqaqeni, ezifuleni, lezihotsheni:
Khangelani, mina ngizakwehlisela phezu kwenu inkemba,
ngichithe indawo zenu eziphakemeyo. 4 Lamalathi
enu azachithwa, lamalathi enu elanga aphahlazwe,
lababuleweyo benu ngibaphosele phansi phambi
kwezithombe zenu. 5 Ngibeke izidumbu zabantwana
bakoIsrayeli phambi kwezithombe zabo, ngihlakaze
amathambo enu inhlangothi zonke zamalathi enu. 6 Kuzo
zonke indawo zenu zokuhlala imizi izachithwa, lendawo
eziphakemeyo zibe ngamanxiwa, ukuze amalathi enu
achithwe abe ngamanxiwa, lezithombe zenu ziphahlazwe

ziphele, lamalathi enu elanga aqunywe, lemisebenzi
yenu itshabalaliswe. 7 Lababuleweyo bazakuwa phakathi
kwenu, njalo lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi. 8 Kodwa
ngizatshiya insali ukuze libe labanye abazaphepha
inkemba phakathi kwezizwe lapho lizahlakazekela
emazweni. 9 Labaphunyukileyo benu bazangikhumbula
phakathi kwezizwe lapho abathunjelwe khona; ngoba
ngidabukile ngenxa yenhliziyo yabo ephingayo, esukileyo
kimi, langamehlo abo aphingayo elandela izithombe
zabo. Njalo bazazenyanya ngobubi ababenzileyo kuwo
wonke amanyala abo. 10 Njalo bazakwazi ukuthi
ngiyiNkosi; kangikhulumanga ngeze ukuthi ngizakwenza
lokho okubi kubo. 11 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova:
Tshaya ngesandla sakho, utshaye phansi ngonyawo
lwakho, uthi: Maye ngenxa yawo wonke amanyala
amabi endlu yakoIsrayeli! ngoba bazakuwa ngenkemba,
ngendlala, langomatshayabhuqe wesifo. 12 Okhatshana
uzakufa ngomatshayabhuqe wesifo, loseduze uzakuwa
ngenkemba, loseleyo wavinjezelwa uzakufa yindlala.
Ngokunjalo ngizaphelelisa ukufutheka kwami phezu
kwabo. 13 Khona lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi, lapho
ababuleweyo babo sebephakathi kwezithombe zabo
behanqe amalathi abo, phezu kwalo lonke uqaqa olude,
ezingqongeni zonke zezintaba, langaphansi kwaso
sonke isihlahla esiluhlaza, langaphansi kwalo lonke
i-okhi eliqatha, indawo ababenikela khona iphunga
elimnandi kuzo zonke izithombe zabo. 14 Ngokunjalo
ngizakwelulela isandla sami phezu kwabo, ngenze ilizwe
libe lunxiwa, yebo, libe lunxiwa kulenkangala ngaseDibila,
kuzo zonke izindawo zabo zokuhlala. Khona bezakwazi
ukuthi ngiyiNkosi.

7 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi lisithi: 2 Wena-ke,
ndodana yomuntu, itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova kulo
ilizwe lakoIsrayeli: Isiphetho, isiphetho sesifikile phezu
kwamagumbi womane elizwe. 3 Khathesi isiphetho
siphezu kwakho, njalo ngizathumela ukuthukuthela
kwami phakathi kwakho, ngikwahlulele njengokwezenzo
zakho, ngehlisele phezu kwakho wonke amanyala
akho. 4 Lelihlo lami kaliyikukuhawukela, kangiyikuyekela,
kodwa ngizakwehlisela izindlela zakho phezu kwakho,
lamanyala akho azakuba phakathi kwakho. Khona
lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi. 5 Itsho njalo iNkosi
uJehova: Ububi, ububi obubodwa, khangela, sebufikile.
6 Isiphetho sesifikile, isiphetho sesifikile, siyakuvukela;
khangela, sesifikile. 7 Ukusa sekufikile kuwe, wena
mhlali welizwe; isikhathi sesifikile, usuku lwenkathazo
luseduze, njalo kungeyisikho ukumemeza ngenjabulo
kwezintaba. 8 Khathesi, kuseduze ukuthi ngithululele
ulaka lwami phezu kwakho, ngiphelelise intukuthelo
yami phakathi kwakho, ngikwahlulele njengokwezindlela
zakho, ngehlisele phezu kwakho wonke amanyala akho.
9 Lelihlo lami kaliyikuhawukela, njalo kangiyikuyekela;
ngizanika njengokwezindlela zakho phezu kwakho,
lamanyala akho azakuba phakathi kwakho. Khona
lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi etshayayo. 10 Khangela
usuku, khangela, selufikile; ukusa sekuphumile; intonga
ihlumile, ukuziqhenya kukhahlele. 11 Udlakela lusukume
lwaba yintonga yobubi; kakuyikusala kubo, hatshi-ke
exukwini labo, hatshi-ke okwabo, njalo kakuyikuba
khona ukuqhinqa isililo phakathi kwabo. 12 Isikhathi
sesifikile, usuku selusondele; umthengi kangathokozi,
lomthengisi angalili, ngoba ulaka luphezu kwexuku
lonke lalo. 13 Ngoba umthengisi kayikubuyela
kokuthengisiweyo, lanxa impilo yabo isesephakathi
kwabaphilayo; ngoba umbono mayelana lexuku lonke
lalo kawuyikuphenduka; futhi kakulamuntu ongaqinisa
impilo yakhe ngesiphambeko sakhe. 14 Baluvuthele
uphondo ukuthi balungise konke, kodwa kakho oya
empini, ngoba ulaka lwami luphezu kwexuku lalo
lonke. 15 Inkemba ingaphandle, lomatshayabhuqe wesifo
lendlala kungaphakathi; osegangeni uzakufa ngenkemba,
losemzini indlala lomatshayabhuqe wesifo kuzamqeda.
16 Kodwa abaphunyukayo babo bazaphunyuka, babe
sezintabeni njengamajuba ezihotsha, bonke belila,
ngulowo lalowo ngenxa yesiphambeko sakhe. 17
Zonke izandla zizaphela amandla, lamadolo wonke
ageleze njengamanzi. 18 Njalo bazabhinca amasaka,
lovalo luzabembesa, lenhloni zibe sebusweni bonke,
lempabanga phezu kwamakhanda abo wonke. 19
Bazalahla isiliva sabo ezitaladeni, legolide labo libe
yikungcola; isiliva sabo legolide labo kakuyikuba
lakho ukubophula ngosuku lokuthukuthela kweNkosi;
kabayikonelisa umphefumulo wabo, bangagcwalisi
amathumbu abo; ngoba kuyisikhubekiso sesiphambeko
sabo. 20 Lobuhle besiceciso sakhe wabumisa ebukhosini,
kodwa benza kubo imifanekiso yokunengekayo kwabo
lezinengiso zabo; ngenxa yalokho ngibumise bube yinto
engcolileyo kubo. 21 Njalo ngizakunikela esandleni
sabezizwe kube yimpango, lakwabakhohlakeleyo
bomhlaba kube yimpango, njalo bazakungcolisa. 22 Njalo
ngizaphendula ubuso bami busuke kubo, bangcolise
indawo yami yensitha; ngoba abaphangi bazangena kuyo,
bayingcolise. 23 Yenza iketane, ngoba ilizwe ligcwele
amacala egazi, lomuzi ugcwele udlakela. 24 Ngakho
ngizaletha ababi bezizwe, abazakudla ilifa lezindlu
zabo; ngikwenze kuphele ukuziqhenya kwabalamandla;
lendawo zabo ezingcwele zizangcoliswa. 25 Ukwethuka
kuyeza; bazadinga-ke ukuthula, kodwa kakuyikuba
khona. 26 Incithakalo izakuza phezu kwencithakalo,
lombiko ube phezu kombiko; khona bezadinga umbono
kumprofethi, kodwa umlayo uzabhubha kumpristi,
leseluleko kubadala. 27 Inkosi izalila, lesiphathamandla
sembathiswe incithakalo, lezandla zabantu belizwe
zizathuthumela. Ngizakwenza kubo ngokwendlela yabo,
ngibahlulele ngezahlulelo zabo; khona bezakwazi ukuthi
ngiyiNkosi.

8 Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wesithupha, ngenyanga
yesithupha, ngolwesihlanu lwenyanga, ngihlezi

endlini yami, labadala bakoJuda behlezi phambi
kwami, isandla seNkosi uJehova sawa lapho
phezu kwami. 2 Ngasengibona, khangela-ke,
umfanekiso onjengokubonakala komlilo; kusukela
ekubonakaleni kokhalo lwakhe kusiya phansi, umlilo;
futhi kusukela kukhalo lwakhe kusiya phezulu
kunjengokubonakala kokukhazimula, njengombala
wethusi. 3 Waseselula isimo sesandla, wangithatha
ngesihluthu sekhanda lami; uMoya wasengiphakamisela
phakathi komhlaba lamazulu, wangiletha eJerusalema
emibonweni kaNkulunkulu, esivalweni sesango
elingaphakathi, elikhangele ngenyakatho, lapho
okwakulesihlalo sesithombe sobukhwele esibanga
ubukhwele. 4 Khangela-ke, inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli yayilapho, injengokubonakala engangikubone
esihotsheni. 5 Wasesithi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, ake
uphakamisele amehlo akho ngasendleleni yenyakatho.
Ngasengiphakamisela amehlo ami ngasendleleni
yenyakatho, khangela-ke, ngasenyakatho kwesango
lelathi kwakulalesisithombe sobukhwele entubeni. 6
Wasesithi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, uyakubona yini
abakwenzayo, amanyala amakhulu ewenzayo indlu
kaIsrayeli lapha, ukuze ngiye khatshana lendawo
yami engcwele? Kodwa phenduka futhi, uzabona
amanyala amakhulu kulala. 7 Wasengisa emnyango
weguma; lapho ngibona, njalo khangela, kwakulesikhala
emdulini. 8 Wasesithi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, ake
ugebhe emdulini. Ngathi ngigebha emdulini, khangela-
ke kwakulomnyango. 9 Wasesithi kimi: Ngena, ubone
izinengiso ezimbi abazenzayo lapha. 10 Ngasengingena,
ngabona, khangela-ke, sonke isimo sokuhuquzelayo
lenyamazana ezinengekayo lazo zonke izithombe zendlu
yakoIsrayeli, kubaziwe phezu komduli inhlangothi zonke
ezizingelezeleyo. 11 Futhi kwakumi phambi kwazo
amadoda angamatshumi ayisikhombisa akwabadala
bendlu kaIsrayeli, loJahazaniya indodana kaShafani
emi phakathi kwabo; yileyo laleyo ilodengezi lwayo
esandleni sayo, njalo iyezi eliqatha lempepha lenyuka. 12
Wasesithi kimi: Ukubonile yini, ndodana yomuntu, lokho
abadala bendlu kaIsrayeli abakwenzayo emnyameni,
ngulowo emakamelweni emifanekiso yakhe? Ngoba
bathi: INkosi kayisiboni; iNkosi iwutshiyile umhlaba. 13
Wasesithi kimi: Phenduka futhi, uzabona izinengiso
ezinkulu kakhulu abazenzayo. 14 Wasengisa emnyango
wesango lendlu yeNkosi eyayingasenyakatho; khangela-
ke, kwakuhlezi abesifazana belilela uTamuzi. 15 Wasesithi
kimi: Ubonile yini, ndodana yomuntu? Phenduka futhi,
uzabona izinengiso ezinkulu kulalezi. 16 Wasengingenisa
egumeni lendlu yeNkosi elingaphakathi; khangela-ke,
emnyango wethempeli leNkosi phakathi kwekhulusi
lelathi kwakulamadoda phose angaba ngamatshumi
amabili lanhlanu, imihlane yawo ingasethempelini
leNkosi, lobuso bawo bungasempumalanga; njalo
bakhonza ilanga ngasempumalanga. 17 Wasesithi
kimi: Ubonile yini, ndodana yomuntu? Kuyinto elula
kundlu yakoJuda ukwenza izinengiso abazenzayo lapha
yini? Ngoba bagcwalise ilizwe ngobudlwangudlwangu,
baphendukele ukungithukuthelisa; khangela-ke, bafaka
ugatsha empumulweni yabo. 18 Ngakho lami
ngizakwenza ngentukuthelo; ilihlo lami kaliyikuhawukela,
futhi kangiyikuyekela; lanxa bekhala endlebeni zami
ngelizwi elikhulu, kangiyikubezwa.

9 Wasememeza ezindlebeni zami ngelizwi elikhulu
esithi: Yenza ababonisi bomuzi basondele, ngitsho
wonke umuntu elesikhali sakhe sokuchitha esandleni
sakhe. 2 Khangela-ke, amadoda ayisithupha eza
evela ngendlela yesango eliphezulu elikhangele
ngasenyakatho; njalo wonke umuntu elesikhali sakhe
sokuphahlaza esandleni sakhe; njalo umuntu oyedwa
phakathi kwawo wayegqoke ilembu elicolekileyo,
elophondo lweyinki lombhali ngasokhalweni lwakhe;
asengena, ema duze kwelathi lethusi. 3 Lenkazimulo
kaNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli yenyuka isuka ngaphezu
kwekherubhi eyayiphezu kwalo, yaya embundwini
wendlu; wasememeza umuntu owayegqoke ilembu
elicolekileyo owayelophondo lweyinki lombhali okhalweni
lwakhe. 4 INkosi yasisithi kuye: Dabula phakathi komuzi,
phakathi kweJerusalema, ufake uphawu emabunzini
abantu ababubulayo labakhalayo ngenxa yazo zonke
izinengiso ezenziwa phakathi kwawo. 5 Lakwabanye
yathi endlebeni yami: Dabulani phakathi komuzi
emva kwakhe, litshaye, ilihlo lenu lingahawukeli, njalo
lingayekeli. 6 Bulalani ngokuchitha abadala, abatsha,
lezintombi, labantwana abancinyane, labesifazana;
kodwa lingasondeli lakuwuphi umuntu okulophawu
phezu kwakhe, liqalise endaweni yami engcwele.
Basebeqalisa emadodeni amadala ayephambi kwendlu.
7 Yasisithi kubo: Ngcolisani indlu, ligcwalise amaguma
ngababuleweyo. Phumani. Basebephuma, babulala
emzini. 8 Kwasekusithi besababulala, mina-ke
ngasala, ngathi mbo ngobuso bami, ngakhala ngathi:
Hawu, Nkosi Jehova! Uzachitha yini yonke insali
yakoIsrayeli ekuthululeni kwakho intukuthelo yakho
phezu kweJerusalema? 9 Khona yathi kimi: Ububi bendlu
yakoIsrayeli loJuda bukhulu kakhulukazi, lelizwe ligcwele
amacala egazi, lomuzi ugcwele ukuphambuka, ngoba
bathi: INkosi ilidelile ilizwe, njalo iNkosi kayiboni. 10 Lami-
ke ilihlo lami kaliyikuhawukela, njalo kangiyikuyekela;
ngizakwehlisela indlela yabo ekhanda labo. 11 Khangela-
ke, lowomuntu owayegqoke ilembu elicolekileyo,
owayelophondo lweyinki okhalweni lwakhe, wabuyisela
ilizwi esithi: Ngenzile njengoba ungilayile.

10 Ngasengibona, khangela-ke, emkhathini
owawungaphezu kwekhanda lamakherubhi
kwakulokunjengelitshe lesafire, kunjengokubonakala
komfanekiso wesihlalo sobukhosi; kwabonakala
phezu kwawo. 2 Wasekhuluma emuntwini ogqoke

ilembu elicolekileyo, wathi: Ngena ngaphakathi
kwamavili, ngaphansi kwekherubhi, ugcwalise intende
zezandla zakho ngamalahle omlilo avela phakathi
kwamakherubhi, uwahlakaze phezu komuzi. Wasengena
phambi kwamehlo ami. 3 Njalo amakherubhi ayemi
ngakwesokunene kwendlu, lapho lowomuntu engena;
iyezi laseligcwalisa iguma elingaphakathi. 4 Inkazimulo
yeNkosi yasiphakama isuka phezu kwekherubhi, phezu
kombundu wendlu; indlu yasigcwaliswa liyezi, leguma
lagcwala ukukhanya kwenkazimulo yeNkosi. 5 Lomdumo
wempiko zamakherubhi wezwakala kwaze kwaba
segumeni elingaphandle, njengelizwi likaNkulunkulu
uSomandla nxa ekhuluma. 6 Kwasekusithi isimlayile
umuntu ogqoke ilembu elicolekileyo isithi: Thatha umlilo
phakathi kwamavili, phakathi kwamakherubhi; wangena,
wema duze kwevili. 7 Ikherubhi laseliselulela isandla
salo sisuka phakathi kwamakherubhi kuwo umlilo
owawuphakathi kwamakherubhi, lawuthatha, lawubeka
ezandleni zalowo owayembethe ilembu elicolekileyo;
owawuthatha waphuma. 8 Kwasekubonakala kiwo
amakherubhi isimo sesandla somuntu ngaphansi
kwempiko zawo. 9 Ngasengibona, khangela-ke amavili
amane eceleni kwamakherubhi, ivili elilodwa eceleni
kwelinye ikherubhi, levili elilodwa eceleni kwelinye
ikherubhi; lokubonakala kwamavili kwakunjengombala
welitshe lebherule. 10 Mayelana lokubonakala kwawo,
womane ayelesimo sinye, njengokungathi livili eliphakathi
kwevili. 11 Ekuhambeni kwawo, ahamba ngenhlangothi
zawo zozine, awaphendukanga ekuhambeni kwawo,
kodwa indawo lapho ikhanda elalikhangele khona,
ayilandela, awaphendukanga ekuhambeni kwawo. 12
Lomzimba wawo wonke, lemihlane yawo, lezandla zawo,
lempiko zawo, lamavili, kwakugcwele amehlo inhlangothi
zonke, amavili azo zozine ezazilawo. 13 Mayelana
lamavili, kwamenyezwa kiwo endlebeni zami ukuthi: Vili!
14 Njalo yilelo lalelo lalilobuso obune; ubuso bokuqala
babuyibuso bekherubhi, lobuso besibili babuyibuso
bomuntu, lobesithathu buyibuso besilwane, lobesine
buyibuso belinqe. 15 Amakherubhi aseziphakamisa. Lesi
yisidalwa esiphilayo engasibona ngasemfuleni iKebari.
16 Kwathi lapho amakherubhi ehamba, amavili ahamba
eceleni kwawo; lalapho amakherubhi ephakamisa
impiko zawo ukuze enyuke asuke emhlabeni, lawomavili
kawaphendukanga esuka eceleni lawo futhi. 17 Lapho
esima, lawo ema; lalapho ephakama, lawo aphakama;
ngoba umoya wezidalwa eziphilayo wawukiwo. 18
Inkazimulo yeNkosi yasiphuma yasuka phezu kombundu
wendlu, yema phezu kwamakherubhi. 19 Amakherubhi
asephakamisa impiko zawo, enyuka esuka emhlabeni
phambi kwamehlo ami, lapho ephuma, lamavili lawo
ayemaqondana lawo; njalo yilelo lalelo lema emnyango
wesango elingasempumalanga kwendlu yeNkosi;
lenkazimulo kaNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli yayiphezu kwawo
ngaphezulu. 20 Lesi yisidalwa esiphilayo engasibona
ngaphansi kukaNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli ngasemfuleni
iKebari; ngasengisazi ukuthi ngamakherubhi. 21 Yilelo
lalelo lalilobuso obune, lalelo lalelo lilempiko ezine;
lesimo sezandla zomuntu singaphansi kwempiko
zazo. 22 Lesimo sobuso bawo sasiyibuso engabubona
ngasemfuleni iKebari, ukubonakala kwawo, lawo
ngokwawo. Ahamba, yilelo lalelo ngaphambi kobuso
balo.

11 UMoya wasengiphakamisa, wangiletha esangweni
lempumalanga lendlu yeNkosi, elikhangele
ngempumalanga; khangela-ke, emnyango wesango
kwakukhona amadoda angamatshumi amabili
lanhlanu; laphakathi kwawo ngabona uJahazaniya
indodana kaAzuri, loPelatiya indodana kaBhenaya,
iziphathamandla zabantu. 2 Wasesithi kimi: Ndodana
yomuntu, lawa ngamadoda acabanga inkohlakalo,
aceba iseluleko esibi kulumuzi, 3 athi: Kakuseduze
ukwakha izindlu; lumuzi uyimbiza, lathi siyinyama. 4
Ngakho profetha umelene lawo, profetha, ndodana
yomuntu. 5 UMoya weNkosi wasewela phezu kwami,
wathi kimi: Khuluma uthi: Itsho njalo iNkosi: Litshilo njalo,
lina ndlu kaIsrayeli, ngoba izinto ezivela engqondweni
yenu, mina ngiyazazi yileyo laleyo yazo. 6 Landisile
ababuleweyo benu kulumuzi, lagcwalisa izitalada
zawo ngababuleweyo. 7 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi
uJehova: Ababuleweyo benu elibabeke phakathi
kwawo, bona bayinyama, lalo umuzi uyimbiza; kodwa
lina ngizalikhupha phakathi kwawo. 8 Liyesabile
inkemba, njalo ngizayiletha inkemba phezu kwenu,
itsho iNkosi uJehova. 9 Njalo ngizalikhupha phakathi
kwawo, ngilinikele esandleni sabezizwe, ngenze
izigwebo phakathi kwenu. 10 Lizakuwa ngenkemba,
ngiligwebe emngceleni wakoIsrayeli; njalo lizakwazi
ukuthi ngiyiNkosi. 11 Lo umuzi kawuyikuba yimbiza
yenu, kumbe lina libe yinyama phakathi kwawo;
ngizaligweba emngceleni wakoIsrayeli. 12 Njalo
lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi; ngoba kalihambanga
ezimisweni zami, lezahlulelo zami kalizenzanga, kodwa
lenze njengokwezahlulelo zezizwe ezilihanqileyo.
13 Kwasekusithi ngisaprofetha, uPelatiya indodana
kaBhenaya wafa. Ngasengisithi mbo ngobuso bami
phansi, ngamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu ngathi: Hawu,
Nkosi Jehova, uzaqeda ngokupheleleyo yini insali
yakoIsrayeli? 14 Ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi futhi lisithi:
15 Ndodana yomuntu, abafowenu, abafowenu, abantu
bezihlobo zakho, layo yonke indlu yakoIsrayeli, yonke,
bayilabo abahlali beJerusalema abathi kubo: Sukani
khatshana leNkosi; lelilizwe linikwe thina ukuze libe yilifa.
16 Ngakho wothi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Lanxa
ngibase khatshana phakathi kwezizwe, njalo lanxa
ngibahlakaze phakathi kwamazwe, kanti ngizakuba
kubo yindawo engcwele encinyane emazweni abafika
kiwo. 17 Ngakho wothi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova:
Yebo, ngizaliqoqa ezizweni, ngilibuthe emazweni

engilihlakazele kiwo, ngilinike ilizwe lakoIsrayeli. **18** Njalo
bazafika kulo, basuse kulo zonke izinto ezinengekayo
zalo lawo wonke amanyala alo. **19** Njalo ngizabanika
inhliziyo eyodwa, ngifake umoya omutsha phakathi
kwenu, ngikhuphe inhliziyo yelitshe enyameni yabo,
ngibanike inhliziyo yenyama; **20** ukuze bahambe
ngezimiso zami, bagcine izahlulelo zami bazenze; njalo
bazakuba ngabantu bami, lami ngibe nguNkulunkulu
wabo. **21** Kodwa labo abanhliziyo yabo ihamba
ngokwenhliziyo yezinto zabo ezinengekayo lamanyala
abo, ngizakwehlisela indlela yabo phezu kwekhanda labo,
itsho iNkosi uJehova. **22** Amakherubhi asephakamisa
impiko zawo, lamavili eceleni kwawo; lenkazimulo
kaNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli yayiphezu kwawo ngaphezulu.
23 Lenkazimulo yeNkosi yenyuka isuka phakathi komuzi,
yema phezu kwentaba engasempumalanga komuzi.
24 UMoya wasengiphakamisa, wangisa ngombono
ngoMoya kaNkulunkulu eKhaladiya kubo abokuthunjwa.
Ngokunjalo umbono engangiwubonile wenyuka wasuka
kimi. **25** Ngasengikhuluma kubo abokuthunjwa wonke
amazwi eNkosi eyayingibonise wona.

12 Ilizwi leNkosi lafika futhi kimi lisithi: **2** Ndodana
yomuntu, uhlala phakathi kwendlu evukelayo,
abalamehlo okubona, kodwa bengaboni, balendlebe
zokuzwa, kodwa bengezwa; ngoba bayindlu evukelayo.
3 Ngakho, wena ndodana yomuntu, zenzele impahla
yokuthunjwa, usuke emini phambi kwamehlo abo, usuke
endaweni yakho uye kwenye indawo phambi kwamehlo
abo. Mhlawumbe bazabona lanxa beyindlu evukelayo. **4**
Ubusukhupha impahla yakho emini phambi kwamehlo
abo njengempahla yokuthunjwa; wena-ke uzaphuma
ntambama phambi kwamehlo abo njengabaphuma
besiya ekuthunjweni. **5** Uzibhobozele umduli phambi
kwamehlo abo, uyikhuphe kiwo. **6** Phambi kwamehlo
abo uzayithwala emahlombe, uyikhiphe emnyameni,
ugubuzele ubuso bakho ukuze ungaboni umhlabathi;
ngoba ngikubeke waba yisibonakaliso kuyo indlu
yakoIsrayeli. **7** Ngasengisenza ngokunjalo njengokulaywa
kwami: Ngakhupha impahla yami emini, njengempahla
yokuthunjwa; kwathi kusihlwa ngazibhobozela umduli
ngesandla, ngayikhupha emnyameni ngayithwala
emahlombe phambi kwamehlo abo. **8** Ekuseni
ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi lisithi: **9** Ndodana
yomuntu, kayitshongo yini kuwe indlu kaIsrayeli,
indlu evukelayo, ukuthi: Wenzani? **10** Tshono kubo:
Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Lo umthwalo umayelana
lesiphathamandla eJerusalema, layo yonke indlu
kaIsrayeli ephakathi kwabo. **11** Wothi: Ngiyisibonakaliso
senu; njengoba ngenzile, kuzakwenziwa njalo kubo,
bazakuya ekuthunjweni ngokuthunjwa. **12** Njalo
isiphathamandla esiphakathi kwabo sizayithwala
emahlombe emnyameni, siphume; bazabhoboza umduli
ukuze bakhuphe ngawo; sizagubuzela ubuso baso,
ukuze singaboni umhlabathi ngamehlo. **13** Njalo
ngizakwendlala imbule lami phezu kwaso, ukuthi
sibanjwe emgibeni wami; ngisilethe eBhabhiloni, ilizwe
lamaKhaladiya; kanti kasiyikulibona, loba sizafela khona.
14 Labo bonke abasihanqileyo ukuba lusizo lwaso
lalo lonke ibutho laso ngizabahlakazela kuwo wonke
umoya; ngihwatshe inkemba emva kwabo. **15** Khona
bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi nxa ngibahlakazela ezizweni,
ngibachithachithela emazweni. **16** Kodwa ngizatshiya
amadoda amalutshwana kubo asuke enkembeni,
endlaleni, lakumatshayabhuqe wesifo, ukuze balandise
ngawo wonke amanyala abo phakathi kwezizwe
abazafika kizo; njalo bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi.
17 Ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi futhi lisithi: **18** Ndodana
yomuntu, dlana isinkwa sakho ngokuqhaqhazela, unathe
amanzi akho ngokuthuthumela langokukhathazeka.
19 Ubususithi ebantwini belizwe: Itsho njalo iNkosi
uJehova ngabahlali beJerusalema, ngelizwe lakoIsrayeli:
Bazakudla isinkwa sabo ngokukhathazeka, banathe
amanzi abo ngokwesabisayo, ukuze ilizwe labo libe
lunxiwa ngokugcwala kwalo ngenxa yodlakela lwabo
bonke abahlala kilo. **20** Lemizi okuhlalwa kiyo izakuba
ngamanxiwa, lelizwe libe yinkangala; njalo lizakwazi
ukuthi ngiyiNkosi. **21** Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi
lisithi: **22** Ndodana yomuntu, kuyini lesisaga elilaso
elizweni lakoIsrayeli esithi: Insuku ziyelulwa, lawo wonke
umbono uyabhubha? **23** Ngakho batshele uthi: Itsho
njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngizakwenza lesisaga siphele,
njalo kabasayikusisebenzisa njengesaga koIsrayeli;
kodwa tshono kubo: Kusondele izinsuku lelizwi lawo
wonke umbono. **24** Ngoba kakusayikuba khona
lamunye umbono oyize, lokuvumisa okubutshelezi
phakathi kwendlu yakoIsrayeli. **25** Ngoba mina Nkosi
ngizakhuluma; ilizwi engizalikhuluma lizakwenzeka,
kalisayikuphuziswa; ngoba ezinsukwini zenu, lina ndlu
evukelayo, ngizakhuluma ilizwi, ngilenze, itsho iNkosi
uJehova. **26** Lafika futhi kimi ilizwi leNkosi lisithi: **27**
Ndodana yomuntu, khangela, abendlu yakoIsrayeli
bathi: Umbono awubonayo ungowensuku ezinengi, njalo
uprofetha ngezikhathi ezikhatshana. **28** Ngakho uthi
kubo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Kakusayikuphuziswa
lelilodwa lamazwi ami, kodwa ilizwi engizalikhuluma
lizakwenzeka, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

13 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi lisithi: **2**
Ndodana yomuntu, profetha umelene labaprofethi
bakoIsrayeli abaprofethayo, utsho kubo abaprofetha
okwenhliziyo yabo: Zwanini ilizwi leNkosi. **3** Itsho
njalo iNkosi uJehova: Maye kubaprofethi abayizithutha,
abalandela umoya wabo, abangabonanga lutho!
4 Israyeli, abaprofethi bakho banjengamakhanka
emanxiweni. **5** Kalenyukelanga ezikhexeni, kumbe libiyele
indlu kaIsrayeli uthango ukuze ime empini ngosuku
lweNkosi. **6** Babone okuyize, lokuvumisa kwamanga,
abathi: INkosi ithi; kanti iNkosi ingabathumanga;
bathemba ekuqinisweni kwelizwi. **7** Kalibonanga

yini umbono oyize njalo likhulume ukuvumisa
okungamanga yini? Kanti lithi: INkosi ithi; kodwa mina
ngingakhulumanga. 8 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova:
Ngoba likhulume okuyize, labona amanga, ngakho,
khangelani, ngimelene lani, itsho iNkosi uJehova. 9
Njalo isandla sami sizakuba phezu kwabaprofethi
ababona okuyize, labavumisa amanga; kabayikuba
senhlanganweni yabantu bami, futhi kabayikubhalwa
embhalweni wendlu yakoIsrayeli, futhi kabayikungena
elizweni lakoIsrayeli; njalo lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi
uJehova. 10 Ngoba, yebo ngoba beduhise abantu
bami, besithi: Ukuthula; khona kungelakuthula; kwathi
omunye wakha umduli ongaqinanga, khangela-ke,
abanye bawubhada ngodaka olungalunganga. 11
Tshono kulabo abawubhada ngekalaga ukuthi uzakuwa.
Kuzakuba khona izulu elikhukhulayo; lawe, matshe
amakhulu esiqhotho, uzakuwa, lomoya wesiphepho
uwuqhekeze. 12 Khangela-ke, nxa umduli usuwile,
kakuyikutshiwo yini kini ukuthi: Lungaphi udaka elalibhade
ngalo? 13 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova:
Ngizawuqhekeza ngomoya wesiphepho ekuthukutheleni
kwami, kube khona izulu elikhukhulayo ngolaka lwami,
lamatshe esiqhotho ngentukuthelo yami ukuwuqeda. 14
Ngokunjalo ngizadiliza umduli eliwubhade ngekalaga,
ngiwuwisele emhlabathini, ukuze kwembuleke isisekelo
sawo, uwe; njalo lizaqedwa phakathi kwawo; njalo
lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi. 15 Ngokunjalo ngizaphelelisa
ulaka lwami emdulini laphezu kwalabo abawubhade
ngekalaga, besengisithi kini: Umduli kawusekho, lalabo
abawubhadayo kabakho; 16 okutsho abaprofethi
bakoIsrayeli abaprofetha ngeJerusalema, labayibonela
umbono wokuthula, kanti kungelakuthula, itsho iNkosi
uJehova. 17 Wena-ke ndodana yomuntu, misa
ubuso bakho bumelene lamadodakazi abantu bakho,
abaprofetha okuvela enhliziyweni yabo, uprofethe
umelene labo. 18 Ubususithi: Itsho njalo iNkosi
uJehova: Maye kwabesifazana abathungela izigqizo
kuzo zonke izihlakala, abenza izimbombozo ezinde
phezu kwekhanda labo bonke ubude, ukuze bazingele
imiphefumulo! Lizazingela imiphefumulo yabantu bami
yini, njalo lizazigcinela imiphefumulo iphila yini? 19
Futhi lizangingcolisa yini phakathi kwabantu bami
ngenxa yezandla ezigcwele ibhali, langenxa yezincezu
zezinkwa, ukuthi libulale imiphefumulo ebingayikufa,
lokuthi ligcine iphila imiphefumulo ebingayikuphila,
ngokuqamba amanga kwenu ebantwini bami abalalela
amanga? 20 Ngalokho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova:
Khangelani, ngimelene lezigqizo zenu, elizingela ngazo
lapho imiphefumulo liyenza iphaphe; ngizaziqamula
engalweni zenu, ngiyekele imiphefumulo ihambe,
ngitsho imiphefumulo eliyizingelayo liyenza iphaphe. 21
Lezimbombozo zenu ezinde ngizazidabula, ngophule
abantu bami esandleni senu, ukuthi bengasayikuba
sesandleni senu ukuba yimpango; njalo lizakwazi ukuthi
ngiyiNkosi. 22 Ngoba lidanisile inhliziyo yolungileyo
ngamanga, engingamdabukisanga mina, langoba laqinisa
izandla zomubi ukuze angaphenduki endleleni yakhe
embi, ukumgcina ephila. 23 Ngakho kalisayikubona
okuyize njalo kaliyikuvumisa okuvunyiswayo; ngoba
ngizakophula abantu bami esandleni senu; beselisazi
ukuthi ngiyiNkosi.

14 Kwasekufika kimi abanye babadala bakoIsrayeli,
bahlala phambi kwami. 2 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika
kimi lisithi: 3 Ndodana yomuntu, lamadoda amise
izithombe zawo enhliziyweni yawo, abeka isikhubekiso
sesiphambeko sawo phambi kobuso bawo: Ngingabuzwa
yiwo ngeqiniso yini? 4 Ngakho khuluma lawo, uthi
kuwo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Wonke umuntu
wendlu kaIsrayeli omisa izithombe zakhe enhliziyweni
yakhe, abeke isikhubekiso sesiphambeko sakhe phambi
kobuso bakhe, abesesiza kumprofethi, mina iNkosi
ngizamphendula njengobunengi bezithombe zakhe;
5 ukuze ngibambe indlu kaIsrayeli ngenhliziyo yabo,
ngoba bonke bazenze abemzini kimi ngezithombe
zabo. 6 Ngakho tshono kuyo indlu kaIsrayeli: Itsho
njalo iNkosi uJehova: Phendukani, lifulathele izithombe
zenu, lifulathelise ubuso benu kuzo zonke izinengiso
zenu. 7 Ngoba ngulowo lalowo wendlu kaIsrayeli,
kumbe owezizweni ohlala koIsrayeli njengowezizwe
ozehlukanisa ekungilandeleni, amise izithombe zakhe
enhliziyweni yakhe, abeke isikhubekiso sobubi bakhe
phambi kobuso bakhe, eze kumprofethi ukubuza
kuye ngami; mina Nkosi ngizamphendula ngokwami.
8 Ngizamisa ubuso bami ngimelane lalowomuntu,
ngimenze abe yisibonakaliso lezaga, ngimqume
asuke phakathi kwabantu bami; lizakwazi-ke ukuthi
ngiyiNkosi. 9 Futhi uba umprofethi ekhohliseka, nxa
ekhulume ilizwi, mina Nkosi ngimkhohlisile lowomprofethi;
njalo ngizakwelulela isandla sami phezu kwakhe,
ngimbhubhise asuke phakathi kwabantu bami uIsrayeli.
10 Njalo bazathwala icala labo. Njengecala lobuzayo
lizakuba njalo icala lomprofethi; 11 ukuze indlu kaIsrayeli
ingabe isaphambuka ekungilandeleni, futhi ingabuyi
izingcolise ngeziphambeko zabo zonke, kodwa ukuthi
babe ngabantu bami, lami ngibe nguNkulunkulu wabo,
itsho iNkosi uJehova. 12 Ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi
futhi lisithi: 13 Ndodana yomuntu, lapho ilizwe lisona
kimi ngokuphambeka okukhulu, ngizakwelulela isandla
sami phezu kwalo, ngephule udondolo lwesinkwa
salo, ngithume indlala kulo, ngiqume kulo umuntu
lenyamazana; 14 lanxa lamadoda amathathu, oNowa,
uDaniyeli, loJobe, ayephakathi kwalo, wona ayezakhulula
umphefumulo wawo wodwa ngokulunga kwawo, itsho
iNkosi uJehova. 15 Uba ngidabulisa izilo ezimbi
elizweni, zenze lifelwe ngabantwana, lize libe lunxiwa,
kuze kungabi khona odlulayo ngenxa yezilo, 16
loba lamadoda amathathu abephakathi kwalo, kuphila
kwami, itsho iNkosi uJehova, abengayikukhululula

amadodana kumbe amadodakazi; wona wodwa
abezakhululwa, kodwa ilizwe libe lunxiwa. 17 Kumbe
uba ngisehlisela inkemba phezu kwalelolizwe ngithi:
Nkemba, dabula phakathi kwelizwe, ukuze ngiqume
ngisuse kulo umuntu lenyamazana; 18 loba lamadoda
amathathu abephakathi kwalo, kuphila kwami, itsho
iNkosi uJehova, abengayikukhulula amadodana kumbe
amadodakazi, kodwa wona wodwa abezakhululwa.
19 Kumbe uba ngithumela umatshayabhuqe wesifo
kulelolizwe, ngithululele ukuthukuthela kwami phezu
kwalo ngegazi, ukuze ngiqume ngisuse kulo umuntu
lenyamazana; 20 loba oNowa, uDaniyeli, loJobe
bebephakathi kwalo, kuphila kwami, itsho iNkosi
uJehova, bebengayikukhulula indodana loba indodakazi;
bona bebezakhulula umphefumulo wabo wodwa
ngokulunga kwabo. 21 Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi
uJehova: Kakhulu kangakanani lapho ngithuma izahlulelo
zami ezine ezimbi phezu kweJerusalema, inkemba,
lendlala, lesilo esibi, lomatshayabhuqe wesifo, ukuze
ngiqume ngisuse kiyo umuntu lenyamazana. 22 Kodwa
khangela, kuzasala kiyo abaphephileyo abazakhutshwa,
amadodana lamadodakazi; khangela, bazaphuma besiza
kini, libone indlela yabo lezenzo zabo; njalo lizaduduzwa
mayelana lokubi engikulethe phezu kweJerusalema,
mayelana lakho konke engikulethe phezu kwayo. 23
Ngokunjalo bazaliduduza nxa libona indlela yabo lezenzo
zabo; njalo lizakwazi ukuthi kangikwenzanga ngaphandle
kwesizatho, konke engikwenzileyo phakathi kwayo, itsho
iNkosi uJehova.

15 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi lisithi: 2 Ndodana
yomuntu, isihlahla sevini siyini ngaphezu kwaso
sonke isihlahla, kumbe ugatsha oluphakathi kwezihlahla
zegusu? 3 Kuzathathwa kiso isigodo yini ukwenza
umsebenzi? Bangathatha kiso isikhonkwane yini ukuthi
balengise lasiphi isitsha kiso? 4 Khangela, siyanikelwa
emlilweni sibe yikudla, umlilo uqede izihloko zaso
zombili, lokuphakathi kwaso kutshiswe. Siselosizo
kuwo umsebenzi yini? 5 Khangela, lapho sisaphelele,
asenziwanga sibe ngumsebenzi; kuncane kangakanani
lapho umlilo ususiqedile sesitshile sisezakwenziwa
sibe ngumsebenzi! 6 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi
uJehova: Njengesihlahla sevini phakathi kwezihlahla
zegusu, engisinikele emlilweni sibe yikudla, ngokunjalo
ngizanikela abahlali beJerusalema. 7 Ngoba ngizamisa
ubuso bami bumelane labo; bazaphuma komunye umlilo
kuthi omunye umlilo ubaqede; njalo lizakwazi ukuthi
ngiyiNkosi, sengimise ubuso bami bamelana labo. 8
Njalo ngizakwenza ilizwe libe lunxiwa, ngoba benze
isiphambeko, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

16 Ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi futhi lisithi: 2 Ndodana
yomuntu, yenza iJerusalema yazi amanyala
ayo, 3 uthi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova kuyo
iJerusalema: Ukudabuka kwakho lokuzalwa kwakho
kungokwelizwe lamaKhanani; uyihlo wayengumAmori
lonyoko umHethi. 4 Mayelana lokuzalwa kwakho,
ngosuku owazalwa ngalo inkaba yakho kayiqunywanga,
njalo kawugeziswanga emanzini ukuthi uhlanjululwe,
kawugcotshwanga ngetshwayi ngitsho, kawugoqelwanga
ngamalembu ngitsho. 5 Kakulalihlo elakuhawukelayo,
ukuthi lenze yiloba yikuphi kwalezizinto kuwe, ukuthi
likuhawukele. Kodwa waphoselwa ebusweni bendle,
ekunengekeni kobuntu bakho, ngosuku owazalwa ngalo.
6 Kwathi ngisedlula kuwe ngikubona uqhatsha egazini
lakho, ngathi kuwe usegazini lakho: Phila; yebo ngathi
kuwe usegazini lakho: Phila. 7 Ngikwenzile waba
linani elikhulu, waba njengehlumela leganga, wanda,
wakhula, wafika emicecisweni emihle; amabele akho
abumbekile, lenwele zakho zakhula; kanti wawunqunu
uze. 8 Kwathi ngisedlula kuwe ngakubona, khangela-ke,
isikhathi sakho sasiyisikhathi sothando; ngasengisendlala
umphetho wesembatho sami phezu kwakho, ngembesa
ubunqunu bakho; yebo, ngafunga kuwe, ngangena
esivumelwaneni lawe, itsho iNkosi uJehova, wasusiba
ngowami. 9 Ngasengikugezisa ngamanzi, ngahlambulula
igazi lakho elinengi kuwe, ngakugcoba ngamafutha.
10 Ngakugqokisa ilembu elifekethisiweyo, ngakufaka
amanyathela ezikhumba zikamantswane, ngakubhincisa
ilembu elicolekileyo kakhulu, ngakwembesa ngesilika. 11
Ngakucecisa ngeziceciso, ngafaka amasongo ezandleni
zakho, leketane entanyeni yakho. 12 Ngafaka isongo
emakhaleni akho, lamacici ezindlebeni zakho, lomqhele
omuhle ekhanda lakho. 13 Ngokunjalo waceciswa
ngegolide lesiliva, lesembatho sakho sasingeselembu
elicolekileyo kakhulu, lesilika, lelembu elifekethisiweyo;
wadla impuphu ecolekileyo, loluju, lamafutha; waba
muhle kakhulukazi, waphumelela waba ngumbuso. 14
Lodumo lwakho lwaphumela ezizweni ngobuhle bakho,
ngoba babuphelele ngenkazimulo yami, engayibeka
phezu kwakho, itsho iNkosi uJehova. 15 Kodwa
wathembela ebuhleni bakho, wawula ngenxa yebizo
lakho, wathululela ukuwula kwakho kuye wonke
odlulayo, kwaba ngokwakhe. 16 Wathatha ezembathweni
zakho, wazenzela indawo eziphakemeyo ngemibala,
wawulela phezu kwazo; izinto ezinje kaziyikuza, njalo
kakuyikwenzeka. 17 Wathatha futhi izitsha zakho
ezinhle egolideni lami lesiliveni sami engangikunike
khona, wazenzela izithombe zabesilisa, wawula
lazo. 18 Wathatha izembatho zakho ezifekethisiweyo,
wazisibekela; wabeka amafutha ami lempepha yami
phambi kwazo. 19 Lokudla kwami engakunika khona,
impuphu ecolekileyo lamafutha loluju engangikondla
ngakho, wakubeka phambi kwazo kwaba liphunga
elimnandi; kwaba njalo, itsho iNkosi uJehova. 20
Wasuthatha amadodana akho lamadodakazi akho,
owawungizalele wona, wawahlabela zona ukuze
adliwe. Ukuphinga kwakho kwakukuncinyane yini,
21 ukuze ubulale abantwana bami, ubanikela ukuba

ubadabuliseemlilweni kuzo? **22** Lakuwo wonke
amanyala akho lokuwula kwakho kawukhumbulanga
insuku zobutsha bakho, lapho wawunqunu uze,
uqhatsha egazini lakho. **23** Kwasekusithi emva kwayo
yonke inkohlakalo yakho (maye, maye kuwe! itsho
iNkosi uJehova), **24** wazakhela idundulu, wazenzela
indawo ephakemeyo kuso sonke isitalada. **25**
Kuyo yonke inhloko yendlela wakhile indawo yakho
ephakemeyo, wenza ubuhle bakho banengeka, wavulela
bonke abedlulayo izinyawo zakho, wandisa ukuwula
kwakho. **26** Njalo waphinga labantwana bamaGibhithe,
omakhelwane bakho, abakhulu ngenyama, wandisa
ukuwula kwakho, ukuze ungithukuthelise. **27** Ngakho,
khangela, ngelulele isandla sami phezu kwakho,
nganciphisa isabelo sakho esimisiweyo, ngakunikela
entandweni yabakuzondayo, amadodakazi amaFilisti,
alenhloni ngendlela yakho embi. **28** Uwulile futhi
labantwana bamaAsiriya ngoba ungasuthiseki; yebo,
uwulile lawo, kube kanti kawusuthisekanga. **29** Wandisa
futhi ukuwula kwakho elizweni leKanani kuze kube
seKhaladiya; kodwa langalokhu kawusuthisekanga.
30 Ibuthakathaka kangakanani inhliziyo yakho, itsho
iNkosi uJehova, ekwenzeni kwakho zonke lezizinto,
umsebenzi wowesifazana ophingayo, obusayo, **31**
ekwakheni kwakho idundulu lakho enhlokweni yayo
yonke indlela, wenza indawo yakho ephakemeyo kuso
sonke isitalada, kanti kawubanga njengewule ngoba
wadelela iholo lewule. **32** Umfazi ofebayo, endaweni
yendoda yakhe uthatha abemzini! **33** Bapha isipho kuwo
wonke amawule. Kodwa wena unika isipho sakho kuzo
zonke izithandwa zakho, uzithenga ukuze zize kuwe
enhlangothini zonke ngokuwula kwakho. **34** Ngakho
kuwe kulokuphambene labesifazana ekuwuleni kwakho,
ngoba kakho olandela wena ukuyawula; lekunikeni
kwakho iholo lewule, njalo unganikwanga iholo lewule,
ngakho usube ngophambeneyo. **35** Ngakho, wena
wule, zwana ilizwi leNkosi. **36** Itsho njalo iNkosi
uJehova: Ngoba ukuwula kwakho kuthululiwe, lobunqunu
bakho bembulwa ngokuwula kwakho lezithandwa zakho,
langazo zonke izithombe zezinengiso zakho, langegazi
labantwana bakho owazinika bona. **37** Ngakho, khangela,
ngizaqoqa zonke izithandwa zakho obuthokoza lazo,
lazo zonke obuzithanda kanye lazo zonke obuzizonda;
ngiziqoqe zimelane lawe zivela enhlangothini zonke,
ngembule ubunqunu bakho kuzo ukuze zibone bonke
ubunqunu bakho. **38** Njalo ngizakugweba ngezahlulelo
zabesifazana abafebayo labachithi begazi, ngikuphe
igazi lentukuthelo lobukhwele. **39** Ngizakunikela futhi
esandleni sazo, ziwisele phansi idundulu lakho, zidilize
indawo zakho eziphakemeyo, zikuhlubule izigqoko
zakho, zithathe izinto zakho ezinhle, zikutshiye unqunu
uze. **40** Zikwenyuselele ixuku, zikukhande ngamatshe,
zikugwaze ngezinkemba zazo. **41** Zitshise izindlu
zakho ngomlilo, zenze izahlulelo phezu kwakho phambi
kwamehlo abesifazana abanengi. Njalo ngizakwenza
uyekele ekubeni liwule, njalo kawusayikupha iholo lewule
futhi. **42** Ngokunjalo ngizakwenza ukukuthukuthelela
kwami kuphumule, lobukhwele bami busuke kuwe;
njalo ngizathula, ngingabe ngisathukuthela. **43** Ngenxa
yokuthi ungakhumbulanga insuku zobutsha bakho, kodwa
ungithukuthelisile ngazo zonke lezizinto, khangela, mina-
ke ngizakwehlisela futhi indlela yakho phezu kwekhanda
lakho, itsho iNkosi uJehova. Njalo kawuyikwenza lobububi
phezu kwazo zonke izinengiso zakho. **44** Khangela,
wonke osebenzisa izaga uzasebenzisa isaga ngawe
esithi: Njengonina injalo indodakazi yakhe. **45** Wena
uyindodakazi kanyoko, owayesenyanya indoda yakhe
labantwana bakhe; lawe ungudade wabodadewenu,
ababesenyanya amadoda abo labantwana babo; unyoko
wayengumHethi loyihlo umAmori. **46** Lodadewenu
omdala yiSamariya, yena lamadodakazi akhe abahlala
ngakwesokhohlo sakho; lodadewenu omncane kuwe,
ohlala ngakwesokunene sakho, yiSodoma lamadodakazi
ayo. **47** Kanti kawuhambanga ngezindlela zabo,
wenze njengokwezinengiso zabo; kwakunjengento
encinyane enengekayo; kodwa wonakala kulabo kuzo
zonke izindlela zakho. **48** Kuphila kwami, itsho iNkosi
uJehova, isibili iSodoma udadewenu kayenzanga,
yona lamadodakazi ayo, njengokwenza kwakho, wena
lamadodakazi akho. **49** Khangela, lesi sasiyisiphambeko
seSodoma udadewenu: Ukuzigqaja, ukusutha isinkwa,
lokuchelesa okulokuthula kwakukuyo lakumadodana
ayo, kodwa kaqinisanga isandla sabayanga labaswelayo.
50 Babeziphakamisa, benza isinengiso phambi kwami;
ngakho ngabasusa njengokubona kwami. **51** Futhi
iSamariya kayonanga ngengxenye yezono zakho; kodwa
wena wandisile izinengiso zakho kulabo, walungisisa
odadewenu ngezinengiso zakho zonke ozenzileyo. **52**
Lawe, thwala ihlazo lakho, wena owahlulele odadewenu,
ngezono zakho ozenzileyo ngokunengeka okwedlula
bona; balungile kulawe. Ngakho lawe woba lenhloni,
uthwale ihlazo lakho, ngoba ubalungisisile odadewenu.
53 Lapho ngizabuyisa abathunjiweyo babo, abathunjwa
beSodoma lamadodakazi ayo, labathunjwa beSamariya
lamadodakazi ayo, khona ngizabuyisa ukuthunjwa
kwabathunjwa bakho phakathi kwabo. **54** Ukuze uthwale
ihlazo lakho, ube lenhloni ngakho konke okwenzileyo
ekubaduduzeni kwakho. **55** Lapho odadewenu
iSodoma lamadodakazi ayo bezabuyela esimeni sabo
sakuqala, leSamariya lamadodakazi ayo babuyele
esimeni sabo sakuqala, lawe lamadodakazi akho
lizabuyela esimeni senu sakuqala. **56** Ngoba iSodoma
udadewenu kayibanga semlonyeni wakho njengombiko
ngosuku lokuzigqaja kwakho, **57** bungakembulwa ububi
bakho, ngesikhathi sehlazo lamadodakazi eSiriya, labo
bonke abayizingelezeleyo, amadodakazi amaFilisti,
abakweyisayo inhlangothi zonke. **58** Wena uthwele
amacebo akho amabi lezinengiso zakho, itsho iNkosi. **59**

Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngizakwenza lakuwe
njengokwenza kwakho, odelela isifungo ngokwephula
isivumelwano. 60 Kube kanti mina ngizakhumbula
isivumelwano sami lawe ensukwini zobutsha bakho,
ngimise lawe isivumelwano esilaphakade. 61 Khona
uzakhumbula izindlela zakho, ube lenhloni, lapho
usemukela odadewenu, omdala kuwe lomncinyane
kuwe; ngoba ngizakunika bona babe ngamadodakazi,
kodwa kungabi ngesivumelwano sakho. 62 Njalo
mina ngizamisa isivumelwano sami lawe, uzakwazi-ke
ukuthi ngiyiNkosi. 63 Ukuze ukhumbule, ube lenhloni,
ungabe usavula umlomo wakho ngenxa yehlazo lakho,
lapho sengikwenzele inhlawulo yokuthula ngakho konke
okwenzileyo, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

17 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi lisithi: 2 Ndodana
yomuntu, yenza ilibho, ukhulume ngomfanekiso
kuyo indlu yakoIsrayeli, 3 uthi: Itsho njalo iNkosi
uJehova: Ukhozi olukhulu, olukhulu ngempiko, olude
ngezimpaphe, olugcwele insiba, olulemibalabala, lweza
eLebhanoni, lwathatha isihloko somsedari, 4 lwaqunta
isihloko sezingatshana zawo ezintsha, lwasisa elizweni
lokuthengiselana, lwasibeka emzini wabathengisi. 5
Lwaseluthatha okwenhlanyelo yalelolizwe, lwayifaka
ensimini yenhlanyelo, lwayibeka ngasemanzini amanengi,
lwayibeka njengomyezane. 6 Yasihluma, yaba livini
elinabayo, elifitshane ngesithombo, ongatsha zalo
zaphendukela kulo, lempande zalo zaba ngaphansi
kwalo. Ngokunjalo laba livini, laveza ingatsha, lakhupha
amahlumela. 7 Kwasekusiba khona olunye ukhozi
olukhulu, olukhulu ngempiko, lwande ngensiba.
Khangela-ke, lelivini latshekisela impande zalo ngakulo,
lakhuphela ingatsha zalo ngakulo, ukuze lulithelele
ngemigelo yendawo yalo ehlanyelweyo. 8 Lalihlanyelwe
ensimini enhle ngasemanzini amanengi ukuthi liveze
ingatsha, lokuthi lithele isithelo, libe livini elihlekazi. 9
Wothi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Lizaphumelela yini?
Kaluyikusiphuna yini impande zalo, luqume izithelo
zalo, libune? Lizabuna kuwo wonke amahlamvu alo
amatsha okumila kwalo, kungengengalo enkulu labantu
abanengi, ukulisiphuna ngempande zalo. 10 Yebo,
khangela, selihlanyelwe lizaphumelela yini? Kaliyikubuna
ngokupheleleyo yini nxa umoya wempumalanga
ulitshaya? Lizabunela ensimini yokumila kwalo. 11
Laselifika ilizwi leNkosi kimi lisithi: 12 Tshono khathesi
kuyo indlu evukelayo: Kalazi yini ukuthi lezizinto
ziyini? Uthi: Khangela, inkosi yeBhabhiloni yafika
eJerusalema, yathatha inkosi yayo leziphathamandla
zayo, yabaletha ngakuyo eBhabhiloni. 13 Yathatha
owenzalo yesikhosini, yenza isivumelwano laye,
yamngenisa phansi kwesifungo; yathatha abalamandla
belizwe; 14 ukuze umbuso ube phansi, ungaziphakamisi,
ukuthi ngokulondoloza isivumelwano sakhe ume. 15
Kodwa wayivukela ngokuthuma izithunywa zakhe
eGibhithe, ukuze bamnike amabhiza labantu abanengi.
Uzaphumelela yini? Owenza lezizinto uzaphepha
yini? Kumbe angasephula isivumelwano aphephe
yini? 16 Kuphila kwami, itsho iNkosi uJehova, isibili
endaweni yenkosi, embeka ukuthi abe yinkosi, osifungo
sayo wasidelela, losivumelwano sayo wasephula,
uzakufa layo phakathi kweBhabhiloni. 17 Njalo uFaro,
lebutho elilamandla lexuku elikhulu, kayikumsiza empini
ngokubuthelela idundulu langokwakha inqaba, ukuquma
abantu abanengi. 18 Ngoba edelele isifungo ngokwephula
isivumelwano, lapho, khangela, esenikele isandla
sakhe, wazenza zonke lezizinto, kayikuphunyuka.
19 Ngakho, itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Kuphila
kwami, isibili, isifungo sami asideleleyo, lesivumelwano
sami asephulileyo, ngizakwehlisela phezu kwekhanda
lakhe. 20 Ngizakwendlala imbule lami phezu kwakhe,
ukuthi abanjwe emjibileni wami, ngimlethe eBhabhiloni,
ngimahlulele khonangesiphambeko sakhe aphambeke
ngaso kimi. 21 Labo bonke ababalekayo bakhe kanye
lawo wonke amaviyo akhe bazakuwa ngenkemba,
labaseleyo bazahlakazekela kuwo wonke umoya.
Lizakwazi-ke ukuthi mina iNkosi ngikhulumile. 22 Itsho
njalo iNkosi uJehova: Lami ngizathatha esihlokweni
somsedari omude, ngikumise. Ngizaqunta kuso isihloko
sengatshana zawo ezintsha olubuthakathaka, mina
ngiluhlanyele phezu kwentaba ende lephakemeyo. 23
Entabeni yengqonga yakoIsrayeli ngizaluhlanyela; njalo
luzakhupha ingatsha, luthele isithelo, lube ngumsedari
omhlekazi; langaphansi kwawo kuzahlala yonke inyoni
yophiko lonke; emthunzini wengatsha zawo zizahlala. 24
Ngokunjalo zonke izihlahla zeganga zizakwazi ukuthi
mina iNkosi ngithobisile isihlahla eside, ngaphakamisa
isihlahla esifitshane, ngomisa isihlahla esiluhlaza, ngenza
isihlahla esomileyo sihlume. Mina Nkosi ngikhulumile,
ngakwenza.

18 Ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi futhi lisithi: 2 Litshoni,
ukuthi lisebenzise lesisaga ngelizwe lakoIsrayeli,
lisithi: Oyise badlile izithelo zevini ezimunyu, lamazinyo
abantwana asetshelela? 3 Kuphila kwami, itsho iNkosi
uJehova, isibili kakusayikuba kini ukusebenzisa lesisaga
koIsrayeli. 4 Khangela, yonke imiphefumulo ngeyami;
njengomphefumulo kayise, unjalo lomphefumulo
wendodana, kungokwami. Umphefumulo owonayo,
wona uzakufa. 5 Kodwa uba umuntu elungile, enze
ukwahlulela lokulunga, 6 engadleli phezu kwezintaba,
engaphakamiseli amehlo akhe ezithombeni zendlu
yakoIsrayeli, engangcolisi umfazi kamakhelwane wakhe,
engasondeli kowesifazana osemfuleni, 7 engacindezeli
muntu, ebuyisela kowebolekayo isibambiso sakhe,
engaphangi impango, enika olambileyo isinkwa sakhe,
esembesa oze ngesembatho, 8 enganiki ngenzuzo,
engathathi okwengezelelweyo, ebuyisa isandla sakhe
esiphambekweni, esenza isahlulelo esiqinisileyo phakathi

komuntu lomuntu, 9 ehamba ngezimiso zami, egcina
izahlulelo zami, ukwenza iqiniso; yena uqondile,
uzaphila isibili, itsho iNkosi uJehova. 10 Uba ezala
indodana engumphangi, umchithi wegazi, lowenza
okufanana lokunye kwalezizinto, 11 longenzi zonke
lezozinto, kodwa ngitsho edlela phezu kwezintaba,
engcolisa umfazi womakhelwane wakhe, 12 ecindezela
umyanga loswelayo, ephanga impango, engabuyiselanga
isibambiso, ephakamisele amehlo akhe ezithombeni,
enze okunengekayo, 13 enika ngenzuzo, athathe
ngokwengezelelweyo, uzaphila yini? Kayikuphila; wenze
zonke lezizinengiso; uzakufa lokufa, amacala akhe
egazi azakuba phezu kwakhe. 14 Khangela-ke, uzala
indodana ebona zonke izono zikayise azenzileyo, ibona,
ingenzi njengalezizinto, 15 ingadleli phezu kwezintaba,
ingaphakamiseli amehlo ayo ezithombeni zendlu
yakoIsrayeli, ingangcolisi umfazi womakhelwane wayo,
16 ingacindezeli muntu, ingagodli isibambiso, ingaphangi
impango, isipha olambileyo isinkwa sayo, yembese oze
ngesembatho, 17 isuse isandla sayo kongumyanga,
ingemukeli inzuzo lokwengezelelweyo, isenza izahlulelo
zami, ihambe ngezimiso zami, yona kayiyikufela
isiphambeko sikayise, izaphila isibili. 18 Uyise,
ngoba ecindezele ngocindezelo, waphanga impango
kumfowabo, wenza okungalunganga phakathi kwabantu
bakibo, khangela-ke, uzafela ebubini bakhe. 19 Kanti
lithi: Kungani indodana ingathwali isiphambeko sikayise?
Nxa indodana yenzile isahlulelo lokulunga, igcinile zonke
izimiso zami, yazenza, izaphila isibili. 20 Umphefumulo
owonayo, wona uzakufa. Indodana kayiyikuthwala
isiphambeko sikayise, loyise kayikuthwala isiphambeko
sendodana. Ukulunga kolungileyo kuzakuba phezu
kwakhe, lenkohlakalo yokhohlakeleyo izakuba phezu
kwakhe. 21 Kodwa uba omubi ephenduka ezonweni
zakhe zonke azenzileyo, agcine zonke izimiso zami,
enze isahlulelo lokulunga, uzaphila isibili, kayikufa. 22
Iziphambeko zakhe zonke azenzileyo kaziyikukhunjulelwa
kuye; ekulungeni kwakhe akwenzileyo, uzaphila. 23
Ngiyathokoza lokuthokoza ngokufa kokhohlakeleyo
yini? itsho iNkosi uJehova; kakusikuthi aphenduke
ezindleleni zakhe, aphile yini? 24 Kodwa nxa olungileyo
ephenduka ekulungeni kwakhe, esenza isiphambeko,
enze njengokwezinengiso zonke azenzayo omubi,
uzaphila yini? Ukulunga kwakhe konke akwenzileyo
kakuyikukhunjulwa; esiphambekweni sakhe aphambeke
ngaso, lesonweni sakhe asonileyo, uzafela kikho. 25
Kanti lithi: Indlela yeNkosi kayilingani. Zwanini-ke, lina
ndlu kaIsrayeli; indlela yami kayilingani yini? Kayisizo
yini izindlela zenu ezingalinganiyo? 26 Lapho olungileyo
ephenduka ekulungeni kwakhe, enze iziphambeko,
afele kuzo, eziphambekweni azenzileyo uzakufa. 27
Futhi nxa omubi ephenduka ebubini bakhe abenzileyo,
enze isahlulelo lokulunga, yena uzagcina umphefumulo
wakhe uphila. 28 Ngoba ebona, ephenduka kuzo
zonke iziphambeko zakhe azenzileyo, uzaphila isibili,
kayikufa. 29 Kanti indlu kaIsrayeli ithi: Indlela yeNkosi
kayilingani. Wena ndlu kaIsrayeli, indlela zami kazilingani
yini? Kayisizo yini indlela zenu ezingalinganiyo? 30
Ngakho ngizalahlulela, lina ndlu kaIsrayeli, ngulowo
lalowo njengokwendlela zakhe, itsho iNkosi uJehova.
Phendukani, libuye lisuke eziphambekweni zenu zonke;
ukuze ububi bungabi yisikhubekiso kini. 31 Lahlani
lisuse kini zonke iziphambeko zenu eliphambeke ngazo,
lizenzele inhliziyo entsha lomoya omutsha; ngoba
lizafelani, lina ndlu kaIsrayeli? 32 Ngoba kangithokozi
ngokufa kofayo, itsho iNkosi uJehova; ngakho phendukani
liphile.

19 Wena-ke, phakamisa isililo ngezikhulu zakoIsrayeli,
2 uthi: Uyini unyoko? Isilwanekazi; salala
phakathi kwezilwane, sakhulisa imidlwane yaso phakathi
kwezilwane ezintsha. 3 Sakhulisa omunye wemidlwane
yaso, waba libhongo, wafunda ukudabula impango, wadla
abantu. 4 Izizwe zasezisizwa ngawo, wabanjwa emgodini
wazo, zawusa elizweni leGibhithe ngamaketane. 5
Kwathi sibona ukuthi sesilindile, lokuthi ithemba laso
selibhubhile, sathatha omunye wemidlwane yaso,
sawenza waba libhongo. 6 Wahamba waya le lale
phakathi kwezilwane, waba libhongo, wafunda ukudabula
impango, wadla abantu. 7 Wazazi inqaba zabo, wachitha
imizi yabo; ilizwe laselisiba yinkangala, lokugcwala kwalo,
ngomsindo wokubhonga kwawo. 8 Izizwe zasezisima
zimelene lawo inhlangothi zonke zivela ezabelweni,
zendlala imbule lazo phezu kwawo; wabanjwa emgodini
wazo. 9 Zawufaka ekhejini ngamaketane, zawusa
enkosini yeBhabhiloni, zawuletha ezinqabeni, ukuze
ilizwi lawo lingabe lisezwakala phezu kwezintaba
zakoIsrayeli. 10 Unyoko unjengevini egazini lakho,
elihlanyelwe ngasemanzini; laba lezithelo ligcwele
izingatsha ngenxa yamanzi amanengi. 11 Lalilezinti
eziqinileyo ezaba zintonga zababusayo, njalo ubude balo
babuphakeme phakathi kwengatsha eziqatha, libonakala
ngobude balo ngokwanda kwengatsha zalo. 12 Kodwa
lasitshunwa ngokuthukuthela, laphoselwa emhlabathini,
lomoya wempumalanga womisa isithelo salo; izinti
zalo eziqinileyo zephuka zoma; umlilo waziqeda. 13
Khathesi selihlanyelwe enkangala, emhlabathini otshileyo
lowomileyo. 14 Umlilo usuphume oluthini lwezingatsha
zalo, waqeda isithelo salo, ukuze lingabi loluthi oluqinileyo
lube yintonga yokubusa. Lesi yisililo, njalo sizakuba
yisililo.

20 Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wesikhombisa,
ngenyanga yesihlanu, ngolwetshumi lwenyanga,
abathile babadala bakoIsrayeli beza ukuzabuza
iNkosi, bahlala phambi kwami. 2 Ilizwi leNkosi
laselifika kimi lisithi: 3 Ndodana yomuntu, khuluma
kubadala bakoIsrayeli, uthi kubo: Itsho njalo iNkosi
uJehova: Lize ukuzangibuza yini? Kuphila kwami,

isibili kangiyikubuzwa yini, itsho iNkosi uJehova. **4**
Uzabahlulela yini, uzabahlulela yini, ndodana yomuntu?
Bazise izinengiso zaboyise; **5** uthi kubo: Itsho njalo
iNkosi uJehova: Ngosuku engakhetha ngalo uIsrayeli,
ngaphakamisa isandla sami kunzalo yendlu kaJakobe,
ngazazisa kubo elizweni leGibhithe, lapho ngiphakamisa
isandla sami kibo, ngisithi: NgiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu
wenu. **6** Ngalolusuku ngaphakamisa isandla sami
kubo, ukuthi ngibakhuphe elizweni leGibhithe ngibase
elizweni engangibahlolele lona, eligeleza uchago loluju,
eliludumo lwawo wonke amazwe. **7** Ngasengisithi
kubo: Lahlani ngulowo lalowo izinengiso zamehlo akhe,
lingazingcolisi ngezithombe zeGibhithe: NgiyiNkosi
uNkulunkulu wenu. **8** Kodwa bangivukela, bengavumi
ukulalela kimi, kabalahlanga ngulowo lalowo izinengiso
zamehlo abo, kabatshiyanga izithombe zeGibhithe.
Ngasengisithi ngizathululela ukuthukuthela kwami phezu
kwabo, ukuze ngiphelelise ulaka lwami ngimelene labo
phakathi kwelizwe leGibhithe. **9** Kodwa ngakwenza
ngenxa yebizo lami, ukuze lingangcoliswa emehlweni
ezizwe, ababephakathi kwazo, engazazisa kubo phambi
kwamehlo azo, ukubakhupha elizweni leGibhithe. **10**
Ngakho ngabakhupha elizweni leGibhithe, ngabangenisa
enkangala. **11** Ngabanika izimiso zami, ngabazisa
izahlulelo zami, okuthi nxa umuntu ezenza, uzaphila
ngazo. **12** Ngabanika futhi amasabatha ami ukuze abe
yisibonakaliso phakathi kwami labo, ukuze bazi ukuthi
ngiyiNkosi ebangcwelisayo. **13** Kodwa indlu kaIsrayeli
yangivukela enkangala; kabahambanga ngezimiso zami,
badelela izahlulelo zami, okuthi nxa umuntu ezenza,
uzaphila ngazo; lamasabatha ami bawangcolisa kakhulu.
Ngasengisithi ngizathululela ukuthukuthela kwami
phezu kwabo enkangala, ukuze ngibaqede. **14** Kodwa
ngakwenza ngenxa yebizo lami, ukuze lingangcoliswa
emehlweni ezizwe, engabakhupha emehlweni azo. **15**
Futhi lami ngabaphakamisela isandla sami enkangala,
ukuthi kangiyikubaletha elizweni engangilinike bona,
eligeleza uchago loluju, eliludumo lwawo wonke amazwe;
16 ngoba badelela izahlulelo zami, kabahambanga
ngezimiso zami, kodwa bangcolisa amasabatha ami,
ngoba inhliziyo yabo yalandela izithombe zabo. **17** Lanxa
kunjalo ilihlo lami labahawukela ukuze ngingababhubhisi,
futhi kangibaqedanga enkangala. **18** Kodwa ngathi
kubantwana babo enkangala: Lingahambi ngezimiso
zaboyihlo, lingagcini izahlulelo zabo, lingazingcolisi
ngezithombe zabo. **19** NgiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu wenu;
hambani ngezimiso zami, ligcine izahlulelo zami, lizenze.
20 Lingcwelise amasabatha ami, abe yisibonakaliso
phakathi kwami lani, ukuze lazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi
uNkulunkulu wenu. **21** Kodwa abantwana bangivukela;
kabahambanga ngezimiso zami, kabagcinanga izahlulelo
zami ukuthi bazenze; okuthi nxa umuntu ezenza,
uzaphila ngazo; bawangcolisa amasabatha ami;
ngasengisithi ngizathululela intukuthelo yami phezu
kwabo, ukuthi ngiphelelise ulaka lwami ngimelene
labo enkangala. **22** Kodwa ngabuyisa isandla sami,
ngenza ngenxa yebizo lami, ukuze lingangcoliswa
phambi kwamehlo ezizwe, engangibakhuphe phambi
kwamehlo azo. **23** Mina ngabaphakamisela isandla
sami futhi enkangala, ukuthi ngizabahlakaza phakathi
kwezizwe, ngibasabalalisele emazweni; **24** ngoba
bengazenzanga izahlulelo zami, kodwa badelela
izimiso zami, bangcolisa amasabatha ami, lamehlo
abo alandela izithombe zaboyise. **25** Ngakho mina
ngabanika futhi izimiso ezazingalunganga, lezahlulelo
ababengeke baphile ngazo. **26** Ngasengibangcolisa
kuzo izipho zabo, ekudabuliseni kwaboemlilweni konke
okuvula isizalo, ukuze ngibachithe, ukuze bazi ukuthi
ngiyiNkosi. **27** Ngakho, ndodana yomuntu, khuluma
kuyo indlu yakoIsrayeli, uthi kubo: Itsho njalo iNkosi
uJehova: Lakulokhu oyihlo bangihlambazile, ngokuthi
baphambeke isiphambeko bemelene lami. **28** Lapho
sengibalethe elizweni, engaphakamisela isandla sami
ngalo ukuthi ngibanike lona, babona lonke uqaqa
oluphakemeyo, lazo zonke izihlahla eziqatha, bahlaba
khona imihlatshelo yabo, banikela khona isicunulo
somnikelo wabo, bafaka khona iphunga labo elimnandi,
bathulula khona iminikelo yabo yokunathwayo. **29**
Ngasengisithi kubo: Iyini indawo ephakemeyo eliya
kuyo? Lebizo layo lithiwa yiNdawo ePhakemeyo kuze
kube lamuhla. **30** Ngakho tshono kuyo indlu kaIsrayeli:
Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Lizazingcolisa ngendlela
yaboyihlo yini, liphinge lilandela izinengiso zabo?
31 Ngoba lapho linikela izipho zenu, lapho lisenza
amadodana enu adabule emlilweni, liyazingcolisa
ngezithombe zenu zonke kuze kube lamuhla. Mina-
ke ngizabuzwa yini na, wena ndlu kaIsrayeli? Kuphila
kwami, itsho iNkosi uJehova, isibili kangiyikubuzwa yini.
32 Lalokho okuvela engqondweni yenu kakuyikuba khona
ngitsho, elikutshoyo ukuthi: Sizakuba njengabezizwe,
njengensapho zamazwe, ukuthi sikhonze isigodo
lelitshe. **33** Kuphila kwami, itsho iNkosi uJehova,
isibili ngizabusa phezu kwenu ngesandla esilamandla
langengalo eyeluliweyo langolaka oluthululiweyo! **34**
Ngoba ngizalikhupha ebantwini, ngiliqoqe emazweni
elihlakazekele kuwo, ngesandla esilamandla langengalo
eyeluliweyo langolaka oluthululiweyo. **35** Njalo
ngizaliletha enkangala yabantu, ngizaphikisana lani
lapho ubuso ngobuso. **36** Njengalokhu ngaphikisana
laboyihlo enkangala yelizwe leGibhithe, ngokunjalo
ngizaphikisana lani, itsho iNkosi uJehova. **37** Njalo
ngizalidlulisa ngaphansi kwentonga, ngilingenise
kusibopho sesivumelwano. **38** Ngihlanze ngikhuphe
phakathi kwenu abavukeli lalabo abaphambeka
bemelene lami, ngibakhuphe elizweni lokuhlala kwabo
njengabezizwe, kodwa kabayikungena emhlabathini
wakoIsrayeli. Khona lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi. **39** Lina-
ke, ndlu kaIsrayeli, itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova, hambani

likhonze, ngulowo lalowo izithombe zakhe, langemva
kwalokho, uba lingangilaleli; kodwa lingangcolisi futhi
ibizo lami elingcwele ngezipho zenu langezithombe
zenu. 40 Ngoba entabeni yami engcwele, entabeni
yengqonga yakoIsrayeli, itsho iNkosi uJehova, lapho
izangikhonza indlu yonke yakoIsrayeli, bonke elizweni;
khona ngizabemukela, lakhona ngibize iminikelo
yenu, lezithelo zokuqala zeminikelo yenu, lazo zonke
izinto zenu ezingcwele. 41 Ngizalemukela ngephunga
elimnandi nxa ngilikhupha ebantwini, ngiliqoqe emazweni
ebelihlakazelwe kuwo; njalo ngizangcweliswa phakathi
kwenu phambi kwamehlo ezizwe. 42 Lizakwazi-ke
ukuthi ngiyiNkosi, lapho sengilingenise emhlabathini
wakoIsrayeli, elizweni engaliphakamisela isandla sami
ukulinika oyihlo. 43 Lapho-ke lizakhumbula izindlela
zenu lezenzo zenu zonke, elazingcolisa ngazo; njalo
lizazenyanya phambi kobuso benu ngenxa yazo
zonke izinto ezimbi elizenzileyo. 44 Beselisazi ukuthi
ngiyiNkosi, nxa ngenze kini ngenxa yebizo lami, hatshi
njengokwezindlela zenu ezimbi, kumbe njengokwezenzo
zenu zenkohlakalo, lina ndlu kaIsrayeli, itsho iNkosi
uJehova. 45 Ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi futhi lisithi: 46
Ndodana yomuntu, misa ubuso bakho ngasendleleni
yeningizimu, utshumayele ngaseningizimu, uprofethe
umelene legusu lensimu yeningizimu; 47 uthi kilo igusu
leningizimu: Zwana ilizwi leNkosi: Itsho njalo iNkosi
uJehova: Khangela, ngizaphemba umlilo phakathi
kwakho, njalo uzaqeda phakathi kwakho sonke isihlahla
esiluhlaza laso sonke isihlahla esomileyo; ilangabi
elivuthayo kaliyikucitshwa, kodwa kuzatshiswa ngalo
bonke ubuso kusukela eningizimu kuze kufike enyakatho.
48 Futhi yonke inyama izabona ukuthi mina Nkosi
ngiwuphembile, kawuyikucitshwa. 49 Ngasengisithi:
Hawu, Nkosi Jehova! Bathi ngami: Kakhulumi imifanekiso
yini?

21 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi lisithi: 2 Ndodana
yomuntu, misa ubuso bakho ngaseJerusalema,
utshumayele ngasezindaweni ezingcwele, uprofethe
umelane lelizwe lakoIsrayeli; 3 uthi elizweni lakoIsrayeli:
Itsho njalo iNkosi: Khangela, ngimelene lawe, njalo
ngizahwatsha inkemba yami esikhwameni sayo, ngiqume
ngisuse kuwe olungileyo lomubi. 4 Ngenxa yokuthi
ngizaquma ngisuse kuwe olungileyo lomubi, ngakho
inkemba yami izaphuma esikhwameni sayo iye
kuyo yonke inyama, kusukela eningizimu kuze kube
senyakatho; 5 ukuthi yonke inyama ikwazi ukuthi
mina Nkosi ngiyihwatshile inkemba yami esikhwameni
sayo; kayisayikubuyela futhi. 6 Wena-ke, ndodana
yomuntu, bubula ngokudabuka kokhalo, langokubaba
ububule phambi kwamehlo abo. 7 Kuzakuthi-ke
nxa besithi kuwe: Wena ububulelani? uzaphendula:
Ngenxa yombiko; ngoba uyeza; layo yonke inhliziyo
izancibilika, lazo zonke izandla zizakuba buthakathaka,
lawo wonke umoya udangale, lawo wonke amadolo
ageleze njengamanzi. Khangela kuyeza, kuzakwenzeka,
itsho iNkosi uJehova. 8 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi lisithi:
9 Ndodana yomuntu, profetha uthi: Itsho njalo iNkosi:
Wothi: Inkemba, inkemba iloliwe, futhi ilolongiwe. 10
Ilolelwe ukuthi ibulale lokubulala, yalolongelwa ukuthi ibe
lokuphazima; sizathokoza yini? Iyintonga yendodana
yami, idelela sonke isigodo. 11 Njalo uyinikele ukuthi
ilolongwe ukuze iphathwe ngesandla; le inkemba
iyalolwa njalo yona ilolongelwe ukuyinikela esandleni
sombulali. 12 Khala, uqhinqe isililo, ndodana yomuntu,
ngoba yona izakuba phezu kwabantu bami, izakuba
phezu kwazo zonke iziphathamandla zakoIsrayeli;
zizaphoselwa enkembeni kanye labantu bami; ngakho,
tshaya ethangazini lakho. 13 Ngoba kuyikuhlolwa, pho,
kuzakuba njani nxa intonga idelela? Kakuyikuba khona,
kutsho iNkosi uJehova. 14 Ngakho wena, ndodana
yomuntu, profetha, utshaye isandla esandleni, lenkemba
kayiphindwe okwesithathu; yinkemba yababuleweyo,
yinkemba yabakhulu ababuleweyo, ebahanqayo. 15
Ngimise umcijo wenkemba umelene lamasango abo
wonke, ukuze inhliziyo incibilike lezikhubekiso zande.
Hawu! Yenziwe ukuthi iphazime, ilolongwe ukuthi
ibulale. 16 Hamba ngendlela enye kumbe ngenye,
ngakwesokunene, umise ngakwesokhohlo, lapho ubuso
bakho obumiswe khona. 17 Lami-ke ngizatshaya isandla
sami esandleni sami, ngiphumuze intukuthelo yami. Mina
Nkosi ngikhulumile. 18 Ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi futhi lisithi:
19 Wena-ke, ndodana yomuntu, zimisele izindlela ezimbili,
ukuze inkemba yenkosi yeBhabhiloni ibuye; elizweni
linye zizaphuma zombili; njalo khetha indawo, uyikhethe
enhlokweni yendlela yomuzi. 20 Misa indlela, ukuze
inkemba ize eRabathi yabantwana bakoAmoni, lakoJuda
eJerusalema ebiyelweyo. 21 Ngoba inkosi yeBhabhiloni
yema kunina wendlela, enhlokweni yezindlela ezimbili,
ukuze ivumise ukuvumisa; ikhuhluze imitshoko, ibuze
izithombe, ikhangele esibindini. 22 Esandleni sakhe
sokunene kwakulokuvumisa ngeJerusalema, ukumisa
izinqama zokudiliza, ukuvula umlomo ekubulaleni,
ukuphakamisa ilizwi ngokumemeza, ukumisa izinqama
zokudiliza imelene lamasango, ukubuthelela idundulu,
ukwakha umduli wokuvimbezela. 23 Njalo kuzakuba
kubo njengokuvumisa kwamanga emehlweni abo, kubo
abafunge izifungo; kodwa izakhumbula isiphambeko,
ukuze babanjwe. 24 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi
uJehova: Ngoba lenze ububi benu bukhunjulwe,
ngokwembulwa kweziphambeko zenu, kuze kuthi
izono zenu zibonakale kuzo zonke izenzo zenu,
ngoba likhunjulwe, lizabanjwa ngesandla. 25 Wena-
ke, siphathamandla esingcolileyo esikhohlakeleyo
sakoIsrayeli, osuku lwaso selufikile, ngesikhathi sobubi
bokucina, 26 itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Susa iqhiye,
wethule umqhele; lokhu kakuyikuba yikho; phakamisa
ophansi, wehlisele phansi ophakemeyo. 27 Ngizakwenza

kube lunxiwa, unxiwa, unxiwa; lokhu kungabi kusaba
khona, kuze kufike lowo olelungelo, ngimnike khona. **28**
Wena-ke, ndodana yomuntu, profetha uthi: Itsho njalo
iNkosi uJehova ngabantwana bakoAmoni, lamayelana
lehlazo labo; wothi: Inkemba, inkemba ihwatshiwe,
ilolongelwe ukubulala, ukuze iqede, ukuze iphazime. **29**
Besakubonela okuyize, besakuvumisela amanga, ukuthi
bakubeke ezintanyeni zababuleweyo babakhohlakeleyo,
abasuku lwabo selufikile ngesikhathi sesiphambeko
sokucina. **30** Buyisela inkemba esikhwameni sayo.
Ngizakwahlulela endaweni owadalelwa kuyo, elizweni
lomdabuko wakho. **31** Njalo ngizathululela intukuthelo
yami phezu kwakho; ngivuthele ngimelene lawe ngomlilo
wolaka lwami; ngikunikele esandleni sabantu abalolunya,
abayizingcwethi zokuchitha. **32** Uzakuba yikudla komlilo;
igazi lakho libe phakathi kwelizwe; kawuyikukhunjulwa;
ngoba mina Nkosi ngikhulumile.

22 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi lisithi: **2** Wena-ke,
ndodana yomuntu, uzakwehlulela yini, wahlulele
umuzi wegazi? Yebo uzawazisa zonke izinengiso zawo.
3 Ubususithi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Umuzi ochitha
igazi phakathi kwawo, ukuze isikhathi sawo sifike,
wenze izithombe ezimelene lawo, ukuze uzingcolise.
4 Wena usulecala ngegazi olichithileyo, wazingcolisa
ngezithombe zakho ozenzileyo, wasondeza insuku
zakho, usufikile eminyakeni yakho. Ngalokho ngikwenzile
waba lihlazo ezizweni lenhlekisa kuwo wonke amazwe.
5 Abaseduze labakhatshana lawe bazakuhleka usulu,
wena ongcolileyo ngebizo, ogcwele isiphithiphithi. **6**
Khangela, iziphathamandla zakoIsrayeli zaziphakathi
kwakho, yileso laleso ngengalo yaso, ukuthi sichithe igazi.
7 Baphathe uyihlo lonyoko ngokweyisa kuwe; benze
ngocindezelo kowemzini phakathi kwakho; bacindezele
izintandane lomfelokazi kuwe. **8** Uzidelele izinto zami
ezingcwele, wangcolisa amasabatha ami. **9** Abantu
abahlebayo babekuwe ukuze bachithe igazi; badla
kuwe phezu kwezintaba; benza amanyala phakathi
kwakho. **10** Bembule ubunqunu baboyise phakathi
kwakho; bathobise kuwe owesifazana ongcoliswe yikuba
semfuleni. **11** Futhi omunye wenze amanyala lomfazi
kamakhelwane wakhe, lomunye wangcolisa umalokazana
wakhe ngokuhlazisayo, lomunye uthobise udadewabo
phakathi kwakho, indodakazi kayise. **12** Phakathi kwakho
bemukele izipho ukuze bachithe igazi; uyemukela inzalo
lokwengezelelweyo, uphangile umakhelwane wakho
ngocindezelo, wangikhohlwa, itsho iNkosi uJehova.
13 Khangela-ke ngitshayile isandla sami ngenzuzo
yakho embi oyenzileyo, langegazi lakho ebeliphakathi
kwakho. **14** Inhliziyo yakho izakuma yini, kumbe
izandla zakho ziqine, ensukwini engizaphathana lawe
kizo? Mina Nkosi ngikhulumile, njalo ngizakwenza.
15 Ngikuhlakaze phakathi kwezizwe, ngikusabalalise
phakathi kwamazwe, ngiqede ukungcola kwakho kuwe.
16 Njalo uzangcoliswa phakathi kwakho emehlweni
abezizwe; ubususazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi. **17** Ilizwi leNkosi
laselifika kimi lisithi: **18** Ndodana yomuntu, indlu kaIsrayeli
isibengamanyele kimi; bonke balithusi, lezenge, lensimbi,
lomnuso, phakathi kwesithando; bangamanyele esiliva.
19 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngoba lonke
selibengamanyele, ngakho khangelani, ngizalibuthelela
phakathi kweJerusalema. **20** Njengoba bebuthelela isiliva
lethusi lensimbi lomnuso lezenge phakathi kwesithando,
ukuze bafuthe umlilo phezu kwakho ukukuncibilikisa;
ngokunjalo ngizalibuthelela ekuthukutheleni kwami
lelakeni lwami, ngilitshiye, ngilincibilikise. **21** Yebo,
ngizalibuthelela, ngivuthele phezu kwenu emlilweni
wentukuthelo yami, beselincibilikiswa phakathi kwawo.
22 Njengesiliva sincibilikiswa phakathi kwesithando,
ngokunjalo lizancibilikiswa phakathi kwaso; njalo lizakwazi
ukuthi mina Nkosi ngithulule ulaka lwami phezu kwenu.
23 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi lisithi: **24** Ndodana
yomuntu, wothi kiyo: Wena uyilizwe elingahlanjululwanga,
lelinganethwanga ngosuku lwentukuthelo. **25** Ugobe
lwabaprofethi bayo phakathi kwayo lunjengesilwane
esibhongayo esidlithiza impango; bayidlile imiphefumulo,
bathatha inotho lezinto eziligugu, benza abafelokazi
baba banengi phakathi kwayo. **26** Abapristi bayo
baphathe umlayo wami ngodlakela, bangcolisa izinto
zami ezingcwele; kabenzanga mehluko phakathi
kokungcwele lokungcolileyo; kabazisanga umehluko
phakathi kokungcolileyo lokuhlambulukileyo; bafihla
amehlo abo kumasabatha ami; ngakho ngangcoliswa
phakathi kwabo. **27** Iziphathamandla zayo phakathi
kwayo zinjengezimpisi ezidlithiza impango, ukuthi zichithe
igazi, zibhubhise imiphefumulo, ukuze zizuze inzuzo
embi. **28** Labaprofethi bayo babacombe ngekalaga,
bebona okuyize, bebavumisa amanga, besithi: Itsho
njalo iNkosi uJehova; kanti iNkosi ingakhulumanga. **29**
Abantu belizwe bacindezele ngocindezelo, baphanga
impango, bacindezela umyanga loswelayo, bacindezela
owezizwe kungelakulunga. **30** Njalo ngadinga umuntu
phakathi kwabo ongabiya uthango, ame esikhexeni
phambi kwami emele ilizwe ukuze ngingalichithi, kodwa
kangimtholanga. **31** Ngakho ngithululele intukuthelo
yami phezu kwabo, ngibaqede ngomlilo wolaka lwami;
ngehlisele indlela yabo phezu kwekhanda labo, itsho
iNkosi uJehova.

23 Ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi futhi lisithi: **2** Ndodana
yomuntu, kwakulabesifazana ababili, amadodakazi
omfazi oyedwa. **3** Basebesenza ubuwule eGibhithe;
benza ubuwule ebutsheni babo; amabele abo abotozwa
khonapho, lengono zobuntombi babo zacindezelwa
khonapho. **4** Lamabizo abo ayenguOhola omdala,
loOholiba umnawakhe. Njalo babengabami, bazala
amadodana lamadodakazi. Lamabizo abo: UOhola
uyiSamariya, loOholiba uyiJerusalema. **5** UOhola
wasesenza ubuwule engaphansi kwami, wakhanuka

izithandwa zakhe, amaAsiriya aseduze, **6** agqoke
okuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka, abalawulimabutho
lababusi, bonke bengamajaha aloyisekayo, abagadi
bamabhiza begade amabhiza. **7** Ngokunjalo wanika
ubuwule bakhe kubo, bonke belikhethelo labantwana
beAsiriya, lakubo bonke obakhanukayo; wazingcolisa
ngazo zonke izithombe zabo. **8** Futhi kabuyekelanga
ubuwule bakhe abuya labo eGibhithe, ngoba ebutsheni
bakhe balala laye, bona-ke bacindezela izingono
zobuntombi bakhe, bathululela ukuphinga kwabo phezu
kwakhe. **9** Ngakho ngamnikela esandleni sezithandwa
zakhe, esandleni sabantwana beAsiriya ayebakhanuka.
10 Bona baveza ubunqunu bakhe; bathatha amadodana
lamadodakazi akhe, bambulala ngenkemba; wasesiba
libizo phakathi kwabesifazana, lapho benza isahlulelo
phezu kwakhe. **11** Kwathi umnawakhe uOholiba
ekubona, wonakala ekukhanukeni kwakhe kulaye,
lebuwuleni bakhe okwedlula ubuwule bukadadewabo.
12 Wakhanuka abantwana beAsiriya, abalawulimabutho
lababusi abaseduze, abagqoke okupheleleyo, abagadi
bamabhiza begade amabhiza, bonke bengamajaha
akhanukekayo. **13** Ngasengibona ukuthi ungcolisiwe;
bobabili babelendlelanye. **14** Wasesengezelela ebuwuleni
bakhe; lapho ebona abesilisa bebazwe ngokugujwa
emdulini, izithombe zamaKhaladiya zibazwe ngokugujwa
ngokubomvu, **15** bebhince ibhanti ezinkalweni
zabo, belamaqhiye alengayo emakhanda abo,
bonke bekhangeleka beyiziphathamandla, umfanekiso
wabantwana beBhabhiloni, beKhaladiya, ilizwe lokuzalwa
kwabo. **16** Wasebakhanuka ekubaboneni ngamehlo akhe,
wathuma izithunywa kubo eKhaladiya. **17** Amadodana
eBhabhiloni afika kuye embhedeni wothando, amngcolisa
ngokuphinga kwawo, wasengcoliswa yiwo; khona
umphefumulo wakhe wehlukaniswa lawo. **18**
Wasesembula ubuwule bakhe, wembula ubunqunu
bakhe; khona umphefumulo wami wehlukaniswa
laye, njengalokhu umphefumulo wami wehlukaniswa
lodadewabo. **19** Kodwa wandisa ubuwule bakhe,
ngokukhumbula izinsuku zobutsha bakhe afebe ngazo
elizweni leGibhithe. **20** Wasekhanuka izithandwa zabo,
onyama yazo iyinyama yabobabhemi, lokukhihliza
kwazo kuyikukhihliza kwamabhiza. **21** Ngokunjalo wena
wakhumbula amanyala obutsha bakho, ekucindezelweni
kwengono zakho ngamaGibhithe, ngenxa yamabele
obutsha bakho. **22** Ngakho, wena Oholiba, itsho njalo
iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngizavusa izithandwa zakho
zimelane lawe, owehlukana lazo umphefumulo wakho,
ngizilethe zimelane lawe zivela inhlangothi zonke; **23**
abantwana beBhabhiloni, lamaKhaladiya wonke, iPekodi,
leShowa, leKowa, labo bonke abantwana beAsiriya
kanye labo, bonke bengamajaha akhanukekayo,
abalawulimabutho, lababusi, izinduna, labalodumo,
bonke begade amabhiza. **24** Njalo bazakuza bemelene
lawe belezikhali, izinqola, lamavili, langexuku labantu;
bazamisa bemelene lawe ihawu lesihlangu lekhowa
inhlangothi zonke; njalo ngizabeka isigwebo phambi
kwabo, bakugwebe njengokwezigwebo zabo. **25** Njalo
ngizabeka ubukhwele bami bumelane lawe, bakuphathe
ngolaka; bazasusa impumulo yakho lendlebe zakho,
lensali yakho izakuwa ngenkemba; bona bazathatha
amadodana lamadodakazi akho, lensali yakho izadliwa
ngumlilo. **26** Futhi bazakuhlubula izigqoko zakho,
bathathe iziceciso zakho ezinhle. **27** Ngokunjalo
ngizaqeda amanyala akho kuwe, lobuwule bakho
owasuka labo elizweni leGibhithe, ukuze ungabe
uphakamisela amehlo akho kubo, ungabe usakhumbula
iGibhithe. **28** Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova:
Khangela, ngizakunikela esandleni salabo obazondayo,
esandleni salabo umphefumulo wakho owehlukaniswe
labo. **29** Njalo bazakuphatha ngenzondo, bathathe
wonke umtshikatshika wakho, bakutshiye unqunu uze;
lobunqunu bobuwule bakho buzakwembulwa, lamanyala
akho lobuwule bakho. **30** Lezizinto zizakwenziwa kuwe,
ngoba ulandele abezizweni ngokuwula, langenxa yokuthi
wangcoliswa ngezithombe zabo. **31** Uhambile ngendlela
kadadewenu; ngakho ngizanikela inkezo yakhe esandleni
sakho. **32** Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Uzanatha inkezo
kadadewenu ezikileyo lebanzi; uzakuba yinhlekisa
lokuklolodelwa; imumethe okunengi. **33** Uzagcwala
ukudakwa losizi, inkezo yesesabiso lencithakalo, inkezo
kadadewenu iSamariya. **34** Yebo, uzayinatha, uyibhije,
uphahlaze indengezi zayo, utshuphule amabele akho;
ngoba ngikhulumile, itsho iNkosi uJehova. **35** Ngakho
itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngoba ungikhohliwe,
wangilahlela ngemva komhlana wakho, ngakho lawe
thwala amanyala akho lobuwule bakho. **36** INkosi yathi
futhi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, uzakwahlulela uOhola
loOholiba yini? Yebo, batshele izinengiso zabo. **37**
Ngoba bafebile, legazi lisezandleni zabo, njalo bafebile
lezithombe zabo, futhi lamadodana abo, abangizalele
wona, bawadabulise emlilweni ukuthi abe yikudla. **38**
Babuye benza lokhu kimi: Bangcolise indawo yami
engcwele ngalolosuku, bangcolisa lamasabatha ami.
39 Ngoba sebebulalele izithombe zabo abantwana
babo, basebengena ngalona lolosuku endaweni yami
engcwele ukuthi bayingcolise; khangela-ke, benze
njalo phakathi kwendlu yami. **40** Lalokho ukuthi
bathumele kumadoda avela khatshana, okwathunywa
kiwo isithunywa, khangela-ke, afika; owawagezelayo,
wacomba amehlo akho, wazicecisa ngeziceciso. **41**
Wahlala embhedeni okhazimulayo, letafula lalungiswa
phambi kwawo, owabeka phezu kwalo impepha yami
lamafutha ami. **42** Lelizwi lexuku elonwabileyo lalilaye;
lakumadoda exuku labantu kwalethwa amaSabeya avela
enkangala, afaka amasongo ezandleni zawo, lomqhele
omuhle emakhanda awo. **43** Ngasengisithi kowesifazana
owayeguge ngokufeba: Khathesi bazakwenza ubuwule
laye, yena-ke labo. **44** Basebengena kuye, njengoba

besiya kowesifazana oyisifebe; ngokunjalo bangena
kuOhola lakuOholiba, abesifazana abalamanyala.
45 Kodwa amadoda alungileyo wona azabagweba,
ngokwendlela yezifebekazi langendlela yabesifazana
abachitha igazi; ngoba bayizifebekazi, njalo igazi
lisezandleni zabo. 46 Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova:
Ngizabenyusela ixuku, ngibanikele babe yisesabiso njalo
babe yimpango. 47 Njalo ixuku lizabakhanda ngamatshe,
libaqume ngezinkemba zalo, libulale amadodana abo
lamadodakazi abo, litshise izindlu zabo ngomlilo. 48
Ngokunjalo ngizakwenza amanyala aphele elizweni,
ukuze bonke abesifazana bafundiswe ukuthi bangenzi
ngokwamanyala enu. 49 Ngokunjalo bazabeka amanyala
enu phezu kwenu, lithwale izono zezithombe zenu.
Lizakwazi-ke ukuthi ngiyiNkosi uJehova.

24 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi, ngomnyaka
wesificamunwemunye, ngenyanga yetshumi,
ngolwetshumi lwenyanga, lisithi: 2 Ndodana yomuntu,
zibhalele ibizo losuku, lwalona lolusuku; inkosi
yeBhabhiloni yazimisa ukumelana leJerusalema ngalona
lolusuku. 3 Njalo tshono umfanekiso kuyo indlu evukelayo
uthi kubo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Beka imbiza,
ibeke, futhi uthele amanzi kuyo, 4 ubuthele iziqa
zayo kiyo, zonke iziqa ezinhle, umlenze lomkhono,
uyigcwalise ngekhethelo lamathambo. 5 Thatha ikhethelo
lomhlambi, ubuthelele lamathambo ngaphansi kwayo,
kwenze kubile kuhle, kuphekwe lamathambo awo
phakathi kwayo. 6 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova:
Maye kuwo umuzi wegazi, imbiza omengulo wayo
uphakathi kwayo, lomengulo wayo kawuphumanga
kuyo! Khupha isiqa ngesiqa, inkatho kayingaweli
kuyo. 7 Ngoba igazi lawo liphakathi kwawo, ulibeke
edwaleni elize, kawulithululelanga phezu komhlabathi
ukuligqibela ngenhlabathi. 8 Ukuze ngivuse intukuthelo,
ukuze ngiphindisele impindiselo, ngibekile igazi lawo
edwaleni elize, ukuze lingagqitshelwa. 9 Ngakho
itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Maye kuwo umuzi wegazi!
Lami ngizakwenza ibonda libe likhulu. 10 Yandisa
izinkuni, uphembe umlilo, uqede inyama, uxubanise
izinongo, lamathambo atshiswe. 11 Ubusuyibeka phezu
kwamalahle ayo ingelalutho, ukuze kutshise kuvuthe
ithusi layo, lokungcola kwayo kuncibilike phakathi kwayo,
kuqedwe umengulo wayo. 12 Izidinisile ngomtshikatshika,
lomengulo wayo omnengi kawuphumanga kuyo.
Umengulo wayo usemlilweni. 13 Kulamanyala
ekungcoleni kwakho; ngoba ngikuhlambulule, kodwa
kawuhlambulukanga, kawuyikuhlambuluka ekungcoleni
kwakho futhi, ngize ngihlalise ukuthukuthela kwami
phezu kwakho. 14 Mina Nkosi ngikhulumile;
kuzafika, ngikwenze; kangiyikuyekela, kangiyikuba
lesihawu, kangiyikuzisola; njengokwendlela zakho
lanjengokwezenzo zakho bazakugweba, itsho iNkosi
uJehova. 15 Ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi futhi, lisithi:
16 Ndodana yomuntu, khangela, ngizasusa kuwe
isiloyiso samehlo akho ngokutshaya; kodwa ungalili,
ungakhali inyembezi, futhi inyembezi zakho zingaveli.
17 Bubula, uthule, ungenzi isililo ngabafileyo, ubophe
iqhiye yakho phezu kwakho, ufake amanyathela akho
enyaweni zakho, ungambombozi indevu zendebe
yakho yangaphezulu, ungadli isinkwa sabantu. 18
Ngasengikhuluma labantu ekuseni, lakusihlwa umkami
wafa. Ngasengisenza ekuseni njengokulaywa kwami. 19
Abantu basebesithi kimi: Kawuyikusitshela yini ukuthi
lezizinto ziyini kithi, ukuthi wenze nje? 20 Ngasengisithi
kubo: Ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi lisithi: 21 Tshono kuyo
indlu kaIsrayeli: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela,
ngizangcolisa indawo yami engcwele, udumo lwamandla
enu, isiloyiso samehlo enu, lokuzwelwa ngumphefumulo
wenu; njalo amadodana enu lamadodakazi enu
eliwatshiyileyo azakuwa ngenkemba. 22 Khona
lizakwenza njengoba ngenzile; kaliyikumbomboza indevu
zendebe yangaphezulu, kaliyikudla isinkwa sabantu.
23 Lamaqhiye enu azakuba phezu kwamakhanda
enu, lamanyathela enu ezinyaweni zenu; kaliyikulila
kaliyikukhala inyembezi; kodwa lizacikizeka ngenxa
yeziphambeko zenu, libubule, omunye komunye. 24
Ngokunjalo uHezekeli uzakuba yisibonakaliso kini;
lizakwenza njengakho konke akwenzileyo; lapho sekufika
lokhu, lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi uJehova. 25 Futhi, wena
ndodana yomuntu, kakuyikuba njalo yini ngalolosuku
lapho engizasusa kubo inqaba yabo, intokozo yobuhle
babo, isiloyiso samehlo abo, lokuphakama komphefumulo
wabo, amadodana abo lamadodakazi abo, 26 ngalolosuku
kuzafika kuwe ophunyukileyo, ukwenza indlebe zakho
zizwe? 27 Ngalolosuku umlomo wakho uzavulekela
yena ophunyukileyo; njalo uzakhuluma, ungabe usaba
yisimungulu; ngokunjalo uzakuba yisibonakaliso kubo;
khona bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi.

25 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi, lisithi: 2 Ndodana
yomuntu, misa ubuso bakho bumelene labantwana
bakoAmoni, uprofethe umelene labo. 3 Uthi kubantwana
bakoAmoni: Zwanini ilizwi leNkosi uJehova: Itsho
njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngoba wathi: Aha; ngenxa
yendawo yami engcwele, lapho ingcoliswa, langenxa
yelizwe lakoIsrayeli, lapho lalichithiwe, langenxa yendlu
yakoJuda, lapho baya ekuthunjweni, 4 ngakho,
khangela, ngizakunikela ebantwaneni basempumalanga
ube yilifa, ukuthi bamise inkamba zabo phakathi
kwakho, benze izindawo zabo zokuhlala phakathi
kwakho; bona bazakudla izithelo zakho, bona banathe
uchago lwakho. 5 Njalo ngizakwenza iRaba ibe
yisitebele samakamela, labantwana bakoAmoni babe
yindawo yokucambalala yemihlambi. Khona lizakwazi
ukuthi ngiyiNkosi. 6 Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi
uJehova: Ngoba utshayile isandla, watshaya phansi
ngonyawo, wathokoza emphefumulweni ngokudelela
kwakho konke umelene lelizwe lakoIsrayeli; 7 ngakho,
khangela, ngizakwelulela isandla sami phezu kwakho,

ngikunikele ube yimpango kwabezizwe, ngikuqume
usuke ebantwini, ngizakwenza ubhubhe emazweni,
ngikuchithe. Khona uzakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi. **8**
Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngoba oMowabi loSeyiri
bathi: Khangela, indlu kaJuda injengezizwe zonke; **9**
ngakho khangela, ngizavula uhlangothi lukaMowabi
kusukela emizini, kusukela emizini yakhe, kusukela
emngceleni wakhe, ubuhle belizwe, iBeti-Jeshimothi,
iBhali-Meyoni, leKiriyathayimi; **10** njalo ngizayinikela
emadodaneni empumalanga kube yilifa ngimelene
labantwana bakoAmoni, ukuze abantwana bakoAmoni
bangakhunjulwa phakathi kwezizwe. **11** Ngizakwenza
izahlulelo laphakathi kukaMowabi; njalo bazakwazi ukuthi
ngiyiNkosi. **12** Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngoba uEdoma
enze ngokuphindisela impindiselo emelene lendlu
kaJuda, wonile ngokona, waziphindisela phezu kwabo;
13 ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Lami ngizakwelula
isandla sami phezu kukaEdoma, ngiqume kuye umuntu
lenyamazana, ngimenze incithakalo kusukela eThemani,
njalo kuze kufike eDedani bazakuwa ngenkemba. **14**
Njalo ngizabeka impindiselo yami phezu kukaEdoma
ngesandla sabantu bami uIsrayeli, benze kuEdoma
njengokwentukuthelo yami lanjengokolaka lwami; khona
bezakwazi impindiselo yami, itsho iNkosi uJehova.
15 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngoba amaFilisti enze
ngempindiselo, aphindisela impindiselo ngokudelela
emphefumulweni, ukuthi achithe ngenzondo yaphakade;
16 ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela,
ngizakwelulela isandla sami phezu kwamaFilisti, ngiqume
amaKerethi, ngibhubhise insali yokhumbi lolwandle. **17**
Ngenze izimpindiselo ezinkulu phezu kwabo ngokukhuza
kwentukuthelo; khona bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi, lapho
ngibeka impindiselo yami phezu kwabo.

26 Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wetshumi lanye,
ngolokuqala lwenyanga, ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi,
lisithi: **2** Ndodana yomuntu, ngenxa yokuthi iTire itshilo
ngeJerusalema isithi: Aha, yephukile ebingamasango
abantu; isiphendukele kimi; ngizagcwaliswa, ichithekile. **3**
Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngimelane
lawe, wena Tire, ngenze izizwe ezinengi zenyuke
zimelane lawe, njengolwandle lusenza amagagasi
alo enyuke. **4** Njalo zizachitha imiduli yeTire,
zibhidlizele phansi imiphotshongo yayo; ngiphale
inhlabathi yayo kuyo, ngiyenze ibe lidwala elize. **5**
Izakuba yindawo yokuchayela amambule, phakathi
kolwandle; ngoba mina ngikhulumile, itsho iNkosi
uJehova; njalo izakuba yimpango yezizwe. **6**
Lamadodakazi ayo asensimini azabulawa ngenkemba.
Njalo bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi. **7** Ngoba itsho
njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngizaletha phezu
kweTire uNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni, inkosi
yamakhosi, evela enyakatho, elamabhiza, lezinqola,
labagadi bamabhiza, lamaxuku, labantu abanengi. **8**
Uzabulala ngenkemba amadodakazi akho ensimini,
enze umduli wokuvimbezela emelene lawe, abuthelele
idundulu emelene lawe, aphakamise isihlangu esikhulu
simelene lawe. **9** Uzamisa imigqala yokudiliza
imelane lemiduli yakho, adilizele phansi imiphotshongo
yakho ngezinkemba zakhe. **10** Ngenxa yobunengi
bamabhiza akhe uthuli lwawo luzakusibekela; imiduli
yakho izanyikinywa ngumsindo wabagadi bamabhiza
lamavili lezinqola, nxa ezangena emasangweni akho,
njengokungena emzini ofohlelwayo. **11** Ngamasondo
amabhiza akhe uzanyathela zonke izitalada zakho;
uzabulala abantu bakho ngenkemba, lensika zakho
eziqinileyo ziwele emhlabathini. **12** Njalo bazaphanga
inotho yakho, bathumbe impahla yakho ethengiswayo,
badilizele phansi imiduli yakho, babhidlize izindlu zakho
eziloyisekayo, bafake amatshe akho lezigodo zakho
lothuli lwakho phakathi kwamanzi. **13** Ngizakwenza
kuphele umsindo wengoma zakho, lelizwi lamachacho
akho kalisayikuzwakala. **14** Njalo ngizakwenza ube
lidwala elize; uzakuba yindawo yokuchayela amambule,
kawusayikwakhiwa; ngoba mina Nkosi ngikhulumile, itsho
iNkosi uJehova. **15** Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova kuyo iTire:
Izihlenge kaziyikunyikinyeka yini ngomdumo wokuwa
kwakho, lapho abalimeleyo bebubula, lapho kubulawa
okubulawayo phakathi kwakho? **16** Khona zonke
iziphathamandla zolwandle zizakwehla ezihlalweni zazo
zobukhosi, zikhulule izigqoko zazo, zikhuphe izembatho
zazo ezifekethisiweyo; zizembathise ukuthuthumela,
zihlale emhlabathini, zithuthumele ngaso sonke isikhathi,
zimangale kakhulu ngawe. **17** Zizakuphakamisela
isililo, zithi kuwe: Uchithwe njani ezinlwandle wena
owawuhlalwa, umuzi olodumo, owawulamandla olwandle,
wona labahlali bawo, abamisa ukwesabeka kwabo
kuye wonke umhlali wawo! **18** Khathesi izihlenge
zizathuthumela ngosuku lokuwa kwakho, yebo, izihlenge
eziselwandle zizakhathazeka ngokuphuma kwakho. **19**
Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Lapho ngizakwenza
ube ngumuzi olunxiwa, njengemizi engahlalwayo; lapho
ngizakwenyusa ukujula phezu kwakho, lamanzi amanengi
akusibekele; **20** khona ngizakwehlisela phansi lalabo
abehlela emgodini, ebantwini basendulo, ngikuhlalise
ezindaweni eziphansi zomhlaba, emanxiweni asendulo,
lalabo abehlela emgodini, ukuze ungahlalwa; njalo
ngizabeka udumo elizweni labaphilayo. **21** Ngizakwenza
ube ngokwesabekayo okukhulu, ungasabikho; lanxa
udingwa, ungatholakali futhi kuze kube nininini, itsho
iNkosi uJehova.

27 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi lisithi: **2** Wena-ke,
ndodana yomuntu, phakamisa isililo ngeTire,
3 uthi kiyo iTire, ehlezi ngasekungeneni kolwandle,
ethengiselana labantu ezihlengeni ezinengi: Itsho njalo
iNkosi uJehova: Tire, wena uthi: Ngiphelele ngobuhle.
4 Imingcele yakho isenhliziyweni yezinlwandle; abakhi
bakho baphelelise ubuhle bakho. **5** Benzile wonke

amapulanka akho ngezihlahla zefiri eSeniri; bathatha
imisedari eLebhanoni ukukwenzela insika yomkolo. **6**
Ngama-okhi eBashani benza amaphini akho okugwedla;
indodakazi yamaAsiriya yenze amabhodi akho
ngempondo zendlovu ezivela ezihlengeni zeKhithimi.
7 Ilembu elicolekileyo kakhulu elifekethisiweyo elivela
eGibhithe laba yiseyili yakho ukuba yisiboniso sakho;
okuluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka lokuyibubende okuvela
ezihlengeni zeElisha kwaba yisimbombozo sakho. **8**
Abakhileyo beSidoni leArvadi babengabagwedli bakho;
izihlakaniphi zakho, wena Tire, ezazikuwe zingabatshayeli
bakho bomkhumbi. **9** Abadala beGebali lezihlakaniphi
zayo baba kuwe, bengabalungisi bezikhala zakho; yonke
imikhumbi yolwandle labatshayeli bayo yaba kuwe ukuthi
bathengiselane ngempahla yakho yokuthengiselana.
10 AmaPerisiya lamaLudi lamaPuti asebuthweni lakho,
amadoda akho empi; aphanyeka isihlangu lekhowa
kuwe; wona aveza ubuhle bakho. **11** Amadodana
eArvadi lebutho lakho ayephezu kwemiduli yakho
inhlangothi zonke, lamaGamadi ayesemiphotshongweni
yakho; aphanyeka izihlangu zawo phezu kwemiduli
yakho inhlangothi zonke; wona aphelelisa ubuhle
bakho. **12** ITarshishi yathengiselana lawe ngenxa
yobunengi benotho yonke; benana impahla zakho
ngesiliva, insimbi, izenge, lomnuso. **13** IJavani, iThubhali,
leMesheki babengabathengiselani bakho, benana
impahla yakho ngabantu boqobo lezitsha zethusi. **14**
Abendlu kaTogarima benana impahla zakho ngamabhiza
labagadi bamabhiza lezimbongolo. **15** Amadodana
eDedani ayengabathengiselani bakho; izihlenge ezinengi
zazingezokuthengiselana zesandla sakho; abuyisela
kuwe izimpondo zezindlovu le-eboni kube yisipho. **16**
ISiriya yayingumthengiselani wakho ngenxa yokwanda
kwemisebenzi yakho; benana impahla zakho ngama-
emeraldi, okuyibubende, lokufekethisiweyo, lelembu
elicolekileyo kakhulu, lekorali le-agate. **17** UJuda lelizwe
lakoIsrayeli babengabathengiselani bakho, benana
impahla yakho ngengqoloyi yeMinithi, lePanagi, loluju,
lamafutha, lenhlaka. **18** IDamaseko yayingumthengiselani
wakho ngobunengi bemisebenzi yakho, ngenxa
yobunengi benotho yonke; ngewayini leHeliboni loboya
bezimvu obumhlophe. **19** Njalo iDani leJavani yayihamba
isiya le lale yazinikela empahleni zakho; insimbi
ekhandiweyo, ikhasiya, lekalamu kwakuyimpahla yakho
yokuthengiselana. **20** IDedani yayingumthengiselani
wakho ngamalembu aligugu ezinqola. **21** IArabhiya lazo
zonke iziphathamandla zeKedari babengabathengiselani
besandla sakho, ngamawundlu lezinqama lezimbuzi,
ngalezi babethengiselana lawe. **22** Abathengiselani
beShebha leRahama babengabathengiselani bakho,
benana impahla zakho ngenhloko yawo wonke
amakha, langamatshe wonke aligugu, legolide. **23**
IHarani leKane leEdeni, abathengiselani beSheba,
iAshuri, iKilimadi, babengabathengiselani bakho.
24 Laba babengabathengiselani bakho ngezinto
eziphelelelyo, ngezigqoko eziluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka,
lokufekethisiweyo, langamabhokisi omsedari elembu
elifekethisiweyo, abotshwe aqiniswa ngezintambo,
phakathi kokuthengiswayo kwakho. **25** Imikhumbi
yeThashishi yayihlabelela ngawe ngenxa yempahla
yakho yokuthengiselana; njalo wagcwaliswa, wadunyiswa
kakhulu enhliziyweni yezinlwandle. **26** Abagwedli bakho
bakusa emanzini amanengi; umoya wempumalanga
usukwephulele enhliziyweni yezinlwandle. **27** Inotho
yakho, lempahla zakho, impahla yakho yokuthengiselana,
abemikhumbi bakho, labatshayeli bakho, abalungisi
bezikhala zakho, labathengisi bempahla yakho, lawo
wonke amadoda akho empi akuwe, kanye lalo
lonke ixuku lakho eliphakathi kwakho, kuzawela
enhliziyweni yezinlwandle ngosuku lokuwa kwakho. **28**
Ngelizwi lokukhala kwabatshayeli bakho bomkhumbi
amadlelo azamazama. **29** Njalo bonke abaphatha
isigwedlo, abemikhumbi, bonke abatshayeli bolwandle,
bazakwehla emikhunjini yabo, beme emhlabathini.
30 Bazwakalise ilizwi labo bemelene lawe, bakhale
kabuhlungu, baphosele uthuli phezu kwamakhanda
abo, bazigiqe emlotheni, **31** bazenze ompabanga
ngokupheleleyo ngenxa yakho, bazibhince ngamasaka,
bakukhalele inyembezi ngokubaba komphefumulo
lesililo esibabayo. **32** Lekulileni kwabo bazaphakamisa
isililo ngawe, bakulilele bathi: Ngubani onjengeTire,
njengokuchithekileyo phakathi kolwandle? **33**
Ekuphumeni kwezimpahla zakho zokuthengiselana
ezinlwandle wasuthisa abantu abanengi; ngobunengi
benotho yakho lempahla zakho wanothisa amakhosi
omhlaba. **34** Ngesikhathi okwephulwa ngaso
ezinlwandle ezinzikini zamanzi, kwawa impahla yakho
yokuthengiselana lexuku lakho lonke eliphakathi
kwakho. **35** Bonke abakhileyo bezihlenge bazamangala
ngawe, lamakhosi abo akwesabe kakhulu, ubuso babo
bunyukumale. **36** Abathengiselani phakathi kwabantu
bayakuncifela; usuyisesabiso; kawusayikuba khona kuze
kube nininini.

28 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi futhi lisithi: **2**
Ndodana yomuntu, tshono kusiphathamandla
seTire: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngoba inhliziyo
yakho iziphakamisile, njalo utshilo ukuthi: Mina
nginguNkulunkulu, ngihlezi esihlalweni sikaNkulunkulu
enhliziyweni yezinlwandle; kanti wena ungumuntu,
hatshi-ke uNkulunkulu, lanxa umisa inhliziyo yakho
njengenhliziyo kaNkulunkulu. **3** Khangela, uhlakaniphile
kuloDaniyeli; kakulamfihlo abangayifihla kuwe. **4**
Ngenhlakanipho yakho langokuqedisisa kwakho uzenzele
inotho, wabuthela igolide lesiliva kokuligugu kwakho. **5**
Ngobukhulu benhlakanipho yakho ekuthengiselaneni
kwakho wandisile inotho yakho; lenhliziyo yakho
iphakeme ngenxa yenotho yakho. **6** Ngakho itsho
njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngoba usumise inhliziyo yakho

njengenhliziyo kaNkulunkulu, 7 ngakho, khangela,
ngizaletha abezizwe phezu kwakho, abesabekayo
bezizwe; abazahwatsha izinkemba zabo bemelene
lobuhle benhlakanipho yakho, bangcolise inkazimulo
yakho. 8 Bazakwehlisela phansi egodini, ufe izimfa zalabo
ababulawelwa enhliziyweni yezinlwandle. 9 Usezakutsho
yini phambi kwabakubulalayo: NginguNkulunkulu? Kanti
ungumuntu, hatshi-ke uNkulunkulu, esandleni salowo
okugwazayo. 10 Uzakufa izimfa zongasokanga ngesandla
sabezizwe; ngoba mina ngikhulumile, itsho iNkosi
uJehova. 11 Ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi futhi lisithi: 12
Ndodana yomuntu, phakamisa isililo ngenkosi yeTire,
uthi kiyo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Wena uphawule
okupheleleyo, ugcwele inhlakanipho, uphelele ngobuhle.
13 WawuseEdeni, isivande sikaNkulunkulu; lonke ilitshe
eliligugu laliyisimbombozo sakho, isardiyusi, itopazi,
lendayimana, ibherule, i-onikse, lejaspi, isafire, i-
emeraldi, lerubi, legolide; umsebenzi wezigujana zakho
lemihlanga yakho wawukuwe; ngosuku owadalwa
ngalo walungiswa. 14 Wena ulikherubhi eligcotshiweyo
elisibekelayo, njalo ngikumisile; wawuphezu kwentaba
engcwele kaNkulunkulu; wahamba usiya le lale phakathi
kwamatshe omlilo. 15 Wawuphelele ezindleleni zakho
kusukela osukwini owadalwa ngalo kwaze kwatholakala
ububi kuwe. 16 Ngobunengi bokuthengiselana
kwakho sebegcwalise ingaphakathi yakho ngodlakela,
wasusona. Ngakho ngizakulahla njengongcolisiweyo
usuke entabeni kaNkulunkulu, ngikuchithe, wena
kherubhi elisibekelayo, usuke phakathi kwamatshe umlilo.
17 Inhliziyo yakho yaziphakamisa ngenxa yobuhle bakho;
wonakalise inhlakanipho yakho ngenxa yenkazimulo
yakho. Ngizakuphosela emhlabathini; ngizakumisa
phambi kwamakhosi ukuze akubone. 18 Ngobunengi
beziphambeko zakho, ngobubi bokuthengiselana kwakho,
ungcolise indawo zakho ezingcwele; ngakho ngizakhupha
umlilo ngaphakathi kwakho, wona uzakuqeda, ngikwenze
ube ngumlotha emhlabathini emehlweni abo bonke
abakubonayo. 19 Bonke abakwaziyo phakathi kwezizwe
bazamangala kakhulu ngawe; uzakuba yizesabiso,
kawusayikuba khona kuze kube nininini. 20 Ilizwi leNkosi
lafika kimi futhi, lisithi: 21 Ndodana yomuntu, misa
ubuso bakho bumelene leSidoni, uprofethe ngayo, 22
uthi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngimelene
lawe, wena Sidoni, ngizadunyiswa phakathi kwakho.
Njalo bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi lapho sengenze
izahlulelo phakathi kwayo, ngangcweliswa kiyo. 23
Ngoba ngizathumela umatshayabhuqe wesifo kiyo,
legazi ezitaladeni zayo; labalimeleyo bazakuwa phakathi
kwayo ngenkemba phezu kwayo inhlangothi zonke. Njalo
bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi. 24 Njalo kakusayikuba
khona kuyo indlu yakoIsrayeli ukhula oluhlabayo
kumbe ameva azwisa ubuhlungu kuvela kubo bonke
ababahanqileyo ababadelelayo. Njalo bazakwazi ukuthi
ngiyiNkosi uJehova. 25 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Nxa
sengibuthe indlu kaIsrayeli ivela ezizweni abahlakazwe
kizo, ngangcweliswa kubo emehlweni ezizwe, kulapho
bezahlala elizweni labo engalinika inceku yami uJakobe.
26 Njalo bazahlala kilo belondolozekile, bakhe izindlu,
bahlanyele izivini; yebo, bazahlala belondolozekile nxa
sengenze izahlulelo phezu kwabo bonke ababadelelayo
inhlangothi zonke. Lapho bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi
uNkulunkulu wabo.

29 Ngomnyaka wetshumi, ngenyanga yetshumi,
ngolwetshumi lambili lwenyanga, ilizwi leNkosi
lafika kimi, lisithi: 2 Ndodana yomuntu, misa ubuso bakho
bumelene loFaro inkosi yeGibhithe, uprofethe umelene
laye, njalo umelene layo yonke iGibhithe. 3 Khuluma uthi:
Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngimelane lawe,
Faro, nkosi yeGibhithe, umgobho omkhulu olele phakathi
kwemifula yawo, othi: Umfula wami ngowami, ngazenzela
wona. 4 Kodwa ngizafaka izingwegwe emihlathini yakho,
ngenze inhlanzi zemifula yakho zinamathele emaxolweni
akho, ngikukhuphule phakathi kwemifula yakho, lazo
zonke inhlanzi zemifula yakho zizanamathela emaxolweni
akho. 5 Njalo ngizakutshiya enkangala, wena lazo zonke
inhlanzi zemifula yakho; uzawela ebusweni beganga;
kawuyikuhlanganiswa, kawuyikubuthwa; ngizakunikela
ube yikudla kuzo izilo zeganga lenyoni zamazulu.
6 Labo bonke abahlali beGibhithe bazakwazi ukuthi
ngiyiNkosi, ngoba bebeludondolo lomhlanga kuyo indlu
kaIsrayeli. 7 Lapho bekubamba ngesandla, wephula
wadabula lonke ihlombe labo; lalapho beseyama
kuwe, wephuka, wenza zonke inkalo zabo zama. 8
Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngizaletha
inkemba phezu kwakho, ngiqume kusuke kuwe umuntu
lenyamazana. 9 Lelizwe leGibhithe lizakuba yincithakalo
lenkangala. Khona bezakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi. Ngoba
uthe: Umfula ngowami, mina-ke ngiwenzile. 10
Ngakho, khangela, ngimelene lawe, ngimelene lemifula
yakho; ngenze ilizwe leGibhithe libe yizincithakalo
isibili lenkangala, kusukela emphotshongweni kusiya
eSevene kuze kube semngceleni weEthiyophiya. 11
Kakulanyawo lomuntu oluzadlula kilo, kakulanyawo
lwenyamazana oluzadlula kilo; futhi kaliyikuhlalwa
okweminyaka engamatshumi amane. 12 Ngoba
ngizakwenza ilizwe leGibhithe libe yincithakalo phakathi
kwamazwe wonke achithekileyo; lemizi yalo phakathi
kwemizi engamanxiwa izakuba yincithakalo okweminyaka
engamatshumi amane; njalo ngizahlakaza amaGibhithe
phakathi kwezizwe, ngiwasabalalise emazweni. 13 Ngoba
itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ekupheleni kweminyaka
engamatshumi amane ngizabutha amaGibhithe ebantwini
abahlakazekele khona. 14 Njalo ngizabuyisela
abathunjwa beGibhithe, ngibenze babuyele elizweni
lePatrosi, elizweni lokuzalwa kwabo; lapho-ke bazakuba
ngumbuso ophansi. 15 Lizakuba phansi kulayo
imibuso, futhi kalisayikuziphakamisa phezu kwezizwe;
ngoba ngizabanciphisa ukuze bangabuyi babuse phezu

kwezizwe. **16** Njalo kalisayikuba lithemba kuyo indlu
kaIsrayeli, eletha ukukhunjulwa kwesiphambeko, lapho
bephenduka ukulandela bona. Kodwa bazakwazi ukuthi
ngiyiNkosi uJehova. **17** Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka
wamatshumi amabili lesikhombisa, ngenyanga yokuqala,
ngolokuqala lwenyanga, ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi, lisithi: **18**
Ndodana yomuntu, uNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni
wenza ibutho lakhe lakhonza inkonzo enkulu limelene
leTire; lonke ikhanda laphucwa, lalo lonke ihlombe
lasutshulwa; kanti yena kalamvuzo, lebutho lakhe, ngenxa
yeTire, ngenxa yenkonzo ayikhonza emelene layo. **19**
Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngizanikela
ilizwe leGibhithe kuNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni;
njalo uzathatha ixuku layo, athumbe ukuthunjwa kwayo,
aphange impango yayo; njalo kuzakuba liholo lebutho
lakhe. **20** Ngimnike ilizwe leGibhithe kube ngumvuzo
akhonza ngawo kulo, ngoba bangisebenzela, itsho iNkosi
uJehova. **21** Ngalolosuku ngizakwenza uphondo lwendlu
kaIsrayeli lukhahlele, ngikunike ukukhamisa komlomo
phakathi kwabo. Njalo bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi.

30 Ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi futhi, lisithi: **2** Ndodana
yomuntu, profetha uthi: Itsho njalo iNkosi
uJehova: Qhinqani isililo: Maye ngalolosuku! **3**
Ngoba usuku luseduze, ngitsho usuku lweNkosi
luseduze, usuku olulamayezi; kuzakuba yisikhathi
sezizwe. **4** Lenkemba izafika eGibhithe, losizi luzakuba
seEthiyophiya, lapho ababuleweyo bezakuwa eGibhithe;
ngoba bazasusa ixuku layo, lezisekelo zayo zidilizelwe
phansi. **5** IEthiyophiya, lePuti, leLudi, labo bonke
abantu abahlanganisiweyo, leKhubi, labantwana belizwe
lesivumelwano, bazakuwa ngenkemba kanye labo.
6 Itsho njalo iNkosi: Yebo, abasekela iGibhithe
bazakuwa, lokuzigqaja kwamandla ayo kuzakwehla;
kusukela eMigidoli kuze kube seSevene bazakuwa
kuyo ngenkemba, itsho iNkosi uJehova. **7** Njalo
bazachitheka phakathi kwamazwe achithekileyo; lemizi
yayo izakuba phakathi kwemizi engamanxiwa. **8** Khona
bezakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi, sengibeke umlilo eGibhithe,
lapho bonke abasizi bayo sebephuliwe. **9** Ngalolosuku
izithunywa zizaphuma phambi kwami ngemikhumbi
ukuyakwethusa amaEthiyophiya onwabileyo, losizi
luzakuba phakathi kwabo osukwini lweGibhithe,
ngoba, khangela, luyeza. **10** Itsho njalo iNkosi
uJehova: Yebo, ngizaqeda ixuku leGibhithe ngesandla
sikaNebhukadirezari inkosi yeBhabhiloni. **11** Yena,
labantu bakhe kanye laye, abesabekayo bezizwe,
bazalethwa ukuzachitha ilizwe; njalo bazahwatsha
izinkemba zabo bemelene leGibhithe, bagcwalise
ilizwe ngababuleweyo. **12** Njalo ngizakwenza imifula
itshe, ngithengise ilizwe esandleni sabakhohlakeleyo,
ngilichithe ilizwe lokugcwala kwalo ngesandla sabezizwe;
mina Nkosi ngikhulumile. **13** Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova:
Ngizabhubhisa lezithombe, ngiqede izifanekiso eNofi;
njalo kakusayikuba khona isiphathamandla esivela
elizweni leGibhithe; njalo ngizaletha ukwesaba elizweni
leGibhithe. **14** Ngenze iPatrosi ibe lunxiwa, ngibeke
umlilo eZowani, ngenze izahlulelo eNo. **15** Ngithulule
ulaka lwami phezu kweSini, amandla eGibhithe; ngiqume
ixuku leNo. **16** Ngibeke umlilo eGibhithe; iSini izakuba
lobuhlungu obukhulu; leNo izadatshulwa phakathi;
leNofi izakhathazeka nsuku zonke. **17** Amajaha
eAvene lePhibhesethi azakuwa ngenkemba, lale imizi
izakuya ekuthunjweni. **18** Njalo eThahaphanesi imini
izakuba mnyama, lapho ngizakwephula khona amajogwe
eGibhithe, lokuzikhukhumeza kwamandla ayo kuzaphela
kiyo. Yona, iyezi lizayisibekela, lamadodakazi ayo
azakuya ekuthunjweni. **19** Ngokunjalo ngizakwenza
izahlulelo eGibhithe. Khona bezakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi.
20 Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wetshumi lanye, ngenyanga
yokuqala, ngolwesikhombisa lwenyanga, ilizwi leNkosi
lafika kimi, lisithi: **21** Ndodana yomuntu, ngiyephule ingalo
kaFaro inkosi yeGibhithe; khangela-ke kayibotshwanga
ukuthi kunikwe ukuphola, ukuthi kufakwe uhlaka
lokuyibopha, ukuyiqinisela ukubamba inkemba. **22**
Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngimelene
loFaro inkosi yeGibhithe, njalo ngizakwephula ingalo
zakhe, elamandla, laleyo eyephukileyo, ngenze inkemba
iwe esandleni sakhe. **23** Ngihlakazele amaGibhithe
phakathi kwezizwe, ngiwasabalalisele emazweni.
24 Ngiqinise ingalo zenkosi yeBhabhiloni, ngibeke
inkemba yami esandleni sayo; kodwa ngizakwephula
izingalo zikaFaro, abubule phambi kwayo ngokububula
kogwaziweyo. **25** Kodwa ngizaqinisa ingalo zenkosi
yeBhabhiloni, lengalo zikaFaro zizawela phansi; njalo
bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi, sengifake inkemba yami
esandleni senkosi yeBhabhiloni, isiyelule phezu kwelizwe
leGibhithe. **26** Njalo ngizahlakaza amaGibhithe phakathi
kwezizwe, ngiwasabalalisele emazweni. Njalo bazakwazi
ukuthi ngiyiNkosi.

31 Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wetshumi lanye,
ngenyanga yesithathu, ngolokuqala lwenyanga,
ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi, lisithi: **2** Ndodana yomuntu,
tshono kuFaro inkosi yeGibhithe lexukwini lakhe:
Ufanana lobani ebukhulwini bakho? **3** Khangela,
iAsiriya yayingumsedari eLebhanoni, omuhle ngengatsha,
njengegusu elilomthunzi, njalo umude ngokuphakama,
lesihloko sawo sasiphakathi kwengatsha eziqatha.
4 Amanzi awukhulisa, inziki yawuphakamisa, imifula
yawo yageleza yazingelezela indawo ohlanyelwe kiyo,
wakhuphela izifudlana zawo kuzo zonke izihlahla
zeganga. **5** Ngakho-ke ubude bawo baphakama
bedlula zonke izihlahla zeganga, lengatsha zawo
zanda, lamahlumela awo aba made, ngenxa yamanzi
amanengi, lapho uwaphumisa. **6** Lazo zonke izinyoni
zamazulu zakha izidleke zazo ezingatsheni zawo,
lenyamazana zonke zeganga zazalela ngaphansi
kwengatsha zawo, langaphansi komthunzi wawo kwahlala

izizwe zonke ezinkulu. 7 Ngokunjalo wawumuhle
ebukhulwini bawo, ebudeni bengatsha zawo; ngoba
impande yawo yayingasemanzini amanengi. 8 Imisedari
esivandeni sikaNkulunkulu yayingewufiphaze; izihlahla
zamafiri zazingafanani lengatsha zawo; lezingelamaxolo
zazingafanani lamahlumela awo; futhi kwakungekho
sihlahla esivandeni sikaNkulunkulu esinjengawo ebuhleni
bawo. 9 Ngawenza waba muhle ngobunengi
bezingatsha zawo, kwaze kwathi zonke izihlahla zeEdeni,
ezazisesivandeni sikaNkulunkulu, zaba lomhawu ngawo.
10 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngenxa yokuthi
uziphakamisile ngobude, uthutshise isihloko sawo
ngaphakathi kwezingatsha eziqatha, lenhliziyo yawo
yaziphakamisa ngobude bawo; 11 ngakho ngizawunikela
esandleni solamandla wezizweni; uzakwenza lokwenza
lawo; ngiwuxotshile ngenxa yenkohlakalo yawo. 12
Njalo abemzini, abesabekayo bezizwe, bawuqumile
bawutshiya; lengatsha zawo ziwele ezintabeni lakuzo
zonke izihotsha; lamahlumela akhe ephulwe kuyo
yonke imifula yelizwe; labo bonke abantu bomhlaba
behlile basuka emthunzini wawo, bawutshiya. 13
Zonke inyoni zamazulu zizahlala phezu kwencithakalo
yawo, lazo zonke inyamazana zeganga zizakuba
phezu kwengatsha zawo. 14 Ukuze kungabi khona
kuzo zonke izihlahla ngasemanzini eziziphakamisayo
ngenxa yobude bazo, futhi zingafuqi isihloko sazo
ngaphakathi kwezingatsha eziqatha, futhi zingemi
ngokwazo ngobude bazo, zonke ezinatha amanzi;
ngoba zonke zinikelwe ekufeni endaweni engaphansi
yomhlaba, phakathi kwabantwana babantu, kulabo
abehlela egodini. 15 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Mhla
usehlela engcwabeni ngenza isililo, ngasibekela inziki
ngenxa yawo, ngavimba izifula zayo, lamanzi amanengi
amiswa; ngenza iLebhanoni ibe mnyama ngenxa yawo,
lezihlahla zonke zeganga zabuna ngenxa yawo. **(Sheol
h7585)** 16 Ngenza izizwe zithuthumele ngomdumo
wokuwa kwawo, lapho ngiwehlisela esihogweni lalabo
abehlela egodini; lazo zonke izihlahla zeEdeni,
ikhethelo lokuhle kweLebhanoni, zonke ezinatha amanzi,
zaziduduza endaweni engaphansi yomhlaba. **(Sheol
h7585)** 17 Lazo zehlela esihogweni kanye lawo,
kulabo ababebulewe ngenkemba; lababeyingalo yawo
ababehlala ngaphansi komthunzi wawo phakathi
kwezizwe. **(Sheol h7585)** 18 Ufanana lobani ngokunjalo
ngodumo langobukhulu phakathi kwezihlahla zeEdeni?
Kanti uzakwehliselwa kanye lezihlahla zeEdeni endaweni
engaphansi yomhlaba, ulale phakathi kwabangasokanga,
kanye labo ababulewe ngenkemba. Lo nguFaro lexuku
lakhe lonke, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

32 Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wetshumi lambili,
ngenyanga yetshumi lambili, ngolokuqala
lwenyanga, ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi lisithi: 2 Ndodana
yomuntu, phakamisa isililo ngoFaro inkosi yeGibhithe,
uthi kuye: Ufanana lebhongo lesilwane lezizwe, futhi wena
ufanana lomgobho phakathi kwezinlwandle, waphutsha
emifuleni yakho, wadunga amanzi ngenyawo zakho,
wangcolisa imifula yazo. 3 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova:
Ngakho ngizakwendlala imbule lami phezu kwakho
ngexuku labantu abanengi, bakukhuphule ngembule lami.
4 Besengikutshiya emhlabathini, ngikujikijele egcekeni,
ngenze zonke inyoni zamazulu zihlale phezu kwakho,
ngisuthise izilo zawo wonke umhlaba ngawe. 5 Ngizabeka
inyama yakho phezu kwezintaba, ngigcwalise izihotsha
ngobude bakho. 6 Ngizathelela ilizwe ngokuntshaza
kwegazi lakho kuze kube sezintabeni; lezifula zizagcwala
ngawe. 7 Lalapho ngikucitsha ngizasibekela amazulu,
ngenze inkanyezi zawo zibe mnyama; ngizasibekela
ilanga ngeyezi, lenyanga kayiyikukhanyisa ngokukhanya
kwayo. 8 Zonke izibane ezikhanyisayo emazulwini
ngizazenza zibe mnyama phezu kwakho, ngibeke
ubumnyama phezu kwelizwe lakho, itsho iNkosi
uJehova. 9 Njalo ngizakhathaza inhliziyo zabantu
abanengi, nxa ngizaletha incithakalo yakho phakathi
kwezizwe emazweni ongawaziyo. 10 Yebo, ngizakwenza
abantu abanengi bamangale kakhulu ngawe, lamakhosi
abo azahlasimuka umzimba kakhulu ngawe, lapho
ngiphazimisa inkemba yami phambi kwabo; njalo
bazathuthumela isikhathi sonke, ngulowo lalowo ngempilo
yakhe, ngosuku lokuwa kwakho. 11 Ngoba itsho
njalo iNkosi uJehova: Inkemba yenkosi yeBhabhiloni
izakwehlela. 12 Ngezinkemba zamaqhawe ngizakwenza
ixuku lakho liwe, abesabekayo bezizwe, bonke; njalo
azachitha ukuziphakamisa kweGibhithe, lexuku layo
lonke lizabhujiswa. 13 Njalo ngizabhubhisa zonke
izinyamazana zayo ngasemanzini amanengi; lonyawo
lomuntu kalusayikuwadunga, lamasondo ezinyamazana
kawayikuwadunga. 14 Besengisenza amanzi abo
atshone, ngenze imifula yabo igeleze njengamafutha,
itsho iNkosi uJehova. 15 Mhla ngizakwenza ilizwe
leGibhithe libe yincithakalo, lelizwe liphundlwe ukugcwala
kwalo, lapho ngitshaya bonke abahlala kilo, khona
bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi. 16 Lesi yisililiselo
abazasililisela; amadodakazi ezizwe azasililisela;
bazasililisela, ngeGibhithe, langexuku layo lonke, itsho
iNkosi uJehova. 17 Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wetshumi
lambili, ngolwetshumi lanhlanu lwenyanga, ilizwi leNkosi
lafika kimi lisithi: 18 Ndodana yomuntu, khala ngenxa
yexuku leGibhithe, ubehlisele, yona lamadodakazi
ezizwe ezidumileyo, ezindaweni ezingaphansi zomhlaba,
kanye labo abehlela emgodini. 19 Wedlula bani
ngokuthandeka? Yehla, ulaliswe labangasokanga. 20
Bazawela phakathi kwababulewe ngenkemba. Inikelwe
enkembeni; ihuduleni kanye lamaxuku ayo wonke. 21
Abalamandla bamaqhawe bazakhuluma laye bephakathi
kwesihogo, kanye labayisizayo; behlele phansi, balele
abangasokanga, babulewe ngenkemba. **(Sheol h7585)**
22 IAsiriya ilapho lexuku layo lonke; amangcwaba ayo
asenhlangothini zayo zonke, bonke bebulewe, bewile

ngenkemba. 23 Omangcwaba ayo enziwe emaceleni
egodi, lexuku layo lihanqe ingcwaba layo, bonke
bebulewe, bewile ngenkemba, ababenika isesabiso
elizweni labaphilayo. 24 Ikhona lapho iElamu lexuku
layo lonke inhlangothi zonke zengcwaba layo, bonke
bebulewe, abawileyo ngenkemba, abehle bengasokanga
baya ezindaweni ezingaphansi zomhlaba, abanika
isethuso sabo elizweni labaphilayo; kanti bethwele
ihlazo labo kanye labo abehlela egodini. 25 Bayenzele
umbheda phakathi kwababuleweyo kanye lexuku
layo lonke; amangcwaba ayo ayihanqile; bonke
bengasokanga, bebulewe ngenkemba; ngoba isethuso
sabo sanikelwa elizweni labaphilayo, kanti bathwala
ihlazo labo kanye labo abehlela egodini; ibekwa phakathi
kwababuleweyo. 26 Kukhona lapho iMesheki leThubhali,
kanye lexuku layo lonke; amangcwaba ayo ayihanqile;
bonke bengasokanga, bebulewe ngenkemba; ngoba
banikile isethuso sabo elizweni labaphilayo. 27 Kodwa
kabayikulala lamaqhawe awileyo angawabangasokanga,
ehlela esihogweni lezikhali zawo zempi, abeka inkemba
zawo ngaphansi kwamakhanda awo; kodwa ububi bawo
buzakuba phezu kwamathambo awo; ngoba isethuso
samaqhawe sasiselizweni labaphilayo. **(Sheol h7585)** 28
Wena-ke uzakwephulwa phakathi kwabangasokanga,
ulale lababulewe ngenkemba. 29 Kukhona lapho
iEdoma, amakhosi ayo lazo zonke iziphathamandla zayo,
abalaliswe lababulewe ngenkemba, kanye lamandla abo;
bona bazalala labangasokanga, labehlela egodini. 30
Kukhona lapho iziphathamandla zenyakatho, zonke zazo,
lawo wonke amaSidoni, asehle lababuleweyo; kusesabiso
sabo balenhloni ngenxa yobuqhawe bawo; njalo
balele bengasokanga kanye lababuleweyo ngenkemba,
bethwele ihlazo labo kanye labo abehlela egodini. 31
UFaro uzababona, aduduzeke ngenxa yexuku lakhe
lonke, uFaro lebutho lakhe lonke, ababulewe ngenkemba,
itsho iNkosi uJehova. 32 Ngoba ngibekile isethuso
sami elizweni labaphilayo; ngakho uzalaliswa phakathi
kwabangasokanga kanye lababulewe ngenkemba, uFaro
lexuku lakhe lonke, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

33 Ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi futhi, lisithi: 2 Ndodana
yomuntu, khuluma kubantwana babantu bakho, uthi
kubo: Ilizwe, lapho ngiletha inkemba phezu kwalo, labantu
belizwe bathathe umuntu emingceleni yakibo, bambeke
abe ngumlindi wabo, 3 lapho ebona inkemba isiza
phezu kwelizwe, avuthele uphondo, axwayise abantu, 4
kuzakuthi loba ngubani ozwa umsindo wophondo, kodwa
angaxwayi, lapho inkemba ifika, imsuse, igazi lakhe
lizakuba phezu kwekhanda lakhe. 5 Uzwile ukukhala
kophondo, kodwa angaxwayi; igazi lakhe lizakuba phezu
kwakhe. Kodwa oxwayayo uzawophula umphefumulo
wakhe. 6 Kodwa nxa umlindi ebona inkemba isiza,
angavutheli uphondo, abantu bengaxwayiswa, aluba
inkemba ifika, isuse umuntu phakathi kwabo, yena
ususwa esesonweni sakhe, kodwa igazi lakhe ngizalibiza
esandleni somlindi. 7 Wena-ke, ndodana yomuntu,
ngikubeke waba ngumlindi endlini kaIsrayeli; ngakho
uzakuzwa ilizwi elivela emlonyeni wami, ubaxwayise
ngokuvela kimi. 8 Uba ngisithi komubi: Mubi, uzakufa
lokufa; uba wena ungakhulumi ukuxwayisa omubi atshiye
indlela yakhe, lowo omubi uzafela esonweni sakhe, kodwa
igazi lakhe ngizalibiza esandleni sakho. 9 Kodwa wena
uba umxwayisa omubi ngendlela yakhe ukuthi aphenduke
kuyo; uba engaphenduki endleleni yakhe, yena uzafela
ebubini bakhe, kodwa wena usuwophule umphefumulo
wakho. 10 Ngakho, wena ndodana yomuntu, tshono
kuyo indlu kaIsrayeli: Likhuluma ngokunjalo lisithi:
Ngoba iziphambeko zethu lezono zethu ziphezu kwethu,
thina sicikizeke sikuzo, pho, sizaphila njani? 11
Tshono kubo: Kuphila kwami, itsho iNkosi uJehova,
isibili kangithokozi ngokufa komubi, kodwa ngokuthi
omubi aphenduke endleleni yakhe aphile. Phendukani,
phendukani ezindleleni zenu ezimbi; ngoba lizafelani,
lina ndlu kaIsrayeli? 12 Wena-ke, ndodana yomuntu,
tshono ebantwaneni babantu bakiniuthi: Ukulunga
kolungileyo kakuyikumophula ngosuku lwesiphambeko
sakhe; mayelana lenkohlakalo yokhohlakeleyo, kayikuwa
ngayo ngosuku azaphenduka ngalo enkohlakalweni
yakhe; lolungileyo kayikuba lakho ukuphila ngokulunga
kwakhe ngosuku ona ngalo. 13 Lapho ngizakutsho
kolungileyo ukuthi uzaphila isibili; uba yena ethembela
ekulungeni kwakhe, enze isiphambeko, konke ukulunga
kwakhe kakuyikukhunjulwa; kodwa ngenxa yobubi
bakhe abenzileyo, uzabufela. 14 Futhi uba ngisitsho
kokhohlakeleyo ukuthi: Uzakufa lokufa; uba ephenduka
esonweni sakhe, enze isahlulelo lokulungileyo, 15
okhohlakeleyo ebuyisela isibambiso, abhadale impango,
ahambe ngezimiso zempilo, ukuthi angenzi isiphambeko,
uzaphila isibili, kayikufa. 16 Kakukho lasinye sezono
zakhe azenzileyo esizakhunjulwa kuye; wenzile isahlulelo
lokulungileyo; uzaphila isibili. 17 Kodwa abantwana
babantu bakini bathi: Indlela yeNkosi kayilingani; kanti
ngeyabo indlela engalinganiyo. 18 Nxa olungileyo
ephenduka ekulungeni kwakhe, enze isiphambeko,
uzakufa ngenxa yaso. 19 Kodwa uba okhohlakeleyo
ephenduka kunkohlakalo yakhe, enze isahlulelo
lokulungileyo, yena uzaphila ngakho. 20 Kanti lithi:
Indlela yeNkosi kayilingani. Wena ndlu kaIsrayeli,
ngizalahlulela, ngulowo lalowo njengendlela zakhe. 21
Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wetshumi lambili wokuthunjwa
kwethu, ngenyanga yetshumi, ngolwesihlanu lwenyanga,
owayephunyukile eJerusalema wafika kimi esithi: Umuzi
usutshayiwe. 22 Kwathi isandla seNkosi saba phezu
kwami kusihlwa, ophunyukileyo engakafiki, savula
umlomo wami, waze wafika kimi ekuseni. Ngokunjalo
umlomo wami wavuleka, kangabe ngisaba yisimungulu.
23 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi, lisithi: 24 Ndodana
yomuntu, abahlali balawomanxiwa elizwe lakoIsrayeli
bakhuluma besithi: UAbrahama wayemunye, wadla

ilifa lelizwe; kodwa thina sibanengi; ilizwe silinikiwe
ukuba yilifa. 25 Ngakho tshono kubo: Itsho njalo
iNkosi uJehova: Lidla okulegazi, liphakamisele amehlo
enu ezithombeni zenu, lichithe igazi; kambe lizakudla
ilifa lelizwe yini? 26 Lima phezu kwenkemba yenu,
lenze isinengiso, lingcolise, ngulowo lalowo umfazi
kamakhelwane wakhe; kambe lizakudla ilifa lelizwe
yini? 27 Tshono njalo kubo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova:
Kuphila kwami, isibili labo abasemanxiweni bazakuwa
ngenkemba; lalowo osegcekeni ngizamnikela ezilweni
ukuthi zimudle, lalabo abasezinqabeni labasezimbalwini
bazakufa ngomatshayabhuqe wesifo. 28 Ngoba
ngizalenza ilizwe libe lunxiwa lencithakalo, lokuziqhenya
kwamandla alo kuzaphela, lezintaba zakoIsrayeli zibe
yinkangala, ukuze kungabi khona odlulayo. 29 Khona
bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi, lapho sengenze ilizwe
laba yinkangala lesesabiso ngenxa yawo wonke
amanyala abo abawenzileyo. 30 Wena-ke, ndodana
yomuntu, abantwana babantu bakini basakhuluma ngawe
ngasemidulwini laseminyango yezindlu, njalo omunye
ekhuluma komunye, ngulowo lalowo kumfowabo, besithi:
Wozani, ngiyacela, lizwe ukuthi yilizwi bani eliphuma
eNkosini. 31 Njalo bayeza kuwe njengokuza kwabantu,
bahlale phambi kwakho njengabantu bami, bezwe
amazwi akho, kodwa bangawenzi; ngoba ngomlomo
wabo babonakalisa uthando olukhulu, kodwa inhliziyo
yabo ilandela inzuzo yabo embi. 32 Khangela-ke, kubo
unjengengoma ethandekayo, ilizwi elimnandi, lowazi
kuhle ukutshaya ichacho; ngoba besizwa amazwi akho
kodwa bengawenzi. 33 Kodwa ekufikeni kwalokhu
(khangela, kuzafika), khona bazakwazi ukuthi bekukhona
umprofethi phakathi kwabo.

34 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi lisithi: 2 Ndodana
yomuntu, profetha umelene labelusi bakoIsrayeli,
profetha uthi kubo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova
kubelusi: Maye kubelusi bakoIsrayeli abazelusayo
bona! Abelusi bebengayikuzelusa izimvu yini? 3 Lidla
amanono, lizigqokise ngoboya, lihlabe ezinonileyo,
umhlambi kaliwelusi. 4 Ezibuthakathaka kaliziqinisanga,
lezigulayo kalizelaphanga, lezephukileyo kalizibophanga,
lebezixotshiwe kalizibuyisanga, lebezilahlekile
kalizidinganga; kodwa ngamandla langesihluku lizibusile.
5 Ngokunjalo zahlakazeka ngoba kungelamelusi; zaba
yikudla kuzo zonke izilo zeganga, lapho zihlakazekile. 6
Izimvu zami zazulazula kuzo zonke izintaba, laphezu
kwalo lonke uqaqa oluphakemeyo; yebo umhlambi
wami wawuhlakazeke phezu kobuso bonke bomhlaba,
njalo kungekho ozidingayo, kungekho ozibhudulayo. 7
Ngakho, lina belusi, zwanini ilizwi leNkosi. 8 Kuphila
kwami, itsho iNkosi uJehova, isibili, ngoba umhlambi
wami usube yimpango, lomhlambi wami usube yikudla
kwaso sonke isilo seganga, ngoba kungelamelusi,
labelusi bami bengazidinganga izimvu zami, kodwa
abelusi bezelusile bona, bengazelusanga izimvu zami;
9 ngakho, lina belusi, zwanini ilizwi leNkosi. 10 Itsho
njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngimelane labelusi,
ngizabiza umhlambi wami esandleni sabo, ngibenze
bayekele ukwelusa umhlambi, ukuthi abelusi bangabuyi
bazeluse bona; ngiwophule umhlambi wami emlonyeni
wabo, ukuze ungabi yikudla kwabo. 11 Ngoba itsho njalo
iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, mina, ngitsho mina ngizafuna
izimvu zami, ngizidinge. 12 Njengomalusi edinga
umhlambi wakhe ngosuku ephakathi kwezimvu zakhe
ezihlakazekileyo, ngokunjalo ngizadinga izimvu zami,
ngizophule kuzo zonke izindawo lapho ezihlakazekele
khona ngosuku lweyezi lolomnyama. 13 Ngizazikhupha
ebantwini, ngizibuthe emazweni, ngizise elizweni lazo,
ngizeluse phezu kwezintaba zakoIsrayeli ngasemifuleni
lakuzo zonke indawo zokuhlala zelizwe. 14 Ngizazelusa
edlelweni elivundileyo, lesibaya sazo sizakuba
sezintabeni eziphakemeyo zakoIsrayeli. Zizalala lapho
esibayeni esihle, zidle edlelweni elihle ezintabeni
zakoIsrayeli. 15 Mina ngizawelusa umhlambi wami,
mina ngiwulalise phansi, itsho iNkosi uJehova. 16
Ngizadinga ezilahlekileyo, ngibuyise ezixotshiweyo,
ngibophe ezephukileyo, ngiqinise ezigulayo; kodwa
ezinonileyo leziqinileyo ngizazibhubhisa, ngizeluse
ngesahlulelo. 17 Lina-ke, mhlambi wami, itsho njalo
iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngizakwahlulela phakathi
kwemvu lemvu, phakathi kwezinqama lezimpongo. 18
Kuyinto encane kini yini ukuthi lidle edlelweni elihle,
linyathelele phansi ngenyawo zenu insali yamadlelo
enu, lokuthi linathe amanzi acengekileyo, kodwa lidunge
aseleyo ngenyawo zenu? 19 Kodwa umhlambi wami
udla lokhu elikunyathele ngenyawo zenu, wanatha
lokho elikudunge ngenyawo zenu. 20 Ngakho itsho
njalo iNkosi uJehova kuzo: Khangelani, mina, ngitsho
mina ngizakwahlulela phakathi kwezimvu ezinonileyo
lezimvu ezicakileyo. 21 Ngoba lisunduza ngomhlubulo
langehlombe, lihlabe zonke ezigulayo ngezimpondo
zenu, lize lizihlakazele ngaphandle; 22 ngakho
ngizasindisa umhlambi wami, njalo kawusayikuba
yimpango; ngahlulele phakathi kwemvu lemvu. 23
Ngimise umelusi oyedwa phezu kwazo, azeluse, inceku
yami uDavida; yena uzazelusa, yena abe ngumelusi
wazo. 24 Mina-ke Nkosi ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu
wazo, lenceku yami uDavida ibe yisiphathamandla
phakathi kwazo. Mina Nkosi ngikhulumile. 25 Njalo
ngizakwenza lazo isivumelwano sokuthula, ngenze
izilo ezimbi ziphele elizweni; njalo zizahlala zivikelekile
enkangala, zilale emahlathini. 26 Futhi ngizakwenza
zona lezindawo ezihanqe uqaqa lwami kube yisibusiso;
ngenze umkhizo wehle ngesikhathi sawo, kuzakuba
lemikhizo yesibusiso. 27 Lesihlahla sasendle sizathela
izithelo zaso, lomhlaba uveze isivuno sawo; njalo
zizakuba ngezivikelekileyo elizweni lazo, zazi ukuthi
ngiyiNkosi, nxa sengephule izikeyi zejogwe lazo,
ngizophule esandleni salabo abazisebenzisayo. 28

Njalo kazisayikuba yimpango yabezizwe, njalo izilo
zelizwe kazisayikuzidla; kodwa zizahlala zivikelekile,
njalo kakukho okungazethusa. 29 Njalo ngizazivusela
isilimo esilebizo njalo kazisayikususwa yindlala elizweni,
kazisayikuthwala ihlazo labezizwe. 30 Ngalokho
zizakwazi ukuthi mina Nkosi, uNkulunkulu wazo, ngilazo,
lokuthi zona, indlu kaIsrayeli, zingabantu bami, itsho
iNkosi uJehova. 31 Lina-ke, mhlambi wami, mhlambi
wedlelo lami, lingabantu; mina nginguNkulunkulu wenu,
itsho iNkosi uJehova.

35 Ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi futhi lisithi: 2 Ndodana
yomuntu, misa ubuso bakho bumelene lentaba
iSeyiri, uprofethe umelene layo, 3 uthi kuyo: Itsho njalo
iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngimelane lawe, wena ntaba
yeSeyiri, njalo ngizakwelula isandla sami simelene lawe,
ngikwenze ube lunxiwa lencithakalo. 4 Ngizakwenza
imizi yakho ibe lunxiwa, wena-ke ube yincithakalo; njalo
uzakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi. 5 Ngoba waba lenzondo
engapheliyo, wathululela abantwana bakoIsrayeli
emandleni enkemba ngesikhathi sokuhlupheka kwabo,
ngesikhathi sesiphambeko sokuphela; 6 ngakho, kuphila
kwami, itsho iNkosi uJehova, isibili ngizakulungiselela
igazi, legazi lizakuzingela; ngoba ungalizondanga
igazi, igazi lizakuzingela. 7 Njalo ngizakwenza intaba
yeSeyiri ibe yincithakalo lonxiwa, ngiqume kiyo odlulayo
lophendukayo. 8 Ngigcwalise intaba zayo ngababuleweyo
bayo; amaqaqa akho, lezihotsha zakho, layo yonke
imifula yakho, ababuleweyo ngenkemba bazakuwa
kukho. 9 Ngizakwenza ube ngamanxiwa aphakade,
lemizi yakho kayiyikuhlalwa; khona uzakwazi ukuthi
ngiyiNkosi. 10 Ngoba uthi: Lezizizwe ezimbili lala
amazwe amabili kuzakuba ngokwami, sidle ilifa lakho;
lanxa iNkosi ibikhona lapho; 11 ngakho, kuphila kwami,
itsho iNkosi uJehova, lami ngizakwenza ngokolaka
lwakho lanjengokomhawu wakho owakusebenzisayo
ngenzondo yakho umelene labo; ngizenze ngaziwe
phakathi kwabo, lapho sengikwahlulele. 12 Khona
uzakwazi ukuthi mina Nkosi ngizwile zonke izithuko
zakho owazikhuluma umelene lezintaba zakoIsrayeli
usithi: Zichithekile, sizinikiwe zibe yikudla. 13 Ngokunjalo
lizikhulisile limelene lami ngomlomo wenu, landisa
amazwi enu limelene lami; mina ngizwile. 14 Itsho
njalo iNkosi uJehova: Njengokwentokozo yelizwe lonke,
ngizakwenza ube yincithakalo. 15 Njengoba lathokoza
ngelifa lendlu kaIsrayeli ngenxa yokuthi lichitheka,
ngokunjalo ngizakwenza kuwe; uzakuba yincithakalo,
wena ntaba yeSeyiri, leEdoma yonke, yona yonke.
Khona bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi.

36 Wena-ke ndodana yomuntu, profetha kuzo izintaba
zakoIsrayeli, uthi: Lina zintaba zakoIsrayeli, zwanini
ilizwi leNkosi. 2 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngoba
isitha sitshilo simelene lani: Aha, ngitsho izindawo
zasendulo eziphakemeyo ziyilifa lethu; 3 ngakho profetha
uthi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngoba, yebo, ngoba
bakwenze incithakalo, baliginya inhlangothi zonke,
ukuze libe yilifa kuyo insali yabezizwe, liphakanyiswa
endebeni zolimi, laba lunyeyo lwabantu; 4 ngakho, lina
zintaba zakoIsrayeli, zwanini ilizwi leNkosi uJehova:
Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova ezintabeni, lemaqaqeni,
emifuleni, lezihotsheni, lemanxiweni achithekileyo,
lemizini etshiyiweyo, esibe yimpango lenhlekisa kunsali
yezizwe ezizingelezeleyo. 5 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi
uJehova: Isibili ngomlilo wobukhwele bami sengikhulume
ngimelene lensali yabezizwe, ngimelene leEdoma yonke,
abazinikele ilizwe lami ukuthi libe yilifa ngentokozo
yenhliziyo yonke, ngengqondo yokudelela, ngenxa
yokuliphosa libe yimpango. 6 Ngakho profetha ngelizwe
lakoIsrayeli, uthi ezintabeni, lemaqaqeni, emifuleni,
lezihotsheni: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela,
ngikhulumile ebukhweleni bami lelakeni lwami, ngoba
lithwele ihlazo lezizwe. 7 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi
uJehova: Mina ngiphakamisile isandla sami. Isibili
izizwe ezilihanqileyo, yizo ezizathwala ihlazo lazo. 8
Kodwa lina, zintaba zakoIsrayeli, lizaveza ingatsha
zenu, lithele isithelo senu kubantu bami uIsrayeli, ngoba
basondela ukubuya. 9 Ngoba, khangelani, ngilani,
ngiphendukele ngakini, njalo lizalinywa lihlanyelwe. 10
Njalo ngizakwandisa abantu phezu kwenu, yonke indlu
kaIsrayeli, yona yonke; lemizi izahlalwa, lamanxiwa
azakwakhiwa. 11 Njalo ngizakwandisa phezu kwenu
umuntu lenyamazana, njalo kuzakwanda kuthele izithelo;
ngilenze lihlale njengasezindaweni zenu zendulo,
ngikwenze kube kuhle kulezikhathi zenu zokuqala. Khona
lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi. 12 Yebo ngizakwenza abantu
bahambe phezu kwenu, abantu bami uIsrayeli; badle ilifa
lakho, wena ube yilifa labo, kawusayikubenza bafelwe
ngabantwana futhi. 13 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngoba
bathi kini: Wena ungumudli wabantu, wenze izizwe
zakho zifelwe ngabantwana. 14 Ngakho kawusayikudla
abantu, kawusayikukhubekisa izizwe zakho, itsho
iNkosi uJehova. 15 Njalo kangisayikuzwakalisa kuwe
ihlazo lezizwe, kawusayikuthwala inhloni zabantu,
kawusayikukhubekisa izizwe, itsho iNkosi uJehova. 16
Ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi futhi lisithi: 17 Ndodana yomuntu,
abendlu kaIsrayeli besahlala elizweni lakibo, balingcolisa
ngendlela yabo langezenzo zabo; indlela yabo phambi
kwami yayifanana lokungcola kowesifazana osemfuleni.
18 Ngakho ngathululela ulaka lwami phezu kwabo ngenxa
yegazi ababelichithe elizweni, langenxa yezithombe
zabo ababelingcolise ngazo. 19 Ngasengibahlakaza
phakathi kwezizwe, basabalaliswa phakathi kwamazwe;
ngabahlulela njengokwendlela yabo lanjengokwezenzo
zabo. 20 Lapho befika kwabezizwe, lapho abaya
khona, bangcolisa ibizo lami elingcwele, lapho kwathiwa
ngabo: Laba ngabantu beNkosi, baphume elizweni layo.
21 Kodwa ngalihawukela ibizo lami elingcwele, indlu
kaIsrayeli eyayilingcolise phakathi kwezizwe, lapho abaya

khona. 22 Ngakho tshono kuyo indlu kaIsrayeli: Itsho
njalo iNkosi uJehova: Kangikwenzi ngenxa yenu, lina
ndlu kaIsrayeli, kodwa ngenxa yebizo lami elingcwele,
elilingcolisileyo phakathi kwezizwe, lapho elaya khona.
23 Njalo ngizangcwelisa ibizo lami elikhulu, elingcoliswe
phakathi kwezizwe, elilingcolisileyo phakathi kwazo;
lezizwe zizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi, itsho iNkosi uJehova,
lapho ngizangcweliswa kini emehlweni abo. 24 Ngoba
ngizalithatha ezizweni, ngilibuthe emazweni wonke,
ngililethe elizweni lenu. 25 Khona ngizafafaza amanzi
ahlambulukileyo phezu kwenu, lihlambuluke; kukho
konke ukungcola kwenu, lakuzo zonke izithombe zenu,
ngizalihlambulula. 26 Ngilinike inhliziyo entsha, ngifake
umoya omutsha phakathi kwenu, ngisuse inhliziyo
yelitshe enyameni yenu, ngilinike inhliziyo yenyama.
27 Ngifake uMoya wami phakathi kwenu, ngilenze
ukuthi lihambe ngezimiso zami, ligcine izahlulelo zami
lizenze. 28 Lizahlala-ke elizweni engalinika oyihlo, libe
ngabantu bami, lami ngibe nguNkulunkulu wenu. 29
Njalo ngizalisindisa kukho konke ukungcola kwenu;
ngibize amabele, ngiwandise, ngingabeki ndlala phezu
kwenu. 30 Ngandise isithelo sesihlahla, lesivuno sensimu,
ukuze lingaphindi lemukele ihlazo lendlala phakathi
kwezizwe. 31 Khona lizakhumbula izindlela zenu
ezimbi lezenzo zenu ezingalunganga; linengeke ngani
ngokwenu ngobubi benu langenxa yezinengiso zenu.
32 Kangikwenzi ngenxa yenu, itsho iNkosi uJehova;
kakwaziwe kini. Banini lenhloni libe lehlazo ngenxa
yezindlela zenu, lina ndlu kaIsrayeli. 33 Itsho njalo
iNkosi uJehova: Mhla ngilihlambulula kubo bonke ububi
benu, ngizakwenza imizi ihlalwe, lamanxiwa akhiwe.
34 Lelizwe elichithekileyo lizalinywa, endaweni yokuthi
beliyinkangala emehlweni abo bonke abadlulayo. 35 Njalo
bazakuthi: Lelilizwe ebeselichithekile selinjengesivande
seEdeni; lemizi eyinkangala lengamanxiwa lediliziweyo
isibiyelwe yahlalwa. 36 Khona izizwe ezisele
zilizingelezele zizakwazi ukuthi mina iNkosi ngakha
indawo ezidiliziweyo, ngihlanyele ezichithekileyo.
Mina Nkosi ngikhulumile, ngizakwenza. 37 Itsho
njalo iNkosi uJehova: Langalokhu ngizacelwa yindlu
kaIsrayeli, ukuthi ngiyenzele khona; ngizabandisa
ngabantu njengomhlambi. 38 Njengomhlambi ongcwele,
njengomhlambi weJerusalema emikhosini yawo
emisiweyo, ngokunjalo imizi echithekileyo izagcwala
ngemihlambi yabantu. Khona bazakwazi ukuthi
ngiyiNkosi.

37 Isandla seNkosi sasiphezu kwami, sangikhupha
ngoMoya weNkosi, sangibeka phakathi
kwesihotsha esasigcwele amathambo. 2 Yangidlulisa
kuwo ngibhoda inhlangothi zonke; khangela-ke,
ayemanengi kakhulu ebusweni besihotsha, njalo
khangela, ayomile kakhulu. 3 Yasisithi kimi: Ndodana
yomuntu, amathambo la angaphila yini? Ngasengisithi:
Nkosi Jehova, nguwe owaziyo. 4 Yasisithi kimi:
Profetha phezu kwalamathambo, uthi kiwo: Lina
mathambo omileyo, zwanini ilizwi leNkosi. 5 Itsho
njalo iNkosi uJehova kula amathambo: Khangelani,
ngizakwenza umoya ungene kini, liphile. 6 Ngibeke
imisipha phezu kwenu, ngivuselele inyama phezu
kwenu, ngilembese ngesikhumba, ngifake umoya
kini, liphile. Khona lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi. 7
Ngasengiprofetha njengokulaywa kwami; kwasekusiba
lomsindo ngisaprofetha, khangela-ke ukunyikinyeka,
amathambo asesondelelana, ithambo kuthambo lalo. 8
Ngasengibona, khangela-ke, kwakulemisipha phezu
kwawo, yavela inyama, lesikhumba sawasibekela
ngaphezulu; kodwa kwakungelamoya kiwo. 9 Yasisithi
kimi: Profetha emoyeni, profetha ndodana yomuntu,
uthi emoyeni: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Woza uvela
emimoyeni emine, wena moya, uphefumulele kulaba
ababuleweyo ukuze baphile. 10 Ngasengiprofetha
njengalokho yayingilayile; umoya wasungena kiwo,
aphila, ema ngenyawo zawo, ibutho elikhulu kakhulukazi.
11 Yasisithi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, la amathambo
ayindlu yonke kaIsrayeli. Khangela, bathi: Amathambo
ethu omile, lethemba lethu libhubhile, siqunyiwe
ngokwethu. 12 Ngakho profetha uthi kubo: Itsho njalo
iNkosi uJehova: Khangelani, ngizavula amangcwaba
enu, ngilikhuphule emangcwabeni enu, lina bantu
bami, ngilise elizweni lakoIsrayeli. 13 Khona lizakwazi
ukuthi ngiyiNkosi, lapho ngivula amangcwaba enu,
ngilikhuphule emangcwabeni enu, lina bantu bami. 14
Besengifaka umoya wami kini, liphile, besengilibeka
elizweni lenu; khona lizakwazi ukuthi mina Nkosi
ngikhulumile, ngakwenza, itsho iNkosi. 15 Ilizwi leNkosi
lafika kimi futhi lisithi: 16 Wena-ke ndodana yomuntu,
zithathele intonga eyodwa, ubhale phezu kwayo
uthi: EkaJuda, leyabantwana bakaIsrayeli abangane
bakhe; ubusuthatha enye intonga, ubhale phezu kwayo
uthi: EkaJosefa, intonga kaEfrayimi, layo yonke indlu
kaIsrayeli abangane bakhe. 17 Ubusuzisondeza,
enye kwenye kuwe, zibe yintonga eyodwa; njalo
zizakuba ngeyodwa esandleni sakho. 18 Lalapho
abantwana babantu bakini bekhuluma kuwe besithi:
Kawuyikusitshela yini ukuthi lezi ziyini kuwe? 19 Tshono
kubo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngizathatha
intonga kaJosefa, esesandleni sikaEfrayimi, lezizwe
zakoIsrayeli abangane bakhe, ngizibeke kuyo, kuyo
intonga kaJuda, ngizenze zibe yintonga eyodwa, zibe
ngeyodwa esandleni sami. 20 Njalo izintonga obhale kizo
zizakuba sesandleni sakho phambi kwamehlo abo. 21
Ubususithi kubo: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangelani,
ngizathatha abantwana bakoIsrayeli phakathi kwezizwe,
abaye kizo, ngibabuthe inhlangothi zonke, ngibalethe
elizweni labo; 22 ngibenze babe yisizwe esisodwa
elizweni phezu kwezintaba zakoIsrayeli; njalo inkosi
eyodwa izakuba yinkosi yabo bonke; njalo kabasayikuba

yizizwe ezimbili, kabasayikwehlukaniswa babe yimibuso
emibili futhi. 23 Kabasayikuzingcolisa ngezithombe zabo,
langamanyala abo, langasiphi seziphambeko zabo;
kodwa ngizabasindisa baphume kuzo zonke indawo
zabo zokuhlala, abona kizo, ngibahlambulule. Ngalokho
bazakuba ngabantu bami, lami ngibe nguNkulunkulu
wabo. 24 Njalo inceku yami uDavida izakuba yinkosi
phezu kwabo; labo bonke bazakuba lomalusi munye;
futhi bazahamba kuzahlulelo zami, bagcine izimiso
zami, bazenze. 25 Bahlale elizweni engalinika inceku
yami uJakobe, ababehlala kulo oyihlo, yebo, bazahlala
kulo, bona, labantwana babo, labantwana babantwana
babo, kuze kube phakade. Futhi uDavida inceku yami
uzakuba yisiphathamandla sabo kuze kube phakade.
26 Futhi ngizakwenza isivumelwano sokuthula labo;
sizakuba yisivumelwano esilaphakade labo; ngibamise,
ngibandise, ngibeke indawo yami engcwele phakathi
kwabo kuze kube phakade. 27 Ithabhanekele lami lalo
lizakuba kubo, njalo ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wabo,
labo bazakuba ngabantu bami. 28 Lezizwe zizakwazi
ukuthi mina Nkosi ngenza uIsrayeli abe ngcwele, nxa
indawo yami engcwele izakuba phakathi kwabo kuze
kube phakade.

38 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi lisithi: 2 Ndodana
yomuntu, misa ubuso bakho bumelene loGogi,
ilizwe likaMagogi, isiphathamandla esiyinhloko yeMesheki
leThubhali, uprofethe umelene laye, 3 uthi: Itsho
njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela, ngimelene lawe,
wena Gogi isiphathamandla esiyinhloko yeMesheki
leThubhali. 4 Njalo ngizakuphendula, ngifake izingwegwe
emihlathini yakho, ngikukhuphe wena lebutho lakho
lonke, amabhiza labagadi bamabhiza, bonke begqoke
bephelele, ixuku elikhulu elilomhawu lesihlangu, bonke
bephethe izinkemba. 5 IPerisiya, iEthiyophiya, lePuti
ilabo; bonke belesihlangu lengowane. 6 IGomeri
lamaviyo ayo wonke, indlu kaTogarima ezinhlangothini
zenyakatho, lamaviyo ayo wonke; abantu abanengi kanye
lawe. 7 Lunga, uzilungisele, wena lexuku lakho lonke
elibuthene kuwe, ube ngumgcini wabo. 8 Emva kwensuku
ezinengi uzahanjelwa; ekucineni kweminyaka uzakuza
elizweni elabuyiswa enkembeni, elabuthwa ezizweni
ezinengi, ngasezintabeni zakoIsrayeli, ezaziyincithakalo
njalonjalo. Kodwa selikhutshwe emazweni, njalo
bazahlala bevikelekile bonke. 9 Khona uzakwenyuka, uze
njengesiphepho, ube njengeyezi lokusibekela umhlaba,
wena, lawo wonke amaviyo akho, labantu abanengi
kanye lawe. 10 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Kuzakuthi-
ke ngalolosuku kuvele izinto enhliziyweni yakho,
unakane icebo elibi, 11 uthi: Ngizakwenyukela elizweni
lemizi engabiyelwanga; ngizakuya kwabalokuthula,
abahlezi bevikelekile, bonke behlezi bengelamduli,
bengelamgoqo lezivalo, 12 ukuphanga impango,
lokubamba okubanjiweyo; ukuphendulela isandla
sakho phezu kwezindawo ezingamanxiwa esezihlalwa,
laphezu kwabantu ababuthwe ezizweni, abazuze izifuyo
lempahla, abahlala enkabeni yelizwe. 13 IShebha,
leDedani, labathengiselani beTarshishi, lazo zonke
izilwane zayo ezintsha, kuzakuthi kuwe: Ufike yini
ukuzaphanga impango? Ixuku lakho ulibuthanisele
ukubamba okubanjiweyo yini, ukususa isiliva legolide,
ukuthatha izifuyo lempahla, ukuphanga impango enkulu
yini? 14 Ngakho, profetha, ndodana yomuntu, uthi kuGogi:
Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngalolosuku, mhla abantu
bami uIsrayeli behlezi ngokuvikeleka, kawuyikukwazi yini?
15 Khona uzakuza uvele endaweni yakho, ezinhlangothini
zenyakatho, wena, labantu abanengi kanye lawe, bonke
begade amabhiza, ixuku elikhulu, lebutho elilamandla.
16 Njalo uzakwenyuka umelane labantu bami uIsrayeli,
njengeyezi elisibekela umhlaba. Kuzakwenzeka ekucineni
kwezinsuku, ngikuse umelane lelizwe lami, ukuze izizwe
zingazi, lapho ngizangcweliswa kuwe, wena Gogi,
phambi kwamehlo azo. 17 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova:
Unguwe yini engakhuluma ngaye ensukwini zasendulo
ngesandla sezinceku zami abaprofethi bakoIsrayeli,
abaprofetha ngalezonsuku okweminyaka eminengi
ukuthi ngizakuletha umelane labo? 18 Kuzakuthi-ke
ngalolosuku mhla uGogi ezakuza ukumelana lelizwe
lakoIsrayeli, itsho iNkosi uJehova, ulaka lwami luvuke
ebusweni bami. 19 Ngoba ebukhweleni bami lemlilweni
wolaka lwami ngathi: Isibili ngalolosuku kuzakuba khona
ukuzamazama okukhulu elizweni lakoIsrayeli. 20 Ukuze
kuthuthumele ebukhoneni bami izinhlanzi zolwandle,
lenyoni zamazulu, lenyamazana zeganga, lazo zonke
izinto ezihuquzelayo, ezihuquzela emhlabathini, labo
bonke abantu abasebusweni bomhlaba, lezintaba
zizawiselwa phansi, lamawa azawela phansi, lawo
wonke umduli uwele emhlabathini. 21 Njalo ngizabiza
inkemba imelane laye kuzo zonke izintaba zami, itsho
iNkosi uJehova; inkemba yalowo lalowomuntu izamelana
lomfowabo. 22 Futhi ngizamehlulela ngomatshayabhuqe
wesifo langegazi; nginise phezu kwakhe, laphezu
kwamaxuku akhe, laphezu kwezizwe ezinengi ezilaye,
izulu elikhukhulayo, lamatshe esiqhotho, umlilo, lesolufa.
23 Ngalokho ngizazikhulisa ngizingcwelise, ngaziwe
phambi kwamehlo ezizwe ezinengi; khona bazakwazi
ukuthi ngiyiNkosi.

39 Wena-ke ndodana yomuntu, profetha umelene
loGogi, uthi: Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Khangela,
ngimelane lawe, wena Gogi, siphathamandla esiyinhloko
seMesheki leThubhali. 2 Ngizakutshibilikisa, ngitshiye
ingxenye yesithupha, ngikwenze wenyuke uvela
emaceleni enyakatho, ngikulethe phezu kwezintaba
zakoIsrayeli. 3 Besengitshaya idandili lakho lisuke
esandleni sakho sokhohlo, ngenze imitshoko yakho
iwe esandleni sakho sokunene. 4 Uzawela phezu
kwezintaba zakoIsrayeli, wena, lamaviyo akho wonke,
labantu abalawe. Ngizakunikela enyonini ezidla inyama,
enyonini zalo lonke uphiko, lakuzilo zeganga, ube

yikudla. **5** Uzawela ebusweni bomhlaba, ngoba
mina ngikhulumile, itsho iNkosi uJehova. **6** Njalo
ngizathumela umlilo kuMagogi, laphakathi kwabahlala
ngokonwaba ezihlengeni. Khona bazakwazi ukuthi
ngiyiNkosi. **7** Njalo ngizakwenza ukuthi ibizo lami
elingcwele laziwe phakathi kwabantu bami uIsrayeli;
kangisayikungcolisa ibizo lami elingcwele; lezizwe
zizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi, oyiNgcwele koIsrayeli.
8 Khangelani, sekufikile sekwenzakele, itsho iNkosi
uJehova; yilo lolusuku engakhuluma ngalo. **9** Labahlali
bemizi yakoIsrayeli bazaphuma, batshise baphembe
umlilo ngezikhali, lezihlangu ezinkulu lamahawu,
ngamadandili, langemitshoko, langezinduku zesandla,
langemikhonto, baphembe umlilo ngakho iminyaka
eyisikhombisa; **10** ukuze bangathezi izinkuni egangeni,
bangagamuli emaguswini; ngoba bazaphemba umlilo
ngezikhali; baphange labo ababaphangayo, bemuke
ababemukayo, itsho iNkosi uJehova. **11** Kuzakuthi-ke
ngalolosuku, ngiphe uGogi lapho indawo yengcwaba
koIsrayeli, isihotsha sabadluli empumalanga kolwandle,
esizavimbela abadluli. Lalapho bazangcwaba uGogi
lexuku lakhe lonke; basibize ngokuthi yisiHotsha sexuku
likaGogi. **12** Njalo indlu yakoIsrayeli izabangcwaba,
ukuze bahlambulule ilizwe, okwenyanga eziyisikhombisa.
13 Yebo bonke abantu belizwe bazabangcwaba, kube
libizo kubo ngosuku engizadunyiswa ngalo, itsho iNkosi
uJehova. **14** Njalo bazakwehlukanisa amadoda ahlezi
edabula phakathi kwelizwe ukuyangcwaba, labedlulayo,
labo abaseleyo ebusweni belizwe, ukuze balihlambulule.
Ekupheleni kwenyanga eziyisikhombisa bazahlola. **15**
Labedlulayo bazadlula phakathi kwelizwe, lapho bebona
ithambo lomuntu, uzakwakha isibonakaliso phansi kwalo,
baze abangcwabi balingcwabe esihotsheni sexuku
likaGogi. **16** Futhi lebizo lomuzi lizakuba yiHamona.
Ngokunjalo bazahlambulula ilizwe. **17** Wena-ke, ndodana
yomuntu, itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Tshono enyonini
yalo lonke uphiko, lakuyo yonke inyamazana yeganga:
Zihlanganiseni, lize, libuthane livele inhlangothi zonke
kumhlatshelo wami engiwuhlabele lina, umhlatshelo
omkhulu phezu kwezintaba zakoIsrayeli, ukuze
lidle inyama linathe igazi. **18** Lizakudla inyama
yamaqhawe, linathe igazi leziphathamandla zomhlaba,
elezinqama, elamawundlu, lelezimbuzi, elamajongosi,
konke kungokunonisiweyo kweBashani. **19** Njalo
lizakudla amafutha lize lisuthe, linathe igazi lize
lidakwe, ngomhlatshelo wami engilihlabele wona.
20 Ngokunjalo lizasutha etafuleni lami ngamabhiza
lezinqola, ngamaqhawe, langawo wonke amadoda
empi, itsho iNkosi uJehova. **21** Njalo ngizamisa
inkazimulo yami phakathi kwezizwe; lezizwe zonke
zizabona isahlulelo sami engisenzileyo, lesandla sami
engisibeke phezu kwabo. **22** Ngokunjalo abendlu
kaIsrayeli bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu
wabo kusukela ngalolosuku kusiya phambili. **23**
Lezizwe zizakwazi ukuthi abendlu kaIsrayeli bathunjwa
ngenxa yobubi bayo; ngenxa yokuthi baphambuka
bemelene lami ngakho ngafihla ubuso bami kubo,
ngabanikela esandleni sezitha zabo; ngokunjalo bonke
bawa ngenkemba. **24** Ngabaphatha njengokokungcola
kwabo lanjengokweziphambeko zabo, ngafihla ubuso
bami kubo. **25** Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova:
Khathesi ngizabuyisa abathunjwa bakaJakobe, ngibe
lesihawu phezu kwayo yonke indlu kaIsrayeli, ngibe
lobukhwele ngebizo lami elingcwele. **26** Sebethwele
ihlazo labo, laso sonke isiphambeko sabo abaphambeke
ngaso bemelene lami, lapho bahlala bevikelekile elizweni
labo, engekho obethusayo. **27** Sengibabuyisile bevela
ebantwini, ngabaqoqa bevela emazweni ezitha zabo,
ngangcweliswa kubo emehlweni ezizwe ezinengi.
28 Khona bazakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu
wabo, engenza ukuthi bakhokhelelwe ekuthunjweni
phakathi kwezizwe; kodwa ngizabaqoqela elizweni
lakibo, kangisayikutshiya lamunye wabo khona. **29** Njalo
kangisayikufihla ubuso bami kubo, ngoba ngithululele
umoya wami phezu kwendlu kaIsrayeli, itsho iNkosi
uJehova.

40 Ngomnyaka wamatshumi amabili lanhlanu
wokuthunjwa kwethu, ekuqaliseni komnyaka,
ngolwetshumi lwenyanga, ngomnyaka wetshumi lane
emva kokuthi umuzi usutshayiwe, ngalona lolosuku
isandla seNkosi saba phezu kwami, wangiletha lapho. **2**
Ngemibono kaNkulunkulu wangisa elizweni lakoIsrayeli,
wangibeka phezu kwentaba ende kakhulu; njalo eceleni
kwayo kwakulokunjengesakhiwo somuzi ngaseningizimu.
3 Wasengiletha khona, khangela-ke, kwakulomuntu
osimo sakhe sasinjengesimo sethusi, elentambo
yefilakisi esandleni sakhe, lomhlanga wokulinganisa;
wema-ke esangweni. **4** Lowomuntu wasesithi kimi:
Ndodana yomuntu, bona ngamehlo akho, uzwe
ngendlebe zakho, ubeke inhliziyo yakho phezu kwakho
konke engizakutshengisa khona; ngoba ulethwe lapha
ukuze ngikutshengise khona. Landisa konke okubonayo
kuyo indlu yakoIsrayeli. **5** Khangela-ke, kwakulomduli
ngaphandle kwendlu ozingelezeleyo inhlangothi zonke,
lesandleni somuntu kwakulomhlanga wokulinganisa
wezingalo eziyisithupha, ngengalo lobubanzi besandla.
Waselinganisa ububanzi besakhiwo, baba ngumhlanga
owodwa, lokuphakama, kwaba ngumhlanga owodwa. **6**
Wasesiza esangweni elikhangele indlela yempumalanga,
wakhwela ngezinyathelo zalo, walinganisa umbundu
wesango, ububanzi baba ngumhlanga owodwa, lomunye
umbundu, ububanzi baba ngumhlanga owodwa. **7** Njalo
yilelo lalelokamelo, ubude baba ngumhlanga owodwa,
lobubanzi baba ngumhlanga owodwa; laphakathi
kwamakamelo kwaba yizingalo ezinhlanu; lombundu
wesango ngasekhulusini lesango ngaphakathi waba
ngumhlanga owodwa. **8** Walinganisa lekhulusi lesango

ngaphakathi, laba ngumhlanga owodwa. **9** Waselinganisa
ikhulusi lesango, laba yizingalo eziyisificaminwembili;
lemigubazi yawo, yaba zingalo ezimbili; lekhulusi
lesango lalingaphakathi. **10** Lamakamelo esango
ngendlela yempumalanga ayemathathu ngapha
lamathathu ngapha; njalo womathathu ayelesilinganiso
sinye; lemigubazi yayilesilinganiso sinye ngapha
langapha. **11** Waselinganisa ububanzi bentuba
yesango, baba yizingalo ezilitshumi; ubude besango,
baba yizingalo ezilitshumi lantathu. **12** Lomkhawulo
phambi kwamakamelo wawuyingalo eyodwa ngapha,
lomkhawulo wengalo eyodwa ngapha; lekamelo
laliyizingalo eziyisithupha ngapha, lezingalo eziyisithupha
ngapha. **13** Waselinganisa isango kusukela ephahleni
lwelinye ikamelo kusiya ephahleni lwelinye; ububanzi
babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu,
umnyango phambi komnyango. **14** Wenza futhi
imigubazi yaba zingalo ezingamatshumi ayisithupha,
ngitsho kuze kube semgubazini weguma inhlangothi
zonke zesango zizingelezele. **15** Njalo kusukela
ebusweni besango lokungena kuze kube sebusweni
bekhulusi lesango elingaphakathi kwaba zingalo
ezingamatshumi amahlanu. **16** Futhi kwakulamawindi
avaliweyo emakamelweni, lasemigubazini yawo
ngaphakathi kwesango inhlangothi zonke azingelezeleyo;
langokunjalo amakhulusi; lamawindi inhlangothi zonke
azingelezeleyo ngaphakathi; laphezu kwemigubazi
kwakulezihlahla zelala. **17** Wasengingenisa egumeni
elingaphandle, khangela-ke, kwakulamakamelo, lendawo
egandelweyo eyenzelwe iguma inhlangothi zonke
ezingelezeleyo; kwakulamakamelo angamatshumi
amathathu phezu kwendawo egandelweyo. **18** Lendawo
egandelweyo yayingasemasangweni maqondana
lobude bamasango; kwakuyindawo egandelweyo
engaphansi. **19** Waselinganisa ububanzi, kusukela
ngaphambi kwesango elingaphansi kusiya ngaphambi
kweguma elingaphakathi ngaphandle, kwaba yizingalo
ezilikhulu, ngasempumalanga langasenyakatho. **20**
Lesango elikhangele indlela yenyakatho, kulo iguma
elingaphandle, walinganisa ubude balo lobubanzi
balo. **21** Lamakamelo alo ayemathathu ngapha, njalo
emathathu ngapha; lemigubazi yalo lamakhulusi alo
kwakunjengesilinganiso sesango lokuqala. Ubude balo
babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu, lobubanzi
buzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu. **22**
Lamawindi alo lamakhulusi alo lezihlahla zalo zelala
kwakunjengesilinganiso sesango elikhangele indlela
yempumalanga. Njalo benyukela kilo ngezinyathelo
eziyisikhombisa; lamakhulusi alo ayephambi kwakho.
23 Lesango leguma elingaphakathi lalimaqondana
lesango elingasenyakatho langasempumalanga.
Waselinganisa kusukela esangweni kusiya esangweni,
kwaba zingalo ezilikhulu. **24** Emva kwalokho
wangiletha ngendlela yeningizimu, khangela-ke,
kwakukhona isango ngasendleleni yeningizimu;
waselinganisa imigubazi yalo lamakhulusi alo
njengokwalezizilinganiso. **25** Kwakukhona amawindi kilo
lakuwo amakhulusi alo azingelezeleyo inhlangothi zonke,
njengalawomawindi. Ubude babuzingalo ezingamatshumi
amahlanu, lobubanzi buzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili
lanhlanu. **26** Kwakukhona izinyathelo eziyisikhombisa
zokwenyukela kilo, lamakhulusi alo ayephambi
kwazo; njalo lalilezihlahla zelala, esinye ngapha,
lesinye ngapha, phezu kwemigubazi yalo. **27**
Kwakukhona isango egumeni elingaphakathi ngendlela
yeningizimu; waselinganisa kusukela esangweni kusiya
esangweni ngendlela yeningizimu, kwaba zingalo
ezilikhulu. **28** Wasengiletha egumeni elingaphakathi
ngesango leningizimu, walinganisa isango leningizimu
njengokwezilinganiso lezi. **29** Lamakamelo alo lemigubazi
yalo lamakhulusi alo kwakunjengokwezilinganiso lezi.
Njalo kwakukhona amawindi kilo lakuwo amakhulusi
alo inhlangothi zonke azingelezeleyo. Lobude
babuyizingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu, lobubanzi
babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu. **30**
Kwakulamakhulusi azingelezeleyo inhlangothi zonke;
ubude babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu,
lobubanzi babuzingalo ezinhlanu. **31** Lamakhulusi
alo aba ngasegumeni elingaphandle, lezihlahla zelala
zaziphezu kwemigubazi yalo, lokwenyukela kilo
kwakulezinyathelo eziyisificaminwembili. **32** Wasengiletha
egumeni elingaphakathi ngasendleleni yempumalanga;
walinganisa isango njengokwezilinganiso lezi. **33**
Lamakamelo alo lemigubazi yalo lamakhulusi alo
kwakunjengokwezilinganiso lezi; kwakukhona amawindi
kilo lakuwo amakhulusi alo inhlangothi zonke
kuzingelezele. Ubude babuzingalo ezingamatshumi
amahlanu, lobubanzi babuzingalo ezingamatshumi
amabili lanhlanu. **34** Lamakhulusi alo ayengasegumeni
elingaphandle; lezihlahla zelala zazisemigubazini yalo,
ngapha langapha; lokwenyukela kilo kwakulezinyathelo
eziyisificaminwembili. **35** Wasengisa esangweni
elingenyakatho, walinganisa njengezilinganiso lezi.
36 Amakamelo alo, imigubazi yalo, lamakhulusi alo,
lamawindi ayekulo inhlangothi zonke azingelezeleyo;
ubude babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amahlanu,
lobubanzi buzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu.
37 Lemigubazi yalo yayingasegumeni elingaphandle,
lezihlahla zelala zazisemigubazini yalo, ngapha
langapha; lokwenyukela kilo kwakulezinyathelo
eziyisificaminwembili. **38** Njalo amakamelo leminyango
yalo kwakungasemigubazini yamasango; lapho
babegezisela umnikelo wokutshiswa. **39** Lekhulusini
lesango kwakukhona amatafula amabili ngapha,
lamatafula amabili ngapha, ukuhlabela phezu kwawo
umnikelo wokutshiswa lomnikelo wesono lomnikelo
wecala. **40** Laseceleni ngaphandle ekwenyukeleni
kuso isivalo sesango lenyakatho kwakulamatafula

amabili, laseceleni elinye elingasekhulusini lesango
kwakulamatafula amabili. 41 Amatafula amane ngapha,
lamatafula amane ngapha, ngaseceleni kwesango;
amatafula ayisificaminwembili, ababehlabela phezu
kwawo. 42 Lamatafula amane omnikelo wokutshiswa
awamatshe abaziweyo; ubude babuyingalo eyodwa
lengxenye, lobubanzi babuyingalo eyodwa lengxenye,
lokuphakama kwakuyingalo eyodwa. Phezu kwawo
babeka izikhali abahlaba ngazo umnikelo wokutshiswa
lomhlatshelo. 43 Kwakulezingwegwe, eziyibubanzi
besandla sinye, zimisiwe ngaphakathi inhlangothi zonke
ezizingelezeleyo; laphezu kwamatafula kwakulenyama
yomnikelo. 44 Langaphandle kwesango elingaphakathi
kwakulamakamelo abahlabeleli egumeni elingaphakathi,
elaliseceleni kwesango elisenyakatho, lokukhangela
kwalo kusendleleni yeningizimu; elilodwa liseceleni
kwesango eliseningizimu, likhangele ngasendleleni
yenyakatho. 45 Wasesithi kimi: Lelikamelo okukhangela
kwalo kusendleleni yeningizimu, lingelabapristi, abagcina
umlindo wendlu. 46 Lekamelo okukhangela kwalo
kusendleleni yenyakatho lingelabapristi, abagcina
umlindo welathi. La ngamadodana kaZadoki phakathi
kwamadodana kaLevi, asondela eNkosini ukuyikhonza.
47 Waselinganisa iguma; ubude baba zingalo ezilikhulu,
lobubanzi baba zingalo ezilikhulu, lilingene inhlangothi
zozine; lelathi laliphambi kwendlu. 48 Wasengiletha
ekhulusini lendlu, walinganisa umgubazi wekhulusi,
izingalo ezinhlanu ngapha lezingalo ezinhlanu ngapha,
lobubanzi besango, izingalo ezintathu ngapha, lezingalo
ezintathu ngapha. 49 Ubude bekhulusi babuzingalo
ezingamatshumi amabili, lobubanzi buzingalo ezilitshumi
lanye; wasengiletha ngezinyathelo abenyukela kulo
ngazo; futhi kwakulezinsika ngasemigubazini, enye
ngapha, lenye ngapha.

41 Wasengingenisa ethempelini, walinganisa
imigubazi, ububanzi babuyizingalo eziyisithupha
ngapha, lobubanzi buyizingalo eziyisithupha langapha,
ububanzi bethente. 2 Lobubanzi bomnyango
babuzingalo ezilitshumi; lamacele omnyango ayezingalo
ezinhlanu kulolu uhlangothi, lezingalo ezinhlanu
kuloluya uhlangothi. Waselinganisa ubude balo,
izingalo ezingamatshumi amane, lobubanzi, izingalo
ezingamatshumi amabili. 3 Wasengena ngaphakathi,
walinganisa umgubazi womnyango, ingalo ezimbili;
lomnyango, ingalo eziyisithupha; lobubanzi bomnyango,
ingalo eziyisikhombisa. 4 Waselinganisa ubude bayo,
ingalo ezingamatshumi amabili; lobubanzi, ingalo
ezingamatshumi amabili, ngaphambi kwethempeli.
Wasesithi kimi: Le yingcwele yezingcwele. 5
Waselinganisa umduli wendlu, izingalo eziyisithupha;
lobubanzi bamakamelo aseceleni, izingalo ezine,
inhlangothi zonke ezizingelezele indlu inhlangothi
zonke. 6 Njalo amakamelo aseceleni ayemathathu,
ikamelo eliseceleni phezu kwekamelo eliseceleni,
aphindwa ngamatshumi amathathu; njalo angena
emdulini owawungowendlu yamakamela aseceleni
inhlangothi zonke ezizingelezeleyo, ukuze abe
lokubambeka, kodwa angabambeki emdulini wendlu.
7 Kwaba khona ukuqhela, lokuzingelezela kusenyuka
lokwenyuka kusiya emakamelweni aseceleni; ngoba
ukuzingelezela kwendlu kwaqhubeka kusenyuka
inhlangothi zonke ezizingelezele indlu; ngokunjalo-
ke ububanzi bendlu baba sekwenyukeni; ngakho-ke
kwenyuka kusuke kweliphansi kusiya kweliphezulu
ngelingaphakathi. 8 Ngabona futhi ukuphakama
kwendlu inhlangothi zonke ezizingelezeleyo; izisekelo
zamakamelo aseceleni zazingumhlanga ogcweleyo;
ingalo kwakuyimihlanga eyisithupha. 9 Ubuqatha
bomduli, owawungowekamelo eliseceleni ngaphandle,
babuzingalo ezinhlanu; njalo okuseleyo kwakuyindawo
yamakamelo aseceleni ayengakuyo indlu. 10 Laphakathi
kwamakamelo kwakulobubanzi bengalo ezingamatshumi
amabili inhlangothi zonke zendlu, inhlangothi zonke
ezizingelezeleyo. 11 Lezivalo zamakamelo aseceleni
zazingakukho okuseleyo, esinye isivalo ngasendleleni
yenyakatho, lesinye isivalo ngaseningizimu; lobubanzi
bendawo yokuseleyo babuzingalo ezinhlanu
inhlangothi zonke ezizingelezeleyo. 12 Mayelana
lesakhiwo esasiphambi kwendawo eyehlukanisiweyo
ehlangothini ngendlela yentshonalanga, ububanzi
babuyizingalo ezingamatshumi ayisikhombisa; lomduli
wesakhiwo wawuzingalo ezinhlanu ngobuqatha
inhlangothi zonke ezizingelezeleyo, lobude bawo
babuzingalo ezingamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye.
13 Waselinganisa indlu, ubude babuyizingalo
ezilikhulu; lendawo eyehlukanisiweyo, lesakhiwo,
lemiduli yayo, ubude babuyizingalo ezilikhulu; 14
lobubanzi bobuso bendlu, lobendawo eyehlukanisiweyo
ngasempumalanga, izingalo ezilikhulu. 15 Waselinganisa
ubude besakhiwo maqondana lendawo eyehlukanisiweyo
eyayingemva kwaso, lemikhandlo yaso ngapha
langapha, izingalo ezilikhulu, lethempeli elingaphakathi,
lamakhulusi eguma. 16 Imibundu, lamawindi avaliweyo,
lemikhandlo inhlangothi zonke kokuthathu, maqondana
lombundu, kwembeswe ngamapulanka azingelezeleyo
inhlangothi zonke, kusukela emhlabathini kusiya
emawindini; amawindi-ke ayesibekelwe; 17 kuze kube
phezu komnyango, kuze kube sendlini engaphakathi
lengaphandle, lakuwo wonke umduli inhlangothi zonke
uzingelezele ngaphakathi langaphandle, ngezilinganiso.
18 Njalo kwakwenziwe ngamakherubhi lezihlahla zelala,
kuze kuthi isihlahla selala sasiphakathi kwekherubhi
lekherubhi; njalo yilelo lalelo ikherubhi lalilobuso
obubili. 19 Kuze kuthi ubuso bomuntu babukhangelene
lesihlahla selala ngapha, lobuso bebhongo lesilwane
bukhangelene lesihlahla selala ngapha. Kwakwenziwe
endlini yonke inhlangothi zonke ezizingelezeleyo. 20
Kusukela emhlabathini kuze kube phezu komnyango

kwakwenziwe amakherubhi lezihlahla zelala, lasemdulini
wethempeli. 21 Imigubazi yethempeli yayilingana
inhlangothi zone; mayelana lobuso bendawo engcwele,
isimo sobunye sasinjengesimo sobunye. 22 Ilathi
lesigodo lalizingalo ezintathu ngokuphakama, lobude
balo buzingalo ezimbili, lamagumbi alo, lobude balo,
lemiduli yalo, kwakungokwezigodo. Wasesithi kimi: Leli
litafula eliphambi kweNkosi. 23 Kwakulezivalo ezimbili
kulo ithempeli lakuyo indawo engcwele. 24 Njalo izivalo
zazilempiko ezimbili, impiko ezimbili ezitshibilikayo;
ezimbili ezesivalo esinye, lempiko ezimbili ezesinye.
25 Njalo kwenziwa kuzo, kuzo izivalo zethempeli,
amakherubhi lezihlahla zelala, njengokwakwenziwe
emidulwini; kwakulamapulanka aqatha ebusweni
bekhulusi ngaphandle. 26 Kwakukhona amawindi
avaliweyo lezihlahla zelala ngapha langapha, emaceleni
ekhulusi lamakamelo endlu eceleni lamapulanka aqatha.

42 Wasengikhuphela egumeni elingaphandle,
ngendlela ekhangele ngasenyakatho; wangiletha
ekamelweni eliqondene lendawo eyehlukeneyo,
njalo eliqondene lesakhiwo ngasenyakatho. 2
Phambi kobude bezingalo ezilikhulu kwakulomnyango
wenyakatho; lobubanzi babuzingalo ezingamatshumi
amahlanu. 3 Maqondana lezingalo ezingamatshumi
amabili ezazingezeguma langaphakathi, lamaqondana
lendawo egandelweyo eyayingeyeguma elingaphandle,
kwakulomkhandlo maqondana lomkhandlo, ngezitezi
ezintathu. 4 Laphambi kwamakamelo kwakulendawo
yokuhamba ezingalo ezilitshumi ngobubanzi
ngaphakathi, indlela eyingalo eyodwa, leminyango yawo
yayingasenyakatho. 5 Amakamelo angaphezulu-ke
ayemafitshane; ngoba imikhandlo yayinciphisa kuwo,
kulakwaphansi lakulakwaphakathi kwesakhiwo. 6
Ngoba ayelezitezi ezintathu, kodwa zazingelazinsika
njengezinsika zamaguma; ngakho-ke isakhiwo
sasinciphile kulakwaphansi lakulakwaphakathi
kusukela emhlabathini. 7 Lomduli owawungaphandle
maqondana lamakamelo, indlela yeguma elingaphandle
ngaphambi kwamakamelo, ubude bawo babuzingalo
ezingamatshumi amahlanu. 8 Ngoba ubude
bamakamelo ayesegumeni elingaphandle babuzingalo
ezingamatshumi amahlanu; khangela-ke, ngaphambi
kwethempeli kwakuzingalo ezilikhulu. 9 Langaphansi
kwalamakamelo kwakulokungena ngasempumalanga,
lapho umuntu engena kuwo evela egumeni
elingaphandle. 10 Amakamelo ayesebubanzini bomduli
weguma, indlela yempumalanga, ngaphambi kwendawo
eyehlukanisiweyo, langaphambi kwesakhiwo. 11
Lendlela phambi kwawo yayinjengesimo samakamelo
ayesendleleni yenyakatho, njengobude bawo, ngokunjalo
njengobubanzi bawo. Lakho konke ukuphuma kwawo
kwakunjengokwemikhuba yawo lanjengokweminyango
yawo. 12 Lanjengokweminyango yamakamelo
ayesendleleni yeningizimu kwakulomnyango esihlokweni
sendlela, indlela phambi komduli oqondileyo, lapho
umuntu engena indlela yempumalanga. 13 Wasesithi
kimi: Amakamelo enyakatho lamakamelo eningizimu,
aphambi kwendawo eyehlukanisiweyo, angamakamelo
angcwele, lapho abapristi abasondela eNkosini
abazakudla khona izinto ezingcwelengcwele; babeke
khona izinto ezingcwelengcwele, lomnikelo wokudla,
lomnikelo wesono, lomnikelo wecala, ngoba indawo
ingcwele. 14 Lapho abapristi bengena, kabayikuphuma
endaweni engcwele baye egumeni elingaphandle, kodwa
bazabeka lapho izembatho zabo abakhonza ngazo,
ngoba zingcwele; bagqoke ezinye izembatho, basondele
kukho okungokwabantu. 15 Eseqedile izilinganiso
zendlu engaphakathi, wangikhupha ngendlela yesango
elikhangele indlela yempumalanga, wayilinganisa
inhlangothi zonke ezizingelezeleyo. 16 Walinganisa
uhlangothi lwempumalanga ngomhlanga wokulinganisa,
imihlanga engamakhulu amahlanu, ngomhlanga
wokulinganisa inhlangothi zonke. 17 Walinganisa
uhlangothi lwenyakatho, imihlanga engamakhulu
amahlanu, ngomhlanga wokulinganisa inhlangothi
zonke. 18 Walinganisa uhlangothi olungeningizimu,
imihlanga engamakhulu amahlanu, ngomhlanga
wokulinganisa. 19 Wasephendukela kuhlangothi
lwentshonalanga, walinganisa imihlanga engamakhulu
amahlanu ngomhlanga wokulinganisa. 20 Wayilinganisa
ezinhlangothini zozine. Yayilomduli inhlangothi zonke
uzingelezele, ubude bangamakhulu amahlanu, lobubanzi
bungamakhulu amahlanu, ukwehlukanisa phakathi
kokungcwele lokungangcwele.

43 Wasengiyisa esangweni, isango elikhangele
indlela yempumalanga. 2 Khangela-ke, inkazimulo
kaNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli yeza ivela ngendlela
yempumalanga; lelizwi lakhe lalinjengomsindo wamanzi
amanengi; lomhlaba wakhanya ngenkazimulo yakhe.
3 Futhi kwakunjengesimo sombono engangiwubonile,
njengombono engangiwubone lapho ngize ukuzachitha
umuzi; lemibono yayinjengombono engangiwubone
ngasemfuleni iKebari. Ngasengisithi mbo ngobuso
bami. 4 Inkazimulo yeNkosi yasingena endlini
ngendlela yesango elikhangele indlela yempumalanga.
5 UMoya wasengiphakamisa, wangingenisa egumeni
elingaphakathi; khangela-ke, inkazimulo yeNkosi
yagcwalisa indlu. 6 Ngasengimuzwa ekhuluma lami
engasendlini; futhi umuntu wayemi eceleni kwami.
7 Wasesithi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, le yindawo
yesihlalo sami sobukhosi, lendawo yengaphansi yenyawo
zami, lapho engizahlala khona phakathi kwabantwana
bakoIsrayeli kuze kube phakade; njalo indlu kaIsrayeli
kayisayikungcolisa ibizo lami elingcwele, bona lamakhosi
abo, ngobuwule babo langezidumbu zamakhosi abo
endaweni zabo eziphakemeyo, 8 ekumiseni kwabo
umbundu wabo embundwini wami, lomgubazi wabo

eceleni komgubazi wami, kube ngumduli nje phakathi
kwami labo, futhi bangcolise ibizo lami elingcwele
ngamanyala abo abawenzileyo, ngakho ngibaqedile
olakeni lwami. 9 Khathesi kabadedisele ubufebe babo
lezidumbu zamakhosi abo khatshana lami; khona
ngizahlala phakathi kwabo kuze kube phakade. 10
Wena, ndodana yomuntu, tshengisa indlu yakoIsrayeli le
indlu, ukuze babe lenhloni ngenxa yeziphambeko zabo;
njalo kabalinganise isibonelo. 11 Uba-ke belenhloni
ngakho konke abakwenzileyo, bazise isimo sendlu,
lokukhangeleka kwayo, lezindawo zayo zokuphuma,
lezindawo zayo zokungena, lazo zonke izimo zayo, lazo
zonke izimiso zayo, yebo zonke izimo zayo, layo yonke
imilayo yayo; ukubhale phambi kwamehlo abo, ukuze
bagcine isimo sayo sonke, lezimiso zayo zonke, bazenze.
12 Lo ngumlayo wendlu: Phezu kwengqonga yentaba
wonke umngcele wayo inhlangothi zonke ozingelezeleyo
uzakuba yingcwelengcwele. Khangela, lo ngumlayo
wendlu. 13 Futhi lezi yizilinganiso zelathi ngezingalo,
ingalo iyingalo lobubanzi besandla; lenkaba ibe yingalo,
lobubanzi bube yingalo, lomngcele walo emphethweni
walo inhlangothi zonke ube yikwelulwa okukodwa
kweminwe. Njalo le izakuba ngumhlane welathi. 14
Njalo kusukela kusisekelo emhlabathini kuze kube
semngceleni ophansi kube zingalo ezimbili, lobubanzi
bube yingalo eyodwa; futhi kusukela emngceleni
omncane kusiya emngceleni omkhulu kube zingalo
ezine, lobubanzi bube yingalo. 15 Njalo iziko lelathi
libe zingalo ezine, njalo kusukela eziko lelathi kusiya
phezulu kube lezimpondo ezine. 16 Njalo iziko lelathi libe
yizingalo ezilitshumi lambili ngobude, ezilitshumi lambili
ngobubanzi, kulingana inhlangothi zozine ezinhlangothini
zalo zozine. 17 Umngcele ube yizingalo ezilitshumi lane
ngobude, lezilitshumi lane ngobubanzi, ezinhlangothini
zozine zalo; lomphetho inhlangothi zonke zalo ube
yingxenye yengalo, lenkaba yalo ibe yingalo inhlangothi
zonke, lezinyathelo zalo zikhangele empumalanga.
18 Wasesithi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, itsho njalo
iNkosi uJehova: Lezi yizimiso zelathi, mhla bezalenza,
ukuthi banikele umnikelo wokutshiswa phezu kwalo,
lokuthi bafafaze igazi phezu kwalo. 19 Njalo uzanika
kubapristi amaLevi abenzalo kaZadoki, abasondelayo
kimi, itsho iNkosi uJehova, ukuze bangikhonze, ijongosi
ithole lenkomo libe ngumnikelo wesono. 20 Uthathe
okwegazi layo, ulifake ezimpondweni zozine zalo,
lasemagumbini omane omngcele, laphezu komphetho
ozingelezeleyo. Ngokunjalo uzalihlambulula, ulenzele
inhlawulo yokuthula. 21 Futhi uzathatha ijongosi
lomnikelo wesono, alitshise endaweni emisiweyo yendlu
ngaphandle kwendawo engcwele. 22 Langosuku
lwesibili uzasondeza izinyane lembuzi elingelasici
libe ngumnikelo wesono; njalo bazahlambulula ilathi
njengoba babelihlambulule ngejongosi. 23 Nxa usuqedile
ukuhlambulula, uzasondeza ijongosi ithole lenkomo
elingelasici, lenqama engelasici evela emhlanjini. 24
Ukusondeze phambi kweNkosi; njalo abapristi bazathela
itshwayi phezu kwakho, bakunikele kube ngumnikelo
wokutshiswa eNkosini. 25 Insuku eziyisikhombisa
uzalungisa insuku zonke imbuzi yomnikelo wesono;
futhi bazalungisa ijongosi ithole lenkomo, lenqama
evela emhlanjini, kungelasici. 26 Insuku eziyisikhombisa
bazakwenzela ilathi inhlawulo yokuthula, balihlambulule,
balehlukanise. 27 Nxa seziphelile lezonsuku, kuzakuthi
ngosuku lwesificaminwembili kusiya phambili, abapristi
benze iminikelo yenu yokutshiswa phezu kwelathi,
leminikelo yenu yokuthula; njalo ngizalemukela, itsho
iNkosi uJehova.

44 Wasengibuyisela ngendlela yesango
lendawo engcwele engaphandle, elikhangele
ngasempumalanga, elalivalekile. 2 INkosi yasisithi
kimi: Lelisango lizahlala livaliwe, kaliyikuvulwa,
kakulamuntu ozangena ngalo; ngoba iNkosi, uNkulunkulu
kaIsrayeli, ingene ngalo, ngakho lizakuba livalekile.
3 Libe ngelesiphathamandla; isiphathamandla, sona
sizahlala kilo, ukuthi sidle isinkwa phambi kweNkosi.
Ngendlela yekhulusi lesango sizangena, langendlela
yalo sizaphuma. 4 Wasengiletha ngendlela yesango
lenyakatho ngaphambi kwendlu. Ngasengibona,
khangela-ke, inkazimulo yeNkosi yagcwalisa indlu
yeNkosi; ngasengisithi mbo ngobuso bami. 5 INkosi
yasisithi kimi: Ndodana yomuntu, beka inhliziyo yakho,
ubone ngamehlo akho, uzwe ngendlebe zakho, konke
engizakutshela khona mayelana lezimiso zonke zendlu
yeNkosi, lemilayo yayo yonke; ubeke inhliziyo yakho
kuyo indawo yokungena yendlu, lazo zonke izindawo
zokuphuma zendawo engcwele. 6 Njalo uzakuthi
kubo abavukelayo, kiyo indlu kaIsrayeli: Itsho njalo
iNkosi uJehova: Sekwanele kini, ngenxa yazo zonke
izinengiso zenu, lina ndlu kaIsrayeli. 7 Ngoba lingenisile
abezizwe, abangasokanga ngenhliziyo labangasokanga
ngenyama, ukuthi babe sendaweni yami engcwele,
ukuyingcolisa, ngitsho indlu yami, lapho linikela isinkwa
sami, amafutha, legazi, futhi bephulile isivumelwano sami
ngamanyala enu wonke. 8 Njalo kaligcinanga umlindo
wezinto zami ezingcwele; kodwa lizimisele abagcini
bomlindo wami endaweni yami engcwele. 9 Itsho njalo
iNkosi uJehova: Kakulamuntu wezizwe, ongasokanga
enhliziyweni, kumbe ongasokanga enyameni, ozangena
endaweni yami engcwele, kuye wonke owezizwe
ophakathi kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli. 10 Kodwa amaLevi
asuka aya khatshana lami, lapho uIsrayeli eduha,
aduha esuka kimi elandela izithombe zawo, ngitsho
azathwala isiphambeko sawo. 11 Kube kanti azakuba
yizikhonzi endaweni yami engcwele, belobubonisi
bamasango endlu, njalo ekhonza endlini; wona azahlaba
umnikelo wokutshiswa lomhlatshelo owenzelwa abantu,
wona ame phambi kwabo ukuze abakhonze. 12
Ngenxa yokuthi bebakhonze phambi kwezithombe

zabo, baba yisikhubekiso sesiphambeko kuyo indlu
yakoIsrayeli, ngalokho ngiphakamise isandla sami
ngimelene labo, itsho iNkosi uJehova, ukuthi bazathwala
isiphambeko sabo. 13 Njalo kabayikusondela kimi, ukuze
bangisebenzele njengabapristi, loba basondele lakuziphi
izinto zami ezingcwele, endaweni eyingcwelengcwele;
kodwa bazathwala ihlazo labo, lamanyala abo
abawenzileyo. 14 Kodwa ngizabenza abagcini bomlindo
wendlu, kuwo wonke umsebenzi wayo, lakukho konke
okuzakwenziwa kiyo. 15 Kodwa abapristi abangamaLevi,
amadodana kaZadoki, abagcina umlindo wendawo
yami engcwele lapho abantwana bakoIsrayeli beduha
besuka kimi, bona bazasondela kimi ukungikhonza,
beme phambi kwami ukunikela kimi amahwahwa
legazi, itsho iNkosi uJehova. 16 Bona bazangena
endaweni yami engcwele, bona basondele etafuleni lami
ukungikhonza, bagcine umlindo wami. 17 Kuzakuthi-ke
lapho bengena emasangweni eguma elingaphakathi,
bagqoke izembatho zelembu elicolekileyo, kodwa
uboya bezimvu kabuyikuza phezu kwabo, besakhonza
emasangweni eguma elingaphakathi, langaphakathi. 18
Kuzakuba lamaqhiye elembu elicolekileyo emakhanda
abo, labokabhudula bangaphansi belembu elicolekileyo
babe enkalweni zabo, bangabhinci ngokuginqisayo.
19 Lalapho bephumela egumeni elingaphandle,
ngitsho egumeni elingaphandle besiya ebantwini,
bazakhulula izembatho zabo abakhonza ngazo, bazibeke
emakamelweni angcwele, bagqoke ezinye izigqoko,
njalo kabayikungcwelisa abantu ngezembatho zabo. 20
Futhi kabayikuphuca amakhanda abo, kabayikuvumela
izihluthu zenwele zikhule zibe zinde; bazagela
lokugela amakhanda abo. 21 Futhi kabayikunatha
iwayini, ngulowo lalowompristi, ekungeneni kwabo
egumeni elingaphakathi. 22 Njalo kabayikuzithathela
umfelokazi kumbe olahliweyo babe ngabafazi, kodwa
bazathatha izintombi ezimsulwa zenzalo yendlu
yakoIsrayeli, loba umfelokazi ongumfelokazi wompristi.
23 Njalo bazafundisa abantu bami umehluko phakathi
kokungcwele lokungangcwele, babazise umehluko
phakathi kokungcolileyo lokuhlambulukileyo. 24
Lekuphikisaneni bona bazakuma ekwahluleleni, bahlulele
ngokwezahlulelo zami. Bagcine imilayo yami lezimiso
zami kiyo yonke imikhosi yami emisiweyo, bangcwelise
amasabatha ami. 25 Njalo kabayikuza emuntwini ofileyo
ukuzingcolisa; kodwa ngoyise, kumbe ngonina, kumbe
ngendodana, kumbe ngendodakazi, ngomfowabo, kumbe
ngodadewabo ongeyisuye wendoda, bangazingcolisa.
26 Langemva kokuhlanjululwa kwakhe bazambalela
insuku eziyisikhombisa. 27 Langosuku azangena
ngalo endaweni engcwele, egumeni elingaphakathi,
ukuyakhonza endaweni engcwele, uzanikela umnikelo
wakhe wesono, itsho iNkosi uJehova. 28 Lokhu kuzakuba
yilifa kubo; ngiyilifa labo; njalo kaliyikubanika imfuyo
koIsrayeli; mina ngiyinzuzo yabo. 29 Bona bazakudla
umnikelo wokudla, lomnikelo wesono, lomnikelo wecala,
lakho konke okwehlukanisiweyo koIsrayeli kuzakuba
ngokwabo. 30 Lokuqala kwazo zonke izithelo zokuqala
zakho konke, lawo wonke umnikelo wakho konke, kuyo
yonke iminikelo yenu, kuzakuba ngokwabapristi; lokuqala
kwenhlama yenu likunike umpristi, ukuhlalisa isibusiso
phezu kwendlu yakho. 31 Abapristi kabayikudla loba
kuyini okuzifeleyo, loba okudatshuliweyo, okwenyoni
kumbe okwenyamazana.

45 Kuzakuthi-ke lapho lisaba ilizwe ngenkatho
ukuthi libe yilifa, lizanikela umnikelo eNkosini,
indawo engcwele yelizwe; ubude buzakuba yibude
bezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu,
lobubanzi buzakuba zinkulungwane ezilitshumi. Leyo
izakuba ngcwele kuyo yonke imingcele yayo inhlangothi
zonke. 2 Kuleyo kuzakuba lokwendawo engcwele
engamakhulu amahlanu, lamakhulu amahlanu, ilingana
inhlangothi zone ezizingelezeleyo; ibe legceke ngengalo
ezingamatshumi amahlanu inhlangothi zonke. 3
Langalesisilinganiso lizalinganisa; ubude bube zingalo
ezizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu,
lobubanzi bube zinkulungwane ezilitshumi, laphakathi
kwayo kuzakuba khona indawo engcwele, lengcwele
yezingcwele. 4 Kuzakuba yindawo engcwele yelizwe;
izakuba ngeyabapristi, abakhonzi bendawo engcwele,
abasondela ukuze bakhonze iNkosi; njalo izakuba
kubo yindawo yezindlu, lendawo engcwele yendlu
engcwele. 5 Lobude bezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amabili lanhlanu, lobubanzi bezinkulungwane ezilitshumi,
amaLevi, abakhonzi bendlu, azakuba labo, bube yimfuyo,
amakamelo angamatshumi amabili. 6 Njalo lizanika
imfuyo yomuzi, ububanzi bezinkulungwane ezinhlanu,
lobude bamatshumi amabili lanhlanu, maqondana
lomnikelo ongcwele; izakuba ngeyendlu yonke kaIsrayeli.
7 Njalo isiphathamandla sizakuba lesabelo ngapha
langapha komnikelo wesabelo esingcwele lakwemfuyo
yomuzi, phambi komnikelo wesabelo ongcwele,
laphambi kwemfuyo yomuzi, kusukela ngentshonalanga
kuqonda entshonalanga, lakusukela ngempumalanga
kuqonda empumalanga. Lobude buzaqondana lesinye
sezabelo, kusukela emngceleni wentshonalanga kuze
kube semngceleni wempumalanga. 8 Mayelana
lelizwe, uzakuba lalo libe yimfuyo koIsrayeli. Njalo
iziphathamandla zami kazisayikubacindezela abantu
bami, kodwa zizanika ilizwe kuyo indlu kaIsrayeli
njengokwezizwe zabo. 9 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova:
Sekwanele kini, lina ziphathamandla zakoIsrayeli! Susani
udlakela lokuchitha, lenze isahlulelo lokulunga, lisuse
ukuxotsha kwenu kubo abantu bami, itsho iNkosi
uJehova. 10 Lizakuba lesikali esilungileyo, le-efa
elilungileyo, lebhathi elilungileyo. 11 I-efa lebhathi
kuzakuba yisilinganiso sinye, ukuthi ibhathi limumethe
ingxenye eyodwa etshumini yehomeri, le-efa ingxenye

eyodwa etshumini yehomeri; isilinganiso sakho sizakuba
ngokwehomeri. 12 Leshekeli lizakuba ngamagera
angamatshumi amabili; amashekeli angamatshumi
amabili, amashekeli angamatshumi amabili lanhlanu,
lamashekeli alitshumi lanhlanu, azakuba yimane
kini. 13 Lokhu kungumnikelo elizawunikela: Ingxenye
eyodwa kweziyisithupha ye-efa yehomeri yengqoloyi,
futhi lizakupha ingxenye eyodwa kweziyisithupha
ye-efa yehomeri yebhali. 14 Mayelana lesimiso
samafutha, ibhathi lamafutha, lizanikela ingxenye
eyodwa etshumini yebhathi kulo ikhori, eliyihomeri
yamabhathi alitshumi; ngoba amabathi alitshumi
alihomeri. 15 Lewundlu elilodwa emhlanjini, kuwo
amakhulu amabili, endaweni elamanzi kaIsrayeli, libe
ngumnikelo wokudla, libe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa, libe
yiminikelo yokuthula, yokubenzela ukubuyisana, itsho
iNkosi uJehova. 16 Bonke abantu belizwe bazakuba
kulowomnikelo kusenzelwa isiphathamandla koIsrayeli.
17 Kuzakuba phezu kwesiphathamandla ukunikela
iminikelo yokutshisa, lomnikelo wempuphu, lomnikelo
wokunathwayo, emikhosini, lekuthwaseni kwezinyanga,
lemasabatheni, kuyo yonke imikhosi emisiweyo yendlu
yakoIsrayeli. Sona sizalungisa umnikelo wesono,
lomnikelo wempuphu, lomnikelo wokutshiswa, leminikelo
yokuthula, ukwenzela indlu yakoIsrayeli ukubuyisana.
18 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Ngenyanga yokuqala,
ngolokuqala lwenyanga, uzathatha ijongosi elilithole
lenkomo elingelasici, uhlambulule indawo engcwele. 19
Njalo umpristi uzathatha okwegazi lomnikelo wesono,
alifake emigubazini yendlu, lezingonsini ezine zomngcele
welathi, lemigubazini yesango leguma langaphakathi. 20
Futhi uzakwenza njalo ngolwesikhombisa lwenyanga
ngenxa yomuntu oduhayo, langenxa yongelalwazi;
ngokunjalo uzakwenzela indlu inhlawulo yokuthula.
21 Ngenyanga yokuqala, ngosuku lwetshumi lane
lwenyanga, lizakuba lephasika, umkhosi wensuku
eziyisikhombisa; isinkwa esingelamvubelo sizadliwa.
22 Langalolosuku isiphathamandla sizazilungisela sona
kanye labo bonke abantu belizwe ijongosi lomnikelo
wesono. 23 Ngensuku eziyisikhombisa zomkhosi
uzalungisa umnikelo wokutshiswa eNkosini, amajongosi
ayisikhombisa lenqama eziyisikhombisa ezingelasici
ngosuku, okwensuku eziyisikhombisa, lomnikelo wesono
wezinyane lezimbuzi ngosuku. 24 Uzalungisa-ke umnikelo
wokudla, i-efa ngejongosi, le-efa ngenqama, lehini
yamafutha nge-efa. 25 Ngenyanga yesikhombisa,
ngosuku lwetshumi lanhlanu lwenyanga, uzakwenza
njengalokhu emkhosini, insuku eziyisikhombisa,
njengomnikelo wesono, njengomnikelo wokutshiswa,
lanjengomnikelo wokudla, lanjengamafutha.

46 Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Isango leguma
elingaphakathi elikhangele ngasempumalanga
lizavaleka insuku eziyisithupha zokusebenza. Kodwa
ngosuku lwesabatha lizavulwa, langosuku lokuthwasa
kwenyanga lizavulwa. 2 Njalo isiphathamandla
sizangena ngendlela yekhulusi lalelosango sivela
phandle, sime emgubazini wesango. Abapristi
balungise umnikelo waso wokutshiswa leminikelo
yaso yokuthula, sona sizakhonza sisembundwini
wesango, siphume; kodwa isango kaliyikuvalwa
kuze kube kusihlwa. 3 Ngokunjalo abantu belizwe
bazakhonza emnyango walelisango ngamasabatha
langokuthwasa kwezinyanga phambi kweNkosi. 4
Lomnikelo wokutshiswa isiphathamandla esizawunikela
eNkosini ngosuku lwesabatha uzakuba ngamawundlu
ayisithupha angelasici, lenqama engelasici. 5 Lomnikelo
wokudla uzakuba yi-efa ngenqama, lomnikelo wokudla
ngamawundlu uzakuba yisipho sesandla saso, kanye
lehini yamafutha nge-efa. 6 Langosuku lokuthwasa
kwenyanga kuzakuba lijongosi ithole lenkomo elingelasici,
lamawundlu ayisithupha, lenqama; kungabi lasici. 7
Njalo sizalungisa umnikelo wokudla, i-efa ngejongosi,
le-efa ngenqama, langamawundlu njengalokho isandla
saso singafinyelela kukho, lehini lamafutha nge-
efa. 8 Lalapho isiphathamandla singena, sizangena
ngendlela yekhulusi lalelosango, siphume ngendlela
yalo. 9 Kodwa lapho abantu belizwe besiza phambi
kweNkosi emikhosini emisiweyo, lowo ongena ngendlela
yesango elingenyakatho ukuzakhonza uzaphuma
ngendlela yesango elingeningizimu, longena ngendlela
yesango elingeningizimu uzaphuma ngendlela yesango
elingenyakatho. Kayikubuyela ngendlela yesango
angene ngalo, kodwa uzaphuma maqondana lalo.
10 Lesiphathamandla sizangena siphakathi kwabo
lapho bengena; lalapho bephuma sizaphuma. 11
Lemadilini lemikhosini emisiweyo umnikelo wokudla
uzakuba li-efa ngejongosi, le-efa ngenqama, lesipho
sesandla sakhe ngamawundlu, lehini lamafutha nge-
efa. 12 Lalapho isiphathamandla silungisa umnikelo
wesihle, umnikelo wokutshiswa, loba iminikelo yokuthula,
umnikelo wesihle eNkosini, omunye uzasivulela isango
elikhangele ngasempumalanga, silungise umnikelo waso
wokutshiswa, leminikelo yaso yokuthula, njengokwenza
kwaso ngosuku lwesabatha; siphume, njalo omunye
uzavala isango emva kokuphuma kwaso. 13 Njalo
uzalungisa iwundlu elilomnyaka munye elingelasici
libe ngumnikelo wokutshiswa eNkosini insuku zonke.
Uzalilungisa ngaleyo laleyo ikuseni. 14 Futhi
uzalilungisela umnikelo wokudla ngaleyo laleyo ikuseni,
ingxenye yesithupha ye-efa, lengxenye yesithathu yehini
yamafutha, ukuthambisa impuphu ecolekileyo, kube
ngumnikelo wokudla eNkosini, ngezimiso eziphakade
njalonjalo. 15 Ngokunjalo bazalungisa iwundlu lomnikelo
wokudla lamafutha ngaleyo laleyo ikuseni kube
ngumnikelo wokutshiswa njalonjalo. 16 Itsho njalo
iNkosi uJehova: Uba isiphathamandla sinika isipho
kuloba yiyiphi yamadodana aso, ilifa laso, amadodana
aso azakuba lalo, lizakuba yimpahla yawo ngokwelifa.

17 Kodwa uba sinika isipho selifa laso kwenye
yezinceku zaso, sizakuba ngesayo kuze kube ngumnyaka
wenkululeko; khona sizabuyela kusiphathamandla;
kodwa siyilifa laso, amadodana aso azakuba laso.
18 Futhi isiphathamandla kasiyikuthatha ulutho elifeni
labantu ukubacindezela basuke emfuyweni yabo;
sizanika ilifa emadodaneni aso emfuyweni yaso; ukuze
abantu bami bangahlakazwa ngulowo asuke emfuyweni
yakhe. 19 Wasengingenisa ekungeneni, okwakuseceleni
kwesango, kusiya emakamelweni angcwele abapristi,
akhangele ngasenyakatho; khangela-ke kwakulendawo
kunhlangothi zombili ngasentshonalanga. 20 Wasesithi
kimi: Yiyo le indawo lapho abapristi abazaphekela khona
umnikelo wecala lomnikelo wesono, lapho abazabhakela
khona umnikelo wokudla, ukuze bangakukhupheli
egumeni elingaphandle, ukungcwelisa abantu. 21
Wasengikhuphela egumeni elingaphandle, wangidlulisa
engonsini zozine zeguma; khangela-ke, kuleyo
laleyongonsi yeguma kwakulelinye iguma. 22 Ezingonsini
zozine zeguma kwakulamaguma ahlanganisiweyo;
ubude babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amane, lobubanzi
babuzingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu; lezizingonsi
zozine zazilesilinganiso sinye. 23 Njalo kwakulomzila
wesakhiwo inhlangothi zonke kuzo, inhlangothi zonke
zozine, njalo kwenziwe amaziko okubilisa ngaphansi
kwemizila yesakhiwo inhlangothi zonke. 24 Wasesithi
kimi: Lezi yizindlu zokuphekela, lapho abakhonzi bendlu
abazaphekela khona umhlatshelo wabantu.

47 Emva kwalokho wangibuyisela emnyango
wendlu, khangela-ke, amanzi aphuma ngaphansi
kombundu wendlu ngasempumalanga; ngoba
ingaphambili yendlu yayingasempumalanga; lamanzi ehla
esuka ngaphansi esuka ehlangothini lokunene lwendlu,
ngaseningizimu kwelathi. 2 Wasengikhupha ngendlela
yesango ngasenyakatho, wangibhodisa ngendlela
engaphandle wangisa esangweni elingaphandle,
ngendlela ekhangele ngasempumalanga. Khangela-ke,
kwageleza amanzi avela ehlangothini lwesokunene. 3
Ekuphumeni kwendoda ngasempumalanga, elentambo
esandleni sayo, yalinganisa izingalo eziyinkulungwane,
yangidabulisa phakathi kwamanzi; amanzi afika
enqagaleni. 4 Walinganisa futhi inkulungwane,
wangidabulisa emanzini; amanzi afika emadolweni.
Walinganisa futhi inkulungwane, wangidabulisa; amanzi
afika ekhalweni. 5 Walinganisa futhi inkulungwane;
kwaba ngumfula engingeke ngiwuchaphe, ngoba
amanzi ayesephakeme, amanzi ongantsheza kuwo,
umfula owawungeke wachatshwa. 6 Wasesithi kimi:
Ubonile yini, ndodana yomuntu? Wasengihambisa,
wangenza ngabuyela ekhunjini lomfula. 7 Ekubuyeleni
kwami, khangela-ke, ekhunjini lomfula kwakulezihlahla
ezinengi kakhulu ngapha langapha. 8 Wasesithi kimi: La
amanzi aphumela ngaselizweni lempumalanga, ehlele
enkangala, abesesiya elwandle; athi esekhutshelwe
olwandle, amanzi azakwelatshwa. 9 Kuzakuthi-ke, sonke
isidalwa esiphilayo, esinyakazelayo, loba ngaphi lapho
imifula efika khona, sizaphila. Futhi kuzakuba khona
inhlanzi ezinengi kakhulu, ngoba amanzi la azafika lapho;
ngoba zizakwelatshwa; ngoba kuzaphila konke lapho
umfula ofika khona. 10 Kuzakuthi-ke, abagoli benhlanzi
beme ngakuwo kusukela e-Engedi kuze kube se-
Enegilayimi; kuzakuba lendawo yokuchaya amambule.
Inhlanzi zabo zizakuba ngenhlobo zazo, njengenhlanzi
zolwandle olukhulu, ezinengi kakhulu. 11 Kodwa izindawo
zawo ezilodaka lamaxhaphozi awo kakuyikwelatshwa;
kuzanikelwa ekubeni litshwayi. 12 Futhi ngasemfuleni
ekhunjini lwawo, ngapha langapha, kuzakhula sonke
isihlahla sokudla, ohlamvu laso kaliyikubuna, lesithelo
saso kasiyikuphela. Sizathela isithelo saso esitsha
njengokwenyanga zaso, ngoba amanzi aso aphuma
endaweni engcwele. Isithelo saso sizakuba yikudla,
lehlamvu laso libe ngelokwelapha. 13 Itsho njalo iNkosi
uJehova: Lo uzakuba ngumngcele, elizakudla ilifa lelizwe
ngawo njengokwezizwe ezilitshumi lambili zakoIsrayeli.
UJosefa uzakuba lezabelo ezimbili. 14 Njalo lizakudla
ilifa lalo, omunye njengomunye, engaphakamisa isandla
sami ngalo ukulinika oyihlo. Njalo lelilizwe lizawela
kini libe yilifa. 15 Njalo lokhu kuzakuba ngumngcele
welizwe ngakuhlangothi lwenyakatho, kusukela
olwandle olukhulu, indlela yeHethiloni, ekungeneni
eZedadi. 16 IHamathi, iBerotha, iSibirayimi ephakathi
komngcele weDamaseko lomngcele weHamathi, iHazeri-
Hathikhoni esemngceleni weHawurani. 17 Lomngcele
osuka elwandle uzakuba yiHazari-Enoni, umngcele
weDamaseko, lenyakatho ngasenyakatho, lomngcele
weHamathi. Lalolu luhlangothi lwenyakatho. 18 Futhi
uhlangothi lwempumalanga lizalulinganisa lusuka
phakathi kweHawurani, lusuka phakathi kweDamaseko,
lusuka phakathi kweGileyadi, lusuka phakathi kwelizwe
lakoIsrayeli ngaseJordani, kusuke emngceleni kuze
kufike elwandle olungempumalanga. Lalolu luzakuba
luhlangothi lwempumalanga. 19 Lohlangothi lweningizimu
ngaseningizimu, kusukela eTamari kuze kube semanzini
eMeribathi-Kadeshi, emfuleni kuze kube selwandle
olukhulu. Lalolu luzakuba luhlangothi lweningizimu
ngaseningizimu. 20 Lohlangothi lwentshonalanga
luzakuba lulwandle olukhulu kusukela emngceleni, kuze
kube maqondana lokungena eHamathi. Lolu luhlangothi
lwentshonalanga. 21 Ngokunjalo lizazehlukanisela
lelilizwe njengokwezizwe zakoIsrayeli. 22 Kuzakuthi-ke,
lilabe ngenkatho libe yilifa kini, lakwabezizwe abahlala
phakathi kwenu, abazazala abantwana phakathi kwenu.
Njalo bazakuba kini njengabazalelwe elizweni phakathi
kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli. Bazakudla ilifa ngenkatho
kanye lani phakathi kwezizwe zakoIsrayeli. 23 Kuzakuthi-
ke, esizweni owezizwe ahlala njengowezizwe kiso, lapho
lizamnika ilifa lakhe, itsho iNkosi uJehova.

48 La-ke ngamabizo ezizwe. Kusukela ekucineni
kwasenyakatho, kuze kube seceleni kwendlela
yeHethiloni, ekungeneni kweHamathi, iHazari-Enani,
umngcele weDamaseko ngasenyakatho, kuze kube
seceleni kweHamathi; ngoba lezi zinhlangothi zakhe
empumalanga lentshonalanga, isabelo esisodwa
sikaDani. **2** Langasemngceleni kaDani, kusukela
ehlangothini lwempumalanga kusiya ehlangothini
lwentshonalanga, isabelo esisodwa sikaAsheri. **3**
Langasemngceleni kaAsheri, kusukela ehlangothini
lwempumalanga kusiya ehlangothini lwentshonalanga,
isabelo esisodwa sikaNafithali. **4** Langasemngceleni
kaNafithali, kusukela ehlangothini lwempumalanga
kusiya ehlangothini lwentshonalanga, isabelo esisodwa
sikaManase. **5** Langasemngceleni kaManase, kusukela
ehlangothini lwempumalanga kusiya ehlangothini
lwentshonalanga, isabelo esisodwa sikaEfrayimi. **6**
Langasemngceleni kaEfrayimi, kusukela ehlangothini
lwempumalanga kusiya ehlangothini lwentshonalanga,
isabelo esisodwa sikaRubeni. **7** Langasemngceleni
kaRubeni, kusukela ehlangothini lwempumalanga
kusiya ehlangothini lwentshonalanga, isabelo esisodwa
sikaJuda. **8** Langasemngceleni kaJuda, kusukela
ehlangothini lwempumalanga kusiya ehlangothini
lwentshonalanga, kuzakuba ngumnikelo elizawunikela,
ububanzi buzakuba zinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amabili lanhlanu, lobude njengesinye sezabelo, kusukela
ehlangothini lwempumalanga kuze kube sehlangothini
lwentshonalanga; njalo indawo engcwele izakuba
phakathi kwaso. **9** Umnikelo elizawunikela eNkosini
uzakuba yibude obuyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amabili lanhlanu, lobubanzi bezinkulungwane ezilitshumi.
10 Njalo kuzakuba kuso umnikelo ongcwele wabapristi,
ngenyakatho izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amabili lanhlanu, langentshonalanga ububanzi
obuyizinkulungwane ezilitshumi, langempumalanga
ububanzi obuyizinkulungwane ezilitshumi, langeningizimu
ubude obuyizinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili
lanhlanu; njalo indawo engcwele yeNkosi izakuba
phakathi kwaso. **11** Sizakuba ngesabapristi
abangcwelisiweyo bamadodana kaZadoki, abagcine
umlindo wami, abangaduhanga lapho abantwana
bakoIsrayeli beduha, njengalokho amaLevi aduha.
12 Lokunikelweyo komnikelo welizwe kuzakuba kubo
yinto engcwelengcwele ngasemngceleni wamaLevi.
13 Njalo maqondana lomngcele wabapristi, amaLevi
azakuba lobude bezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amabili lanhlanu, lobubanzi bezinkulungwane
ezilitshumi. Ubude bonke buzakuba zinkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu, lobubanzi bube
zinkulungwane ezilitshumi. **14** Njalo kabayikuthengisa
okwakho, kabayikuntshintshisa, kabayikudlulisa izithelo
zakuqala zelizwe, ngoba kungcwele eNkosini. **15**
Lezinkulungwane ezinhlanu eziseleyo ebubanzini
maqondana lezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili
lanhlanu, zizakuba ngezingengcwele zomuzi, ezokuhlala,
lezamadlelo; lomuzi uzakuba phakathi kwazo. **16** Lalezi
zizakuba yizilinganiso zaso; uhlangothi lwenyakatho
luzakuba zinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu amahlanu,
lohlangothi lweningizimu izinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu
amahlanu, lehlangothini lwempumalanga izinkulungwane
ezine lamakhulu amahlanu, lohlangothi lwentshonalanga
izinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu amahlanu. **17**
Njalo amadlelo omuzi azakuba ngamakhulu amabili
lamatshumi amahlanu ngasenyakatho, lamakhulu amabili
lamatshumi amahlanu ngaseningizimu, lamakhulu amabili
lamatshumi amahlanu ngasempumalanga, lamakhulu
amabili lamatshumi amahlanu ngasentshonalanga. **18**
Lokuseleyo ngobude maqondana lomnikelo ongcwele
kuzakuba zinkulungwane ezilitshumi ngempumalanga,
lezinkulungwane ezilitshumi ngentshonalanga; njalo
kuzakuba maqondana lomnikelo ongcwele. Lenzuzo
yakho izakuba yikudla kwezisebenzi zomuzi. **19**
Njalo izisebenzi zomuzi zizawusebenzela zivela
kuzo zonke izizwe zakoIsrayeli. **20** Wonke umnikelo
uzakuba zinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili
lanhlanu, lezinkungwane ezingamatshumi amabili
lanhlanu. Lizanikela umnikelo ongcwele ulingane
inhlangothi zozine, kanye lelifa lomuzi. **21** Njalo
okuseleyo kuzakuba ngokwesiphathamandla, ngapha
langapha komnikelo ongcwele, lokwenzuzo yomuzi,
ngaphambi kwezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi
amabili lanhlanu zomnikelo, kuze kube semngceleni
wempumalanga lentshonalanga, ngaphambi
kwezinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lanhlanu,
ngasemngceleni wentshonalanga, maqondana lezigaba
zeziphathamandla; lomnikelo ongcwele lendawo
engcwele yendlu kuzakuba phakathi kwakho. **22** Futhi
kusukela enzuzweni yamaLevi, lakusukela enzuzweni
yomuzi, ephakathi kokungokwesiphathamandla, phakathi
komngcele kaJuda lomngcele kaBhenjamini, kuzakuba
ngokwesiphathamandla. **23** Mayelana lokuseleyo
kwezizwe, kusukela kuhlangothi lwempumalanga kusiya
kuhlangothi lwentshonalanga, uBhenjamini uzakuba
lesabelo esisodwa. **24** Lasemngceleni wakoBhenjamini,
kusukela kuhlangothi lwempumalanga kusiya kuhlangothi
lwentshonalanga, uSimeyoni uzakuba lesisodwa. **25**
Lasemngceleni kaSimeyoni, kusukela kuhlangothi
lwempumalanga kusiya kuhlangothi lwentshonalanga,
uIsakari uzakuba lesisodwa. **26** Lasemngceleni kaIsakari,
kusukela kuhlangothi lwempumalanga kusiya kuhlangothi
lwentshonalanga, uZebuluni uzakuba lesisodwa. **27**
Lasemngceleni kaZebuluni, kusukela kuhlangothi
lwempumalanga kusiya kuhlangothi lwentshonalanga,
uGadi uzakuba lesisodwa. **28** Lasemngceleni kaGadi,
kuhlangothi lweningizimu ngaseningizimu, umngcele
uzasuka eTamari kuze kube semanzini eMeribathi-
Kadeshi, kuze kube semfuleni, kuze kube selwandle

olukhulu. **29** Yilo ilizwe elizalaba ngenkatho libe yilifa
kuzo izizwe zakoIsrayeli, njalo lezi yizabelo zazo, itsho
iNkosi uJehova. **30** Lalokhu yikuphuma komuzi kuvela
ehlangothini lwenyakatho, izilinganiso ezizinkulungwane
ezine lamakhulu amahlanu. **31** Njalo amasango omuzi
azakuba ngamabizo ezizwe zakoIsrayeli; amasango
amathathu ngasenyakatho; isango elilodwa elikaRubeni,
isango elilodwa elikaJuda, isango elilodwa elikaLevi.
32 Lehlangothini lwempumalanga izinkulungwane
ezine lamakhulu amahlanu, lamasango amathathu;
ngitsho isango elilodwa elikaJosefa, isango elilodwa
elikaBhenjamini, isango elilodwa elikaDani. **33**
Lehlangothini lweningizimu izilinganiso ezizinkulungwane
ezine lamakhulu amahlanu, lamasango amathathu;
isango elilodwa elikaSimeyoni, isango elilodwa
elikaIsakari, isango elilodwa elikaZebuluni. **34** Uhlangothi
lwentshonalanga, izinkulungwane ezine lamakhulu
amahlanu, amasango azo amathathu; isango elilodwa
elikaGadi, isango elilodwa elikaAsheri, isango elilodwa
elikaNafithali. **35** Inhlangothi zonke yizinkulungwane
ezilitshumi lesificaminwembili. Njalo ibizo lomuzi
kusukela ngalolosuku lizakuba: INkosi ilapha.

UDanyeli

1 Ngomnyaka wesithathu wokubusa kukaJehoyakhimi
inkosi yakoJuda, kwafika uNebhukadinezari inkosi
yeBhabhiloni eJerusalema, wayivimbezela. **2** INkosi
yasinikela uJehoyakhimi inkosi yakoJuda esandleni
sakhe, lengxenye yezitsha zendlu kaNkulunkulu;
wasezisa elizweni leShinari, endlini kankulunkulu
wakhe; waletha izitsha endlini yenotho kankulunkulu
wakhe. **3** Inkosi yasikhuluma kuAshipenazi induna
yabathenwa bayo, ukuthi alethe abanye kubantwana
bakoIsrayeli, lakunzalo yesikhosini, lakuziphathamandla;
4 amajaha okungelalasici kuwo, amahle ngesimo,
azingcwethi kuyo yonke inhlakanipho, alolwazi ngolwazi,
alokuqedisisa ekwazini, lokwakulamandla kuwo okuma
esigodlweni senkosi, lokuthi bawafundise izincwadi
lolimi lwamaKhaladiya. **5** Inkosi yasiwamisela into
yosuku ngosuku lwayo esabelweni sokudla kwenkosi,
lewayinini lokunatha kwayo, lokuthi bawakhulise
iminyaka emithathu, ukuze ekupheleni kwayo azekuma
phambi kwenkosi. **6** Njalo kwakukhona phakathi
kwabo kubantwana bakoJuda: ODaniyeli, uHananiya,
uMishayeli, loAzariya. **7** Njalo induna yabathenwa
yabatha amabizo; ngoba yamutha uDaniyeli ngokuthi
nguBeliteshazari; loHananiya ngokuthi nguShadraki;
loMishayeli ngokuthi nguMeshaki; loAzariya ngokuthi
nguAbedinego. **8** Kodwa uDaniyeli wazimisela
enhliziyweni yakhe ukuthi angazingcolisi ngesabelo
sokudla kwenkosi, langewayini yokunatha kwayo; ngakho
wacela enduneni yabathenwa ukuthi angazingcolisi.
9 UNkulunkulu wasemnika uDaniyeli umusa lesihawu
phambi kwenduna yabathenwa. **10** Induna yabathenwa
yasisithi kuDaniyeli: Ngiyayesaba inkosi yami, inkosi,
emise ukudla kwenu lokunathwayo kwenu; ngoba kungani
izabona ubuso benu budanile kulamajaha ayintanga
yenu? Ngokunjalo lizafaka ikhanda lami engozini enkosini.
11 UDaniyeli wasesithi kumphathi, induna yabathenwa
eyayimmise waba phezu kwaboDaniyeli, uHananiya,
uMishayeli, loAzariya: **12** Ake ulinge inceku zakho insuku
ezilitshumi; njalo basinike okwemibhida eyimidumba
ukuthi sidle, lamanzi ukuthi sinathe. **13** Kakuthi-ke izimo
zethu zibonakale phambi kwakho, lezimo zamajaha adla
isabelo sokudla kwenkosi; wenze-ke ezincekwini zakho
njengokubona kwakho. **14** Wasebalalela kuloludaba,
wabalinga insuku ezilitshumi. **15** Kwathi ekupheleni
kwezinsuku ezilitshumi izimo zabo zabonakala zizinhle
njalo zizimukile enyameni kulawo wonke amajaha
ayesidla isabelo sokudla kwenkosi. **16** Ngakho-ke
umphathi wasusa isabelo sokudla kwabo, lewayini
lokunatha kwabo, wabanika imibhida. **17** Mayelana
lala amajaha amane, uNkulunkulu wawanika ulwazi
lokuqedisisa kuzo zonke izincwadi, lenhlakanipho. Njalo
uDaniyeli waqedisisa ngayo yonke imibono lamaphupho.
18 Kwathi ekupheleni kwezinsuku inkosi eyayitshilo ukuthi
bazawangenisa ngazo, induna yabathenwa yawangenisa
phambi kukaNebhukadinezari. **19** Inkosi yasikhuluma
lawo; njalo phakathi kwawo wonke kakutholwanga
onjengoDaniyeli, uHananiya, uMishayeli, loAzariya;
ngakho ema phambi kwenkosi. **20** Mayelana lazo zonke
izindaba zenhlakanipho lokuqedisisa, inkosi eyayiwabuza
ngazo, yawathola esedlula ngokuphindwe katshumi
bonke abalumbi lezangoma abasembusweni wayo
wonke. **21** Njalo uDaniyeli waba khona kwaze kwaba
ngumnyaka wokuqala wenkosi uKoresi.

2 Ngomnyaka wesibili wokubusa kukaNebhukadinezari,
uNebhukadinezari waphupha amaphupho; umoya
wakhe wasukhathazeka, lobuthongo bakhe basuka
kuye. **2** Inkosi yasisithi kubizwe izanuse lezangoma
labavumisayo lamaKhaladiya, ukuze batshengise inkosi
amaphupho ayo. Beza-ke, bema phambi kwenkosi. **3**
Inkosi yasisithi kubo: Ngiphuphe iphupho; umoya wami
wasukhathazeka ukulazi iphupho. **4** AmaKhaladiya
asekhuluma enkosini ngesiAramu: Nkosi, phila kuze
kube nininini! Tshela inceku zakho iphupho, thina
sizatshengisa ingcazelo. **5** Inkosi yaphendula yathi
kumaKhaladiya: Into isisukile kimi; uba lingayikungazisa
iphupho lengcazelo yalo, lizakwenziwa iziqa, lezindlu
zenu zenziwe inqumbi yomquba. **6** Kodwa uba litshengisa
iphupho lengcazelo yalo, lizakwemukela kimi izipho
lomvuzo lodumo olukhulu. Ngakho ngitshengisani
iphupho lengcazelo yalo. **7** Baphendula okwesibili
bathi: Inkosi kayitshele inceku zayo iphupho, thina
sizabonisa ingcazelo yalo. **8** Inkosi yaphendula yathi:
Mina ngiyazi isibili ukuthi lithenga isikhathi, ngoba
liyabona ukuthi into isukile kimi. **9** Kodwa uba lingangazisi
iphupho, kulesimiso esisodwa ngani; ngoba livumelene
ukukhuluma ilizwi lamanga elikhohlakeleyo phambi
kwami, kuze kuguquke isikhathi. Ngakho ngitshelani
iphupho, besengisazi ukuthi lingangitshela ingcazelo
yalo. **10** AmaKhaladiya aphendula phambi kwenkosi,
athi: Kakulamuntu emhlabeni olakho ukutshengisa udaba
lwenkosi; ngakho kayikho inkosi enkulu kumbe umbusi
owake wabuza into enje kuloba yisiphi isanuse kumbe
isangoma kumbe umKhaladiya. **11** Futhi kuyinto enzima
inkosi eyibuzayo, njalo kakho omunye ongayibonisa
phambi kwenkosi, ngaphandle kwabonkulunkulu,
okuhlala kwabo kakukho kwabasenyameni. **12** Ngenxa
yalokhu inkosi yaba lolaka yathukuthela kakhulu,
yalaya ukuthi kubhujiswe bonke abahlakaniphileyo
beBhabhiloni. **13** Kwasekuphuma isimiso, ukuthi
abahlakaniphileyo babulawe; basebedinga uDaniyeli
labangane bakhe ukuthi babulawe. **14** Lapho uDaniyeli
wabuyisela icebo lokuqonda kuAriyoki induna yabalindi
benkosi, owayephumele ukubulala abahlakaniphileyo
beBhabhiloni. **15** Waphendula wathi kuAriyoki induna
yenkosi: Kungani isimiso singesesiphangiphangi esivela
enkosini? Lapho uAriyoki wamazisa uDaniyeli indaba.
16 UDaniyeli wasengena, wacela enkosini ukuthi

imnike isikhathi sokuthi ayitshengise inkosi ingcazelo.
17 UDaniyeli wasesiya endlini yakhe, wabazisa
oHananiya, uMishayeli, loAzariya, abangane bakhe,
loludaba; 18 ukuze bacele izihawu kuNkulunkulu
wezulu ngalimfihlakalo; ukuze bangabhubhi oDaniyeli
labangane bakhe kanye labanye abahlakaniphileyo
beBhabhiloni. 19 Lapho imfihlakalo yembulelwa uDaniyeli
embonweni wobusuku. UDaniyeli wasemdumisa
uNkulunkulu wamazulu. 20 UDaniyeli waphendula
wathi: Kalidunyiswe ibizo likaNkulunkulu kusukela
phakade kuze kube phakade, ngoba inhlakanipho
lamandla kungokwakhe. 21 Ngoba uyaguqula izikhathi
lezikhathi ezimisiweyo, uyasusa amakhosi, amise
amakhosi, upha inhlakanipho kwabahlakaniphileyo,
lolwazi kulabo abazi ukuqedisisa. 22 Uyembula okujulileyo
lokufihlakeleyo, uyakwazi okusemnyameni, lokukhanya
kuhlala kanye laye. 23 Ngiyakubonga ngikudumise,
wena Nkulunkulu wabobaba, ongiphe inhlakanipho
lamandla, ongazise khathesi lokho esikucelileyo
kuwe, ngoba usazisile udaba lwenkosi. 24 Ngakho
uDaniyeli wangena kuAriyoki, inkosi eyayimmisele
ukuthi abhubhise abahlakaniphileyo beBhabhiloni;
wahamba, wakhuluma kanje kuye: Ungabhubhisi
abahlakaniphileyo beBhabhiloni; ngingenisa phambi
kwenkosi, mina ngizayitshengisa inkosi ingcazelo.
25 Lapho uAriyoki wangenisa uDaniyeli phambi
kwenkosi ngokuphangisa, watsho njalo kuyo: Ngithole
indoda kwabathunjiweyo bakoJuda, ezakwazisa inkosi
ingcazelo. 26 Inkosi yaphendula yathi kuDaniyeli,
obizo lakhe lalinguBeliteshazari: Ulakho yini ukungazisa
iphupho engilibonileyo, lengcazelo yalo? 27 UDaniyeli
waphendula phambi kwenkosi, wathi: Imfihlakalo inkosi
eyibuzayo, abahlakaniphileyo, izangoma, izanuse,
abalumbi bangeyibonise inkosi. 28 Kodwa ukhona
uNkulunkulu emazulwini owembula izimfihlakalo,
uyitshengisile inkosi uNebhukadinezari okuzakwenzeka
ekucineni kwezinsuku; iphupho lakho lemibono
yekhanda lakho embhedeni wakho yilokhu: 29
Wena, nkosi, usembhedeni wakho kwavela imicabango
yakho ngalokhu okuzakwenzeka emva kwalokhu;
lalowo owembula izimfihlakalo ukwazisile wena lokho
okuzakwenzeka. 30 Mayelana lami, limfihlakalo yembulwa
kimi hatshi ngenxa yenhlakanipho ephakathi kwami
okwedlula bonke abaphilayo, kodwa ukuthi kwaziswe
ingcazelo enkosini, lokuthi wazi imicabango yenhliziyo
yakho. 31 Wena nkosi, wabona, khangela-ke, isithombe
esikhulu. Lesisithombe esikhulu, okukhazimula kwaso
kwakusedlulisa, sema phambi kwakho; lesimo saso
sasisesabeka. 32 Ikhanda lalesisithombe lalingelegolide
elihle, isifuba saso lengalo zaso kwakungokwesiliva,
isisu saso lamathangazi aso kwakungokwethusi, 33
imilenze yaso yayingeyensimbi, inyawo zaso ingxenye
yayingeyensimbi lengxenye yayingeyebumba. 34
Wasubona kwaze kwasikwa ilitshe kungengezandla,
elatshaya isithombe ezinyaweni zaso ezensimbi lebumba,
lazichoboza. 35 Kwasekuchotshozwa ndawonye insimbi,
ibumba, ithusi, isiliva, legolide, kwaba njengamakhoba
amabala okubhulela ehlobo, lomoya wakususa, akwaze
kwatholelwa ndawo. Njalo ilitshe elatshaya isithombe
laba yintaba enkulu, lagcwalisa umhlaba wonke. 36
Yilo lelo iphupho; sesizakutsho ingcazelo yalo phambi
kwenkosi. 37 Wena, nkosi, uyinkosi yamakhosi, ngoba
uNkulunkulu wamazulu ukunikile umbuso, amandla,
lokuqina, lodumo. 38 Njalo loba kungaphi lapho
abantwana babantu abahlezi khona, izinyamazana
zeganga lezinyoni zamazulu uzinikele esandleni sakho,
wakwenza waba ngumbusi phezu kwazo zonke. Wena
uyilelikhanda legolide. 39 Langemva kwakho kuzavela
omunye umbuso omncinyane kulowakho, lomunye
owesithathu umbuso wethusi, ozabusa emhlabeni
wonke. 40 Lombuso wesine uzaqina njengensimbi;
ngoba njengoba insimbi ichoboza yehlisele phansi
konke, njalo njengensimbi echoboza konke lokhu,
ngokunjalo uzachoboza wephule. 41 Njalo njengoba
wabona izinyawo lamazwane, kuyingxenye yebumba
lombumbi lengxenye yensimbi, umbuso uzadatshulwa
phakathi. Kodwa kuzakuba kuwo okwamandla ensimbi,
njengoba wabona insimbi ihlanganiswe lebumba
eliludaka. 42 Njengoba amazwane enyawo ayelengxenye
yensimbi lengxenye yebumba; umbuso uzakuba
lamandla nganxanye, wephuke lula nganxanye. 43
Njalo njengoba wabona insimbi ihlanganiswe lebumba
eliludaka, bazazihlanganisa lenzalo yabantu, kodwa
kabayikunamathelana, njengoba insimbi ingahlanganiswa
lebumba. 44 Langensuku zalamakhosi uNkulunkulu
wamazulu uzamisa umbuso, ongayikuchithwa kuze
kube phakade; lombuso kawuyikutshiyelwa abanye
abantu; uzachoboza uqede yonke limibuso, wona-ke
uzakuma kuze kube phakade. 45 Ngenxa yokuthi wabona
ukuthi ilitshe liqetshulwa entabeni, kungengezandla,
lokuthi lachoboza insimbi, ithusi, ibumba, isiliva, legolide;
uNkulunkulu omkhulu uyazisile inkosi okuzakwenzeka
emva kwalokhu; iphupho liqinisekile, lengcazelo yalo
ithembekile. 46 Lapho inkosi uNebhukadinezari yathi mbo
ngobuso bayo, yakhuleka kuDaniyeli, yathi kuthululelwe
kuye umnikelo lezimpepha. 47 Inkosi yamphendula
uDaniyeli, yathi: Kuliqiniso ukuthi uNkulunkulu wenu
unguNkulunkulu wabonkulunkulu, leNkosi yamakhosi,
lomambuli wezimfihlakalo, ngoba ubelakho ukwembula
limfihlakalo. 48 Inkosi yasimenza uDaniyeli waba
ngomkhulu, yamupha izipho ezinkulu ezinengi, yamenza
waba ngumbusi phezu kwesabelo sonke seBhabhiloni,
lenduna yababusi phezu kwabo bonke abahlakaniphileyo
beBhabhiloni. 49 UDaniyeli wasecela enkosini, njalo
yamisa oShadraki, uMeshaki loAbedinego phezu
komsebenzi wesabelo seBhabhiloni; kodwa uDaniyeli
waba sesangweni lenkosi.

3 UNebhukadinezari inkosi wenza isithombe
segolide; ubude baso babuzingalo ezingamatshumi
ayisithupha, ububanzi baso buzingalo eziyisithupha;
yasimisa egcekeni leDura, esabelweni seBhabhiloni.
2 UNebhukadinezari inkosi wasethumela ukubuthela
ndawonye iziphathamandla, ababusi, lezinduna,
abeluleki, abaphathizikhwama, abehluleli, abathonisisi,
labo bonke ababusi bezabelo, ukuze beze
ekwehlukanisweni kwesithombe uNebhukadinezari
inkosi ayesimisile. **3** Lapho iziphathamandla,
ababusi, lezinduna, abeluleki, abaphathizikhwama,
abehluleli, abathonisisi, labo bonke ababusi bezabelo
babuthana ndawonye ekwehlukanisweni kwesithombe
uNebhukadinezari inkosi ayesimisile; basebesima
phambi kwesithombe uNebhukadinezari ayesimisile.
4 Ummemezeli wasememeza ngamandla wathi:
Liyalaywa, lina bantu, zizwe, lezindimi, ukuthi: **5**
Ngesikhathi elizwa ngaso ukukhala kophondo,
umhlanga, ichacho, ichachwana, ugubhu lwezintambo,
umfece, layo yonke imihlobo yokukhaliswayo, liwele
phansi, likhonze isithombe segolide uNebhukadinezari
inkosi asimisileyo. **6** Njalo loba ngubani ongawi
phansi, akhonze, ngalesosikhathi uzaphoselwa
phakathi kwesithando somlilo esivuthayo. **7** Ngakho
ngalesosikhathi, lapho abantu bonke besizwa ukukhala
kophondo, umhlanga, ichacho, ichachwana, ugubhu
lwezintambo, layo yonke imihlobo yokukhaliswayo,
bonke abantu, izizwe, lezindimi, bawela phansi,
bakhonza isithombe segolide uNebhukadinezari inkosi
ayesimisile. **8** Ngakho ngalesosikhathi amaKhaladiya
athile asondela, ahleba amaJuda. **9** Aphendula
athi kuNebhukadinezari inkosi: Nkosi, phila kuze
kube nininini! **10** Wena nkosi, wenzile umlayo,
ukuthi wonke umuntu ozakuzwa ukukhala kophondo,
umhlanga, ichacho, ichachwana, ugubhu lwezintambo,
lomfece, layo yonke imihlobo yokukhaliswayo, uzawela
phansi akhonze isithombe segolide; **11** njalo loba
ngubani ongawi phansi, akhonze, uzaphoselwa
phakathi kwesithando somlilo ovuthayo. **12** Kukhona
amaJuda athile owamise phezu komsebenzi wesabelo
seBhabhiloni, oShadraki, uMeshaki, loAbedinego;
la amadoda, nkosi, kawakunakanga; kawakhonzi
onkulunkulu bakho, kawakhothameli isithombe segolide
osimisileyo. **13** Lapho uNebhukadinezari ekuthukutheleni
lekuvutheni kolaka walaya ukuletha oShadraki, uMeshaki,
loAbedinego. Khonokho lawomadoda alethwa phambi
kwenkosi. **14** UNebhukadinezari waphendula wathi kubo:
Kungamabomu yini, Shadraki, Meshaki, loAbedinego,
lingakhonzi onkulunkulu bami, lingakhothameli isithombe
segolide engisimisileyo? **15** Khathesi, uba selilungile
ukuthi ngesikhathi lisizwa ukukhala kophondo,
umhlanga, ichacho, ichachwana, ugubhu lwezintambo,
lomfece, layo yonke imihlobo yokukhaliswayo, liwele
phansi, likhonze isithombe engisenzileyo, kuhle;
kodwa uba lingakhonzi, ngalesosikhathi lizaphoselwa
phakathi kwesithando somlilo ovuthayo. Ngubani-
ke lowoNkulunkulu ozalikhulula ezandleni zami? **16**
OShadraki, uMeshaki, loAbedinego baphendula bathi
enkosini: Nebhukadinezari, kasidingi ukukuphendula
kuloludaba. **17** Uba kungenzeka, uNkulunkulu wethu
esimkhonzayo ulakho ukusikhulula esithandweni
somlilo ovuthayo; njalo uzasikhulula esandleni
sakho, nkosi. **18** Kodwa uba kungenjalo, kakwaziwe
kuwe, nkosi, ukuthi kasiyikubakhonza onkulunkulu
bakho, lokuthi kasiyikukhothamela isithombe segolide
osimisileyo. **19** Lapho uNebhukadinezari wagcwala
ulaka, lesimo sobuso bakhe sabaguqukela oShadraki,
uMeshaki loAbedinego; waphendula, walaya ukuthi
batshise isithando kasikhombisa ngaphezu kwalokho
okwejwayeleke ukutshiswa ngakho. **20** Waselaya
amadoda alamandla ayesebuthweni lakhe ukuthi
abophe oShadraki, uMeshaki, loAbedinego, ukuthi
babaphosele esithandweni somlilo ovuthayo. **21**
Lawomadoda asebotshwa embethe izembatho zawo,
amabhulugwe awo, lezingowane zawo, lezinye izigqoko
zawo, aphoselwa phakathi kwesithando somlilo
ovuthayo. **22** Ngakho ngenxa yokuthi ilizwi lenkosi
belibukhali, lesithando sitshisa kakhulu, ilangabi
lomlilo labulala lawomadoda ayethwele oShadraki,
uMeshaki, loAbedinego. **23** Lala amadoda amathathu,
oShadraki, uMeshaki, loAbedinego, awela phansi
ebotshiwe phakathi kwesithando somlilo esivuthayo. **24**
Lapho uNebhukadinezari inkosi wethuka, wasukuma
ngokuphangisa, waphendula wathi kubeluleki bakhe:
Kasiphoselanga amadoda amathathu ebotshiwe phakathi
komlilo yini? Baphendula bathi enkosini: Liqiniso, nkosi.
25 Yaphendula yathi: Khangelani, ngibona amadoda
amane ekhululekile ehamba phakathi komlilo, njalo
kakukho ukonakala kuwo; njalo isimo seyesine sifanana
lendodana yabonkulunkulu. **26** Lapho uNebhukadinezari
wasondela emnyango wesithando somlilo esivuthayo,
waphendula, wathi: Shadraki, Meshaki, loAbedinego,
lina zinceku zikaNkulunkulu oPhezukonke, phumani,
lize. Lapho oShadraki, Meshaki, loAbedinego baphuma
phakathi komlilo. **27** Iziphathamandla, ababusi,
lezinduna, labeluleki benkosi, sebebuthene, babona la
amadoda, umlilo owawungazanga ube lamandla phezu
kwemizimba yawo, okwakungahangulwanga lonwele
lwekhanda lawo, lezambatho zawo ezazingaguqukanga,
lokunuka komlilo okwakungedlulanga kiwo. **28**
UNebhukadinezari waphendula, wathi: Kadunyiswe
uNkulunkulu kaShadraki, uMeshaki, loAbedinego,
othume ingilosi yakhe, wakhulula izinceku zakhe
ezimthembileyo, zaze zaguqula ilizwi lenkosi, zanikela
imizimba yazo, ukuze zingakhonzi zingakhuleki
lakuwuphi unkulunkulu ngaphandle kukaNkulunkulu
wazo. **29** Ngakho umlayo wenziwa yimi, ukuthi bonke
abantu, isizwe, lolimi, olukhuluma okungafanelanga

okumelene loNkulunkulu kaShadraki, uMeshaki,
loAbedinego, uzaqunywa iziqa, lendlu yakhe yenziwe
inqumbi yomquba; ngoba engekho omunye unkulunkulu
olakho ukophula njengalokhu. 30 Lapho inkosi
yabaphumelelisa oShadraki, uMeshaki, loAbedinego,
esabelweni seBhabhiloni.

4 UNebhukadinezari inkosi, kubo bonke abantu,
izizwe, lezindimi, ezihlala emhlabeni wonke: Ukuthula
kwenu kakwande! 2 Bekukuhle kimi ukuthi ngikwazise
izibonakaliso lezimangaliso uNkulunkulu oPhezukonke
azenze kimi. 3 Yeka ubukhulu bezibonakaliso
zakhe, njalo yeka amandla ezimangaliso zakhe!
Umbuso wakhe ungumbuso ongulaphakade, lokubusa
kwakhe kungokwesizukulwana lesizukulwana. 4
Mina, uNebhukadinezari, ngangonwabile endlini yami,
ngahluma esigodlweni sami, 5 ngabona iphupho
elangesabisayo; lemicabango phezu kombheda wami,
lemibono yekhanda lami kwangethusa. 6 Ngakho
umlayo wenziwa yimi wokuthi kungeniswe phambi kwami
bonke abahlakaniphileyo beBhabhiloni, ukuze bangazise
ingcazelo yephupho. 7 Kwasekungena izanuse,
izangoma, amaKhaladiya, labalumbi; ngasengikhuluma
iphupho phambi kwabo, kodwa kabangazisanga
ingcazelo yalo. 8 Kodwa ngasekucineni uDaniyeli
wangena phambi kwami, obizo lakhe lalinguBeliteshazari,
ngokwebizo likankulunkulu wami, lokukuye umoya
wabonkulunkulu abangcwele; ngasengikhuluma iphupho
phambi kwakhe, ngisithi: 9 Wena Beliteshazari,
nduna yezanuse, ngoba mina ngiyazi ukuthi
umoya wabonkulunkulu abangcwele ukuwe, lokuthi
kakulamfihlakalo leyodwa ekuhluphayo, ngitshela imibono
yephupho lami engilibonileyo, lengcazelo yalo. 10
Yayinjalo imibono yekhanda lami embhedeni wami:
Ngabona, khangela-ke, isihlahla phakathi komhlaba,
lobude baso babubukhulu. 11 Isihlahla sakhula saba
sikhulu, saqina, lobude baso bafinyelela emazulwini,
lokubonakala kwaso kwaze kwaba sekucineni komhlaba
wonke. 12 Amahlamvu aso ayemahle, lesithelo
saso sasisinengi, kwakukhona kiso ukudla kwabo
bonke; inyamazana zeganga zaba lomthunzi ngaphansi
kwaso, lenyoni zamazulu zahlala ezingatsheni zaso,
layo yonke inyama yondliwa kiso. 13 Ngabona
emibonweni yekhanda lami embhedeni wami, khangela-
ke, umlindi, ngitsho ongcwele, wehla evela emazulwini.
14 Wamemeza ngamandla watsho njalo: Sigamuleni
isihlahla, liqume izingatsha zaso, liphulule amahlamvu
aso, lichithachithe izithelo zaso; izinyamazana kazisuke
ngaphansi kwaso, lezinyoni ngasezingatsheni zaso.
15 Lanxa kunjalo tshiyani isidindi sempande zakhe
emhlabathini, langebhanti lensimbi lethusi ohlazeni
lwasendle; njalo kakumanziswe ngamazolo amazulu,
lesabelo sakhe kasibe kanye lezinyamazana etshanini
bomhlaba. 16 Inhliziyo yakhe kayiphenduke ingabi
ngeyomuntu, kayiphiwe inhliziyo yenyamazana; futhi
kakwedlule phezu kwakhe izikhathi eziyisikhombisa.
17 Loludaba lungesimemezelo sabalindi, lesilayezelo
ngelizwi labangcwele; ukuze abaphilayo bazi ukuthi
oPhezukonke uyabusa embusweni wabantu, njalo
awunike loba kukubani amthandayo, amise phezu
kwawo ophansi ebantwini. 18 Leliphupho ngilibonile
mina nkosi uNebhukadinezari. Wena-ke, Beliteshazari,
yitsho ingcazelo yalo; ngoba bonke abahlakaniphileyo
bombuso wami bengelakho ukungitshela ingcazelo;
kodwa wena ulakho; ngoba umoya wabonkulunkulu
abangcwele ukuwe. 19 Lapho uDaniyeli, obizo
lakhe lalinguBeliteshazari, wamangala kakhulu
okwesikhatshana, lemicabango yakhe yamkhathaza.
Inkosi yaphendula, yathi: Beliteshazari, iphupho
lengcazelo yalo kakungakukhathazi. UBeliteshazari
waphendula wathi: Nkosi yami, iphupho kalibe
kwabakuzondayo, lengcazelo yalo kuzo izitha zakho.
20 Isihlahla osibonileyo, esakhula saba sikhulu saqina,
lobude baso bafinyelela emazulwini, lokubonakala kwaso
kwaze kwaba semhlabeni wonke, 21 esimahlamvu
aso ayemahle, lesithelo saso sisinengi, njalo kiso
kulokudla kwabo bonke, lezinyamazana zeganga zahlala
phansi kwaso, lenyoni zamazulu zahlala ezingatsheni
zaso; 22 singuwe, wena nkosi, osukhulile waba
mkhulu waqina; ngoba ubukhulu bakho bukhulile,
bafinyelela emazulwini, lombuso wakho ekucineni
komhlaba. 23 Njengalokho inkosi yabona umlindi, ngitsho
ongcwele, esehla evela emazulwini owathi: Gamulani
isihlahla lisichithe; kodwa litshiye isidindi sezimpande
emhlabathini sibotshwe ngebhanti lensimbi lethusi
ohlazeni lwasendle; kakumanziswe ngamazolo amazulu,
lesabelo sakhe kasibe kanye lezinyamazana zeganga,
kuze kwedlule izikhathi eziyisikhombisa phezu kwakhe.
24 Nansi ingcazelo, nkosi, njalo nansi isimemezelo
soPhezukonke, esiza phezu kwenkosi yami, inkosi: 25
Ukuthi bazakuxotsha ebantwini, lenhlalo yakho izakuba
kanye lezinyamazana zeganga, bazakudlisa utshani
njengezinkabi, bazakumanzisa ngamazolo amazulu,
lezikhathi eziyisikhombisa zizadlula phezu kwakho, uze
wazi ukuthi oPhezukonke uyabusa emibusweni yabantu,
ayinike loba kukubani amthandayo. 26 Njengalokho
bathi kutshiywe isidindi sempande zesihlahla, umbuso
wakho uzakuma kuwe, emva kokuthi ususazi ukuthi
amazulu ayabusa. 27 Ngakho, nkosi, kasemukeleke kuwe
iseluleko sami; wephule izono zakho ngokulunga, lobubi
bakho ngokutshengisa isihawu kwabangabayanga, aluba
kungaba lokwelulwa kokuthula kwakho. 28 Konke lokhu
kwamehlela uNebhukadinezari inkosi. 29 Ekupheleni
kwenyanga ezilitshumi lambili wayehambahamba phezu
kwesigodlo sombuso weBhabhiloni. 30 Inkosi yaphendula
yathi: Kayisiyo yini le iBhabhiloni enkulu mina engiyakhe
ukuba yindlu yombuso, ngamandla engalo yami, njalo
ibe ludumo lobukhosi bami? 31 Ilizwi lisesemlonyeni

wenkosi, kwawa ilizwi livela emazulwini lisithi: Wena
nkosi Nebhukadinezari, kuyatshiwo kuwe ukuthi:
Umbuso usukile kuwe. 32 Bazakuxotsha usuke
ebantwini, lenhlalo yakho izakuba kanye lenyamazana
zeganga, bazakudlisa utshani njengezinkabi, lezikhathi
eziyisikhombisa zizadlula phezu kwakho, uze wazi
ukuthi oPhezukonke uyabusa emibusweni yabantu,
ayinike loba kukubani amthandayo. 33 Ngalesosikhathi
lolulutho lwagcwaliseka phezu kukaNebhukadinezari;
wasexotshwa ebantwini, wadla utshani njengezinkabi,
lomzimba wakhe wamanziswa ngamazolo amazulu, zaze
inwele zakhe zakhula njengensiba zelinqe, lenzipho
zakhe njengezenyoni. 34 Njalo ekupheleni kwezinsuku,
mina Nebhukadinezari ngaphakamisela amehlo ami
emazulwini, ngoba ukuqedisisa kwami kwabuyela
kimi; ngasengibusisa oPhezukonke, ngamdumisa,
ngamhlonipha yena ophila phakade, ngoba ukubusa
kwakhe kuyikubusa okulaphakade, lombuso wakhe
ungowesizukulwana lesizukulwana; 35 futhi bonke
abahlali bomhlaba babalwa njengokungelutho, njalo
wenza njengentando yakhe ebuthweni lamazulu
lakubahlali bomhlaba; njalo kakho ongavimbela isandla
sakhe, loba athi kuye: Wenzani? 36 Ngasona lesosikhathi
ingqondo yami yabuyela kimi, futhi ngenxa yenkazimulo
yombuso wami udumo lwami lokucwebezela kwami
kwabuyela kimi; njalo abeluleki bami lezikhulu zami
zangidinga; ngasengimiswa futhi embusweni wami;
lobukhulu obudluleleyo bengezelelwa kimi. 37 Khathesi,
mina, Nebhukadinezari, ngiyayidumisa ngiyiphakamise
ngiyihloniphe iNkosi yamazulu, ngoba imisebenzi yayo
yonke iliqiniso, lezindlela zayo ziyisahlulelo; lalabo
abahamba ngokuzigqaja ilakho ukubathobisa.

5 UBelishazari inkosi wenzela iziphathamandla
zakhe eziyinkulungwane idili elikhulu, wanatha
iwayini phambi kwaleyonkulungwane. 2 UBelishazari,
esalinambitha iwayini, walaya ukuthi balethe
izitsha zegolide lezesiliva uyise uNebhukadinezari
ayezikhuphe ethempelini elaliseJerusalema; ukuze
inkosi, leziphathamandla zayo, omkayo, labafazi bayo
abancane, banathele kizo. 3 Lapho baletha izitsha
zegolide ezazikhutshwe ethempelini lendlu kaNkulunkulu
eyayiseJerusalema; njalo inkosi, leziphathamandla
zayo, omkayo, labafazi bayo abancane, banathela
kizo. 4 Banatha iwayini, badumisa onkulunkulu
begolide, labesiliva, abethusi, abensimbi, abesigodo,
labelitshe. 5 Ngalesosikhathi kwaphuma iminwe yesandla
somuntu, yabhala maqondana lesiqobane sesibane
phezu kokubhadiweyo komduli wesigodlo senkosi;
inkosi yasibona inhlanekela yesandla esasibhala. 6
Khonokho ukucwebezela kobuso benkosi kwaphenduka,
lemicabango yayo yayihlupha, kwaze kwaxega amalunga
okhalo lwayo, lamadolo ayo atshayana. 7 Inkosi
yamemeza ngamandla ukuthi balethe izangoma,
amaKhaladiya, labalumbi. Inkosi yaphendula, yathi
kwabahlakaniphileyo beBhabhiloni: Wonke umuntu
ongafunda lumbhalo, angitshengise ingcazelo yawo,
uzagqokiswa okuyibubende, leketane yegolide entanyeni
yakhe, abe ngumbusi wesithathu embusweni. 8 Lapho
bangena bonke abahlakaniphileyo benkosi; kodwa
babengelakho ukuwubala umbhalo, lokwazisa inkosi
ingcazelo yawo. 9 Lapho inkosi uBelishazari yethuka
kakhulu, lokucwebezela kobuso bayo kwaphenduka
kuyo, leziphathamandla zayo zadideka. 10 Indlovukazi,
ngenxa yamazwi enkosi leziphathamandla zayo,
yangena endlini yedili. Indlovukazi yaphendula yathi:
Nkosi, phila kuze kube nininini! Imicabango yakho
kayingakwethusi, lokucwebezela kobuso bakho
kakungaphenduki. 11 Kulomuntu embusweni wakho
okulomoya wabonkulunkulu abangcwele kuye; ngoba
ensukwini zikayihlo kwatholwa kuye ukukhanya
lokuqedisisa lenhlakanipho, njengenhlakanipho
yabonkulunkulu; ngakho inkosi uNebhukadinezari
uyihlo wamenza waba yinduna yezanuse, yezangoma,
yamaKhaladiya, yabalumbi, uyihlo, nkosi. 12 Ngoba
umoya owedlulisileyo, lolwazi, lokuqedisisa, ukuchasisa
amaphupho, lokuchasisa imizekeliso, lokutshombulula
amafindo, kwatholakala kuye, kuDaniyeli, inkosi
eyamutha ibizo elithi uBeliteshazari. Khathesi kabizwe
uDaniyeli, uzatshengisa ingcazelo. 13 Lapho uDaniyeli
walethwa phambi kwenkosi; inkosi yaphendula yathi
kuDaniyeli: UngulowoDaniyeli, ongowabathunjwa
bakoJuda, inkosi ubaba eyabaletha bevela koJuda yini?
14 Sengizwile ngawe ukuthi umoya wabonkulunkulu
ukuwe, lokuthi ukukhanya, lokuqedisisa, lenhlakanipho
edlulisileyo kutholakala kuwe. 15 Khathesi sebengenisiwe
phambi kwami abahlakaniphileyo, izangoma, ukuze
bawufunde lumbhalo, bangazise ingcazelo yawo; kodwa
bebengelakho ukutshengisa ingcazelo yalinto. 16
Kodwa mina ngizwile ngawe, ukuthi ulakho ukuchasisa
izingcazelo, lokutshombulula amafindo. Khathesi uba
ulakho ukufunda lumbhalo, ungazise ingcazelo yawo,
uzagqokiswa okuyibubende, leketane yegolide entanyeni
yakho, ube ngumbusi wesithathu embusweni. 17 Lapho
uDaniyeli waphendula wathi phambi kwenkosi: Izipho
zakho kazibe ngezakho, lemivuzo yakho uyinike omunye.
Loba kunjalo ngizayifundela inkosi umbhalo, ngiyazise
ingcazelo. 18 Wena nkosi, uNkulunkulu oPhezukonke
wanika uNebhukadinezari uyihlo umbuso, lobukhulu,
lodumo, lenkazimulo. 19 Langenxa yobukhulu amnika
bona, bonke abantu, izizwe, lezindimi, bathuthumela
besaba phambi kwakhe; lowo ayethanda wambulala,
lalowo ayethanda wamgcina ephila, lalowo ayethanda
wamphakamisa, lalowo ayethanda wamehlisela phansi.
20 Kodwa lapho inhliziyo yakhe yaziphakamisa, lenhliziyo
yakhe yaba lukhuni ngokuzigqaja, wehliswa esihlalweni
sakhe sobukhosi sombuso, bamthathela udumo lwakhe.
21 Wasexotshwa ebantwaneni babantu, lenhliziyo
yakhe yenziwa yafanana leyenyamazana, lendawo

yakhe yokuhlala yaba labobabhemi beganga; bamdlisa
utshani njengenkabi, lomzimba wakhe waba manzi
ngamazolo amazulu, waze wazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu
oPhezukonke uyabusa embusweni wabantu, lokuthi
umisa phezu kwawo loba ngubani amthandayo. **22**
Wena-ke, ndodana yakhe, Belishazari, kawuyithobisanga
inhliziyo yakho, lanxa ukwazile konke lokhu. **23**
Kodwa uziphakamisile wamelana leNkosi yamazulu;
njalo baletha izitsha zendlu yayo phambi kwakho;
wena-ke, leziphathamandla zakho, omkakho, labafazi
bakho abancane, lanathela kuzo iwayini; udumisile
onkulunkulu besiliva, labegolide, abethusi, abensimbi,
abesigodo, labelitshe, abangaboniyo labangezwayo,
labangaziyo; kodwa uNkulunkulu omphefumulo wakho
usesandleni sakhe, lozindlela zakho zonke zingezakhe,
kawumdumisanga. **24** Khonokho le inhlanekela yesandla
yathunywa ivela kuye; lumbhalo wasubhalwa. **25**
Njalo nanku umbhalo owabhalwayo: MENE, MENE,
TEKELI, UFARISINI. **26** Nansi ingcazelo yalolulutho:
MENE: UNkulunkulu ubalile umbuso wakho, wawuqeda.
27 TEKELI: Ulinganisiwe esilinganisweni, watholwa
usilela. **28** UPERESI: Umbuso wakho wehlukanisiwe,
wanikwa amaMede lamaPerisiya. **29** Lapho uBelishazari
walaya, basebemgqokisa uDaniyeli ngokuyibubende,
leketane yegolide entanyeni yakhe, basebememezela
ngaye ukuthi abe ngumbusi wesithathu embusweni.
30 Ngalobobusuku uBelishazari inkosi yamaKhaladiya
wabulawa. **31** UDariyusi umMede wasesemukela
umbuso, eleminyaka phose engamatshumi ayisithupha
lambili.

6 Kwaba kuhle kuDariyusi ukubeka phezu kombuso
iziphathamandla ezilikhulu lamatshumi amabili,
ukuthi zibe phezu kombuso wonke, **2** laphezu kwazo
ababonisi abathathu, uDaniyeli aba ngowokuqala kubo;
ukuthi leziziphathamandla zilandise kubo, njalo inkosi
ingabi lomonakalo. **3** Lapho uDaniyeli lo wenza
ngcono kulababonisi leziphathamandla, ngoba umoya
owedlulisileyo wawukuye. Njalo inkosi yacabanga
ukumbeka phezu kombuso wonke. **4** Lapho ababonisi
leziphathamandla badinga ukuthola ithuba bemelene
loDaniyeli mayelana lombuso; kodwa bengelakho
ukuthola ithuba kumbe insolo; ngoba wayethembekile,
futhi kungelampambaniso kumbe insolo okwatholakala
kuye. **5** Lapho lawomadoda athi: Kasiyikuthola
thuba ngaye lo uDaniyeli ngaphandle kokuthi silithole
limelene laye emlayweni kaNkulunkulu wakhe. **6** Lapho
labobabonisi leziphathamandla babuthana ndawonye
enkosini, batsho kanje kuyo: Dariyusi nkosi, phila
kuze kube nininini! **7** Bonke ababonisi bombuso,
izinduna, leziphathamandla, abeluleki, lababusi bacebisa
ukumisa umthetho wesikhosini, lokwenza isimiso
esiqinileyo, ukuthi loba ngubani ozacela isicelo
lakuwuphi unkulunkulu loba umuntu phakathi kwezinsuku
ezingamatshumi amathathu ngaphandle kuwe, nkosi,
uzaphoselwa ebhalwini lwezilwane. **8** Khathesi, nkosi,
misa umlayo uphawule umbhalo, ukuthi ungaguqulwa,
njengokomthetho wamaMede lamaPerisiya, ongadluliyo.
9 Ngakho inkosi uDariyusi yaphawula umbhalo
lesimiso. **10** Kwathi lapho uDaniyeli asesazi ukuthi
umbhalo uphawuliwe, wangena endlini yakhe; njalo
amawindi ekamelo lakhe eliphezulu elikhangele
eJerusalema evulekile; waguqa ngamadolo akhe izikhathi
ezintathu ngosuku, wakhuleka, wapha izibongo phambi
kukaNkulunkulu wakhe, njengokwenza kwakhe mandulo
kwalokhu. **11** Lapho la amadoda abuthana, athola
uDaniyeli ekhuleka encenga phambi kukaNkulunkulu
wakhe. **12** Lapho asondela, akhuluma phambi kwenkosi
mayelana lesimiso senkosi athi: Kawuphawulanga isimiso
yini, sokuthi wonke umuntu ocela lakuwuphi unkulunkulu
loba umuntu phakathi kwezinsuku ezingamatshumi
amathathu ngaphandle kuwe, nkosi, uzaphoselwa
ebhalwini lwezilwane? Inkosi yaphendula yathi: Linto
iliqiniso, ngokomthetho wamaMede lamaPerisiya
ongadluliyo. **13** Lapho aphendula athi phambi kwenkosi:
UDaniyeli ongowabantwana bokuthunjwa bakoJuda
kakunanzi, nkosi, lesimiso osiphawulileyo, kodwa
uyakhuleka isicelo sakhe izikhathi ezintathu ngosuku. **14**
Kwathi lapho inkosi isizwile lelilizwi, yazizondela kakhulu,
yabeka ingqondo kuDaniyeli ukumkhulula; yebo, yalwisa
laze latshona ilanga ukumophula. **15** Lapho abuthana
enkosini lawomadoda, athi enkosini: Yazi, nkosi, ukuthi
umthetho wamaMede lamaPerisiya uthi: Kakulasimiso
kumbe umthetho inkosi eyawumisayo ongaguqulwa. **16**
Lapho inkosi yalaya, bamletha uDaniyeli, bamphosela
ebhalwini lwezilwane. Inkosi yaphendula yathi kuDaniyeli:
UNkulunkulu wakho, omkhonzayo njalonjalo, kungathi
angakukhululi! **17** Kwasekulethwa ilitshe, labekwa phezu
komlomo wobhalu; inkosi yasilinameka ngendandatho
elophawu lwayo, langendandatho elophawu lwamakhosi
ayo, ukuze kungaguqulwa ulutho mayelana loDaniyeli.
18 Lapho inkosi yaya esigodlweni sayo, yachitha
ubusuku izila ukudla; lamachacho kawalethwanga
phambi kwayo; lobuthongo bayibalekela. **19** Lapho
inkosi yavuka emadabukakusa, yaya ngokuphangisa
ebhalwini lwezilwane. **20** Yathi isisondele ebhalwini,
yamemeza ngelizwi lokulila kuDaniyeli; inkosi yaphendula
yathi kuDaniyeli: Daniyeli, nceku kaNkulunkulu ophilayo,
uNkulunkulu wakho omkhonzayo njalonjalo, ulakho
ukukukhulula yini ezilwaneni? **21** Lapho uDaniyeli wathi
enkosini: Nkosi, phila kuze kube nininini! **22** UNkulunkulu
wami uthumile ingilosi yakhe, yavala imilomo yezilwane,
okokuthi kazingilimazanga, ngoba phambi kwakhe
ukungabi lecala kutholakale kimi; njalo phambi kwakho,
nkosi, kangenzanga bubi. **23** Lapho inkosi yamthokozela
kakhulu, yalaya ukukhuphula uDaniyeli ebhalwini.
UDaniyeli wasekhutshulwa ebhalwini, kakwatholwa
kulimala kuye, ngoba ekholwe kuNkulunkulu wakhe. **24**

Inkosi yasilaya, kwasekulethwa lawomadoda ayehlebe
uDaniyeli, bawaphosela ebhalwini lwezilwane, wona,
abantwana bawo, labomkawo; kwathi bengakafiki
phansi ebhalwini, izilwane zazibusa phezu kwabo,
zachoboza wonke amathambo abo. 25 Lapho inkosi
uDariyusi yabalela bonke abantu, izizwe, lezindimi,
ezihlezi emhlabeni wonke, yathi: Kakwandiswe ukuthula
kwenu. 26 Umlayo wenziwa yimi, ukuthi kukho konke
ukubuswa kombuso wami bathuthumele besabe phambi
kukaNkulunkulu kaDaniyeli; ngoba enguNkulunkulu
ophilayo, lomi kuze kube nininini, lombuso wakhe
ngongayikuchithwa, lokubusa kwakhe kuzakuba khona
kuze kube sekupheleni. 27 Uyakhulula, ophule, enze
izibonakaliso lezimangaliso emazulwini lemhlabeni,
osekhulule uDaniyeli emandleni ezilwane. 28 Ngakho
uDaniyeli lo waphumelela embusweni kaDariyusi,
lembusweni kaKoresi umPerisiya.

7 Ngomnyaka wokuqala kaBelishazari inkosi
yeBhabhiloni, uDaniyeli wabona iphupho lemibono
yekhanda lakhe embhedeni wakhe. Lapho walibhala
iphupho, wakhuluma indikimba yezindaba. 2 UDaniyeli
waphendula wathi: Ngabona embonweni wami
ebusuku, khangela-ke, imimoya yomine yamazulu
yavumbuluka phezu kolwandle olukhulu. 3 Izilo
ezine ezinkulu zakhuphuka elwandle, zehlukile esinye
kwesinye. 4 Esokuqala sasinjengesilwane, esilempiko
zenkozi. Ngakhangela zaze zacuthwa impiko zaso,
sasesiphakanyiswa sisuswa emhlabeni, samiswa
ngenyawo njengomuntu, sanikwa inhliziyo yomuntu. 5
Khangela-ke esinye isilo, esesibili, sasinjengebhere,
sazimisa ehlangothini olulodwa, silembambo ezintathu
emlonyeni waso phakathi kwamazinyo aso. Basebesithi
njalo kuso: Sukuma, udle inyama enengi. 6 Emva
kwalokhu ngabona, khangela-ke esinye, sasinjengengwe,
silempiko ezine zenyoni emhlana waso, njalo isilo
sasilamakhanda amane, lokubusa kwaphiwa kuso.
7 Emva kwalokhu ngabona emibonweni yebusuku,
khangela-ke isilo sesine, esesabekayo, esethusayo,
silamandla kakhulukazi, silamazinyo amakhulu ensimbi,
sadla safohloza, sanyathela okuseleyo ngenyawo zaso.
Njalo sasehlukile kuzo zonke izilo ezazingaphambi
kwaso; futhi sasilempondo ezilitshumi. 8 Ngakhangelisisa
izimpondo, khangela-ke, kwenyuka phakathi kwazo
olunye uphondo oluncinyane; lezintathu zezimpondo
zokuqala zasitshunwa ngezimpande phambi kwalo;
khangela-ke, amehlo anjengamehlo omuntu aba
sephondweni lolu, lomlomo okhuluma izinto ezinkulu.
9 Ngakhangela, kwaze kwabekwa izihlalo zobukhosi,
kwahlala oMdala wezinsuku, ozembatho zakhe
zazimhlophe njengeliqhwa elikhithikileyo, lenwele
zekhanda lakhe njengoboya bemvu obuhlanzekileyo;
isihlalo sakhe sobukhosi sililangabi lomlilo, amavili
aso angumlilo ovuthayo. 10 Isifudlana somlilo
sageleza saphuma phambi kwakhe. Inkulungwane
zezinkulungwane zamkhonza, lezinkulungwane
ezilitshumi zezinkulungwane ezilitshumi zema phambi
kwakhe. Isahlulelo sazimisa, lezincwadi zavulwa.
11 Lapho ngakhangela ngenxa yomsindo wamazwi
amakhulu uphondo olwawakhulumayo. Ngakhangela
saze sabulawa isilo, lomzimba waso wachithwa,
wanikelwa emlilweni obhebhayo. 12 Mayelana lezinye
izilo, umbuso wazo wasuswa, kanti ukwelulwa empilweni
kwanikwa kuzo kwaze kwaba yisikhathi esimisiweyo
lethuba. 13 Ngabona emibonweni yebusuku, khangela-
ke, onjengendodana yomuntu weza ngamayezi
amazulu, wafika kuMdala wezinsuku, basebemsondeza
phambi kwakhe. 14 Wasenikwa ukubusa, lodumo,
lombuso, ukuze bonke abantu, izizwe, lezindimi
kumkhonze. Ukubusa kwakhe kuyikubusa kwaphakade,
okungayikudlula, lombuso wakhe ngongayikuchithwa.
15 Mina Daniyeli, umoya wami wadabuka phakathi
komzimba, lemibono yekhanda lami yangethusa. 16
Ngasondela komunye wababemi khona, ngabuza
kuye iqiniso lakho konke lokhu. Wasengitshela,
wangazisa ingcazelo yezindaba. 17 Lezizilo ezinkulu,
zozine, zingamakhosi amane, azasukuma evela
emhlabeni. 18 Kodwa abangcwele boPhezukonke
bazakwemukela umbuso, babe lombuso kuze kube
phakade, ngitsho kuze kube nini lanini. 19 Lapho
ngathanda ukwazi iqiniso ngesilo sesine, esasehlukile
kuzo zonke, sisesabeka kakhulukazi, omazinyo
aso ayengawensimbi, lenzipho zaso zingezethusi;
sadla, safohloza, sanyathela okuseleyo ngenyawo
zaso; 20 langezimpondo ezilitshumi ezazisekhanda
laso, lolunye olwenyukayo, lezawa phambi kwalo
ezintathu; ngitsho lolophondo olwalulamehlo, lomlomo
owakhuluma izinto ezinkulu, lokubonakala kwalo
kwakukukhulu kulezinye. 21 Ngabona, ukuthi loluphondo
lusilwa labangcwele, lwabanqoba, 22 kwaze kwafika
oMdala wezinsuku, lesahlulelo saphiwa abangcwele
boPhezukonke; kwasekufika isikhathi esimisiweyo
sokuthi abangcwele babe lombuso. 23 Watsho njalo:
Isilo sesine sizakuba ngumbuso wesine emhlabeni,
ozakwehluka kuyo yonke imibuso, sidle wonke umhlaba,
siwunyathelele phansi, siwufohloze. 24 Mayelana
lempondo ezilitshumi, amakhosi alitshumi azasukuma
evela kulo umbuso, lenye izasukuma emva kwawo.
Yona-ke izakwehluka kwawokuqala, iwehlisele phansi
amakhosi amathathu. 25 Njalo izakhuluma amazwi
imelene loPhezukonke, ihluphe njalonjalo abangcwele
boPhezukonke, inakane ngokuguqula izikhathi lomlayo;
njalo bazanikelwa esandleni sayo kuze kube yisikhathi
lezikhathi lengxenye yesikhathi. 26 Kodwa isahlulelo
sizahlala, basuse umbuso wayo, ukuthi bawuchithe
bawuqede kuze kube sekupheleni. 27 Njalo umbuso
lokubusa lobukhulu bemibuso ngaphansi kwamazulu
wonke kuzanikwa abantu babangcwele boPhezukonke,
ombuso wabo ngumbuso ongulaphakade, lemibuso

yonke izamkhonza ilalele. 28 Kuze kube lapha yisicino
sendaba. Mina Daniyeli, imicabango yami yangethusa
kakhulu, lokucwebezela kobuso bami kwaguquka kimi;
kodwa ngalugcina udaba enhliziyweni yami.

8 Ngomnyaka wesithathu wokubusa kwenkosi
uBelishazari kwabonakala umbono kimi, mina
Daniyeli, emva kwalowo owabonakala kimi kuqala. 2
Ngabona-ke embonweni; kwasekusithi, sengibonile,
ngiseShushani isigodlo, esisesabelweni seElamu;
ngasengibona embonweni, mina ngangingasemfuleni
iUlayi. 3 Ngasengiphakamisa amehlo ami, ngabona,
khangela-ke, kwema phambi komfula inqama elempondo
ezimbili. Impondo zombili zaziphakeme, kodwa olunye
lwaluphakeme okwedlula olunye, njalo oluphakemeyo
lwenyuka muva. 4 Ngabona inqama ihlaba ikhangele
ngentshonalanga langenyakatho langeningizimu; ukuze
kungabi lezinyamazana ezingema phambi kwayo,
njalo kungekho ongophula esandleni sayo; kodwa
yenza njengentando yayo, yazikhulisa. 5 Kwathi mina
ngisacabanga, khangela-ke, kweza impongo yembuzi
ivela ngentshonalanga phezu kobuso bomhlaba wonke,
njalo kayiwuthintanga umhlabathi. Njalo limpongo
yayilophondo olunanzelelekayo phakathi laphakathi
kwamehlo ayo. 6 Yasisiza enqameni eyayilempondo
ezimbili, engangiyibone imi phambi komfula, yagijimela
kuyo ngolaka lwamandla ayo. 7 Ngasengiyibona
isondela ngasenqameni, yathukuthela kakhulu imelene
layo, yayitshaya inqama, yephula impondo zayo zombili.
Kwakungaselamandla enqameni okuma phambi kwayo;
kodwa impongo yayiwisela emhlabathini, yayinyathelela
phansi; njalo kwakungekho owayengayophula inqama
esandleni sayo. 8 Ngakho impongo yembuzi
yazikhulisa kakhulukazi; yathi isilamandla, uphondo
olukhulu lwephuka; njalo endaweni yalo kwenyuka
ezine ezinanzelelekayo ngasemimoyeni emine
yamazulu. 9 Njalo kolunye lwazo kwaphuma uphondo
oluncinyane, olwakhula kakhulukazi, ngaseningizimu
langasempumalanga langaselizweni elihle. 10
Lwaselukhula kwaze kwaba sebuthweni lamazulu;
lwaseluwisela emhlabathini okwebutho lokwezinkanyezi,
lwakunyathelela phansi. 11 Yebo, lwazikhulisa
kwaze kwaba sesiphathamandleni sebutho, langalo
umhlatshelo oqhubekayo wasuswa, lendawo yendlu
yaso engcwele yadilizelwa phansi. 12 Kwasekunikelwa
ibutho limelene lomhlatshelo oqhubekayo ngenxa
yesiphambeko, laphosela emhlabathini iqiniso, lenza,
laphumelela. 13 Ngasengisizwa ongcwele oyedwa
ekhuluma, njalo omunye ongcwele wathi kulowo
othile owakhulumayo: Koze kube nini uzakuba
khona lumbono mayelana lomhlatshelo oqhubekayo,
lesiphambeko sencithakalo, ukunikela indawo engcwele
kanye lebutho ukuthi kunyathelelwe phansi? 14
Wasesithi kimi: Kuze kube zintambama lekuseni
okuzinkulungwane ezimbili lamakhulu amathathu; kube
sekuhlanjululwa indawo engcwele. 15 Kwasekusithi mina
Daniyeli sengiwubonile umbono ngadinga ukuqedisisa,
khangela-ke, kwema phambi kwami okunjengesimo
somuntu. 16 Ngasengisizwa ilizwi lomuntu phakathi
kwezinkumbizeUlayi, elamemeza lathi: Gabriyeli,
yenza lo aqedisise umbono. 17 Wasesiza eceleni
kwalapho engangimi khona. Esefikile, ngethuka, ngathi
mbo ngobuso bami. Kodwa wathi kimi: Qedisisa,
ndodana yomuntu, ngoba umbono ungowesikhathi
sokucina. 18 Kwathi esakhuluma lami, ngangilele
ubuthongo obukhulu ngobuso bami emhlabathini; kodwa
wangithinta, wangimisa endaweni yami yokuma. 19
Wasesithi: Khangela, ngizakwenza wazi okuzakuba
sekupheleni kwentukuthelo, ngoba ukucina kuzakuba
ngesikhathi esimisiweyo. 20 Inqama oyibonileyo
elempondo ezimbili ngamakhosi eMede lePerisiya. 21
Njalo impongo eyisiyephu iyinkosi yeGirisi, lophondo
olukhulu oluphakathi laphakathi kwamehlo ayo luyinkosi
yokuqala. 22 Ngolwephukayo, njengoba kwema ezine
endaweni yalo, kuzakuma imibuso emine kuso isizwe,
kodwa hatshi ngamandla alo. 23 Njalo ekucineni
kwemibuso yazo, lapho abaphambeki sebephelele,
izakuma inkosi elukhuni ngobuso, eqedisisa imizekeliso.
24 Lamandla ayo azaqina, kodwa hatshi ngamandla
ayo. Njalo izachitha ngokumangalisayo, iphumelele,
yenze, ichithe abalamandla lesizwe sabangcwele. 25
Langobuqili bayo izaphumelelisa inkohliso esandleni
sayo, izikhulise enhliziyweni yayo, ichithe abanengi
ngokuthula, futhi izamelana leNkosana yamakhosana,
kodwa izakwephulwa kungelasandla. 26 Njalo umbono
wantambama lowekuseni olandisiweyo uliqiniso; wena-
ke valela umbono, ngoba ungowensuku ezinengi. 27
Mina-ke Daniyeli, ngaphela amandla ngagula okwensuku
ezithile; emva kwalokho ngasukuma, ngenza umsebenzi
wenkosi; njalo ngamangala kakhulu ngombono, kodwa
kakho owaqedisisayo.

9 Ngomnyaka wokuqala kaDariyusi indodana
kaAhasuwerusi, owenzalo yamaMede, owenziwa
waba yinkosi phezu kombuso wamaKhaladiya, 2
ngomnyaka wokuqala wokubusa kwakhe, mina Daniyeli
ngaqedisisa ngezincwadi inani leminyaka, ilizwi leNkosi
eleza ngayo kuJeremiya umprofethi, ukugcwalisa
iminyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa encithakalweni
zeJerusalema. 3 Ngasengikhangelisa ubuso bami kuyo
iNkosi uNkulunkulu, ukudinga ngomkhuleko, lokuncenga,
ngokuzila ukudla, lesaka, lomlotha. 4 Ngasengikhuleka
eNkosini uNkulunkulu wami, ngenza uvumo, ngathi:
Hawu Nkosi, uNkulunkulu omkhulu lowesabekayo,
ogcina isivumelwano lomusa kwabamthandayo lakulabo
abagcina imilayo yakhe. 5 Sonile, senza okubi, senza
ngenkohlakalo, senza umvukela, ngokuphambuka
emilayweni yakho lezahlulelweni zakho. 6 Futhi
kasilalelanga izinceku zakho abaprofethi, ezikhulume
ebizweni lakho emakhosini ethu, iziphathamandla

zethu, labobaba, lakibo bonke abantu belizwe. 7 Nkosi,
kukhona ukulunga kuwe, kodwa kithi ukusanganiseka
kobuso, njengalolusuku; ebantwini bakoJuda, lakubahlali
beJerusalema, lakuIsrayeli wonke, abaseduze
labakhatshana, kuwo wonke amazwe lapho obaxotshele
khona, ngenxa yesiphambeko abaphambeka ngaso
bemelene lawe. 8 Nkosi, kukhona kithi ukusanganiseka
kobuso, emakhosini ethu, eziphathamandleni zethu,
lakubobaba, ngoba sonile simelene lawe. 9 ENkosini
uNkulunkulu wethu kukhona izisa lezintethelelo;
lanxa siyivukele. 10 Futhi kasilalelanga ilizwi leNkosi
uNkulunkulu wethu, ukuthi sihambe emilayweni yakhe,
ayibeka phambi kwethu ngesandla sezinceku zakhe
abaprofethi. 11 Yebo, uIsrayeli wonke weqile umlayo
wakho, ngokuphambuka, ukuze bangalaleli ilizwi lakho;
ngakho isiqalekiso sithululelwe phezu kwethu, lesifungo
esibhalwe emlayweni kaMozisi inceku kaNkulunkulu,
ngoba sonile kuye. 12 Futhi uwaqinisile amazwi
akhe, awakhuluma emelene lathi, njalo emelene
labehluleli bethu abasehlulelayo, ngokusehlisela
ububi obukhulu, ngoba ngaphansi kwamazulu wonke
kakuzanga kwenziwe okunjengokwenziwe eJerusalema.
13 Njengoba kubhaliwe emlayweni kaMozisi, bonke
lobububi busehlele. Kanti kasincenganga ubuso beNkosi
uNkulunkulu wethu, ukuze siphenduke eziphambekweni
zethu, siqedisise iqiniso lakho. 14 Ngakho iNkosi yalinda
phezu kobubi, yabehlisela phezu kwethu; ngoba iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wethu ilungile emisebenzini yayo yonke
eyenzayo, ngoba singalalelanga ilizwi layo. 15 Khathesi-
ke, Nkosi Nkulunkulu wethu, owakhupha abantu bakho
elizweni leGibhithe ngesandla esilamandla, wazenzela
ibizo, njengalamuhla; sonile, senze okubi. 16 Nkosi,
njengakho konke ukulunga kwakho, ngiyakuncenga,
kakuthi ulaka lwakho lentukuthelo yakho kuphendulwe
emzini wakho iJerusalema, intaba yakho engcwele.
Ngoba ngenxa yezono zethu, langeziphambeko
zabobaba, iJerusalema labantu bakho sebelihlazo kubo
bonke abasihanqileyo. 17 Khathesi-ke, Nkulunkulu
wethu, zwana umkhuleko wenceku yakho, lokuncenga
kwayo, wenze ubuso bakho bukhanye endaweni yakho
engcwele esilunxiwa, ngenxa yeNkosi. 18 Nkulunkulu
wami, beka indlebe yakho, uzwe; vula amehlo akho,
ubone ukuchitheka kwethu, lomuzi obizwa ngebizo
lakho; ngoba kasiwisi ukuncenga kwethu phambi kwakho
ngenxa yokulunga kwethu, kodwa ngenxa yezihawu
zakho ezinkulu. 19 Nkosi, zwana! Nkosi, thethelela!
Nkosi, lalela wenze, ungalibali; ngenxa yakho, Nkulunkulu
wami; ngoba umuzi wakho labantu bakho kubizwa
ngebizo lakho. 20 Kwathi ngisakhuluma, ngikhuleka,
ngivuma isono sami lesono sabantu bakithi uIsrayeli,
ngiwisa ukuncenga kwami phambi kweNkosi uNkulunkulu
wami ngenxa yentaba engcwele kaNkulunkulu wami; 21
yebo, ngisakhuluma ngomkhuleko, ngitsho lowomuntu
uGabriyeli, engangimbone embonweni ekuqaleni,
esenziwe waphapha masinyane, wangithinta ngesikhathi
somnikelo wakusihlwa. 22 Wangazisa, wakhuluma
lami, wathi: Daniyeli, khathesi ngiphumele ukuzakupha
inhlakanipho lokuqedisisa. 23 Ekuqaliseni kokuncenga
kwakho ilizwi laphuma, mina-ke ngize ukukutshela lona;
ngoba uthandiwe kakhulu. Ngakho qedisisa loludaba,
unakane ngalumbono. 24 Amaviki angamatshumi
ayisikhombisa amiswe phezu kwabantu bakho laphezu
komuzi wakho ongcwele, ukuqeda isiphambeko,
lokuphelelisa izono, lokwenzela isiphambeko inhlawulo
yokuthula, lokungenisa ukulunga okulaphakade,
lokuphawula umbono lesiprofetho, lokugcoba ingcwele
yezingcwele. 25 Yazi-ke uqedisise: Kusukela ekuphumeni
kwelizwi lokubuyisela lokwakha iJerusalema kuze
kube kuMesiya iNkosana, kungamaviki ayisikhombisa,
lamaviki angamatshumi ayisithupha lambili. Kuzabuya
kwakhiwe izitalada lemifolo, kodwa ngokuhlupheka
kwezikhathi. 26 Langemva kwamaviki angamatshumi
ayisithupha lambili uMesiya uzaqunywa, kodwa
kungenzelwa yena; lesizwe sesiphathamandla esizakuza
sizachitha umuzi lendawo engcwele; lokuphela kwawo
kuzakuba ngozamcolo; njalo kuze kube sekupheleni
kuzakuba khona impi, kumiswe izincithakalo. 27 Njalo
uzaqinisa isivumelwano labanengi okweviki eyodwa;
laphakathi kweviki uzakwenza kukhawule umhlatshelo
lomnikelo; laphezu kophiko lwezinengiso kuzakuba
lomchithi, ngitsho kuze kube sekupheleni, lokumisiweyo
kuzathululelwa phezu konxiwa.

10 Ngomnyaka wesithathu kaKoresi inkosi yePerisiya
ulutho lwembulelwa uDaniyeli, obizo lakhe labizwa
ngokuthi nguBeliteshazari. Njalo lolulutho lwaluliqiniso
mayelana lokulwisana okukhulu. Njalo waluqedisisa
lolulutho, waba lokuqedisisa ngombono. 2 Ngalezonsuku,
mina Daniyeli ngangilila okwamaviki amathathu
agcweleyo. 3 Kangidlanga sinkwa esiloyisekayo, njalo
kakuzanga nyama kumbe iwayini emlonyeni wami,
futhi kangizigcobanga ngitsho, kwaze kwagcwaliseka
amaviki amathathu ezinsuku. 4 Kwathi ngosuku
lwamatshumi amabili lane lwenyanga yokuqala,
mina ngiseceleni komfula omkhulu, oyiHidekeli; 5
ngasengiphakamisa amehlo ami, ngabona, khangela-
ke umuntu othile egqoke ilembu elicolekileyo, okhalo
lwakhe lwalubhincwe ngegolide elicwengekileyo leUfazi.
6 Lomzimba wakhe wawunjengebherule, lobuso
bakhe babunjengesimo sombane, lamehlo akhe
njengezibane zomlilo, lengalo zakhe lenyawo zakhe
njengombala wethusi elikhazimulayo, lelizwi lamazwi
akhe njengomsindo wexuku. 7 Yimi ngedwa uDaniyeli
engabona lowombono, ngoba abantu ababelami
kabawubonanga umbono. Kodwa ukuqhuqha okukhulu
kwabehlela, baze babaleka ukuze bacatshe. 8
Ngakho mina ngasala ngedwa, ngabona lumbono
omkhulu, futhi kakusalanga mandla kimi, lobuhle
bami baguquka kimi baba yikonakala, kangisalelwanga

ngamandla. 9 Ngasengisizwa ilizwi lamazwi akhe; njalo
lapho ngisizwa ilizwi lamazwi akhe, mina ngehlelwa
yibuthongo obukhulu ebusweni bami, lobuso bami
bungasemhlabathini. 10 Khangela-ke, isandla sangithinta,
sangimisa ngithuthumela ngamadolo ami lempama
zezandla zami. 11 Wasesithi kimi: Daniyeli, umuntu
othandwe kakhulu, zwisisa amazwi engiwakhuluma
kuwe, ume ngokuma kwakho, ngoba khathesi ngithunywe
kuwe. Esekhulume lelilizwi kimi, ngema ngithuthumela.
12 Wasesithi kimi: Ungesabi, Daniyeli, ngoba kusukela
osukwini lokuqala owabeka ngalo inhliziyo yakho
ukuqedisisa lokuzithoba phambi kukaNkulunkulu wakho,
amazwi akho ezwakala, ngizile-ke mina ngenxa yamazwi
akho. 13 Kodwa isiphathamandla sombuso wamaPerisiya
samelana lami okwensuku ezingamatshumi amabili lanye;
kodwa khangela, uMikayeli omunye weziphathamandla
zakuqala weza ukuzangisiza; mina ngasengisala
khona ngasemakhosini ePerisiya. 14 Khathesi
ngizile ukuthi ngikwenze uqedisise okuzakwehlela
abantu bakho ekucineni kwezinsuku, ngoba umbono
usengowezinsuku ezinengi. 15 Esekhulumile amazwi
anje kimi, ngakhangelisa ubuso bami emhlabathini,
ngaba yisimungulu. 16 Khangela-ke, omunye ofanana
lomfanekiso wamadodana abantu wathinta indebe
zami; ngasengivula umlomo wami, ngakhuluma, ngathi
kulowo owayemi phambi kwami: Nkosi yami, ngenxa
yombono izinsizi zami seziphendukele phezu kwami,
kangaba lamandla. 17 Ngoba inceku yale inkosi
yami ingaba lakho ukukhuluma njani lale inkosi yami?
Mayelana lami, kusukela ngalesosikhathi kakusalanga
mandla kimi, lokuphefumula kwakungasekho kimi. 18
Wasebuya wangithinta onjengomfanekiso womuntu,
wangiqinisa. 19 Wasesithi: Ungesabi, muntu othandiweyo
kakhulu; ukuthula kakube kuwe, qina, yebo, qina. Kwathi
esekhulume lami, ngaqiniswa, ngathi: Kayikhulume inkosi
yami, ngoba ungiqinisile. 20 Wasesithi: Uyazi yini ukuthi
ngizeleni kuwe? Khathesi-ke ngizabuyela ukuzakulwa
lesiphathamandla sePerisiya; lalapho sengiphumile,
khangela-ke, isiphathamandla seGirisi sizafika. 21 Kodwa
ngizakutshela lokho okubhaliweyo embhalweni weqiniso;
njalo kakho loyedwa obambisana lami kulezizinto,
ngaphandle kukaMikayeli isiphathamandla senu.

11 Lami-ke, ngomnyaka wokuqala kaDariyusi
umMede, ngema ukumqinisa lokumvikela. 2
Khathesi sengizakutshela iqiniso. Khangela, kusezakuma
amakhosi amathathu ePerisiya; njalo eyesine izanotha
ngenotho enkulu okwedlula wonke. Kuthi isiqinile
ngenotho yayo ibavuse bonke bamelane lombuso
weGirisi. 3 Kuzasukuma-ke inkosi elamandla, ezabusa
ngokubusa okukhulu, yenze ngokwentando yayo.
4 Lalapho isukuma, umbuso wayo uzaqanyulwa,
wehlukaniswe ngasemimoyeni emine yamazulu; kodwa
ungabi ngowenzalo yayo, ungabi njengombuso
ebiwubusa; ngoba umbuso wayo uzasitshunwa, ube
ngowabanye ngaphandle kwalaba. 5 Lenkosi yeningizimu
izakuba lamandla, lomunye weziphathamandla zayo;
yena-ke uzakuba lamandla kulayo, abuse; umbuso wakhe
uzakuba ngumbuso omkhulu. 6 Lekupheleni kweminyaka
bazahlangana, ngoba indodakazi yombusi weningizimu
izakuza kumbusi wenyakatho ukuzakwenza isivumelwano
esilinganayo, kodwa kayiyikugcina amandla engalo;
futhi kayiyikuma, layo ingalo yakhe; kodwa izanikelwa,
labayilethileyo, loyizeleyo, loyiqinisileyo ngalezizikhathi.
7 Kodwa kuzasukuma ogatsheni lwempande zayo
esikhundleni sakhe, ozabuya lebutho, angene enqabeni
yenkosi yenyakatho, enze emelene labo, ehlule. 8
Labonkulunkulu babo kanye leziphathamandla zabo
kanye lezitsha zabo eziloyisekayo ezesiliva legolide
uzakuletha eGibhithe ekuthunjweni; yena-ke uzakuma
okweminyaka kulenkosi yenyakatho. 9 Ngokunjalo
inkosi yeningizimu izangena embusweni, ibuyele
elizweni layo. 10 Kodwa amadodana ayo azadungeka,
ahlanganise ixuku lamabutho amakhulu; ngeqiniso
kufike omunye, agabhe, adabule; abuyele, adungeke,
kuze kube senqabeni yakhe. 11 Lenkosi yeningizimu
izathukuthela kakhulu, iphume ilwe layo, lenkosi
yenyakatho; yona izavusa ixuku elikhulu, kodwa
lelixuku lizanikelwa esandleni sayo. 12 Selisusiwe
lelixuku, inhliziyo yayo izaziphakamisa, iwisele phansi
izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amanengi, kodwa
kayiyikuba lamandla. 13 Ngoba inkosi yenyakatho
izaphenduka, ivuse ixuku elikhulu kulelokuqala; njalo
ekupheleni kwezikhathi zeminyaka izafika isibili ilebutho
elikhulu lempahla ezinengi. 14 Langalezozikhathi
abanengi bazasukuma bemelane lenkosi yeningizimu.
Labalesihluku babantu bakho bazaziphakamisa ukuze
bawuqinise umbono, kodwa bazakhubeka. 15 Ngakho
inkosi yenyakatho izafika, ibuthelele idundulu, ithumbe
imizi ebiyelweyo. Futhi izingalo zeningizimu kaziyikuma,
kanye labakhethiweyo bakhe, futhi kakuyikuba lamandla
okuma. 16 Kodwa eza ukuzamelana layo izakwenza
ngokwentando yayo, engekho ongema phambi kwayo.
Izakuma lelizweni elihle, lokutshabalaliswa kuzakuba
sesandleni sayo. 17 Njalo izamisa ubuso bayo
ukungena ngamandla ombuso wayo wonke, labaqotho
belayo, ngokunjalo izakwenza; futhi izayinika indodakazi
yabafazi, ukuwuchitha; kodwa kayiyikuma, kayiyikuba
ngeyayo. 18 Emva kwalokho izaphendulela ubuso bayo
ezihlengeni, ithumbe ezinengi; kodwa isiphathamandla
sizakwenza ihlazo layo limphelele; ngaphandle kokuthi
izabuyisela ihlazo layo kuyo. 19 Ibisiphendulela
ubuso bayo ngasezinqabeni zelizwe lakibo, kodwa
izakhubeka iwe, njalo ingatholwa. 20 Lapho kuzasukuma
esikhundleni sayo odlulisa umthelisi kudumo lombuso;
kodwa phakathi kwezinsuku ezinlutshwana uzabhujiswa,
kungabi ngezintukuthelo, kungabi ngezimpi. 21
Lapho kuzasukuma esikhundleni sakhe odelelekileyo,
abangayikumnika udumo lombuso, kodwa ezangena

ngokuthula, awubambe umbuso ngamazwi abutshelezi.
22 Lezingalo zikazamcolo zizakhukhulwa phambi
kobuso bakhe, zifohlozwe; yebo, laso isiphathamandla
sesivumelwano. 23 Langemva kokuhlangana laye
uzasebenza ngenkohliso; ngoba ezakwenyuka, abe
lamandla elesizwe esincane. 24 Uzangena ngokuthula
laphezu kwezindawo ezivunde kakhulu zesabelo; enze
lokho oyise loba oyise baboyise abangakwenzanga;
uzahlakaza phakathi kwabo impango lokuthunjiweyo
lempahla; acebe amacebo akhe emelene lezinqaba,
kodwa kuze kube yisikhathi. 25 Futhi uzavusa
amandla akhe lenhliziyo yakhe emelene lenkosi
yeningizimu elebutho elikhulu; njalo inkosi yeningizimu
izadungeka ilebutho elikhulu elilamandla amakhulu;
kodwa kayiyikuma, ngoba bazaceba amacebo bemelene
layo. 26 Yebo, labo abadla isabelo sokudla sayo
bazayibhubhisa, lebutho layo lizakhukhula, labanengi
bazakuwa bebulewe. 27 Njalo inhliziyo zalamakhosi
amabili zikukho okubi, njalo azakhuluma amanga
etafuleni elilodwa; kodwa kakuyikuphumelela, ngoba
isiphetho sisezakuba khona ngesikhathi esimisiweyo. 28
Lapho ezabuyela elizweni lakhe elempahla ezinengi;
kodwa inhliziyo yakhe izamelana lesivumelwano
esingcwele; njalo uzakwenza, abesebuyela elizweni
lakhe. 29 Ngesikhathi esimisiweyo uzaphenduka, eze
ngaseningizimu; kodwa kakuyikuba njengokwakuqala
loba njengokokucina. 30 Ngoba imikhumbi yeKitimi
izakuza imelane laye; ngakho uzadabuka, abuyele
emuva, athukuthelele isivumelwano esingcwele; njalo
uzakwenza, abesebuyela, anakane labo abadele
isivumelwano esingcwele. 31 Lezingalo zizakuma zivela
kuye, zingcolise indawo engcwele eyinqaba, asuse
umnikelo oqhubekayo, amise isinengiso esichithayo. 32
Lalabo abenza inkohlakalo bemelene lesivumelwano
uzabangcolisa ngamazwi abutshelezi; kodwa abantu
abamaziyo uNkulunkulu wabo bazaqina, benze. 33 Njalo
abaqedisisayo babantu bazafundisa abanengi; kanti
bazakuwa ngenkemba, langelangabi, ngokuthunjwa,
langokuphangwa, izinsuku ezinengi. 34 Kuzakuthi lapho
besiwa, basizwe ngosizo oluncinyane, kodwa abanengi
bazazihlanganisa labo ngamazwi abutshelezi. 35
Kodwa abanye kwabaqedisisayo bazakuwa, ukubalinga,
lokubahlambulula, lokubenza babe mhlophe, kuze kube
yisikhathi sokuphela; ngoba kusezakuba ngokwesikhathi
esimisiweyo. 36 Njalo inkosi izakwenza njengokwentando
yayo, iziphakamise, izikhulise ngaphezu kwabo bonke
onkulunkulu, ikhulume izinto ezimangalisayo imelene
loNkulunkulu wabonkulunkulu, iphumelele kuze kuphelele
intukuthelo; ngoba lokho okumisiweyo kuzakwenziwa.
37 Futhi kayiyikunaka onkulunkulu baboyise, lesiloyiso
sabesifazana, njalo kayiyikunaka loba nguwuphi
unkulunkulu; ngoba izazikhulisa phezu kwabo bonke.
38 Kodwa esikhundleni sakhe uzadumisa unkulunkulu
wezinqaba, ngitsho unkulunkulu oyise ababengamazi
amdumise ngegolide langesiliva langamatshe aligugu
langezinto eziloyisekayo. 39 Njalo izakwenza
ezinqabeni ezilamandla ikanye lonkulunkulu wezizweni;
amnanzelelayo amandisele udumo. Izabenza babuse
phezu kwabanengi, yehlukanise ilizwe ngentengo.
40 Langesikhathi sokuphela inkosi yeningizimu
izamsunduza; kodwa inkosi yenyakatho izamelana layo
njengesivunguzane, ilezinqola, labagadi bamabhiza,
lemikhumbi eminengi; ingene emazweni, ikhukhule,
idlule. 41 Njalo izangena elizweni elihle, njalo amazwe
amanengi azakuwa; kodwa la azaphunyuka esandleni
sakhe, iEdoma loMowabi lekhethelo labantwana
bakoAmoni. 42 Njalo izakwelulela isandla sayo
emazweni, lelizwe leGibhithe kaliyikuphepha. 43 Kodwa
izabusa phezu kwamagugu afihliweyo egolide lawesiliva,
laphezu kwazo zonke izinto eziligugu zeGibhithe. Njalo
amaLibiya lamaEthiyophiya azakuba sezinyathelweni
zakhe. 44 Kodwa imibiko evela empumalanga
levela enyakatho izamethusa, ngakho uzaphuma
ngokuthukuthela okukhulu ukuyachitha lokutshabalalisa
abanengi. 45 Njalo uzagxumeka amathente esigodlo
sakhe phakathi laphakathi kwezinlwandle entabeni enhle
engcwele; kanti uzafika ekupheleni kwakhe, angabi
lomsizi.

12 Langalesosikhathi uMikayeli uzasukuma,
isiphathamandla esikhulu esimela abantwana
babantu bakini. Njalo kuzakuba khona isikhathi
sokuhlupheka, esingazanga sibe khona lokhe kwaba
lesizwe kuze kube yilesosikhathi. Kodwa ngalesosikhathi
abantu bakini bazakhululwa, wonke otholwa ebhaliwe
ogwalweni. 2 Labanengi babo abalele othulini lomhlaba
bazavuka, abanye besiya empilweni elaphakade, labanye
besiya kumahlazo ekunengweni okulaphakade. 3 Njalo
abahlakaniphileyo bazakhanya njengokukhazimula
kwesibhakabhaka, lalabo abaphendulela abanengi
ekulungeni, njengezinkanyezi kuze kube nini lanini.
4 Kodwa wena, Daniyeli, vala lamazwi, unameke
ugwalo, kuze kube sesikhathini sokuphela. Abanengi
bazagijima baye le lale, lolwazi luzakwandiswa. 5
Mina, Daniyeli, ngasengibona, khangela-ke, abanye
ababili bemi, omunye enganeno kokhumbi lomfula
lomunye engaphetsheya kokhumbi lomfula. 6
Kwasekuthiwa kulowomuntu ogqoke ilembu elicolekileyo,
owayengaphezu kwamanzi omfula: Koze kube nini
ukuze kuphele lezizimangaliso? 7 Ngasengisizwa
lowomuntu ogqoke ilembu elicolekileyo, owayengaphezu
kwamanzi omfula, lapho ephakamisela isandla sakhe
sokunene lesandla sakhe sokhohlo emazulwini,
efunga ngalowo ophila phakade, ukuthi kuzakuba
ngokwesikhathi esimisiweyo, izikhathi ezimisiweyo,
lengxenye; lalapho esephelelise ukuhlakaza amandla
abantu abangcwele, zonke lezizinto zizaphela. 8 Mina
ngasengisizwa, kodwa kangiqedisisanga. Ngasengisithi:
Nkosi yami, kuzakuba yini ukuphela kwalezizinto? 9

Wasesithi: Hamba, Daniyeli, ngoba amazwi avalelwe
ananyekwa kuze kube yisikhathi sokuphela. **10** Abanengi
bazahlanjululwa, benziwe mhlophe, bahlolwe; kodwa
ababi bazakwenza okubi; njalo kakho loyedwa wababi
ozaqedisisa; kodwa abahlakaniphileyo bazaqedisisa.
11 Njalo kusukela esikhathini sokususwa komnikelo
oqhubekayo, lokumiswa kwesinengiso esichithayo,
kuzakuba lezinsuku eziyinkulungwane lamakhulu amabili
lamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye. **12** Ubusisiwe
olindayo aze afinyelele ezinsukwini eziyinkulungwane
lamakhulu amathathu lamatshumi amathathu lanhlanu.
13 Kodwa wena, hamba kuze kube sekupheleni;
ngoba uzaphumula, ume esabelweni sakho ekupheleni
kwezinsuku.

UHoseya

1 Ilizwi leNkosi elafika kuHoseya indodana kaBeyeri
ensukwini zaboUziya, uJothamu, uAhazi, uHezekhiya,
amakhosi akoJuda, lensukwini zikaJerobhowamu
indodana kaJowasi inkosi yakoIsrayeli. **2** Ukuqala
kwelizwi leNkosi ngoHoseya. INkosi yasisithi
kuHoseya: Hamba uzithathele umfazi wobuwule,
labantwana bobuwule; ngoba ilizwe liyawula kakhulu
ngokungayilandeli iNkosi. **3** Wasehamba wathatha
uGomeri indodakazi kaDibilayimi; wasekhulelwa,
wamzalela indodana. **4** INkosi yasisithi kuye: Biza
ibizo layo uthi nguJizereyeli, ngoba kuseseyisikhatshana
ngizaphindisela icala legazi leJizereyeli phezu kwendlu
kaJehu, ngiwuqede umbuso wendlu kaIsrayeli. **5**
Kuzakuthi ngalolosuku ngephule idandili likaIsrayeli
esigodini seJizereyeli. **6** Wasebuya ekhulelwa, wazala
indodakazi. UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuye: Biza ibizo layo
uthi nguLo-Ruhama, ngoba kangisayikubuya ngihawukele
indlu kaIsrayeli, kodwa ngizabasusa lokubasusa. **7**
Kodwa ngizayihawukela indlu yakoJuda, ngibasindise
ngeNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo; njalo kangiyikubasindisa
ngedandili, loba ngenkemba, loba ngempi, ngamabhiza,
kumbe ngabagadi bamabhiza. **8** Esemlumulile uLo-
Ruhama, wakhulelwa, wazala indodana. **9** UNkulunkulu
wasesithi: Biza ibizo layo uthi nguLo-Ami; ngoba kalisibo
abantu bami, ngakho mina kangisuye owenu. **10**
Kube kanti inani labantwana bakoIsrayeli lizakuba
ngangetshebetshebe lolwandle elingeke lilinganiswe
elingeke libalwe. Njalo kuzakuthi, endaweni yokuthi
kuthiwe kubo: Kalisibo abantu bami; kuzakuthiwa
kubo: Lingabantwana bakaNkulunkulu ophilayo. **11**
Ngakho abantwana bakoJuda labantwana bakoIsrayeli
bazabuthaniswa ndawonye, bazimisele inhloko eyodwa,
benyuke baphume elizweni. Ngoba luzakuba lukhulu
usuku lweJizereyeli.

2 Khulumani kubafowenu lithi: Ami; lakubodadewenu
lithi: Ruhama. **2** Phikisanani lonyoko, liphikise, ngoba
kasuye umkami, lami kangisiyo indoda yakhe, ukuthi
asuse ukuwula kwakhe phambi kwami, lokufeba kwakhe
ngaphakathi kwamabele akhe, **3** hlezi ngimhlubule abe
nqunu, ngimbeke abe njengosukwini lokuzalwa kwakhe,
ngimenze afanane lenkangala, ngimbeke njengelizwe
elomileyo, ngimbulale ngokoma. **4** Labantwana bakhe
kangiyikubahawukela, ngoba bangabantwana bobufebe.
5 Ngoba unina uwulile, owabazalayo wenzile ihlazo;
ngoba wathi: Ngizazilandela izithandwa zami, ezingipha
ukudla kwami, lamanzi ami, uboya bezimvu bami, lefilakisi
yami, amafutha ami, lokunathwayo kwami. **6** Ngakho,
khangela, ngizabiya indlela yakho ngameva, ngimakhele
umduli ukuze angatholi imikhondo yakhe. **7** Alandele
izithandwa zakhe, kodwa angazifici; uzazidinga, kodwa
angazitholi. Abesesithi: Ngizahamba ngibuyele endodeni
yami yokuqala, ngoba kwakungcono kimi ngalesosikhathi
kulakhathesi. **8** Ngoba wayengazi ukuthi mina ngamnika
amabele, lewayini elitsha, lamafutha, ngamandisela isiliva
legolide, abalisebenzisela uBhali. **9** Ngakho ngizabuyela,
ngithathe amabele ami ngesikhathi sawo, lewayini lami
elitsha ngesikhathi salo esimisiweyo, ngihluthune uboya
bezimvu bami lefilakisi yami okwembesa ubunqunu
bakhe. **10** Khathesi sengizakwambula ihlazo lakhe
emehlweni ezithandwa zakhe, njalo kungabi khona
omophulayo esandleni sami. **11** Sengizaqeda intokozo
yakhe yonke, amadili akhe, ukuthwasa kwenyanga
zakhe, lamasabatha akhe, lemikhosi yakhe yonke
emisiweyo. **12** Sengizachitha ivini lakhe lomkhiwa
wakhe, atsho ngakho ukuthi: Lokhu kungumvuzo
wobuwule bami izithandwa zami ezinginike khona;
kodwa ngizakwenza kube ligusu, ukuze inyamazana
zeganga zikudle. **13** Njalo ngizaphindisela phezu
kwakhe insuku zaboBhali, ayebatshisela ngazo impepha,
ezicecisa ngamasongo akhe langamangqongqo akhe,
walandela izithandwa zakhe, kodwa wangikhohlwa, itsho
iNkosi. **14** Ngakho, khangela, ngizamhuga, ngimuse
enkangala, ngikhulume enhliziyweni yakhe. **15** Ngibe
sengimnika izivini zakhe kusukela lapho, lesihotsha
seAkori, sibe ngumnyango wethemba. Njalo uzahlabela
lapho njengensukwini zobutsha bakhe, lanjengosuku
lokwenyuka kwakhe elizweni leGibhithe. **16** Kuzakuthi
ngalolosuku, itsho iNkosi, ungibize uthi: Ndoda yami;
ungabe usangibiza ngokuthi: Bhali wami. **17** Ngoba
ngizasusa amabizo aboBhali emlonyeni wakhe, bangabe
besakhunjulwa futhi ngebizo labo. **18** Langalolosuku
ngizabenzela isivumelwano lenyamazana zeganga
lenyoni zamazulu lezinto ezihuquzelayo zomhlaba;
ngephule idandili, lenkemba, lempi kusuke emhlabeni,
ngibalalise phansi bevikelekile. **19** Njalo ngizakugana
ube ngowami kuze kube phakade, yebo, ngikugane ube
ngowami ngokulunga langesahlulelo langothandolomusa
langezihawu. **20** Yebo, ngizakugana ube ngowami
ngothembeko; njalo uzayazi iNkosi. **21** Kuzakuthi
ngalolosuku, ngizaphendula, itsho iNkosi, ngizaphendula
amazulu, wona aphendule umhlaba, **22** lomhlaba
uphendule amabele lewayini elitsha lamafutha, khona
kuphendule uJizereyeli. **23** Besengizihlanyelela yena
emhlabeni, ngibe lomusa phezu kongazuzanga umusa,
ngithi kwababengasibantu bami: Lina lingabantu bami;
bona bathi: Nkulunkulu wami.

3 INkosi yasisithi kimi: Hamba futhi, uthande
owesifazana, othandwe ngumngane wakhe
kanti uyafeba, njengeNkosi ithanda abantwana
bakoIsrayeli, kodwa bakhangela kwabanye onkulunkulu,
bethanda izinkwa zezithelo zevini ezonyisiweyo.
2 Ngasengizithengela yena ngezinhlamvu zesiliva
ezilitshumi lanhlanu, lehomeri yebhali lengxenye
yehomeri yebhali. **3** Ngasengisithi kuye: Uzahlala
ungowami insuku ezinengi; ungawuli, ungabi ngowenye

indoda, ngokunjalo lami ngizakuba ngowakho. **4** Ngoba abantwana bakoIsrayeli bazahlala insuku ezinengi bengelankosi, bengelasiphathamandla, bengelamhlatshelo, bengelansika eyisithombe, bengela-efodi lamatherafi. **5** Emva kwalokho abantwana bakoIsrayeli bazaphenduka, badinge iNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo, loDavida inkosi yabo; bayesabe iNkosi lokulunga kwayo ekucineni kwezinsuku.

4 Zwanini ilizwi leNkosi, bantwana bakoIsrayeli, ngoba iNkosi ilempikisano labahlali belizwe; ngoba kakulaqiniso, njalo kakulamusa, njalo kakulalwazi lukaNkulunkulu elizweni. **2** Kulokufunga, lokuqamba amanga, lokubulala, lokweba, lokufeba; bayafohla, lamacala egazi athinta amacala egazi. **3** Ngenxa yalokho ilizwe lizalila, laye wonke ohlala kilo udangele, kanye lenyamazana zeganga, njalo kanye lenyoni zamazulu; yebo lenhlanzi zolwandle zizasuswa. **4** Kodwa kakungabi khona umuntu ophikisayo, kangasoli omunye; ngoba abantu bakho banjengabaphikisana lompristi. **5** Ngakho uzakhubeka emini, yebo, lomprofethi uzakhubeka kanye lawe ebusuku; njalo ngizamchitha unyoko. **6** Abantu bami babhujisiwe ngokuswela ulwazi; ngoba wena ulwalile ulwazi, lami ngizakwala, ukuze ungangisebenzeli njengompristi. Lokhu usuwukhohliwe umlayo kaNkulunkulu wakho, lami ngizakhohlwa abantwana bakho. **7** Njengokwanda kwabo ngokunjalo bonile kimi. Udumo lwabo ngizaluphendula lube lihlazo. **8** Badla isono sabantu bami, baphakamisela umphefumulo wabo esiphambekweni sabo. **9** Kuzakuthi-ke njengabantu abe njalo umpristi; ngizajezisa izindlela zabo phezu kwabo, ngiphindisele izenzo zabo kubo. **10** Ngoba bazakudla, kodwa bangasuthi; bawule, kodwa bangandi; ngoba bayekele ukuqaphela iNkosi. **11** Ubuwule lewayini lewayini elitsha kususa inhliziyo. **12** Abantu bami babuza esigodweni sabo, lentonga yabo izabatshela. Ngoba umoya wokuwula ubaduhisile, ukuze bawule besuka phansi kukaNkulunkulu wabo. **13** Benza imihlatshelo engqongeni zezintaba, batshisa impepha phezu kwamaqaqa, ngaphansi kwesihlahla se-okhi, lephophula, lesihlahla esikhulu, ngoba umthunzi waso muhle. Ngenxa yalokho amadodakazi enu azawula, labomakoti benu bazafeba. **14** Kangiyikuwajezisa amadodakazi enu lapho ewula, labomakoti benu lapho befeba; ngoba bona ngokwabo bazehlukanisa lamawule, basebesenza imihlatshelo kanye lezifebe zethempeli; ngakho abantu abangelakuqedisisa bazawiselwa phansi. **15** Loba wena Israyeli uwula, uJuda kangabi lacala. Lingangeni-ke eGiligali, lingenyukeli eBeti-Aveni, lingafungilithi: Kuphila kukaJehova. **16** Ngoba uIsrayeli ujila njengejongosi eliyisiqholo; khathesi iNkosi izabelusa njengewundlu endaweni ebanzi. **17** UEfrayimi uhlangene lezithombe; myekele. **18** Okunathwayo kwabo okulamandla kusukile, bazinikela ekuwuleni, ababavikelayo bathanda ngokuthanda ihlazo. **19** Umoya ubabophele empikweni zawo, njalo bazakuba lenhloni ngenxa yemihlatshelo yabo.

5 Zwanini lokhu, bapristi, lilalele, ndlu kaIsrayeli, libeke indlebe, lani ndlu yenkosi. Ngoba isahlulelo singakini, ngoba selibe ngumjibila eMizipa, lembule elendlalwe phezu kweThabhori. **2** Labahlamuki batshonisa ukuhlaba, kodwa ngizakuba ngumlayi wabo bonke. **3** Mina ngiyamazi uEfrayimi, loIsrayeli kafihlakalanga kimi; ngoba khathesi ufebile, wena Efrayimi, uIsrayeli uzingcolisile. **4** Kabaqondisi izenzo zabo ukuze baphendukele kuNkulunkulu wabo, ngoba umoya wokuwula uphakathi kwabo, leNkosi kabayazi. **5** Lokuzigqaja kukaIsrayeli kuyafakaza ebusweni bakhe; ngakho uIsrayeli loEfrayimi bazakhubeka esiphambekweni sabo, loJuda uzakhubeka kanye labo. **6** Bazahamba lezimvu zabo lenkomo zabo ukuyadinga iNkosi, kodwa kabayikuyithola; imonyukile kubo. **7** Benze ngenkohliso ngakuyo iNkosi, ngoba bazele abantwana bezizweni. Khathesi inyanga ethwasayo izabaqeda lezabelo zabo. **8** Vuthelani uphondo lwenqama eGibeya, uphondo eRama, lihlabe umkhosi eBeti-Aveni lithi: Emva kwakho, wena Bhenjamini. **9** UEfrayimi uzakuba yincithakalo ngosuku lokujeziswa; phakathi kwezizwe zakoIsrayeli ngikwazisile okuliqiniso. **10** Iziphathamandla zakoJuda sezinjengalabo abatshedisa umngcele; ngizathululela phezu kwabo ulaka lwami njengamanzi. **11** UEfrayimi ucindezelwe wachotshozwa ngesahlulelo, ngoba wavuma ukuhamba elandela umlayo. **12** Ngakho ngizakuba njengenundu koEfrayimi, lanjengokubola endlini yakoJuda. **13** Kwathi uEfrayimi ebona umkhuhlane wakhe, loJuda isilonda sakhe, uEfrayimi waya eAsiriya, wathumela ilizwi enkosini yeJarebhi; kodwa yona kayiyikuba lakho ukulelapha, kayiyikupholisa isilonda senu. **14** Ngoba ngizakuba njengesilwane koEfrayimi, lanjengebhongo lesilwane endlini yakoJuda. Mina, uqobo lwami, ngizadabudabula, besengihamba, ngisuse, kungabi lomophuli. **15** Ngizahamba ngibuyele endaweni yami, baze bavume icala labo, badinge ubuso bami; ekucindezelweni kwabo bazangidinga ngovivi.

6 Wozani sibuyele eNkosini, ngoba yona idwengulile, njalo izaselapha; itshayile, njalo izasibopha. **2** Izasivuselela emva kwensuku ezimbili, ngosuku lwesithathu isivuse, njalo siphile phambi kwayo. **3** Khona sizakwazi, silandele ukuyazi iNkosi; ukuphuma kwayo kulungiswe njengokusa; njalo izafika kithi njengezulu, njengezulu lemuva lelokuqala emhlabeni. **4** Ngizakwenzani kuwe, Efrayimi? Ngizakwenzani kuwe, Juda? Ngoba umusa wenu unjengeyezi lekuseni, lanjengamazolo ovivi athintithekayo. **5** Ngenxa yalokhu ngibagamule ngabaprofethi, ngababulala ngamazwi omlomo wami; lezahlulelo zakho zinjengokukhanya okuphumayo. **6** Ngoba ngaloyisa umusa, hatshi-ke umhlatshelo, lolwazi lukaNkulunkulu kuleminikelo

yokutshiswa. 7 Kodwa bona njengoluntu baseqile
isivumelwano; lapho benza ngenkohliso kimi. 8 IGileyadi
ingumuzi wabenzi bokubi, ilemikhondo yegazi. 9
Njengamaviyo abaphangi acathamele umuntu, linjalo
ixuku labapristi; bayabulala endleleni yeShekema; ngoba
benza inkohlakalo. 10 Endlini yakoIsrayeli ngibone into
eyesabekayo; lapho kulobuwule bukaEfrayimi, uIsrayeli
ungcolisiwe. 11 Lawe Juda, ukumisele isivuno, lapho
ngibuyise ukuthunjwa kwabantu bami.

7 Lapho bengingelapha uIsrayeli, khona isiphambeko
sikaEfrayimi sembulwa, lobubi beSamariya; ngoba
benza amanga, lesela liyangena, leviyo labaphangi
liyaphanga ngaphandle. 2 Njalo kabangatsho enhliziyweni
yabo ukuthi ngiyabukhumbula bonke ububi babo.
Khathesi izenzo zabo zibahanqile, ziphambi kobuso bami.
3 Bayayithokozisa inkosi ngobubi babo, leziphathamandla
ngamanga abo. 4 Bonke bayafeba; banjengeziko
elibaselwa ngumphekizinkwa, oyekela ukukhwezela
umlilo kusukela ekuxoveni inhlama kuze kube sekubileni
kwayo. 5 Kulusuku lwenkosi yethu; iziphathamandla
ziyigulise ngokutshisa kwewayini; yelulela isandla sayo
kanye labaklolodayo. 6 Ngoba zalungisa inhliziyo yazo
njengeziko ngokucathamela kwazo; umphekizinkwa
wazo ulala ubusuku bonke; ekuseni libhebhe njengomlilo
olelangabi. 7 Zonke ziyatshisa njengeziko; zidle
abehluleli bazo; amakhosi azo wonke awile; kakulamuntu
phakathi kwazo ongibizayo. 8 UEfrayimi yena
uzihlanganise lezizwe; uEfrayimi uliqebelengwana
elingaphendulwanga. 9 Abezizwe badla amandla akhe,
kodwa yena kazi. Yebo, inwele ezimpunga zihlakazekile
phezu kwakhe, kodwa yena kazi. 10 Lokuzigqaja
kukaIsrayeli kuyafakaza ebusweni bakhe, kodwa
kababuyeli eNkosini uNkulunkulu wabo, kabayidingi
ngakho konke lokhu. 11 Njalo uEfrayimi unjengejuba
eliyisiphukuphuku elingelangqondo; bakhalela iGibhithe,
baye eAsiriya. 12 Lapho behamba ngizakwendlala
imbule lami phezu kwabo, ngibehlise njengenyoni
zamazulu, ngibajezise njengokwezwakala ebandleni
labo. 13 Maye kubo, ngoba babalekile kimi! Incithakalo
kubo, ngoba baphambukile bemelene lami. Lanxa
mina bengingabahlenga, kube kanti bona baqamba
amanga bemelene lami. 14 Kabakhaleli-ke kimi
ngenhliziyo yabo, lapho beqhinqa isililo emibhedeni
yabo; babuthana ngenxa yamabele lewayini elitsha,
bayaphambuka bemelene lami. 15 Lanxa mina ngibalaya
ngiqinisa izingalo zabo, kanti baceba okubi bemelene
lami. 16 Bayaphenduka kodwa kunge koPhezukonke;
banjengedandili elikhohlisayo; iziphathamandla zabo
ziwa ngenkemba ngenxa yentukuthelo yolimi lwabo.
Lokhu kuzakuba yinhlekisa yabo elizweni leGibhithe.

8 Uphondo emlonyeni wakho. Uzakuza njengokhozi
lumelene lendlu yeNkosi; ngoba sebeqe isivumelwano
sami, baphambuke bemelene lomlayo wami. 2
Bazamemeza kimi: Nkulunkulu wami, thina, uIsrayeli,
siyakwazi. 3 UIsrayeli walile okuhle; isitha sizaxotshana
laye. 4 Bona babeke amakhosi, kodwa kungengami;
bamisa iziphathamandla, kodwa ngangingakwazi;
ngesiliva sabo legolide labo bazenzela izithombe,
ukuze baqunywe. 5 Ithole lakho, Samariya, likwalile;
intukuthelo yami iyavutha imelene labo; koze kube
nini ukuthi banganelisi ukuba msulwa? 6 Ngoba
laleli livela koIsrayeli; umbazi walenza, njalo kalisuye
Nkulunkulu; kodwa ithole leSamariya lizakuba yizihlephu.
7 Ngoba behlanyele umoya, bazavuna isivunguzane;
kakuyikuba lamabele emiyo; ihlumela kaliyikwenza
impuphu; uba mhlawumbe lingayiveza, abezizwe
bazayiginya. 8 UIsrayeli useginyiwe; khathesi baphakathi
kwezizwe, njengesitsha okungelantokozo kiso. 9 Ngoba
bona benyukele eAsiriya, ubabhemi weganga oyedwa
ngokwakhe. UEfrayimi uqhatshe izithandwa. 10 Yebo,
lanxa beqhatsha phakathi kwezizwe, sengizabaqoqa;
yebo, bazaqala ukuba balutshwana ngenxa yomthwalo
wenkosi yeziphathamandla. 11 Ngoba uEfrayimi wandise
amalathi ngawokona, amalathi azakuba ngawokona kuye.
12 Ngimbhalele izinto ezinkulu zomlayo wami kodwa
zabalwa njengento yemzini. 13 Mayelana lemihlatshelo
yeminikelo yami, bahlaba inyama, bayidle, kodwa iNkosi
kayithokozi ngabo. Khathesi izakhumbula ububi babo,
iphindisele izono zabo; bona bazabuyela eGibhithe.
14 Ngoba uIsrayeli umkhohliwe uMenzi wakhe, wakha
amathempeli; njalo uJuda wandisile imizi ebiyelweyo;
kodwa ngizathumela umlilo emizini yakhe, ozaqothula
izigodlo zakhe.

9 Ungajabuli, wena Israyeli, kube yinjabulo,
njengezizwe, ngoba uwulile usuka kuNkulunkulu
wakho; uthanda umvuzo wobuwule emabaleni wonke
okubhulela amabele. 2 Ibala lokubhulela lesikhamelo
sewayini kakuyikubondla, lewayini elitsha lizabakhohlisa.
3 Kabayikuhlala elizweni leNkosi, kodwa uEfrayimi
uzabuyela eGibhithe, badle okungcolileyo eAsiriya. 4
Kabayikuthululela iwayini eNkosini, kabayikuyithokozisa;
imihlatshelo yabo izakuba njengesinkwa sokulila kubo;
bonke abasidlayo bazangcola; ngoba isinkwa sabo
ngesomphefumulo wabo, kasiyikufika endlini yeNkosi. 5
Lizakwenzani ngosuku lomkhosi omisiweyo, langosuku
lwedili leNkosi? 6 Ngoba khangela, bahambile
ngenxa yokuchitheka, iGibhithe izababutha, iMofi
ibangcwabe, izindawo zabo eziloyisekayo zesiliva,
ukhula oluhlabayo luzakudla ilifa lazo, ameva abe
semathenteni abo. 7 Insuku zokuhanjelwa sezifikile,
insuku zempindiselo sezifikile; uIsrayeli uzakwazi;
umprofethi uyisithutha, umuntu womoya uyahlanya,
ngenxa yobunengi bobubi benu, lenzondo enkulu.
8 Umlindi wakoEfrayimi uloNkulunkulu wami, kodwa
umprofethi uyisifu somthiyi wenyoni endleleni zakhe
zonke, inzondo endlini kaNkulunkulu wakhe. 9

Bazonakalisile ngokujulileyo njengensukwini zeGibeya.
Uzakhumbula ububi babo, ajezise izono zabo. 10
Ngamthola uIsrayeli njengezithelo zevini enkangala,
ngababona oyihlo njengezithelo zokuqala emkhiweni
ekuqaleni kwazo. Kodwa bona baya eBhali-Peyori,
bazehlukanisela lelohlazo, baba ngokunengekayo
njengokuthanda kwabo. 11 NgoEfrayimi, udumo lwabo
luzaphapha luhambe njengenyoni, kusukela ekuzalweni,
njalo kusukela esiswini, njalo kusukela ekumithweni. 12
Loba bekhulisa abantwana babo, kube kanti ngizabenza
bafelwe, kungasali muntu. Yebo-ke, maye kubo ekusukeni
kwami kubo! 13 UEfrayimi, njengokubona kwami
iTire, uhlanyelwe endaweni yokuhlala; kodwa uEfrayimi
uzakhuphela abantwana bakhe kumbulali. 14 Banike,
Nkosi! Uzanikani? Banike isizalo esiphunzayo, lamabele
omileyo. 15 Bonke ububi babo buseGiligali, ngoba
ngabazonda khona, ngenxa yobubi bezenzo zabo,
ngizabaxotsha endlini yami, kangisayikubathanda; zonke
iziphathamandla zabo zingabahlamuki. 16 UEfrayimi
utshayiwe; impande yabo yomile, kabayikuthela isithelo;
yebo loba bezala, ngizabulala izithelo zesizalo sabo
ezithandekayo. 17 UNkulunkulu wami uzabala, ngoba
kabamlaleli; bazakuba ngabazulayo phakathi kwezizwe.

10 UIsrayeli ulivini elithululwayo, lizenzela izithelo;
njengobunengi bezithelo zakhe wandisa amalathi
akhe; ngobuhle belizwe lakhe wenza insika zakhe
eziyizithombe zibe zinhle. 2 Iyehlukanisile inhliziyo yabo;
khathesi bazakuba lecala; yona izabhidliza amalathi
abo, ichithe insika zabo eziyizithombe. 3 Ngoba
khathesi bazakuthi: Kasilankosi; ngoba kasimesabanga
uJehova; pho, inkosi izakwenzani kithi? 4 Bakhulume
amazwi, befunga amanga besenza isivumelwano; ngakho
isahlulelo sizahluma njengokhula oluyitshefu emifolweni
yensimu. 5 Abahlali beSamariya bazakwesaba ngenxa
yethole leBeti-Aveni; ngoba abantu bayo bazalililela,
labapristi balo ababethokoza ngalo, ngodumo lwalo,
ngoba lusukile kulo. 6 Yebo, lizathwalelwa eAsiriya,
libe yisipho enkosini uJarebhi. UEfrayimi uzakuba
lenhloni, loIsrayeli ayangeke ngenxa yeseluleko sakhe. 7
ISamariya iqunyiwe, lenkosi yayo injengebazelo ebusweni
bamanzi. 8 Lendawo eziphakemeyo zeAveni, isono
sikaIsrayeli, kuzachithwa; ameva lokhula oluhlabayo
kuzamila phezu kwamalathi abo. Njalo bazakuthi
ezintabeni: Sisibekeleni; lemaqaqeni: Welani phezu
kwethu. 9 Kusukela ensukwini zeGibeya wonile, Israyeli;
lapho bema; impi eGibeya emelene labantwana bobubi
kayibaficanga. 10 Kusesiloyisweni sami ukubajezisa;
izizwe zizabuthana zimelene labo, lapho ngizababopha
ngenxa yeziphambeko zabo ezimbili. 11 Njalo uEfrayimi
ulithokazi elifundisiweyo, elithanda ukubhula, kodwa mina
ngedlule phezu kwentamo yakhe yobuhle; ngigadise
uEfrayimi, uJuda uzalima, uJakobe uzaziharela. 12
Zihlanyeleleni ekulungeni, livune emuseni; qhathani
ingqatho yenu; ngoba sekuyisikhathi sokuyidinga iNkosi,
ize ifike, inise ukulunga phezu kwenu. 13 Lilime
inkohlakalo, lavuna isiphambeko, lidle izithelo zamanga;
ngoba lithembele endleleni yenu, ebunengini bamaqhawe
enu. 14 Ngalokho kuzakuba khona ukuxokozela phakathi
kwabantu bakho, lenqaba zakho zonke zizachithwa,
njengalokhu uShalimani wachitha iBeti-Aribeli ngosuku
lwempi; unina wachotshozwa phezu kwabantwana. 15
Izakwenza njalo iBhetheli kini, ngenxa yobubi bobubi
bakho; emadabukakusa inkosi yakoIsrayeli izaqunywa
lokuqunywa.

11 UIsrayeli esengumntwana ngamthanda, ngayibiza
indodana yami ukuthi iphume eGibhithe. 2
Kwathi bebabiza, ngokunjalo basuka phambi kwabo;
bahlabela oBhali, batshisela izithombe ezibaziweyo
impepha. 3 Mina-ke ngacathulisa uEfrayimi; ngababamba
ngezingalo zabo; kodwa kabazanga ukuthi ngibelaphile. 4
Ngabadonsa ngamagoda omuntu, ngentambo zothando,
ngaba kibo njengalabo abasusa ijogwe ezihlathini
zabo, ngakhothama kubo, ngabanika ukudla. 5
Kayikubuyela elizweni leGibhithe, kodwa umAsiriya yena
uzakuba yinkosi yakhe, ngoba balile ukuphenduka.
6 Inkemba izatheleka emizini yakhe, iqede imigoqo
yakhe, ibadle, ngenxa yamacebo abo. 7 Njalo
abantu bami banamathela ekuhlehleleni muva kimi;
lanxa bebabizela koPhezukonke, kakho ngitsho
owayengamphakamisa. 8 Ngizakunikela njani, Efrayimi?
Ngikudele njani, Israyeli? Ngizakwenza njani ube
njengeAdima? Ngikubeke njani njengeZeboyimi? Inhliziyo
yami isiphendukile phakathi kwami, izihawu zami
ziyakhudumala kanyekanye. 9 Kangiyikwenza ukuvutha
kolaka lwami; kangiyikubuyela ngichithe uEfrayimi; ngoba
nginguNkulunkulu, kangisuye umuntu, oNgcwele phakathi
kwakho; kangiyikungena emzini. 10 Bazayilandela iNkosi;
izabhonga njengesilwane; lapho yona isibhonga, khona
abantwana bazavela entshonalanga beqhaqhazela.
11 Bazaqhaqhazela njengenyoni evela eGibhithe,
lanjengejuba elivela elizweni leAsiriya; njalo ngizabenza
bahlale ezindlini zabo, itsho iNkosi. 12 UEfrayimi
ungizingelezele ngamanga, lendlu kaIsrayeli ngenkohliso;
kodwa uJuda usabusa loNkulunkulu, uthembekile kanye
labangcwele.

12 UEfrayimi udla umoya, axotshane lomoya
wempumalanga; usuku lonke wandisa amanga
lencithakalo; benza isivumelwano leAsiriya, lamafutha
athwalelwa eGibhithe. 2 INkosi layo ilengxabano
loJuda, izahambela uJakobe ngokwendlela zakhe,
imphindisele ngokwezenzo zakhe. 3 Esiswini wabamba
umfowabo ngesithende, langamandla akhe wabindana
loNkulunkulu. 4 Yebo, waba lamandla phezu kwengilosi,
wanqoba, wakhala inyembezi wayincenga; eBhetheli
wamthola, lalapho wakhuluma lathi. 5 Ngitsho iNkosi,
uNkulunkulu wamabandla, iNkosi iyisikhumbuzo sayo.
6 Ngakho wena, phendukela kuNkulunkulu wakho,

gcina umusa lokulunga, ulindele uNkulunkulu wakho
njalonjalo. 7 Ungumthengisi, izilinganiso ezikhohlisayo
zisesandleni sakhe, uthanda ukucindezela. 8 LoEfrayimi
uthi: Kanti nginothile, sengizitholele inotho; kuyo yonke
imitshikatshika yami kabayikuthola ububi kimi, obuyisono.
9 Kodwa ngiyiNkosi, uNkulunkulu wakho, kusukela
elizweni leGibhithe; ngisezakuhlalisa emathenteni
njengensukwini zomkhosi omisiweyo. 10 Ngizakhuluma
futhi labaprofethi, mina ngandise umbono, ngisebenzise
imifanekiso ngesandla sabaprofethi. 11 Bukhona yini
ububi eGileyadi? Isibili bayize, bahlaba izinkunzi eGiligali;
yebo, amalathi abo anjengenqumbi emiseleni yamasimu.
12 Kanti uJakobe wabalekela elizweni leSiriya, loIsrayeli
wasebenzela umfazi, welusa izimvu ngenxa yomfazi. 13
Langomprofethi iNkosi yamenyusa uIsrayeli eGibhithe,
langomprofethi walondolozwa. 14 UEfrayimi uyicunule
ngobuhlungu obukhulu; ngakho izayekela igazi lakhe
phezu kwakhe, leNkosi yakhe ilibuyisele kuye ihlazo
lakhe.

13 Lapho uEfrayimi ekhuluma kwakulokuqhuqha,
waziphakamisa koIsrayeli; kodwa waba lecala
ngoBhali, wafa. 2 Khathesi-ke baqhubeka besona,
bazenzela izithombe ezibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa zesiliva
sabo, izithombe njengokuqedisisa kwabo, zonke
zingumsebenzi wezingcitshi; abathi ngazo: Abantu
abanikela imihlatshelo bazakwanga amathole. 3 Ngakho
bazakuba njengeyezi lekuseni, lanjengamazolo ovivi
ahambayo; njengomule ophetshulwa yisivunguzane
ebaleni lokubhulela, njengentuthu ephuma etshiminini.
4 Kube kanti mina ngiyiNkosi, uNkulunkulu wakho,
kusukela elizweni leGibhithe; ngakho kawuyikwazi
unkulunkulu ngaphandle kwami, ngoba kakho umsindisi
ngaphandle kwami. 5 Mina ngakwazi enkangala,
elizweni elomileyo kakhulu. 6 Njengokwedlelo
labo, ngokunjalo basutha; basutha, lenhliziyo yabo
yaphakama; ngenxa yalokho bangikhohlwa. 7 Ngakho
ngizakuba kubo njengesilwane, njengengwe endleleni
ngizabacathamela. 8 Ngizabahlangabeza njengebhere
elithathelwe imidlwane, ngidabule isisibekelo senhliziyo
yabo, ngibadlele lapho njengesilwane; isilo seganga
sizabadabudabula. 9 Kukuchithile, Israyeli, kodwa kimi
kulosizo lwakho. 10 Pho, ingaphi inkosi yakho, ukuthi
ikusindise emizini yakho yonke? Labehluleli bakho
owathi ngabo: Nginike inkosi leziphathamandla? 11
Ngakunika inkosi ekuthukutheleni kwami, ngayisusa
ngolaka lwami. 12 Ububi bukaEfrayimi bubotshiwe, isono
sakhe sibekiwe. 13 Insizi zowesifazana ohelelwayo
zizamfikela; uyindodana engahlakaniphanga, ngoba
ingehlale isikhathi emlonyeni wesizalo sabantwana. 14
Ngizabenzela inhlawulo yokuthula emandleni engcwaba,
ngibahlenge ekufeni. Kufa, bangaphi omatshayabhuqe
bezifo zakho? Ngcwaba, ingaphi incithakalo yakho?
Uphenduko luzasitheliswa emehlweni ami. **(Sheol h7585)**
15 Loba yena engaveza izithelo phakathi kwabafowabo,
kuzafika umoya wempumalanga, umoya weNkosi,
usenyuka enkangala, lomthombo wakhe uzakutsha,
kome lesiphethu sakhe; wona uzaphanga okuligugu
kwazo zonke izitsha eziloyisekayo. 16 ISamariya
izakuba lunxiwa, ngoba ihlamukele uNkulunkulu wayo;
bazakuwa ngenkemba, labantwana babo bachotshozwe,
labesifazana babo abakhulelweyo baqhaqhwe.

14 Buyela, Israyeli, eNkosini, uNkulunkulu wakho;
ngoba ukhubekile ngesiphambeko sakho. 2
Thathani amazwi lani, libuyele eNkosini, lithi kiyo: Susa
bonke ububi, usemukele ngomusa; ngakho sizabhadala
amajongosi endebe zethu. 3 IAsiriya kayiyikusisindisa,
kasiyikugada amabhiza; kasisayikutsho kuyo imisebenzi
yezandla zethu ukuthi: Lingonkulunkulu bethu; ngoba
kuwe intandane izatshengiswa umusa. 4 Ngizakwelapha
ukuhlehlela muva kwabo, ngizabathanda ngesihle,
ngoba intukuthelo yami iphanjulwe kuye. 5 Ngizakuba
njengamazolo kuIsrayeli; uzakhahlela njengomduze,
agxilise impande zakhe njengeLebhanoni. 6 Amahlumela
akhe azanaba, lenkazimulo yakhe ibe njengesihlahla
somhlwathi, abe lephunga njengeLebhanoni. 7
Bazabuyela abahlala emthunzini wakhe, bavuseleleke
njengamabele, bakhahlele njengevini, isikhumbuzo sakhe
sibe njengewayini leLebhanoni. 8 Efrayimi, ngiseselani
lezithombe? Mina ngimphendule, ngimnanzelele; ngibe
njengefiri eliluhlaza; isithelo sakho sifunyanwa kimi. 9
Ngubani ohlakaniphileyo aqedisise lezizinto? Ngubani
okhaliphileyo azazi? Ngoba indlela zeNkosi ziqondile,
labalungileyo bazahamba ngazo, kodwa abaphambuki
bazakhubeka kuzo.

UJoweli

1 Ilizwi leNkosi elafika kuJoweli indodana kaPethuweli.
2 Zwanini lokhu, badala, libeke indlebe, lonke bahlali
belizwe. Kwake kwenzeka lokhu yini ensukwini zenu,
kumbe lensukwini zaboyihlo? **3** Landiselani abantwana
benu ngakho, labantwana benu abantwana babo,
labantwana babo esinye isizukulwana. **4** Okutshiywe
zintothoviyane isikhonyane sikudlile; lokutshiywe
yisikhonyane iqhwagi likudlile; lokutshiywe liqhwagi
inswabanda ikudlile. **5** Phaphamani, zidakwa, likhale
inyembezi, liqhinqe isililo, lonke banathi bewayini, ngenxa
yewayini elitsha, ngoba liqunyiwe lasuka emlonyeni wenu.
6 Ngoba isizwe senyukele elizweni lami, esilamandla,
esingelanani; amazinyo aso angamazinyo esilwane,
silamazinyo emihlathi esilwane esisikazi. **7** Senze
ivini lami laba yincithakalo, lesihlahla sami somkhiwa
saba zimvava; sakwebula lokukwebula, sakuphosela
phansi, ingatsha zakho zaba mhlophe. **8** Qhinqani
isililo njengentombi emsulwa ebhinciswe isaka ngenxa
yomyeni wobutsha bayo. **9** Umnikelo wokudla lomnikelo
wokunathwayo uqunyiwe wasuka endlini yeNkosi.
Abapristi, izikhonzi zeNkosi, bayalila. **10** Insimu ichithiwe,
umhlabathi uyalila; ngoba amabele achithiwe, iwayini
elitsha lomile, amafutha aphela amandla. **11** Banini
lenhloni, balimi, qhinqani isililo, baphathizivini, ngenxa
yengqoloyi langenxa yebhali; ngoba isivuno sensimu
sichithekile. **12** Ivini libunile, lomkhiwa uphele amandla;
ipomegranati, lesihlahla selala, lesihlahla se-aphula,
zonke izihlahla zeganga zomile, ngoba intokozo ibunile
yasuka ebantwaneni babantu. **13** Bhincani, lilile, bapristi,
qhinqani isililo, zikhonzi zelathi. Wozani, lilale ebusuku
emasakeni, zikhonzi zikaNkulunkulu wami; ngoba
umnikelo wokudla lomnikelo wokunathwayo kugodliwe
endlini kaNkulunkulu wenu. **14** Yehlukanisani ukuzila
ukudla, libize umhlangano onzulu, libuthanise abadala,
labo bonke abahlali belizwe, endlini yeNkosi uNkulunkulu
wenu, likhale eNkosini. **15** Maye ngalolosuku! Ngoba
usuku lweNkosi luseduze, luzafika njengencithakalo
evela kuSomandla. **16** Ukudla kakuqunywanga yini
phambi kwamehlo ethu, ukuthaba lentokozo kusuka
endlini kaNkulunkulu wethu? **17** Inhlanyelo iyabola
ngaphansi kwamagade ayo; izibuya zingamanxiwa,
iziphala zidilizelwe phansi, ngoba amabele abunile.
18 Yeka ukububula kwezifuyo! Imihlambi yenkomo
ididekile, ngoba kayilalo idlelo; lemihlambi yezimvu
iyahlupheka. **19** Ngiyakhala kuwe, Nkosi, ngoba umlilo
uqedile amadlelo enkangala, lelangabi lilumathise zonke
izihlahla zeganga. **20** Lenyamazana zeganga ziyakhala
kuwe, ngoba izifudlana zamanzi zitshile, lomlilo uqede
amadlelo enkangala.

2 Vuthelani uphondo eZiyoni, lihlabe umkhosi entabeni
yami engcwele; kabathuthumele bonke abahlali
belizwe, ngoba usuku lweNkosi luyeza, ngoba luseduze.
2 Usuku lomnyama lobumnyama, usuku lwamayezi
lomnyama onzima, njengemadabukakusa lembese phezu
kwezintaba; isizwe esikhulu lesilamandla, kakuzanga
kube khona esinjengaso kusukela endulo, futhi
kakusayikuba khona emva kwaso kuze kube yiminyaka
yezizukulwana lezizukulwana. **3** Umlilo uyaqeda phambi
kwaso, langemva kwaso kuvutha ilangabi. Phambi
kwaso ilizwe lifanana lesivande seEdeni, kodwa ngemva
kwaso liyinkangala yencithakalo; yebo kakulakuphunyuka
kuso. **4** Isimo saso sinjengesimo samabhiza,
lanjengabagadi bamabhiza ngokunjalo bazagijima. **5**
Bazakweqa njengomsindo wezinqola ezingqongeni
zezintaba, njengomsindo welangabi lomlilo oqeda izidindi,
njengabantu abalamandla abahlelelwe impi. **6** Phambi
kobuso babo abantu bazakuba lobuhlungu; bonke
ubuso buzanyukumala. **7** Bazagijima njengamaqhawe,
bakhwele imiduli njengamadoda empi, bahambe
ngulowo lalowo ngezindlela zakhe, kabayikuphambuka
emikhondweni yabo. **8** Kabasunduzani omunye lomunye;
bazahamba ngulowo lalowo ngomgwaqo wakhe omkhulu;
lapho bewela phezu kwesikhali, kabayikulimala. **9**
Bazahaluzela bedabula umuzi, bagijime phezu komduli,
bakhwele bangene ezindlini, bangene ngamawindi
njengesela. **10** Umhlaba uzanyikinyeka phambi kwabo,
amazulu athuthumele; ilanga lenyanga kube mnyama,
lezinkanyezi zigodle ukukhanya kwazo. **11** Njalo iNkosi
izakhupha ilizwi layo phambi kwebutho layo, ngoba
inkamba yayo inkulu kakhulu; ngoba ilamandla eyenza
ilizwi layo; ngoba usuku lweNkosi lukhulu, luyesabeka
kakhulu; ngubani-ke ongalumela? **12** Ngakho lakhathesi,
itsho iNkosi, phendukelani kimi ngenhliziyo yenu yonke,
langokuzila ukudla, langokukhala inyembezi, langokulila.
13 Lidabule inhliziyo yenu, hatshi izembatho zenu,
liphendukele eNkosini, uNkulunkulu wenu, ngoba ilesisa
lesihawu, iphuza ukuthukuthela, njalo inkulu ngomusa,
iyazisola ngobubi. **14** Ngubani owaziyo, ingaphenduka
izisole, itshiye isibusiso ngemva kwayo, umnikelo wokudla
lomnikelo wokunathwayo eNkosini, uNkulunkulu wenu.
15 Vuthelani uphondo eZiyoni, yehlukanisani ukuzila
ukudla, libize umhlangano onzulu, **16** libuthanise abantu,
lingcwelise ibandla, lihlanganise abadala, libuthanise
abantwana, labamunya amabele; umyeni kaphume
ekamelweni lakhe, lomakoti ekamelweni lakhe. **17**
Kakuthi abapristi, izikhonzi zeNkosi, bakhale inyembezi
phakathi kwekhulusi lelathi, bathi: Yekela abantu
bakho, Nkosi; unganikeli ilifa lakho ehlazweni, ukuthi
abahedeni bababuse. Bazatsholoni phakathi kwezizwe
ukuthi: Ungaphi uNkulunkulu wabo? **18** Khona iNkosi
izatshisekela ilizwe layo, ihawukele abantu bayo. **19**
Yebo iNkosi izaphendula ithi ebantwini bayo: Khangelani,
ngizalithumela amabele lewayini elitsha lamafutha, ukuthi
lisuthe ngakho; kangisayikulenza inhlamba phakathi
kwezizwe. **20** Kodwa ngizasusela khatshana lani

okuvela enyakatho, ngikuxotshele elizweni elomileyo
leliyinkangala, ubuso bakho buqonde ngaselwandle
lwempumalanga, lokucina kwakho ngaselwandle
olungemuva; njalo kwenyuke ivumba lakho, kwenyuke
iphunga lakho elibi, ngoba kwenze izinto ezinkulu.
21 Ungesabi, lizwe, jabula uthokoze, ngoba iNkosi
yenze izinto ezinkulu. 22 Lingesabi, zinyamazana
zeganga, ngoba amadlelo enkangala asehlumile; ngoba
isihlahla sithela isithelo saso, umkhiwa levini kunike
amandla akho. 23 Lani bantwana beZiyoni, thabani
lithokoze eNkosini, uNkulunkulu wenu; ngoba ilinikile
izulu lensewula ngokulunga, yalinisela izulu, izulu
lensewula lezulu lamuva njengakuqala. 24 Lamabala
okubhulela azagcwala amabele, lezikhamelo zewayini
ziphuphume ngewayini elitsha lamafutha. 25 Njalo
ngizabuyisela kini iminyaka eyadliwa yintothoviyane,
yisikhonyane, leqhwagi, lenswabanda, ibutho lami
elikhulu engalithumela phakathi kwenu. 26 Njalo lizakudla
lokudla, lisuthe, lidumise ibizo leNkosi, uNkulunkulu
wenu, oliphethe ngokumangalisayo. Njalo abantu bami
kabayikuyangiswa lanininini. 27 Njalo lizakwazi ukuthi
ngiphakathi kukaIsrayeli, lokuthi ngiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu
wenu, njalo kakho omunye. Njalo abantu bami
kabayikuyangiswa lanininini. 28 Kuzakuthi emva kwalokho
ngithele uMoya wami phezu kwayo yonke inyama;
njalo amadodana enu lamadodakazi enu azaprofetha;
abadala benu baphuphe amaphupho, amajaha enu
abone imibono. 29 Yebo, laphezu kwenceku laphezu
kwencekukazi ngizathela uMoya wami ngalezonsuku. 30
Njalo ngizaveza izimangaliso emazulwini lemhlabeni,
igazi, lomlilo, lezinsika zentuthu. 31 Ilanga lizaphenduka
libe ngumnyama, lenyanga ibe ligazi, lungakafiki usuku
lweNkosi olukhulu lolwesabekayo. 32 Kuzakuthi-ke loba
ngubani ozabiza ibizo leNkosi asindiswe; ngoba entabeni
yeZiyoni leJerusalema kuzakuba khona ukukhululwa,
njengokutsho kweNkosi, laphakathi kwabaseleyo iNkosi
ezababiza.

3 Ngoba khangela, ngalezonsuku langalesosikhathi
lapho ngibuyisa ukuthunjwa kukaJuda leJerusalema,
2 ngizabutha zonke izizwe, ngizehlisele esigodini
sikaJehoshafathi, ngizigwebe khona ngenxa yabantu
bami lelifa lami uIsrayeli, ezibahlakaze phakathi
kwezizwe, zalaba ilizwe lami, 3 zenza inkatho yokuphosa
ngabantu bami, zanika umfana ngewule, zathengisa
inkazana ngewayini, ukuze zinathe. 4 Yebo-ke, lilani
kimi, Tire leSidoni, lani lonke mingcele yeFilisti?
Lizangibuyisela umvuzo yini? Uba-ke lingibuyisela,
masinyane ngokuphangisa ngizabuyisela umvuzo
wenu ekhanda lenu. 5 Ngoba lithethe isiliva sami
legolide lami, laletha izinto zami eziloyisekayo ezinhle
emathempelini enu. 6 Lathengisa abantwana bakoJuda
labantwana beJerusalema ebantwaneni bamaGriki,
ukuze libasusele khatshana lomngcele wabo. 7
Khangelani, ngizabavusa endaweni elabathengisa kiyo,
ngibuyisele umvuzo wenu ekhanda lenu. 8 Njalo
ngizathengisa amadodana enu lamadodakazi enu
esandleni sabantwana bakoJuda, abazabathengisa
kumaSabeya esizweni esikhatshana; ngoba iNkosi
ikhulumile. 9 Memezelani lokhu phakathi kwezizwe;
lingcwelise impi; livuse amaqhawe; kawasondele enyuke
wonke amadoda empi. 10 Khandani amakhuba enu abe
yizinkemba, lengqamu zenu zokuthena zibe yimikhonto;
obuthakathaka athi: Ngiliqhawe. 11 Phangisani lize, lina
zizwe zonke ezizingelezeleyo, libuthane; Nkosi, yehlisa
amaqhawe akho kuleyondawo. 12 Kazizivuse izizwe
zenyukele esihotsheni sikaJehoshafathi; ngoba kulapho
engizahlala khona ukugweba zonke izizwe inhlangothi
zonke. 13 Fakani isikela, ngoba isivuno sivuthiwe; wozani
lehlele phansi, ngoba isikhamelo sewayini sigcwele,
amafatshi ewayini ayaphuphuma, ngoba ububi babo
bukhulu. 14 Amaxuku, amaxuku esihotsheni sesinqumo;
ngoba usuku lweNkosi luseduze esihotsheni sesinqumo.
15 Ilanga lenyanga kuzakuba mnyama, lezinkanyezi
zigodle ukukhanya kwazo. 16 INkosi izabhonga-ke
iseZiyoni, ikhuphe ilizwi layo iseJerusalema, kunyikinyeke
amazulu lomhlaba. Kodwa iNkosi ibe yisiphephelo
sabantu bayo, lamandla abantwana bakoIsrayeli. 17
Ngalokho lizakwazi ukuthi ngiyiNkosi, uNkulunkulu
wenu, ohlala eZiyoni, intaba yobungcwele bami.
Njalo iJerusalema izakuba yibungcwele, labezizwe
kabasayikudlula phakathi kwayo. 18 Kuzakuthi-ke
ngalolosuku izintaba zithontise iwayini elimnandi,
lamaqaqa ageleze uchago, lazo zonke izifula zakoJuda
zigeleze amanzi, lomthombo uphume endlini yeNkosi,
uthelele isihotsha seShithimi. 19 IGibhithe izakuba
lunxiwa, leEdoma ibe yinkangala elunxiwa, ngenxa
yodlakela olumelene labantwana bakoJuda, ngoba
bachithe igazi elingelacala elizweni labo. 20 Kodwa uJuda
uzahlala kuze kube nininini, leJerusalema kuze kube
yisizukulwana lesizukulwana. 21 Ngoba ngizahlanza
igazi labo, engangingalihlanzanga; ngoba iNkosi ihlala
eZiyoni.

U-Amosi

1 Amazwi kaAmosi owayephakathi kwabelusi
beThekhowa, awabona ngoIsrayeli, ensukwini
zikaUziya inkosi yakoJuda, lensukwini zikaJerobhowamu
indodana kaJowashi inkosi yakoIsrayeli, iminyaka
emibili ngaphambi kokuzamazama komhlaba. **2**
Wasesithi: INkosi izabhonga iseZiyoni, ikhuphe ilizwi
layo iseJerusalema; lendawo zokuhlala zabelusi zizalila,
lengqonga yeKharmeli ibune. **3** Itsho njalo iNkosi:
Ngenxa yeziphambeko ezintathu zeDamaseko, langenxa
yezine, kangiyikuphambula isijeziso sabo, ngoba
babhule iGileyadi ngembulo zensimbi. **4** Ngakho
ngizathumela umlilo endlini kaHazayeli, ozaqeda
izigodlo zikaBenihadadi. **5** Njalo ngizakwephula
umgoqo weDamaseko, ngiqume umhlali wegceke
leAveni, lophethe intonga, esuka eBeti-Edeni; njalo
abantu beSiriya bazathunjelwa eKiri, itsho iNkosi. **6**
Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ngenxa yeziphambeko ezintathu
zeGaza, langenxa yezine, kangiyikukuphambula;
ngoba babathumba ngokuthunjwa okupheleleyo,
ukuthi babanikele e-Edoma. **7** Ngakho ngizathumela
umlilo emdulini weGaza, ozaqeda izigodlo zayo.
8 Ngiqume umhlali eAshidodi, lophethe intonga
eAshikeloni, ngiphendulele isandla sami ngimelene
leEkhironi; njalo insali yamaFilisti izabhubha; itsho iNkosi
uJehova. **9** Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ngenxa yeziphambeko
ezintathu zeTire, langenxa yezine, kangiyikuphambula
isijeziso sabo, ngoba babathumba ngokuthunjwa
okupheleleyo babanikela kuEdoma, kabakhumbulanga
isivumelwano sabazalwane. **10** Ngakho ngizathumela
umlilo emdulini weTire ozaqeda izigodlo zayo. **11**
Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ngenxa yeziphambeko ezintathu
zeEdoma, langenxa yezine, kangiyikukuphambula,
ngoba yaxotshana labafowabo ngenkemba, yonakalisa
izihawu zayo, lolaka lwayo lwadabudabula njalonjalo,
yagcina intukuthelo yayo kokuphela. **12** Ngakho
ngizathumela umlilo eThemani ozaqeda izigodlo
zeBhozira. **13** Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ngenxa yeziphambeko
ezintathu zabantwana bakoAmoni, langenxa yezine,
kangiyikuphambula isijeziso sabo, ngoba baqhaqha
abesifazana abazithweleyo beGileyadi, ukuze bandise
umngcele wabo. **14** Ngakho ngizaphemba umlilo
emdulini weRaba, ozaqeda izigodlo zayo, ngokumemeza
osukwini lwempi, ngesiphepho osukwini lwesivunguzane;
15 lenkosi yabo izakuya ekuthunjweni, yona kanye
leziphathamandla zayo; itsho iNkosi.

2 Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ngenxa yeziphambeko ezintathu
zikaMowabi, langenxa yezine, kangiyikuphambula
isijeziso sabo, ngoba watshisa amathambo enkosi
yeEdoma aba yikalaga. **2** Ngakho ngizathumela umlilo
koMowabi, ozaqeda izigodlo zeKeriyothi, uMowabi afele
phakathi kokuxokozela, ngokumemeza, ngokukhala
kophondo. **3** Ngiqume umahluleli asuke phakathi kwakhe,
ngibulale zonke iziphathamandla zakhe kanye laye,
itsho iNkosi. **4** Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ngenxa yeziphambeko
ezintathu zakoJuda, langenxa yezine, kangiyikuphambula
isijeziso sabo, ngoba bawalile umlayo weNkosi,
kabagcinanga izimiso zayo, lamanga abo abaduhisile,
oyise abawalandelayo. **5** Ngakho ngizathumela umlilo
koJuda, futhi uzaqeda izigodlo zeJerusalema. **6**
Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ngenxa yeziphambeko ezintathu
zakoIsrayeli, langenxa yezine, kangiyikuphambula
isijeziso sabo, ngoba bathengisa olungileyo ngesiliva,
loswelayo ngamanyathela amabili, **7** abaphefuzelela
uthuli lomhlaba oluphezu kwekhanda labayanga,
baphambukisa indlela yabamnene; njalo umuntu loyise
baya entombini, ukuze bangcolise ibizo lami elingcwele.
8 Bacambalale ezembathweni zesibambiso eceleni
kwalelo lalelo ilathi, banathe iwayini labalahliweyo
endlini yabonkulunkulu babo. **9** Kanti mina ngachitha
umAmori phambi kwabo, obude bakhe babunjengobude
bamasedari, eqine njengama-okhi; kodwa ngachitha
isithelo sakhe ngaphezulu, lempande zakhe ngaphansi.
10 Futhi mina ngalenyusa elizweni leGibhithe,
ngalikhokhela enkangala iminyaka engamatshumi
amane, ukuze lidle ilifa lelizwe lomAmori. **11** Ngavusa
abanye emadodaneni enu babe ngabaprofethi, labanye
emajaheni enu babe ngamaNaziri. Kakunjalo yini,
lina bantwana bakoIsrayeli? itsho iNkosi. **12** Kodwa
lawanathisa amaNaziri iwayini, lalaya abaprofethi
lisithi: Lingaprofethi. **13** Khangelani, ngizalicindezela
phansi, njengenqola igcwele izithungo icindezela. **14**
Ngakho isiphephelo sizabhubha kolejubane, lolamandla
kayikuqinisa amandla akhe, leqhawe kaliyikukhulula
impilo yalo. **15** Lophethe idandili kayikuma, lolenyawo
ezilula kayikuzikhulula, logade ibhiza kayikukhulula impilo
yakhe. **16** Lolenhliziyo eqinileyo phakathi kwamaqhawe
uzabaleka eze ngalolosuku, itsho iNkosi.

3 Zwanini lelilizwi iNkosi elikhulume imelene lani,
lina bantwana bakoIsrayeli, imelene losendo lonke
engalwenyusa elizweni leGibhithe, isithi: **2** Yini kuphela
engilaziyo kuzo zonke izinsendo zomhlaba; ngakho-
ke ngizaphindisela phezu kwenu bonke ububi benu.
3 Ababili bangahamba kanyekanye yini ngaphandle
kokuthi behlangene? **4** Kambe isilwane singabhonga
ehlathini singelampango? Ibhongo lesilwane lingakhupha
ilizwi lalo ebhalwini lwalo lingabambanga lutho
yini? **5** Inyoni ingawela emjibileni emhlabeni lapho
okungelasifu sayo khona yini? Umjibila ungathanya
yini emhlabathini uba ungabambanga ulutho? **6**
Uphondo lungavuthelwa yini emzini abantu bangethuki?
Kulobubi yini emzini iNkosi engabenzanga? **7**
Isibili iNkosi uJehova kayenzi lutho ngaphandle
kokuthi yembule icebo layo eliyimfihlo encekwini
zayo abaprofethi. **8** Isilwane sesibhongile, ngubani
ongayikwesaba? INkosi uJehova isikhulumile, ngubani

ongayikuprofetha? 9 Zwakalisani ezigodlweni zeAshidodi
lezigodlweni zelizwe leGibhithe, lithi: Buthanani phezu
kwezintaba zeSamariya, libone iziphithiphithi ezinkulu
phakathi kwayo labacindezelwayo phakathi kwayo.
10 Ngoba kabakwazi ukwenza okuqondileyo, itsho
iNkosi, ababuthelela udlakela lencithakalo ezigodlweni
zabo. 11 Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova: Isitha,
esizazingelezela ilizwe, esizakwehlisa amandla akho
kuwe, lezigodlo zakho ziphangwe. 12 Itsho njalo iNkosi:
Njengalokho umelusi esophula imilenze emibili emlonyeni
wesilwane, loba isiqa sendlebe, ngokunjalo abantwana
bakoIsrayeli abahlala eSamariya bazakophulwa egumbini
lombheda ledamaseko yethala. 13 Zwanini lifakaze
endlini kaJakobe, itsho iNkosi uJehova uNkulunkulu
wamabandla, 14 ukuthi mhla ngizaphindisela iziphambeko
zikaIsrayeli phezu kwakhe, ngizaphindisela futhi phezu
kwamalathi eBhetheli, lempondo zelathi zizaqunywa
ziwele emhlabathini. 15 Ngizatshaya indlu yebusika
kanye lendlu yehlobo, lezindlu zempondo zendlovu
zizabhubha, lezindlu ezinkulu ziphele; itsho iNkosi.

4 Zwanini lelilizwi, mankomokazi eBashani, elisentabeni
yeSamariya, elicindezela abayanga, elichoboza
abaswelayo, elithi emakhosini abo: Lethani sinathe.
2 INkosi uJehova ifungile ngobungcwele bayo,
ukuthi, khangelani, insuku zizafika phezu kwenu
lapho abazalihudula ngezingwegwe, labalilandelayo
ngengwegwe zokubamba inhlanzi. 3 Njalo lizaphuma
ngezikhala, ngulowo lalowo phambi kwakhe, liziphosele
ngasesigodlweni, itsho iNkosi. 4 Wozani eBhetheli,
liphambeke, eGiligali landise iziphambeko; lilethe
imihlatshelo yenu ekuseni, okwetshumi kwenu
ngomnyaka wesithathu; 5 litshise umhlatshelo
wokubonga ngokuvutshelweyo, limemezele iminikelo
yesihle, lizwakalise; ngoba ngokunjalo likuthanda,
bantwana bakoIsrayeli, itsho iNkosi uJehova. 6 Ngakho
mina ngilinikile futhi ukuhlanzeka kwamazinyo emizini
yonke yenu, lenswelo yesinkwa endaweni zenu zonke;
kanti kaliphendukelanga kimi, itsho iNkosi. 7 Futhi-
ke mina ngaligodlela izulu, kuseselenyanga ezintathu
kusiya ekuvuneni; ngalinisa komunye umuzi, kodwa
kalinanga komunye umuzi; esinye isiqinti sanethwa,
kodwa isiqinti esinganethwanga satsha. 8 Kwasekuzula
imizi emibili loba emithathu yayanatha amanzi emzini
owodwa, kodwa kayikholwanga; kanti kaliphendukelanga
kimi, itsho iNkosi. 9 Ngalitshaya ngokuhanguka
langengumane; ukwanda kwezivande zenu, lezivini
zenu, lezihlahla zenu zemikhiwa, lezihlahla zenu
zemihlwathi, kwadliwa zintethe; kanti kaliphendukelanga
kimi, itsho iNkosi. 10 Ngathumela phakathi kwenu
umatshayabhuqe wesifo, ngokwendlela yeGibhithe,
ngabulala amajaha enu ngenkemba, kanye lokuthunjwa
kwamabhiza enu; njalo ngenza ivumba lenkamba yenu
lenyuka ngitsho emakhaleni enu; kanti kaliphendukelanga
kimi, itsho iNkosi. 11 Ngachitha abanye phakathi
kwenu njengalokho uNkulunkulu wachitha iSodoma
leGomora, lalinjengesikhuni esophulwe ekutsheni; kanti
kaliphendukelanga kimi, itsho iNkosi. 12 Ngakho
ngizakwenza ngokunjalo kuwe, Israyeli; ngenxa yokuthi
ngizakwenza lokhu kuwe, zilungiselele ukuhlangana
loNkulunkulu wakho, Israyeli. 13 Ngoba khangela,
obumba izintaba, lodala umoya, lotshela umuntu ukuthi
umcabango wakhe uyini, owenza ukusakube mnyama,
onyathela ezindaweni eziphakemeyo zomhlaba, iNkosi,
uNkulunkulu wamabandla, libizo lakhe.

5 Zwanini lelilizwi engiliphakamisa phezu kwenu, isililo,
ndlu kaIsrayeli. 2 Intombi emsulwa yakoIsrayeli
iwile, kayiyikuvuka futhi; ideliwe emhlabathini wayo,
kakho oyivusayo. 3 Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova:
Umuzi ophuma labayinkulungwane uzasala labalikhulu,
lophuma labalikhulu uzasala labalitshumi, kuyo indlu
kaIsrayeli. 4 Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi endlini kaIsrayeli:
Ngidingani liphile. 5 Kodwa lingadingi iBhetheli,
lingangeni eGiligali, lingedluleli eBherishebha, ngoba
iGiligali izathunjwa lokuthunjwa, leBhetheli izakuba
yize. 6 Dingani iNkosi liphile, hlezi ifohlele indlu
kaJosefa njengomlilo oqothulayo, kungabi khona
owucitshayo eBhetheli. 7 Lina eliphendula isahlulelo sibe
ngumhlonyane, lilalise ukulunga emhlabathini. 8 Owenza
isiLimela leziNja, lophendula umthunzi wokufa ube
yikusa, lowenza imini ibe mnyama njengobusuku, obiza
amanzi olwandle, awathulule ebusweni bomhlabathi;
iNkosi libizo lakhe. 9 Okhazimulisa incithakalo phezu
kolamandla, ukuze incithakalo ize phezu kwenqaba.
10 Bayamzonda okhuzayo esangweni, banengwe
ngokhuluma ngokuqonda. 11 Ngenxa yokuthi linyathelela
phansi umyanga, limthathele umthwalo wamabele,
lakhe izindlu zamatshe abaziweyo, kodwa kaliyikuhlala
kuzo; lihlanyele izivini zentokozo, kodwa kaliyikunatha
iwayini lazo. 12 Ngoba ngiyazi ukuthi iziphambeko zenu
zinengi, lokuthi izono zenu zilamandla; lina elihlupha
olungileyo, elemukela isivalamlomo, eliphambula
abayanga esangweni. 13 Ngakho ohlakaniphileyo
uzathula ngalesosikhathi, ngoba kuyisikhathi esibi.
14 Dingani okuhle, hatshi-ke okubi, ukuze liphile,
ukuze ngokunjalo iNkosi uNkulunkulu wamabandla
ibe lani, njengokutsho kwenu. 15 Zondani ububi,
lithande okuhle, limise isahlulelo esangweni; mhlawumbe
iNkosi uNkulunkulu wamabandla ingaba lesisa kunsali
yakoJosefa. 16 Ngakho utsho njalo uJehova, uNkulunkulu
wamabandla, iNkosi: Kuzakuba khona isililo emidangeni
yonke, lakuzo zonke izitalada bazakuthi: Maye! Maye!
Njalo bazabizela umlimi ekulileni, lesililo sizakuba labazi
ukulila. 17 Lakuzo zonke izivini kuzakuba lokulila,
ngoba ngizadabula phakathi kwenu, itsho iNkosi. 18
Maye kulabo abaloyisa usuku lweNkosi! Luzakuba
ngolwani kini usuku lweNkosi? Luzakuba ngumnyama,
hatshi ukukhanya. 19 Kunjengomuntu obaleke phambi
kwesilwane, ahlangane lebhere; loba angene endlini

abambelele ngesandla sakhe emdulini, lenyoka imlume.
20 Usuku lweNkosi kaluyikuba ngumnyama yini, hatshi-
ke ukukhanya, lomnyama omkhulu ongelakukhanya
kuwo? 21 Ngiyayizonda, ngiyayidelela imikhosi yenu,
kangiyikunuka emihlanganweni yenu enzulu. 22 Ngoba
lanxa linikela kimi iminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo
yenu yokudla, kangithokozi, leminikelo yokuthula
yezifuyo zenu ezinonileyo kangiyinanzi. 23 Susani kimi
umsindo wezingoma zenu, ngoba kangiyikuzwa ukukhala
kwamachacho enu. 24 Kodwa isahlulelo kasikhukhule
njengamanzi, lokulunga njengesifula esigeleza njalo.
25 Lanikela yini kimi imihlatshelo leminikelo yokudla
enkangala okweminyaka engamatshumi amane, lina
ndlu kaIsrayeli? 26 Kodwa lathwala uSikuthi inkosi
yenu, loKhiwuni izithombe zenu, inkanyezi kankulunkulu
wenu, elizenzele zona. 27 Ngakho ngizalithumbela
ngaphetsheya kweDamaseko, itsho iNkosi, obizo layo
nguNkulunkulu wamabandla.

6 Maye kubo abonwabileyo eZiyoni, labavikelekileyo
entabeni yeSamariya, abakhethekileyo bokuqala
bezizwe, abaya kubo abendlu kaIsrayeli! 2 Dlulelani
eKaline, libone, lisuke lapho liye eHamathi enkulu,
lehlele eGathi yamaFilisti. Bangcono yini kulalimibuso?
Umngcele wabo mkhulu yini kulomngcele wenu?
3 Lina elibeka khatshana usuku olubi, lisondeza
eduze isihlalo sodlakela. 4 Labo abalala phezu
kwemibheda yophondo lwendlovu, bacambalale
phezu kwamathala abo, badle amawundlu avela
emhlanjini, lamankonyana avela phakathi kwesibaya;
5 abatshotsha ngokukhala kwechacho, beziqambela
izinto zokukhaliswa, njengoDavida; 6 benatha iwayini
ngemiganu, bazigcobe ngamagcobo akhethekileyo,
kodwa kabadabukeli ukuchitheka kukaJosefa. 7 Ngakho
khathesi bazakuya ekuthunjweni labakuqala abaya
ekuthunjweni, ledili labacambalalayo lizasuswa. 8
INkosi uJehova ifungile ngayo uqobo, itsho iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wamabandla: Ngiyakwenyanya ukuziqhenya
kukaJakobe, ngizonda izigodlo zakhe; ngakho
ngizawunikela umuzi lokugcwala kwawo. 9 Kuzakuthi-
ke uba kusele amadoda alitshumi endlini eyodwa,
azakufa. 10 Njalo umalume womuntu uzamphakamisa,
lalowo omtshisayo, ukukhupha amathambo endlini,
abesesithi kosemaceleni endlu: Kusekhona yini olawe?
Njalo uzakuthi: Kakho. Khona uzakuthi: Thula, ngoba
kakusikokuqamba ibizo leNkosi. 11 Ngoba khangela,
iNkosi iyalaya, njalo izatshaya indlu enkulu ibe yizihlephu,
lendlu encinyane ibe yizicucu. 12 Amabhiza angagijima
edwaleni yini? Umuntu angalima khona ngezinkabi yini?
Ngoba liphendulele isahlulelo saba yinyongo, lesithelo
sokulunga saba ngumhlonyane. 13 Lina elithokoza
ngento engelutho, elithi: Kasizithathelanga izimpondo yini
ngamandla ethu? 14 Ngoba khangelani, ngizalivusela, lina
ndlu kaIsrayeli, itsho iNkosi uNkulunkulu wamabandla,
isizwe, esizalihlupha kusukela ekungeneni kweHamathi
kuze kube sesifuleni senkangala.

7 INkosi uJehova yangibonisa kanje; khangela-
ke, yabumba isikhonyane ekuqaleni kokuhluma
kotshani bamuva, njalo khangela, kwakubutshani
bamuva emva kokusika kwenkosi. 2 Kwasekusithi
lapho sesiqedile ukudla utshani belizwe, ngathi: Nkosi
Jehova, ake uthethelele. UJakobe uzakuma njani?
ngoba emncinyane. 3 INkosi yazisola ngalokhu;
kakuyikwenzeka, itsho iNkosi. 4 INkosi uJehova
yangibonisa kanje; khangela-ke, iNkosi uJehova yabiza
ukulwa ngomlilo, owaqothula ukujula okukhulu waqothula
isabelo. 5 Ngasengisithi: Nkosi Jehova, ake ume.
UJakobe uzakuma njani? ngoba emncinyane. 6 INkosi
yazisola ngalokhu. Lalokhu kakuyikwenzeka, itsho iNkosi
uJehova. 7 Yangibonisa kanje; khangela-ke, iNkosi yayimi
emdulini owenziwa njengokwentambo yokuqondisa;
kwakulentambo yokuqondisa esandleni sayo. 8 INkosi
yasisithi kimi: Ubonani, Amosi? Ngathi: Intambo
yokuqondisa. INkosi yasisithi: Khangela, ngizabeka
intambo yokuqondisa phakathi kwabantu bami uIsrayeli;
kangisayikubedlula futhi. 9 Kodwa indawo eziphakemeyo
zikaIsaka zizakuba ngamanxiwa, lezindawo ezingcwele
zakoIsrayeli zizadilizwa; ngiyivukele indlu kaJerobowamu
ngenkemba. 10 UAmaziya umpristi weBhetheli
wasethumela kuJerobhowamu inkosi yakoIsrayeli, esithi:
UAmosi wenze ugobe emelene lawe phakathi kwendlu
kaIsrayeli; ilizwe kalilakuwathwala wonke amazwi akhe.
11 Ngoba utsho njalo uAmosi: UJerobhowamu uzakufa
ngenkemba, loIsrayeli athunjwe lokuthunjwa aphume
elizweni lakhe. 12 UAmaziya wasesithi kuAmosi: Wena
mboni, hamba ubalekele elizweni lakoJuda, lapho
udle isinkwa khona, lalapho uprofethe. 13 Kodwa
eBhetheli ungabe usaprofetha futhi, ngoba iyindawo
engcwele yenkosi njalo iyindlu yombuso. 14 UAmosi
wasephendula wathi kuAmaziya: Ngangingasumprofethi
mina, futhi ngangingasindodana yomprofethi mina;
kodwa ngangingumelusi wenkomo, lomvuni wemikhiwa
yesikhamore. 15 Kodwa iNkosi yangithatha ekulandeleni
umhlambi, iNkosi yathi kimi: Hamba uyeprofetha
ebantwini bami uIsrayeli. 16 Ngakho-ke zwana
ilizwi leNkosi. Wena uthi: Ungaprofethi umelene
loIsrayeli, ungatshumayeli umelene lendlu kaIsaka. 17
Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi: Umkakho uzawula phakathi
komuzi, lamadodana akho lamadodakazi akho azakuwa
ngenkemba, lelizwe lakini lizakwabiwa ngentambo, wena-
ke uzafela elizweni elingcolileyo, loIsrayeli athunjwe
lokuthunjwa aphume elizweni lakhe.

8 INkosi uJehova yangibonisa kanje; khangela-ke,
isitsha sezithelo zehlobo. 2 Yasisithi: Ubonani,
Amosi? Ngathi: Isitsha sezithelo zehlobo. INkosi yasisithi
kimi: Ukuphela sekufikile ebantwini bami uIsrayeli;
kangisayikubedlula futhi. 3 Kodwa izingoma zethempelini

zizaqhinqa isililo mhlalokho, itsho iNkosi uJehova;
kuzakuba lezidumbu ezinengi; kuyo yonke indawo
bazaziphosela ngokuthula. 4 Zwanini lokhu, lina eliginya
oswelayo, lokuthi lichithe abayanga belizwe; 5 elithi:
Ukuthwasa kwenyanga kuzadlula nini ukuze sithengise
amabele? lesabatha ukuze sivule ingqoloyi, sisenza
i-efa libe lincinyane, sisenza ishekeli libe likhulu,
siphambanisa izilinganiso zenkohliso. 6 Ukuze sithenge
abayanga ngesiliva, loswelayo ngamanyathela amabili,
yebo sithengise amakhoba amabele? 7 INkosi ifungile
ngobukhosi bukaJakobe: Isibili kangiyikukhohlwa zonke
izenzo zabo kuze kube nininini. 8 Kawuyikuqhaqhazela
yini umhlaba ngalokhu, alile laye wonke ohlala kuwo?
Yebo ukhukhumale wonke njengomfula, uphoseke le
lale utshone njengomfula weGibhithe. 9 Kuzakuthi-
ke ngalolosuku, itsho iNkosi uJehova, ngizatshonisa
ilanga emini enkulu, ngenze umhlaba ube mnyama
emini ekhanyayo. 10 Ngiphendule imikhosi yenu ibe
yikulila, lengoma zenu zonke zibe yisililo, ngilethe
isaka enkalweni zonke, lempabanga ekhanda lonke,
ngikwenze kube njengesililo sendodana eyodwa, lokucina
kwalo njengosuku olubabayo. 11 Khangela, insuku
ziyeza, itsho iNkosi uJehova, lapho ngizathumela indlala
elizweni, kungabi yindlala yokudla, kungabi ngeyokomela
amanzi, kodwa eyokuzwa amazwi eNkosi. 12 Njalo
bazazula kusukela elwandle kuze kube selwandle,
njalo kusukela enyakatho kuze kube sempumalanga,
bagijimele le lale ukudinga ilizwi leNkosi, kodwa
bengalitholi. 13 Ngalolosuku intombi ezimsulwa ezinhle
lamajaha azaqaleka ngenxa yokoma. 14 Labo abafunga
ngecala leSamariya bathi: Kuphila kukankulunkulu
wakho, Dani; lokuthi: Kuphila kwendlela yeBherishebha;
bazakuwa-ke, bangabe besavuka.

9 Ngabona iNkosi imi phezu kwelathi, yathi:
Tshaya isihloko ukuze imibundu inyikinyeke,
ubaqume ekhanda, bonke babo; labokucina babo
ngibabulale ngenkemba; kakuyikubaleka obalekayo
wabo, kakuyikuphunyuka ophunyukayo wabo. 2 Loba
begebha besiya esihogweni, isandla sami sizabathatha
khona; loba bekhwela-ke besiya emazulwini, ngizabehlisa
khona; **(Sheol h7585)** 3 loba becatsha-ke engqongeni
yeKharmeli, ngizabadinga ngibathathe khona; loba
becatsha-ke basuke phambi kwamehlo ami kuphansi
yolwandle, ngizalaya inyoka ivela lapho ezabaluma; 4
loba besiya-ke ekuthunjweni phambi kwezitha zabo,
ngizalaya inkemba ivela lapho ukuze izebabulala;
ngimise ilihlo lami phezu kwabo ngokubi, hatshi-ke
ngokuhle. 5 Njalo kuyiNkosi uJehova wamabandla
ethinta umhlaba, ukuze uncibilike, balile bonke abahlala
kuwo, ukhukhumale wonke njengomfula, utshone
njengomfula weGibhithe. 6 Eyakha amakamelo
ayo aphezulu emazulwini, yamisa amaviyo ayo
emhlabeni, ebiza amanzi olwandle, iwathululele ebusweni
bomhlaba; iNkosi libizo layo. 7 Kimi kalinjengabantwana
bamaEthiyopiya yini, lina bantwana bakoIsrayeli?
itsho iNkosi. Kangikhuphulanga yini uIsrayeli elizweni
leGibhithe, lamaFilisti eKafitori, lamaSiriya eKiri? 8
Khangela, amehlo eNkosi uJehova aphezu kombuso
owonayo; njalo ngizawuchitha usuke ebusweni bomhlaba,
kube kanti kangiyikuyichitha ngokupheleleyo indlu
kaJakobe, itsho iNkosi. 9 Ngoba khangela, ngizalaya
ngihlungule indlu kaIsrayeli phakathi kwazo zonke
izizwe njengamabele ehlungulwa ngokhomane, kodwa
kakuyikuwela emhlabathini ilitshe elincinyane. 10 Zonke
izoni zabantu bami zizakufa ngenkemba, ezithi: Okubi
kakuyikufinyelela kithi kumbe kusihlangabeze. 11
Ngalolosuku ngizavusa idumba likaDavida eliwileyo,
ngivale izikhala zalo, ngivuse amanxiwa alo, ngilakhe
njengensukwini zendulo; 12 ukuze badle ilifa lensali
yeEdoma, lezizwe zonke ezibizwa ngebizo lami, itsho
iNkosi eyenza lokhu. 13 Khangela, insuku ziyeza, itsho
iNkosi, lapho olimayo ezasondela kovunayo, lonyathela
izithelo zevini kohlanyela inhlanyelo; lentaba zizathonta
iwayini elimnandi, lamaqaqa wonke ancibilike. 14 Njalo
ngizaphendula ukuthunjwa kwabantu bami uIsrayeli,
bayakhe imizi echithekileyo, bahlale kiyo; bahlanyele
izivini, banathe iwayini lazo, benze izivande, badle
izithelo zazo. 15 Ngibahlanyele elizweni labo, bangabe
besasitshulwa elizweni engibanike lona, itsho iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho.

U-Obhadiya

1 Umbono kaObhadiya. Itsho njalo iNkosi uJehova
mayelana leEdoma: Sizwile umbiko ovela eNkosini,
njalo kuthunywe isithunywa phakathi kwezizwe:
Sukumani, kasimvukele empini! 2 Khangela, ngikwenze
waba mncinyane phakathi kwezizwe, udelelwe kakhulu.
3 Ukuziqhenya kwenhliziyo yakho kukukhohlisile,
wena ohlala ezingoxweni zamadwala, ondawo yakhe
yokuhlala iphakeme, othi enhliziyweni yakhe: Ngubani
ozangehlisela emhlabathini? 4 Loba uphakeme
njengokhozi, njalo loba ubeka isidleke sakho phakathi
kwezinkanyezi, ngizakwethula khona, itsho iNkosi. 5
Uba amasela efika kuwe, loba abaphangi ebusuku
(uqunywe kangakanani!) bebengayikuntshontsha baze
banele yini? Uba abavuni bezithelo zevini bebengafika
kuwe, bebengayikutshiya umkhothozo yini? 6 Yeka
ukuhlolwa kwezinto zikaEsawu, ukudingisiswa kokuligugu
kwakhe okufihliweyo! 7 Wonke amadoda esivumelwano
sakho akuthumele emngceleni; amadoda okuthula
kwakho akukhohlisile, akwehlule, adla isinkwa sakho
abeke imbule ngaphansi kwakho; kakukho ukuqedisisa
kuye. 8 Kakuyikuba njalo yini ngalolosuku, itsho
iNkosi, ukuthi ngizachitha abahlakaniphileyo eEdoma
lokuqedisisa entabeni kaEsawu. 9 Lamaqhawe
akho azatshaywa luvalo, Themani, ukuze ngulowo
lalowo aqunywe entabeni kaEsawu ngokubulawa.
10 Ngenxa yodlakela lwakho umelene lomfowenu
uJakobe inhloni zizakusibekela, uqunywe kuze kube
phakade. 11 Ngosuku owema ngalo uqondene labo,
ngosuku abezizweni abathumba ngalo amabutho akhe,
abezizwe abangena emasangweni akhe, abenza inkatho
yokuphosa ngeJerusalema, lawe wawunjengomunye
wabo. 12 Kodwa wawungafanelanga ukukhangela
ngosuku lomfowenu ngosuku lwenhlupheko yakhe; njalo
wawungafanelanga uthokoze ngabantwana bakoJuda
ngosuku lokuchitheka kwabo; njalo wawungafanelanga
ukhulume ngokuziqhenya ngosuku lokuhlupheka. 13
Ngabe kawungenanga ngesango labantu bami osukwini
lwenhlupheko yabo; ngabe kawukhangelanga, lawe,
ebubini babo osukwini lwenhlupheko yabo; njalo
ngabe kawelulelanga isandla sakho enothweni yabo
osukwini lwenhlupheko yabo. 14 Ngabe kawumanga
emehlukanweni endlela ukuquma abaphunyukayo bakhe;
njalo ngabe kawunikelanga abasalayo bakhe osukwini
losizi. 15 Ngoba usuku lweNkosi lusondele ezizweni
zonke. Njengokwenza kwakho kuzakwenziwa kuwe;
umvuzo wakho uzabuyela ekhanda lakho. 16 Ngoba
njengoba linathile entabeni yami engcwele, ngokunjalo
zonke izizwe zizanatha njalonjalo, yebo, zizanatha,
ziginye, zibe kungathi kazizanga zibe khona. 17 Kodwa
entabeni yeZiyoni kuzakuba khona ukuphunyuka, kube
lobungcwele; lendlu kaJakobe izakudla ilifa lamafa ayo.
18 Lendlu kaJakobe izakuba ngumlilo, lendlu kaJosefa
ibe lilangabi, lendlu kaEsawu ibe libibi; njalo bazazitshisa
bazidle; njalo kakuyikuba khona oseleyo endlini kaEsawu;
ngoba iNkosi ikhulumile. 19 Labeningizimu bazakudla
ilifa lentaba kaEsawu, lalabo abemagcekeni amaFilisti,
yebo bazakudla ilifa lensimu yakoEfrayimi lensimu
yeSamariya, loBhenjamini iGileyadi. 20 Labathunjiweyo
bale inqaba yabantwana bakoIsrayeli bazakudla
ilifa elalingelamaKhanani, kuze kufike eZarefathi;
labathunjiweyo beJerusalema abaseSefaredi bazakudla
ilifa lemizi yeningizimu. 21 Labasindisi bakhwele entabeni
yeZiyoni ukwahlulela intaba kaEsawu; lombuso uzakuba
ngoweNkosi.

UJona

1 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kuJona indodana kaAmithayi,
lisithi: **2** Sukuma, uye eNineve, umuzi omkhulu,
umemeze umelene lawo; ngoba ububi babo benyukele
phambi kwami. **3** Kodwa uJona wasukuma ukuze
abalekele eTarshishi esuka ebusweni beNkosi, wehlela
eJopha, wathola umkhumbi oya eTarshishi, wanika imali
yawo, wehlela kuwo, ukuze ahambe labo eTarshishi,
asuke ebusweni beNkosi. **4** Kodwa iNkosi yaphosa umoya
omkhulu elwandle; kwasekusiba lesiphepho esikhulu
elwandle, okungangokuthi umkhumbi wacatshangelwa
ukwephuka. **5** Abatshayeli bomkhumbi basebesesaba,
bakhala, ngulowo lalowo kunkulunkulu wakhe, baphosela
olwandle izimpahla ezazisemkhunjini, ukuwenza ube lula
kuzo. Kodwa uJona wayehlele emaceleni omkhumbi,
walala, waba lobuthongo obukhulu. **6** Ngakho induna
yomkhumbi yasondela kuye, yathi kuye: Ulani wena
olobuthongo obukhulu? Vuka, ubize kuNkulunkulu
wakho; mhlawumbe lowoNkulunkulu angasikhumbula,
ukuze singabhubhi. **7** Basebesithi, ngulowo kumngane
wakhe: Wozani senze inkatho yokuphosa, ukuze sazi
ukuthi kungenxa kabani lobububi buphezu kwethu.
Basebesenza inkatho yokuphosa; inkatho yasiwela
phezu kukaJona. **8** Basebesithi kuye: Akusitshele
ukuthi kungenxa kabani lobububi buphezu kwethu.
Umsebenzi wakho uyini? Njalo uvela ngaphi? Yiliphi
ilizwe lakini? Njalo ungowasiphi isizwe? **9** Wasesithi kubo:
NgingumHebheru, ngiyayesaba iNkosi, uNkulunkulu
wamazulu, owenza ulwandle lomhlabathi owomileyo. **10**
Amadoda asesesaba ngokwesaba okukhulu, athi kuye:
Ukwenzeleni lokhu? Ngoba amadoda akwazi ukuthi
ubalekile ebusweni beNkosi, ngoba wayesewatshelile.
11 Asesithi kuye: Senzeni kuwe ukuze ulwandle luthule
kithi? Ngoba ulwandle lwaqhubeka lwaba lesiphepho
esikhulu. **12** Wasesithi kiwo: Ngiphakamisani, lingiphosele
olwandle; ngalokho ulwandle luzalithulela; ngoba ngiyazi
ukuthi lesisiphepho esikhulu siphezu kwenu ngenxa
yami. **13** Kodwa amadoda agwedla ngamandla ukuze
awubuyisele umkhumbi emhlabathini owomileyo, kodwa
ehluleka, ngoba ulwandle lwaqhubeka lwaba lesiphepho
lumelene lawo. **14** Ngakho akhala eNkosini, athi:
Siyakuncenga, Nkosi, kasingabhubhi ngenxa yempilo
yalumuntu, ungabeki phezu kwethu igazi elingelacala;
ngoba wena, Nkosi, wenzile njengokukuthokozisayo. **15**
Asephakamisa uJona, amphosela elwandle; ulwandle
lwaselusima ekuvubekeni kwalo. **16** Amadoda aseyesaba
iNkosi ngokwesaba okukhulu, anikela umhlatshelo
eNkosini, afunga izifungo. **17** Njalo iNkosi yayimise
inhlanzi enkulu ukuze imginye uJona; njalo uJona
waba semathunjini enhlanzi insuku ezintathu lobusuku
obuthathu.

2 UJona wasekhuleka eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakhe
esemathunjini enhlanzi, **2** wathi: Ekuhluphekeni
kwami ngakhala eNkosini, yangiphendula; ngisesiswini
sengcwaba ngamemeza, wena walizwa ilizwi lami.
(Sheol h7585) **3** Ngoba wangiphosela enzikini,
enhliziyweni yezinlwandle, lempophoma zangihanqa;
wonke amagagasi akho lamavinqo akho kwedlula
phezu kwami. **4** Ngasengisithi mina: Ngixotshiwe
phambi kobuso bakho; kanti ngizabuya ngikhangele
ngasethempelini lakho elingcwele. **5** Amanzi angihanqile
kuze kube semphefumulweni; inziki ingizingelezele;
imihlanga yathandela ikhanda lami. **6** Ngehlela
ezisekelweni zezintaba; umhlaba, imigoqo yawo
yangihanqa laphakade; kanti wenyuse impilo yami
emgodini, Nkosi Nkulunkulu wami. **7** Lapho umphefumulo
wami uphela amandla phakathi kwami ngakhumbula
iNkosi; lomkhuleko wami wafika kuwe, ethempelini
lakho elingcwele. **8** Labo abagcina amanga ayize
batshiya umusa wabo. **9** Kodwa mina ngizakwenza
umhlatshelo kuwe ngelizwi lokubonga, ngikhokhe
lokho engikufungileyo; usindiso ngolweNkosi. **10**
INkosi yasikhuluma kuyo inhlanzi, yasimhlanza uJona
emhlabathini owomileyo.

3 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kuJona ngokwesibili, lisithi:
2 Sukuma, uye eNineve, lowana umuzi omkhulu,
utshumayele kuwo intshumayelo engikutshela yona. **3**
UJona wasesukuma, waya eNineve, njengokwelizwi
leNkosi. Phela iNineve yayingumuzi omkhulu kakhulu,
uhambo lwezinsuku ezintathu. **4** UJona waseqala
ukungena emzini, uhambo losuku olulodwa. Wamemeza,
wathi: Kusesezinsuku ezingamatshumi amane, khona
iNineve izagenqulwa. **5** Abantu beNineve basebekholwa
kuNkulunkulu, bamemezela ukuzila ukudla, bagqoka
amasaka, kusukela komkhulu wabo kwaze kwaba
komncinyane wabo. **6** Ngoba ilizwi lafinyelela enkosini
yeNineve; yasisukuma esihlalweni sayo sobukhosi,
yakhulula isembatho sayo kuyo, yazimbomboza
ngesaka, yahlala emlotheni. **7** Yasimemezela yathi
kuyo iNineve ngomthetho wenkosi labakhulu bayo,
isithi: Kakungabi lomuntu, kumbe inyamazana,
inkomo kumbe imvu, okuzanambitha loba yini;
kakungadli, kakunganathi amanzi. **8** Kodwa kakuthi
umuntu lenyamazana kwembeswe amasaka, bakhale
kuNkulunkulu ngamandla, yebo, baphenduke, ngulowo
lalowo endleleni yakhe embi, lodlakeleni olusezandleni
zabo. **9** Ngubani owaziyo, uNkulunkulu angaphenduka
azisole, aphenduke asuke kukuvutha kolaka lwakhe,
ukuze singabhubhi. **10** UNkulunkulu wasebona imisebenzi
yabo, ukuthi baphendukile endleleni yabo embi;
uNkulunkulu wazisola ngobubi ayethe uzabenza kubo,
akaze abenza.

4 Kodwa kwaba kubi kakhulukazi kuJona,
wathukuthela yena. **2** Wasekhuleka eNkosini,

wathi: Ngiyakuncenga, Nkosi, leli lalingesilo ilizwi lami
ngiseselizweni lakithi yini? Ngenxa yalokhu ngandulela
ngokubalekela eTarshishi; ngoba ngangisazi ukuthi
wena unguNkulunkulu olomusa lolesihawu, ophuza
ukuthukuthela, omkhulu ngothando, njalo ozisola
ngokubi. **3** Ngakho-ke, Nkosi, susa, ngiyakuncenga,
impilo yami kimi, ngoba kungcono kimi ukufa kulokuphila.
4 INkosi yasisithi: Wenza kuhle yini ngokuthukuthela
kwakho? **5** UJona wasephuma emzini, wahlala
ngasempumalanga komuzi, wazenzela idumba khona,
wahlala ngaphansi kwalo emthunzini, aze abone
okuzakwenzakala kuwo umuzi. **6** INkosi uNkulunkulu
yasimisa umhlafutho, yawukhulisa ngaphezu kukaJona,
ukuze ube ngumthunzi phezu kwekhanda lakhe,
ukumkhulula kubuhlungu bakhe. UJona wasethokoza
ngenxa yomhlafutho ngentokozo enkulu. **7** Kodwa
uNkulunkulu wamisa impehlane ekuveleni kokusa kusisa,
yatshaya umhlafutho, waze wabuna. **8** Kwasekusithi
ekuphumeni kwelanga, uNkulunkulu wamisa umoya
wempumalanga otshisayo; njalo ilanga latshaya phezu
kwekhanda likaJona, waze waphela amandla; wafisa
emphefumulweni wakhe ukuthi afe, wathi: Kungcono
kimi ukufa kulokuphila. **9** UNkulunkulu wasesithi kuJona:
Wenza kuhle yini ngokuthukuthela kwakho ngenxa
yomhlafutho? Wasesithi: Ngenza kuhle ngokuthukuthela
kwami kuze kube sekufeni. **10** INkosi yasisithi: Wena ube
lozwelo phezu komhlafutho ongawutshikatshikelanga,
ongawukhulisanga; owaba khona ngobusuku bunye,
wabhubha ngobusuku bunye. **11** Mina-ke ngabe
kangihawukeli yini iNineve, umuzi omkhulu, okuthi kuwo
kulabantu abedlula izinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi
amabili abangaziyo ukwehlukanisa phakathi kwesandla
sabo sokunene lesandla sabo sokhohlo, kanye lenkomo
ezinengi?

UMikha

1 Ilizwi leNkosi elafika kuMika umMorashethi ensukwini
zikaJothamu, uAhazi, loHezekhiya, amakhosi
akoJuda, alibona mayelana leSamariya leJerusalema.
2 Zwanini, lina zizwe lonke; ulalele, wena mhlaba,
lokugcwala kwawo; kakuthi iNkosi uJehova ibe
ngumfakazi omelene lani, iNkosi isethempelini layo
elingcwele. **3** Ngoba khangela, iNkosi iyaphuma
endaweni yayo, yehle inyathele endaweni eziphakemeyo
zomhlaba. **4** Lezintaba zizancibilika ngaphansi
kwayo, lezihotsha ziqhekezeke, njengengcino phambi
komlilo, njengamanzi athululwa emthezukweni. **5**
Konke lokhu kungenxa yesiphambeko sikaJakobe,
langenxa yezono zendlu kaIsrayeli. Siyini isiphambeko
sikaJakobe? KakusiSamariya yini? Njalo ziyini izindawo
eziphakemeyo zikaJuda? KakusiJerusalema yini? **6**
Ngakho ngizakwenza iSamariya ibe yinqumbi yensimu,
ibe zindawo zokuhlanyelwa kwesivini; njalo ngizathululela
amatshe ayo esihotsheni, ngembule izisekelo zayo. **7**
Lazo zonke izithombe zayo ezibaziweyo zizaphahlazwa,
layo yonke imivuzo yayo yewule izatshiswa ngomlilo,
lazo zonke izithombe zayo ngizazenza zibe yincithakalo.
Ngoba izibuthelele ngenhlawulo yewule, njalo zizabuyela
kunhlawulo yewule. **8** Ngenxa yalokhu ngizalila ngiqhinqe
isililo, ngizahamba ngihlutshulwe nginqunu; ngenze
isililo njengamakhanka, ngikhale njengamadodakazi
ezintshe. **9** Ngoba inxeba layo kalelapheki; ngoba
sekufikile koJuda; kufinyelele esangweni labantu bami,
eJerusalema. **10** Lingakukhulumi eGathi, lingalili
lokulila; lizibhuquze othulini endlini kaAfera. **11** Dlula
wena, mhlalikazi weShafiri, ohlazo lakho linqunuliwe;
umhlalikazi weZawanani kaphumanga; isililo siseBhethi-
Ezeli; uzakwemukela ukuma kwakhe kini. **12** Ngoba
umhlalikazi weMarothi ulomhelo ngokuhle, ngoba okubi
kwehla kuvela eNkosini, kwaze kwaba sesangweni
leJerusalema. **13** Bophela inqola emabhizeni alejubane,
wena mhlalikazi weLakishi; yona iyikuqala kwesono
kundodakazi yeZiyoni; ngoba iziphambeko zakoIsrayeli
zatholakala kuwe. **14** Ngakho uzakupha uMorashethi-
Gathi izipho zokuvalelisana; izindlu zeAkizibi zizakuba
yinkohliso emakhosini akoIsrayeli. **15** Ngisezakulethela
indlalifa, wena mhlalikazi weMaresha; uzakuza eAdulamu
udumo lukaIsrayeli. **16** Zenze ube lempabanga uziphuce,
ngenxa yabantwana bothando lwakho; khulisa impabanga
yakho njengokhozi, ngoba bathunjiwe besuka kuwe.

2 Maye kwabaceba ububi, benze okubi emibhedeni
yabo! Ekukhanyeni kokusa bayakwenza, ngoba
kusemandleni esandla sabo. **2** Njalo bahawukela
amasimu, bawaphange; lezindlu, bazithathe; ngokunjalo
bayacindezela indoda lendlu yayo, yebo, umuntu
lelifa lakhe. **3** Ngakho itsho njalo iNkosi:
Khangela, ngiyacabanga okubi ngimelene lalolusendo,
elingayikukhupha intamo zenu kukho, futhi kaliyikuhamba
ngokuzikhukhumeza, ngoba kuyisikhathi esibi. **4**
Ngalolosuku kuzaphakanyiswa umzekeliso ngani,
bakhale isililo esilosizi, bathi: Sichithiwe ngokupheleleyo;
uguqulile isabelo sabantu bami; usisuse kangakanani
kimi! Ehlehlela emuva, uwabile amasimu ethu. **5**
Ngakho kawuyikuba lophosela intambo ngenkatho
ebandleni leNkosi. **6** Lingaprofethi, bayaprofetha; uba
bengayikuprofetha lezizinto, amahlazo kawayikusuka.
7 Wena obizwa ngokuthi uyindlu kaJakobe, umoya
weNkosi ufinyeziwe yini? Lezi yizenzo zayo yini?
Amazwi ami kawenzi okuhle yini kohamba ngobuqotho?
8 Kodwa mandulo abantu bami basukume baba
yisitha; maqondana lesigqoko lihlubula isembatho
kulabo abedlulayo bevikelekile befulathele ukulwa. **9**
Abesifazana babantu bami libaxotshile, ngulowo lalowo
endlini yentokozo yakhe; lisuse ebantwaneni bakhe
udumo lwami kuze kube phakade. **10** Sukumani,
lihambe, ngoba le kayisiyo indawo yokuphumula; ngenxa
yokuthi ingcolile, izalichitha, ngitsho ngencithakalo
ebuhlungu. **11** Uba umuntu ohamba ngomoya
lenkohliso eqamba amanga esithi: Ngizaprofetha kuwe
ngewayini langokunathwayo okulamandla; yena uzakuba
ngumprofethi walababantu. **12** Isibili ngizakubuthanisa,
Jakobe, wena wonke; isibili ngizaqoqa insali yakoIsrayeli;
ngizababeka ndawonye njengezimvu zeBhozira,
njengomhlambi phakathi kwedlelo lawo; bazabanga
umsindo ngenxa yobunengi babantu. **13** Umfohli
ukhuphukile phambi kwabo; bafohlile, bedlula esangweni,
baphuma ngalo. Njalo inkosi yabo izadlula phambi
kwabo, leNkosi esihlokweni sabo.

3 Ngasengisithi: Ake lizwe, lina zinhloko zakoJakobe,
lani zinhloko zendlu yakoIsrayeli. Kakuyisikho okwenu
yini ukwazi isahlulelo? **2** Elizonda okuhle, lithande
okubi, elebula isikhumba lisisusa kubo, lenyama yabo
emathanjeni abo; **3** futhi elidla inyama yabantu bami,
lihlinze isikhumba sabo lisisusa kubo; lephule amathambo
abo, liwaqobaqobe njengawembiza, lanjengenyama
phakathi kwebhodo. **4** Khona bezakhala eNkosini,
kodwa kayiyikubaphendula; njalo izabafihlela ubuso
bayo ngalesosikhathi, njengalokho benze izenzo zabo
zaba zimbi. **5** Itsho njalo iNkosi mayelana labaprofethi
abaduhisa abantu bami, abaluma ngamazinyo abo,
abamemeza: Ukuthula; kodwa ongabeki lutho emlonyeni
wabo, balungisa impi bemelene laye. **6** Ngakho kuzakuba
yibusuku kini, lingabi lombono; kube mnyama kini,
lingabi lokuvumisa; lelanga lizabatshonela abaprofethi,
losuku lube mnyama phezu kwabo. **7** Khona
ababoni bezayangeka, labavumisi babe lenhloni. Yebo
bonke bazambomboza izindebe zangaphezulu; ngoba
kungelampendulo kaNkulunkulu. **8** Kodwa isibili mina
ngigcwele amandla ngomoya weNkosi, lesahlulelo,
lobuqhawe, ukumemezela kuJakobe isiphambeko sakhe,
lakuIsrayeli isono sakhe. **9** Ake lizwe lokhu, lina zinhloko

zendlu kaJakobe, lani babusi bendlu kaIsrayeli, elenyanya
isahlulelo, lihlanekele konke ukuqonda. 10 Elakha
iZiyoni ngecala legazi, leJerusalema ngobubi. 11 Inhloko
zayo zahlulelela isipho, labapristi bayo bafundisela
inkokhelo, labaprofethi bayo bavumisela imali; kanti
beyame eNkosini, besithi: INkosi kayikho phakathi
kwethu yini? Ububi kabuyikusehlela. 12 Ngakho ngenxa
yenu iZiyoni izalinywa njengensimu, leJerusalema ibe
zinqumbi, lentaba yendlu njengezindawo eziphakemeyo
zehlathi.

4 Kodwa kuzakuthi ekupheleni kwezinsuku, intaba
yendlu yeNkosi iqiniswe phezu kwengqonga
yezintaba, njalo iphakanyiswe ngaphezu kwamaqaqa;
lezizwe zizagelezela kuyo. 2 Lezizwe ezinengi
zizahamba, zithi: Wozani, senyukele entabeni yeNkosi,
lendlini kaNkulunkulu kaJakobe, njalo uzasifundisa
ngezindlela zakhe, sihambe emikhondweni yakhe.
Ngoba umlayo uzaphuma eZiyoni, lelizwi leNkosi
eJerusalema. 3 Njalo izakwahlulela phakathi kwezizwe
ezinengi, ikhuze izizwe ezilamandla ezikhatshana; njalo
zizakhanda inkemba zazo zibe yizikali zamakhuba,
lemikhonto yazo ibe zingqamu zokuthena izihlahla; isizwe
kasiyikuphakamisela isizwe inkemba, kazisayikufunda
impi futhi. 4 Kodwa bazahlala ngulowo lalowo ngaphansi
kwesihlahla sakhe sevini, langaphansi kwesihlahla sakhe
somkhiwa; njalo kakho ozabesabisa; ngoba umlomo
weNkosi yamabandla ukhulumile. 5 Ngoba zonke izizwe
zizahamba yileso laleso ebizweni likankulunkulu waso,
kodwa thina sizahamba ebizweni leNkosi uNkulunkulu
wethu kuze kube phakade laphakade. 6 Ngalolosuku,
itsho iNkosi, ngizabuthanisa lowo oqhulayo, ngiqoqe lowo
oxotshiweyo, lalowo engimhluphileyo. 7 Ngizakwenza
oqhulayo abe yinsali, loxotshelwe khatshana abe
yisizwe esilamandla; njalo iNkosi izabusa phezu
kwabo entabeni yeZiyoni kusukela khathesi kuze kube
nininini. 8 Ngakho wena, mphotshongo weEderi,
inqaba yendodakazi yeZiyoni, kuzafika kuwe, yebo,
kuzafika ukubusa kwakuqala, umbuso kundodakazi
yeJerusalema. 9 Khathesi ukhalelani kakhulu? Inkosi
kayikho kuwe yini? Umeluleki wakho usebhubhile
yini? Ngoba umhelo ukubambile njengowesifazana
obelethayo. 10 Bana lobuhlungu, uhelelwe ukuze
ubelethe, wena ndodakazi yeZiyoni, njengowesifazana
obelethayo; ngoba khathesi uzaphuma emzini, uhlale
egangeni, ubusufika eBhabhiloni; khona uzakhululwa;
khona iNkosi izakuhlenga esandleni sezitha zakho. 11
Khathesi-ke izizwe ezinengi zibuthene zimelene lawe,
ezithi: Kangcoliswe, lelihlo lethu kalikhangele eZiyoni. 12
Kodwa bona kabayazi imicabango yeNkosi, kabaliqedisisi
icebo layo; ngoba uzababuthelela njengezithungo ebaleni
lokubhulela. 13 Sukuma ubhule, wena ndodakazi
yeZiyoni; ngoba ngizakwenza uphondo lwakho lube
yinsimbi, ngenze amasondo akho abe lithusi. Njalo
uzachoboza izizwe ezinengi; njalo ngizakwehlukanisela
iNkosi inzuzo yazo, lenotho yazo kuyo iNkosi yomhlaba
wonke.

5 Khathesi buthana ube ngamaviyo, wena ndodakazi
yeviyo; yena ubekile ukuvimbezela ngakithi; ngenduku
bazatshaya umahluleli wakoIsrayeli esihlathini. 2 Kodwa
wena, Bhethelehema Efratha, lanxa umncinyane phakathi
kwezinkulungwane zakoJuda, uzaphuma kuwe eze
kimi lowo ozakuba ngumbusi koIsrayeli; okuphuma
kwakhe ngokwasendulo, ezinsukwini zaphakade. 3
Ngakho uzabanikela, kuze kube yisikhathi sokuthi lowo
ohelelwayo azale; khona insali yabafowabo izabuyela
ebantwaneni bakoIsrayeli. 4 Njalo uzakuma eluse
emandleni eNkosi, ekuphakameni kwebizo leNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakhe; njalo bazahlala; ngoba khathesi
uzakuba mkhulu kuze kube semikhawulweni yomhlaba.
5 Njalo lumuntu uzakuba yikuthula; lapho umAsiriya
engena elizweni lakithi, lalapho enyathela ezigodlweni
zethu, kulapho sizamvusela abelusi abayisikhombisa,
leziphathamandla zabantu eziyisificaminwembili. 6 Njalo
bazalidla ilizwe leAsiriya ngenkemba, lelizwe likaNimrodi
ezintubeni zalo. Ngalokho uzasophula kumAsiriya lapho
engena elizweni lakithi, lalapho enyathela phakathi
komngcele wethu. 7 Lensali kaJakobe izakuba phakathi
kwezizwe ezinengi njengamazolo avela eNkosini,
njengemikhizo phezu kotshani, okungalindeli muntu,
lokungameleli bantwana babantu. 8 Lensali kaJakobe
izakuba phakathi kwezizwe, phakathi kwabezizwe
abanengi, njengesilwane phakathi kwezinyamazana
zeganga, njengebhongo lesilwane phakathi kwemihlambi
yezimvu; elithi lapho lisedlula, linyathelele phansi
lidabudabule, kungekho ongophula. 9 Isandla sakho
sizaphakama phezu kwabamelana lawe, njalo zonke
izitha zakho zizaqunywa. 10 Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku,
itsho iNkosi, ngiqume amabhiza akho aphume phakathi
kwakho, ngichithe izinqola zakho. 11 Njalo ngizaquma
imizi yelizwe lakho, ngidilizele phansi zonke izinqaba
zakho. 12 Njalo ngizaquma ubuthakathi esandleni sakho;
kawusayikuba lezanuse. 13 Njalo ngizaquma izithombe
zakho ezibaziweyo lezinsika zakho eziyizithombe
zisuke phakathi kwakho; kawusayikuphinda ukhothamele
umsebenzi wezandla zakho. 14 Njalo ngizasiphuna
izixuku zakho ziphume phakathi kwakho, ngichithe imizi
yakho. 15 Njalo ngizakwenza impindiselo ngentukuthelo
langolaka kuzo izizwe ezingalalelanga.

6 Ake lizwe lokhu iNkosi ekutshoyo: Sukuma, ulwe
lezintaba, lamaqaqa kawalizwe ilizwi lakho. 2
Zwanini, lina zintaba, impikisano leNkosi, lani zisekelo
zomhlaba ezihlezi zikhona; ngoba iNkosi ilempikisano
labantu bayo, njalo izalungisana loIsrayeli. 3 Wena
sizwe sami, ngenzeni kuwe? Njalo kuyini engikudinise
kukho? Fakaza umelene lami. 4 Ngoba ngakukhuphula
elizweni leGibhithe, ngakuhlenga endlini yobugqili;
ngathuma phambi kwakho oMozisi, uAroni, loMiriyamu.

5 Sizwe sami, ake ukhumbule lokho uBalaki inkosi
yakoMowabi eyakucebayo, lalokho uBalami indodana
kaBeyori owakuphendula kuye, kusukela eShitimi kwaze
kwaba seGiligali; ukuze wazi ukulunga kweNkosi. 6
Ngizakuza lani phambi kweNkosi, ngikhothame phambi
kukaNkulunkulu ophakemeyo? Ngizakuza phambi kwayo
ngileminikelo yokutshiswa, ngilamathole alomnyaka
owodwa yini? 7 INkosi izathokoza yini ngezinkulungwane
zezinqama, ngezinkulungwane ezilitshumi zemifula
yamafutha? Ngizanikela izibulo lami yini ngenxa
yesiphambeko sami, isithelo sesisu sami ngenxa yesono
somphefumulo wami? 8 Ikutshengisile, wena muntu,
lokho okuhle; njalo iNkosi ifunani kuwe, ngaphandle
kokwenza ukulunga, lokuthanda umusa, lokuhamba
ngokuzithoba loNkulunkulu wakho? 9 Ilizwi likaJehova
liyamemeza kuwo umuzi, lenhlakanipho izabona ibizo
lakho; zwanini uswazi, lolumisileyo. 10 Kusekhona
inotho yenkohlakalo yini endlini yokhohlakeleyo,
le-efa elinciphayo elinengekayo? 11 Bengingaba
ngohlanzekileyo ngesikali sobubi yini, langesikhwama
sezilinganiso zenkohliso? 12 Ngoba abanothileyo
bayo bagcwele udlakela, labakhileyo bayo bakhuluma
amanga, lolimi lwabo lulenkohliso emlonyeni wabo. 13
Ngakho lami ngizakugulisa ngokukutshaya, ngikwenze
incithakalo ngenxa yezono zakho. 14 Wena uzakudla,
kodwa ungasuthi; njalo ukuphelelwa ngamandla
kwakho kuzakuba ngaphakathi kwakho; futhi uzasusa,
kodwa ungakhululi; lalokhu okukhululayo ngizakunikela
enkembeni. 15 Wena uzahlanyela, kodwa ungavuni; wena
uzanyathela izithelo zemihlwathi, kodwa ungazigcobi
wena ngamafutha; lewayini elitsha, kodwa unganathi
iwayini. 16 Ngoba izimiso zikaOmri ziyagcinwa, lawo
wonke umsebenzi wendlu kaAhabi, futhi lihamba
ngamacebo abo; ukuze ngikwenze ube yincithakalo,
labakhileyo bayo babe ngokuncifelwayo; ngokunjalo
lizathwala ihlazo labantu bami.

7 Maye kimi! Ngoba nginjengokuvunwa kwezithelo
zasehlobo, njengokukhothozwa kwesivini;
kakulahlukuzo lokudliwa; umphefumulo wami uloyisa
isithelo sokuqala esivuthiweyo. 2 Olungileyo ubhubhile
esuka emhlabeni; njalo kakho oqotho phakathi kwabantu;
bonke bacathamele igazi, bayazingela ngulowo lalowo
umfowabo ngembule. 3 Ukuze benze okubi ngezandla
zombili ngokutshiseka, isiphathamandla siyacela,
lomahluleli uyacela umvuzo; lomkhulu ukhuluma
inkanuko yomphefumulo wakhe, bayakwelukanisa.
4 Ongcono wabo unjengameva; oqotho kubo mubi
kulothango; usuku lwabalindi bakho, ukuhanjelwa
kwakho sekufikile; khathesi kuzakuba khona ukudideka
kwabo. 5 Lingabeki ithemba kumngane, lingakholwa
umhlobo; gcina iminyango yomlomo wakho kuye umfazi
olala esifubeni sakho. 6 Ngoba indodana idelela
uyise, indodakazi ivukela unina, umalokazana avukele
uninazala; izitha zomuntu ngabantu bendlu yakhe.
7 Ngakho mina ngizakhangela eNkosini, ngilindele
uNkulunkulu wosindiso lwami; uNkulunkulu wami
uzangizwa. 8 Ungathokozi ngami, sithakazi sami;
lapho ngisiwa, ngizavuka; lapho ngihlezi emnyameni,
iNkosi izakuba yikukhanya kimi. 9 Ngizaluthwala
ulaka lweNkosi, ngoba ngonile kuyo, ize imele
udaba lwami, ingenzele isahlulelo. Izangikhuphela
ekukhanyeni, ngibone ukulunga kwayo. 10 Ngakho
isithakazi sami sizabona, lehlazo limembese yena
owathi kimi: Ingaphi iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho?
Amehlo ami azambona; khathesi uzanyathelelwa phansi
njengodaka lwezitalada. 11 Ngosuku imiduli yakho
ezakwakhiwa ngalo, ngalolosuku isimiso sizakuba
khatshana. 12 Ngalolosuku uzafika lakuwe evela
eAsiriya, lemizini ebiyelweyo; njalo kusukela ezinqabeni
kuze kube semfuleni, kusukela elwandle kusiya
elwandle, kusukela entabeni kusiya entabeni. 13
Lanxa kunjalo ilizwe lizakuba yincithakalo ngenxa
yabahlali balo, ngenxa yesithelo sezenzo zabo. 14
Yelusa abantu bakho ngentonga yakho, umhlambi welifa
lakho, ohlala wodwaehlathini, phakathi kweKharmeli.
Kabadle eBashani leGileyadi, njengensukwini zasendulo.
15 Njengezinsukwini zokuphuma kwakho elizweni
leGibhithe, ngizamtshengisa izimangaliso. 16 Izizwe
zizabona ziyangeke ngamandla azo wonke; zizabeka
isandla phezu komlomo; indlebe zazo zibe yizacuthe.
17 Zizakhotha uthuli njengenyoka, njengezihuquzelayo
zomhlaba zizathuthumela ekuvalekeni kwazo,
zizamesaba uJehova uNkulunkulu wethu, zesabe
ngenxa yakho. 18 Ngubani onguNkulunkulu njengawe,
othethelela isono, adlule esiphambekweni sensali yelifa
lakhe? Kagcini ulaka lwakhe kuze kube phakade, ngoba
ethokoza emuseni. 19 Uzaphenduka, asihawukele;
uzanyathelela phansi iziphambeko zethu; wena
uzaphosela zonke izono zabo ezinzikini zolwandle.
20 Uzanika iqiniso kuJakobe, umusa kuAbrahama,
owakufungela obaba bethu kusukela ensukwini zendulo.

UNahume

1 Umthwalo weNineve. Ugwalo lombono kaNahume
umElikoshi. **2** INkosi inguNkulunkulu olomona
lophindiselayo; iNkosi ingumphindiseli, njalo ilolaka;
iNkosi ingumphindiseli ezitheni zayo, igcinela izitha zayo
ulaka. **3** INkosi iyaphuza ukuthukuthela, njalo yinkulu
ngamandla, kayiyikumkhulula lokumkhulula olecala;
iNkosi, indlela yayo isesivunguzaneni lesiphepheni,
lamayezi aluthuli lwenyawo zayo. **4** Ikhuza ulwandle,
ilwenze lome, yomise yonke imifula: IBashani iyabuna,
leKharmeli, leluba leLebhanoni liyabuna. **5** Izintaba
ziyanyikinyeka phambi kwayo, lamaqaqa ayancibilika;
lelizwe liyaphakama phambi kwayo, lomhlaba, labo
bonke abahlala kuwo. **6** Ngubani ongema phambi
kwentukuthelo yayo? Njalo ngubani ongema ekuvutheni
kolaka lwayo? Intukuthelo yayo iyathululeka njengomlilo,
lamadwala adilizwe yiyo. **7** INkosi ilungile, iyinqaba
ngosuku lwenhlupheko; iyabazi abathembela kuyo. **8**
Kodwa ngesikhukhula esiphuphumayo izaqeda indawo
yakho, lobumnyama buxotshane lezitha zayo. **9** Lenza
amacebo bani amelane leNkosi? Yona izakwenza
isiphetho esipheleleyo; ukuhlupheka kakuyikuvuka
ngokwesibili. **10** Ngoba besathandelene njengameva,
bedakiwe njengezidakwa, bazaqedwa njengamabibi
omileyo ngokugcweleyo. **11** Kuphumile kuwe onakana
okubi emelene leNkosi, umcebisi omubi. **12** Itsho
njalo iNkosi: Loba bevikelekile, langokunjalo bebanengi,
kanti ngokunjalo bazaqunywa, lapho esedlula. Loba
ngikuhluphile, kangisayikukuhlupha. **13** Ngoba khathesi
ngizakwephula ijogwe lakhe lisuke kuwe, ngiqamule
izibopho zakho. **14** Njalo iNkosi ilayile ngawe
ukuthi kakusayikuhlanyelwa lutho lwebizo lakho;
ngizaquma izithombe ezibaziweyo lezithombe ezibunjwe
ngokuncibilikisa ziphume endlini yabonkulunkulu bakho;
ngizakwenza ingcwaba lakho; ngoba udelelekile. **15**
Khangelani ezintabeni izinyawo zoletha izindaba ezinhle,
omemezela ukuthula! Wena Juda, gubha imikhosi yakho,
khokha izifungo zakho; ngoba omubi kasayikudabula
kuwe futhi, uqunyiwe ngokupheleleyo.

2 Umhlakazi ukhuphukile phambi kobuso bakho;
gcina inqaba, linda indlela, qinisa ukhalo, yenza
amandla akho aqine kakhulu. **2** Ngoba iNkosi ibuyisile
ubukhosi bukaJakobe, njengobukhosi bukaIsrayeli.
Ngoba abathululayo babathululile, bona izingatsha zevini
zabo. **3** Isihlangu samaqhawe akhe senziwe saba
bomvu, amadoda alesibindi agqoke okubomvu; izinqola
ziphakathi lomlilo wensimbi ngosuku lokuzilungiselela
kwakhe; lezihlahla zamafiri zizazanyazanyiswa. **4**
Izinqola ziyahlanya ezitaladeni, zihaluzela ziye le
lale emidangeni; ukubonakala kwazo kunjengezibane,
zigijime njengemibane. **5** Uzakhumbula izikhulu
zakhe; zizakhubeka ekuhambeni kwazo; ziphangise
emthangaleni wakhe, sesimisiwe isivikelo. **6** Amasango
emifula azavulwa, lesigodlo sincibilike. **7** Njalo
uHuzabhi uzakhokhelwa engothunjiweyo, uzakhutshulwa,
lezincekukazi zakhe zimkhokhele kwangathi ngelizwi
lamajuba, zitshaya ezifubeni zazo. **8** Loba iNineve
injengechibi lamanzi kusukela kwasendulo, kanti
bazabaleka. Bathi: Manini! manini! kodwa kakho
ozaphenduka. **9** Phangani isiliva, phangani igolide;
ngoba kakulakuphela kokubuthelelweyo, lenkanzimulo
kuzo zonke izitsha eziloyisekayo. **10** Iyize, kayiselalutho,
ichithekile; inhliziyo iyancibilika, lamadolo ayatshayana,
lobuhlungu obukhulu busezinkalweni zonke, lobuso
babo bonke bunyukumele. **11** Ingaphi indawo
yokuhlala yezilwane, lendawo yokudlela yamabhongo
esilwane, lapho esasihamba khona isilwane, isilwane
esidala, lomdlwane wesilwane, njalo kungekho
okuzethusayo? **12** Isilwane sadabudabula okwenele
imidlwane yaso, sakhamela izilwanekazi zaso, sagcwalisa
imilindi yaso ngempango, lezindawo zaso zokuhlala
ngokudatshuliweyo. **13** Khangela, ngimelene lawe,
itsho iNkosi yamabandla, ngizazitshisa inqola zakhe
entuthwini, lenkemba izaqeda amabhongo ezilwane
akho; njalo ngizaquma impango yakho kusuke emhlabeni,
lelizwi lezithunywa zakho kalisayikuzwakala.

3 Maye kumuzi wezingazi, wonke ugcwele amanga
lempango! Okuphangiweyo kakusuki. **2** Umsindo
wesiswepu, lomsindo wokugedlezela kwamavili,
lowamabhiza amathayo, lowezinqola ezeqayo. **3** Umgadi
webhiza uphakamisa kokubili inkemba ephazimayo
lomkhonto ocwazimulayo, njalo kulexuku lababuleweyo,
lenani elikhulu lezidumbu; yebo kakulasiphelo sezidumbu;
bayakhubeka phezu kwezidumbu zabo. **4** Ngenxa
yobunengi bokufeba kwesiphingi, inkosazana ekhangayo
yobuthakathi, esithengisa izizwe ngokuphinga kwaso,
lemideni ngobuthakathi baso. **5** Khangela, ngimelene
lawe, itsho iNkosi yamabandla; ngizakwembulela
amalogwe akho phezu kobuso bakho, ngitshengise
izizwe ubunqunu bakho, lemibuso ihlazo lakho. **6**
Ngiphosele amanyala phezu kwakho, ngikwenze
udeleleke, ngikumise njengento yokubukelwa. **7**
Kuzakuthi-ke wonke okubonayo akubalekele, athi:
INineve ichithekile. Ngubani ozayililela? Ngizakudingela
ngaphi abaduduzi? **8** Ungcono yini kuleNo-Amoni
eyayihlezi phakathi kwemifula, elamanzi inhlangothi
zonke, omthangala wawo wawululwandle, umduli wawo
wawusukela elwandle? **9** IEthiyophiya leGibhithe
kwakungamandla ayo angelakuphela; iPuti leLubhimi
babengabasizi bakho. **10** Kanti yona yathuthwa yaya
ekuthunjweni; lezingane zayo zachotshozwa esihlokweni
sazo zonke izitalada; njalo benza inkatho yokuphosa
ngabahloniphekayo bayo, labo bonke abakhulu bayo
babotshwa ngamaketane. **11** Lawe-ke uzadakwa,
uzacatsha; futhi wena uzadinga isiphephelo ngenxa
yesitha. **12** Inqaba zakho zonke zizakuba njengezihlahla

zemikhiwa ezilezithelo zokuqala; uba zinyikinywa,
ziwela emlonyeni wodlayo. **13** Khangela, abantu bakho
bangabesifazana phakathi kwakho; amasango elizwe
lakho azavulekela kakhulu izitha zakho; umlilo uzaqeda
imigoqo yakho. **14** Zikhelele amanzi okuvinjezelwa,
uqinise izinqaba zakho; ngena odakeni, uxove ibumba,
uqinise ihondo yezitina. **15** Lapho umlilo uzakuqeda,
inkemba ikuqume, ikudle njengesikhonyane, uzandise
njengesikhonyane, uzandise njengezintethe. **16** Wandise
abathengisi bakho ngaphezu kwenkanyezi zamazulu;
iqhwagi liyona, liphaphe lihambe. **17** Abetheswe umqhele
bakho banjengezintethe, labalawulimabutho bakho
banjengentethe ezinengi, ezimisa inkamba ezintangweni
ngosuku lomqando; ilanga seliphumile, ziyasuka zibaleke,
ingabe isaziwa indawo yazo ukuthi zingaphi. **18** Abelusi
bakho bayawozela, wena nkosi yeAsiriya; abakhulu bakho
bazahlala; abantu bakho bazahlakazeka ezintabeni,
njalo kungekho obabuthayo. **19** Kakukho ukupholiswa
kokwephuka kwakho, inxeba lakho libuhlungu; bonke
abezwa umbiko ngawe baqakeza izandla ngawe; ngoba
kukubani obungadlulanga kuye ububi bakho njalonjalo?

UHabakhukhi

1 Umthwalo uHabhakhukhi umprofethi awubonayo. **2** Nkosi, ngizakhala kuze kube nini, wena ungezwa!
Ngimemeza kuwe ngodlakela, wena ungasindisi! **3** Ungitshengiselani isiphambeko, ukhangele inkathazo?
Ngoba incithakalo lodlakela kuphambi kwami, njalo kulenkani, kuphakame ingxabano. **4** Ngakho-ke
umlayo ubuthakathaka, lesahlulelo kasiphumi lakanye; ngoba omubi uhanqa olungileyo; ngakho-ke isahlulelo
esigobileyo siyaphuma. **5** Bonani phakathi kwabezizwe, likhangele, mangalani limangale, ngoba ngizakwenza
umsebenzi ezinsukwini zenu, elingayikuwukholwa, lanxa ulandiswa. **6** Ngoba, khangelani, ngivusa
amaKhaladiya, isizwe esilesihluku lesiphangisayo, esizahamba ebubanzini bomhlaba, ukudla ilifa lendawo
zokuhlala ezingeyisizo ezaso. **7** Siyesabeka, siyethusa; isahlulelo saso lokuphakama kwaso kuzaphuma
kuso. **8** Amabhiza aso lawo alejubane kulezingwe, njalo abukhali kulezimpisi zakusihlwa; labagadi
bamabhiza baso bazasabalala, labagadi bamabhiza baso bazavela khatshana; bazandiza njengokhozi
oluphangisela ukudla. **9** Bonke bazafikela udlakela; ukubuthana kobuso babo kungasempumalanga; babuthe
abathunjiweyo njengetshebetshebe. **10** Bona-ke bazaklolodela amakhosi, lababusi bazakuba yinhlekisa
kubo; bona bazahleka usulu ngayo yonke inqaba, ngoba bazabuthelela inhlabathi, bayithumbe. **11** Besesikhukhula
njengomoya, sedlule, siphambeke, sibalela la amandla aso kunkulunkulu waso. **12** Kawusukeli ephakadeni yini,
Nkosi Nkulunkulu wami, oNgcwele wami? Kasiyikufa. Wena, Nkosi, ubamisele isahlulelo; lawe Dwala,
ubamisele isijeziso. **13** Wena uhlambuluke kakhulu emehlweni kulokuthi ubone okubi, ongelakukhangela
inkathazo. Ubakhangelelani abakhohlisayo, uthula lapho omubi eginya olungileyo kulaye? **14** Usenza abantu
babe njengenhlanzi zolwandle, njengezinto ezihahabayo, ezingelambusi phezu kwazo? **15** Bayabakhupha bonke
ngengwegwe, bababambe embuleni labo, bababuthe embuleni labo; ngakho-ke bayathokoza bajabule. **16**
Ngakho-ke bayalihlabela imbule labo, batshisele imbule labo lokugola impepha; ngoba ngakho isabelo sabo
sinonile, lokudla kwabo kulamafutha. **17** Ngakho-ke bayathulula imbule labo yini, bangayekeli yini ukubulala
izizwe njalonjalo?

2 Ngizakuma endaweni yami yokulinda, ngizimise enqabeni, ngilinde, ukuze ngibone ukuthi izakuthini
kimi, lokuthi ngizaphendula ngithini ekusolweni kwami. **2** INkosi yasingiphendula yathi: Bhala umbono, uwenze
ucace phezu kwezibhebhe, ukuze ogijimayo awufunde. **3** Ngoba umbono usezakuba ngowesikhathi esimisiweyo;
kodwa uzakhuluma ekucineni, ungaqambi amanga; lanxa uphuza, uwulindele; ngoba isibili uzafika, kawuyikuphuza.
4 Khangela, uzikhukhumeza, umphefumulo wakhe kawuqondanga kuye; kodwa olungileyo uzaphila
ngokholo lwakhe. **5** Yebo futhi, ngoba ekhohlisa ngewayini, engumuntu ozikhukhumezayo, engahlali
ekhaya, ekhulisa isiloyiso sakhe njengesihogo, futhi unjengokufa, kasuthiseki, kodwa ubuthelela kuye zonke
izizwe, aziqoqele bonke abantu. **(Sheol h7585)** **6** Bonke laba kabayikuphakamisa umzekeliso ngaye yini, lesaga
esiyinhlekisa ngaye? Njalo bazakuthi: Maye kuye owandisa okungeyisikho okwakhe! Koze kube nini?
Lozethwesa ngezibambiso. **7** Kabayikuhle basukume bakulume yini, bavuke abazakuthuthumelisa yini? Njalo
uzakuba yizimpango kubo. **8** Ngoba wena uziphangile izizwe ezinengi, yonke insali yabantu izakuphanga;
ngenxa yegazi elinengi labantu, lodlakela lwelizwe, umuzi, labo bonke abahlala kiwo. **9** Maye kozuzela
indlu yakhe inzuzo embi, ukuze abeke isidleke sakhe ngaphezulu, ukuze akhululwe esandleni sobubi. **10**
Indlu yakho usuyicebele ihlazo, ngokuquma abantu abanengi; wonile umelene lomphefumulo wakho. **11**
Ngoba ilitshe lizakhala lisemdulini, lothungo luliphendule lusesigodweni. **12** Maye kowakha umuzi ngegazi
elinengi, amise idolobho ngesiphambeko. **13** Khangela, kakuveli eNkosini yamabandla yini ukuthi izizwe
zizatshikatshikela umlilo, labantu bazidinise ngeze? **14** Ngoba umhlaba uzagcwala ngolwazi lwenkazimulo
yeNkosi, njengamanzi esibekela ulwandle. **15** Maye konathisa umakhelwane wakhe, othulula imbodlela
yakho, omdakisa laye, ukuze ubukele ubunqunu babo! **16** Uzasutha ngehlazo kulodumo; natha lawe, wembule
ijwabu laphambili! Inkezo yesandla seNkosi sokunene izaphendukela kuwe, lehlazo libe phezu kodumo
lwakho. **17** Ngoba udlakela lweLebhanoni luzakusibekela, lokuchitheka kwezinyamazana kubethuse, ngenxa yegazi
elinengi labantu, lodlakela lwelizwe, umuzi, labo bonke abahlala kiwo. **18** Sisizani isithombe esibaziweyo
lokhu umbumbi waso esibazile? Kumbe isithombe esibunjwe ngokuncibilikisa, lomfundisi wamanga, ukuthi
umbumbi athembe kokubunjiweyo kwakhe, ukwenza izithombe eziyizimungulu? **19** Maye kuye otsho kuso
isigodo: Phaphama! Lelitsheni eliyisimungulu: Vuka, lona lizafundisa! Khangela, kunanyekwe ngegolide lesiliva,
njalo kungekho moya phakathi kwakho. **20** Kodwa iNkosi isethempelini layo elingcwele; thula phambi kwayo,
mhlaba wonke.

3 Umkhuleko kaHabhakhukhi umprofethi ngamaShigayoni. **2** Nkosi, ngizwile umbiko wakho, ngesaba; Nkosi,
vuselela umsebenzi wakho phakathi kweminyaka, phakathi kweminyaka wenze kwaziwe; olakeni ukhumbule
umusa. **3** UNkulunkulu wavela eThemani, loNgcwele entabeni yeParani. (Sela) Inkazimulo yakhe yasibekela
amazulu, lomhlaba wagcwala indumiso yakhe. **4** Lokucwazimula kwakunjengokukhanya, wayelemisebe ephuma esandleni

sakhe; njalo lapho kwakulokufihlwa kwamandla akhe. **5**
Phambi kwakhe kwahamba umatshayabhuqe wesifo,
lelangabi laphuma ezinyaweni zakhe. **6** Wema,
walinganisa umhlaba; wabona, wathuthumelisa izizwe;
lentaba zaphakade zahlakazeka, amaqaqa amandulo
akhothama; izindlela zaphakade zingezakhe. **7**
Ngabona amathente eKushani phansi kwenhlupheko;
amakhetheni elizwe leMidiyani athuthumela. **8** INkosi
yathukuthelela imifula yini? Ulaka lwakho lwalumelene
lemifula yini? Intukuthelo yakho yayimelene lolwandle
yini, lokhu ugade amabhiza akho, izinqola zakho
zosindiso? **9** Idandili lakho lembuliwe lavela obala,
njengokwezifungo zezizwe, ngitsho ilizwi lakho. (Sela)
Waqhekeza umhlaba ngemifula. **10** Intaba zakubona,
zathuthumela; isikhukhula samanzi sedlula; ukujula
kwakhupha ilizwi lakho, kwaphakamisela izandla zakho
phezulu. **11** Ilanga lenyanga kwema endaweni yakho
yokuhlala; ekukhanyeni imitshoko yakho yahamba,
ngokukhazimula kokuphazima komkhonto wakho. **12**
Ngokuthukuthela wanyathela ilizwe, ngolaka wabhula
izizwe. **13** Waphumela usindiso lwabantu bakho,
usindiso logcotshiweyo wakho; ulimaza ikhanda endlini
yokhohlakeleyo, ngokwembula isisekelo kuze kube
sentanyeni. (Sela) **14** Wahlaba ngemikhonto yakhe
inhloko yamadoda akhe empi; baba njengesivunguzane
ukungihlakaza; ukuthokoza kwabo kwakunjengokudla
abayanga ngasese. **15** Wanyathela phakathi kolwandle
ngamabhiza akho, inqumbi yamanzi amanengi. **16**
Lapho ngisizwa, isisu sami sathuthumela; indebe
zami zaqhaqhazela ngelizwi; ukubola kwangena
emathanjeni ami, ngathuthumela endaweni yami,
ukuze ngiphumule ngosuku lohlupho; lapho esenyuka
emelene labantu uzabahlasela. **17** Loba umkhiwa
ungakhahleli, kungekho lesivuno sesivini, umsebenzi
womhlwathi uzaphutha, lamasimu angavezi ukudla,
izimvu zizaqunywa zisuke esibayeni, kungabi khona
inkomo ezibayeni; **18** kanti mina ngizathokoza
eNkosini, ngijabule kuNkulunkulu wosindiso lwami. **19**
UJehova iNkosi ungamandla ami; njalo uzakwenza
inyawo zami zibe njengezezimpala, angenze ukuthi
nginyathele ezindaweni zami eziphakemeyo. Kumqondisi
wokuhlabelela ngamachacho ami.

UZefaniya

1 Ilizwi leNkosi elafika kuZefaniya, indodana kaKushi,
indodana kaGedaliya, indodana kaAmariya, indodana
kaHezekhiya, ezinsukwini zikaJosiya, indodana kaAmoni,
inkosi yakoJuda. **2** Ngizaqeda lokuqeda konke kusuke
ebusweni bomhlaba, itsho iNkosi. **3** Ngizaqeda umuntu
lenyamazana, ngiqede izinyoni zamazulu, lezinhlanzi
zolwandle, lezikhubekiso kanye lababi, ngiqume umuntu
asuke ebusweni bomhlaba, itsho iNkosi. **4** Futhi
ngizakwelulela isandla sami phezu kukaJuda, laphezu
kwabo bonke abahlali beJerusalema, ngiqume insali
kaBhali isuke kulindawo, ibizo lamaKhemarimi kanye
labapristi; **5** lalabo abakhonza ibutho lamazulu phezu
kwezimpahla zezindlu; lalabo abakhonza bafunge
ngeNkosi, njalo bafunge ngoMalikamu, **6** lababuyela
emuva ekuyilandeleni iNkosi, labangayidinganga iNkosi,
bengayibuzanga. **7** Thula ebukhoneni beNkosi uJehova;
ngoba usuku lweNkosi luseduze; ngoba iNkosi ilungisile
umhlatshelo, yangcwelisa abanxusiweyo bayo. **8**
Kuzakuthi-ke ngosuku lomhlatshelo weNkosi ngijezise
iziphathamandla, lamadodana enkosi, labo bonke
abagqoke izigqoko zabezizwe. **9** Langalolosuku
ngizajezisa bonke abeqa phezu kombundu, abagcwalisa
indlu yamakhosi abo ngodlakela langenkohliso. **10**
Langalolosuku, itsho iNkosi, kuzakuba lelizwi lokukhala
livela esangweni lenhlanzi, lokuqhinqa isililo kuvela
kwelesibili, lokufohloza okukhulu kuvela emaqaqeni.
11 Qhinqani isililo, lina bahlali beMaketeshi, ngoba
bonke abantu abathengisayo baqunyelwe phansi;
bonke abathwala isiliva baqunyiwe. **12** Kuzakuthi-ke
ngalesosikhathi ngihlole iJerusalema ngezibane, ngijezise
amadoda ajiyileyo ezinzeceni zawo, athi enhliziyweni
yawo: INkosi kayiyikwenza okuhle, futhi kayiyikwenza
okubi. **13** Ngakho inotho yabo izakuba yimpango,
lezindlu zabo zibe lunxiwa. Futhi bazakwakha izindlu,
kodwa bangahlali kuzo; njalo bazahlanyela izivini, kodwa
banganathi iwayini lazo. **14** Usuku olukhulu lweNkosi
luseduze, luseduze, luyaphangisa kakhulu; ilizwi losuku
lweNkosi; iqhawe lizakhala khona kabuhlungu. **15**
Lolosuku lusuku lolaka, usuku lokuhlupheka losizi,
usuku lwencithakalo lokuchitheka, usuku lomnyama
lobumnyama, usuku lwamayezi lobumnyama obunzima,
16 usuku lophondo lolomkhosi omelene lemizi ebiyelwe
ngemithangala, lolumelene lezingonsi eziphakemeyo.
17 Njalo ngizabacindezela abantu, ukuze bahambe
njengeziphofu, ngoba bonile eNkosini; legazi labo
lizathululwa njengothuli, lenyama yabo njengobulongwe.
18 Lesiliva sabo legolide labo kakuyikuba lakho
ukubakhulula ngosuku lolaka lweNkosi; kodwa ilizwe
lonke lizaqedwa ngumlilo wobukhwele bayo; ngoba
izaqeda, ngitsho ngesiphangiphangi, ngabo bonke
abahlali belizwe.

2 Zibuthaniseni, lizibuthanise, lina sizwe
esingaloyisekiyo, **2** isimiso singakazali, lalolosuku
lwedlule njengamakhoba, intukuthelo yolaka lweNkosi
ingakalehleli, usuku lolaka lweNkosi lungakalehleli.
3 Dingani iNkosi, lina lonke abamnene bomhlaba,
elenze isahlulelo sayo; dingani ukulunga, lidinge
ubumnene; mhlawumbe lingafihlwa ngosuku lolaka
lweNkosi. **4** Ngoba iGaza izadelwa, leAshikeloni ibe
lunxiwa; bazaxotsha iAshidodi emini enkulu, leEkhironi
isitshunwe. **5** Maye kwabakhileyo belizwe lolwandle,
isizwe samaKerethi! Ilizwi leNkosi limelene lani. Wena
Khanani, lizwe lamaFilisti, ngizakuchitha, kuze kungabi
lomhlali. **6** Lelizwe lolwandle lizakuba ngamadlelo
alemigodi yamanzi yabelusi, lezibaya zezimvu. **7** Njalo
ilizwe lizakuba ngelensali yendlu kaJuda; bazakudla
kulo; kusihlwa bazalala ezindlini zeAshikeloni; ngoba
iNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo izabahambela, iphendule
ukuthunjwa kwabo. **8** Ngiyizwile inhlamba kaMowabi,
lokuthuka kwamadodana kaAmoni, abahlambaze
ngakho abantu bami, bezikhulisa bemelene lomngcele
wabo. **9** Ngakho kuphila kwami, itsho iNkosi
yamabandla, uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, isibili uMowabi
uzakuba njengeSodoma, labantwana bakaAmoni
njengeGomora, indawo yezimbabazane, lemigodi
yetshwayi, lencithakalo kuze kube phakade. Insali
yabantu bami izabaphanga, labaseleyo babantu bami
badle ilifa labo. **10** Lokhu bazakuba lakho endaweni
yokuziphakamisa kwabo, ngoba bathuka, bazikhulisa
bemelene labantu beNkosi yamabandla. **11** INkosi
izakwesabeka kubo, ngoba izacakisa bonke onkulunkulu
bomhlaba; njalo bazakhothama kuyo, ngulowo lalowo
esendaweni yakhe, zonke izihlenge zezizwe. **12** Lani
maEthiyophiya, lizakuba ngababuleweyo ngenkemba
yami. **13** Njalo izakwelula isandla sayo imelene
lenyakatho, ichithe iAsiriya, ibeke iNineve ibe lunxiwa,
yome njengenkangala. **14** Njalo imihlambi izalala
phansi phakathi kwayo, zonke izinyamazana zezizwe;
lalo iwunkwe kanye lenhloni kulale ezidukwini zayo;
ilizwi lizahlabela ewindini, incithakalo ibe sembundwini;
ngoba ezakwembula umsebenzi womsedari. **15** Lo
ngumuzi ojabulayo, obuhlezi ngokuvikeleka, owawusithi
enhliziyweni yawo: Yimi, njalo kakho omunye ngaphandle
kwami. Yeka ukuba kwawo yincithakalo, indawo yokulala
yezinyamazana! Wonke owedlula kiwo uyancifa,
anyikinye isandla sakhe.

3 Maye kowenyanyekayo longcolileyo, umuzi
ocindezelayo! **2** Kawulalelanga ilizwi; kawemukelanga
ukulaywa; kawuthembelanga eNkosini; kawusondelanga
kuNkulunkulu wawo. **3** Iziphathamandla zawo phakathi
kwawo ziyizilwane ezibhongayo; abahluleli bawo
bazimpisi zokuhlwa; kazikhukhuzi ithambo ekuseni.
4 Abaprofethi bawo bangabangakhathaliyo, abantu
abakhohlisayo; abapristi bawo sebengcolise indawo
engcwele, benze udlakela kumthetho. **5** INkosi elungileyo

iphakathi kwawo, kayiyikwenza ububi; ukusa ngokusa
ibeka isahlulelo sayo ekukhanyeni, kayiphuthi; kodwa
ongalunganga kazi inhloni. **6** Ngiziqumile izizwe, izingonsi
zazo zingamanxiwa, ngenzile izitalada zazo incithakalo,
ukuze kungadluli muntu; imizi yazo idiliziwe, kakusekho
muntu, kakulamhlali. **7** Ngathi: Isibili uzangesaba,
wemukele ukulaywa; ukuze indawo yakhe yokuhlala
ingaqunywa, konke engimjezisa ngakho; sibili bavuka
ngovivi, bazonakalise zonke izenzo zabo. **8** Ngakho
ngilindelani, itsho iNkosi, kuze kube lusuku engizavukela
impango ngalo. Ngoba isahlulelo sami siyikubuthelela
izizwe, ukuze ngiqoqe imibuso, ngithululele phezu kwabo
intukuthelo yami, konke ukuvutha kolaka lwami; ngoba
umhlaba wonke uzaqothulwa ngumlilo wobukhwele
bami. **9** Ngoba ngalesosikhathi ngizabuyisela ebantwini
ulimi oluhlambulukileyo, ukuze bonke babize ibizo
leNkosi, ukuze bayikhonze ngahlombe linye. **10**
Kusukela phetsheya kwemifula yeEthiyophiya abancengi
bami, indodakazi yabahlakazekileyo bami, bazaletha
umnikelo wami. **11** Ngalolosuku kawuyikuyangeka
ngenxa yezenzo zakho zonke, ophambuke ngazo
kimi, ngoba ngalesosikhathi ngizakhupha phakathi
kwakho abathokoza ekuzikhukhumezeni kwakho;
futhi kawusayikubuya uziphakamise entabeni yami
engcwele. **12** Njalo ngizatshiya phakathi kwakho
abantu abahluphekileyo labangabayanga; bona
bazathemba ebizweni likaJehova. **13** Insali yakoIsrayeli
kayiyikwenza ububi, kayiyikukhuluma amanga; njalo
kakuyikufunyanwa ulimi olukhohlisayo emlonyeni wayo;
ngoba bona bazakudla balale phansi, njalo kungekho
obesabisayo. **14** Hlabelela, ndodakazi yeZiyoni;
memeza, Israyeli; thokoza, ujabule ngenhliziyo yonke,
ndodakazi yeJerusalema. **15** INkosi isusile izahlulelo
zakho, isixotshile isitha sakho; inkosi yakoIsrayeli,
uJehova, iphakathi kwakho; kawusayikubona okubi. **16**
Ngalolosuku kuzakuthiwa kuyo iJerusalema: Ungesabi;
lawe Ziyoni, kazingadangali izandla zakho. **17** INkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho phakathi kwakho ilamandla,
izasindisa; izajabula ngawe ngentokozo; izathula
othandweni lwayo, ithabe ngawe ngokuhlabelela.
18 Ngizababutha abadabuka ngenxa yenhlangano
emisiweyo, bevela kuwe; ihlazo lingumthwalo kubo. **19**
Khangela, ngalesosikhathi ngizakuba lokwenza labo
bonke abakuhluphayo; ngisindise oqhulayo, ngibuthe
oxotshiweyo; ngibabeke babe yindumiso lebizo kulo lonke
ilizwe lehlazo labo. **20** Ngalesosikhathi ngizalingenisa,
langesikhathi engizalibuthelela ngaso; ngoba ngizalenza
libe libizo lendumiso phakathi kwabantu bonke bomhlaba,
lapho sengibuyisa abathunjiweyo benu phambi kwamehlo
enu, itsho iNkosi.

UHagayi

1 Ngomnyaka wesibili kaDariyusi inkosi, ngenyanga
yesithupha, ngosuku lokuqala lwenyanga, kwafika
ilizwi leNkosi ngesandla sikaHagayi umprofethi
kuZerubhabheli indodana kaSheyalithiyeli, umbusi
wakoJuda, lakuJoshuwa indodana kaJehozadaki,
umpristi omkhulu, lisithi: **2** Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla,
isithi: Lababantu bathi: Isikhathi kasikafiki, isikhathi
sokuthi indlu yeNkosi yakhiwe. **3** Laselifika ilizwi
leNkosi ngesandla sikaHagayi umprofethi, lisithi: **4**
Kuyisikhathi senu yini, lina ngokwenu, sokuthi lihlale
ezindlini zenu ezembeswe ngaphakathi ngamapulanka,
kanti le indlu ilunxiwa? **5** Ngakho khathesi itsho njalo
iNkosi yamabandla: Bekani inhliziyo yenu ezindleleni
zenu. **6** Lihlanyele okunengi, langenisa okulutshwana;
liyadla, kodwa kalisuthi; liyanatha, kodwa kalikholwa;
liyagqoka, kodwa kakho okhudumalayo, lohola umholo
uholela umholo esikhwameni esibhobokileyo. **7**
Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Bekani inhliziyo yenu
ezindleleni zenu. **8** Yenyukelani entabeni, lilethe
izigodo, liyakhe indlu; njalo ngizathokoza ngayo,
ngidunyiswe, itsho iNkosi. **9** Belikhangele okunengi,
kodwa khangelani, kube kulutshwana; lapho likuletha
ekhaya, ngikuphephethile. Kungani? itsho iNkosi
yamabandla. Ngenxa yendlu yami elunxiwa, kanti lina
liyagijimela ngulowo lalowo endlini yakhe. **10** Ngakho-ke
amazulu phezu kwenu ayagodla ukuze kungabi lamazolo,
lomhlabathi uyagodla izithelo zawo. **11** Ngasengibiza
ukoma phezu kwelizwe, laphezu kwezintaba, laphezu
kwamabele, laphezu kwewayini elitsha, laphezu
kwamafutha, laphezu kwalokho umhlabathi okuvezayo,
laphezu kwabantu, laphezu kwezinkomo, laphezu
kwawo wonke umsebenzi wezandla. **12** Khona
uZerubhabheli indodana kaSheyalithiyeli, loJoshuwa
indodana kaJehozadaki, umpristi omkhulu, layo yonke
insali yabantu, balilalela ilizwi leNkosi uNkulunkulu
wabo, lamazwi kaHagayi umprofethi, njengoba iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wabo wayemthumile; njalo abantu besaba
phambi kweNkosi. **13** Wasekhuluma uHagayi isithunywa
seNkosi ngelizwi leNkosi ebantwini, esithi: Ngilani,
itsho iNkosi. **14** INkosi yasivusa umoya kaZerubhabheli
indodana kaSheyalithiyeli, umbusi wakoJuda, lomoya
kaJoshuwa indodana kaJehozadaki, umpristi omkhulu,
lomoya wensali yonke yabantu; basebesiza, benza
umsebenzi endlini yeNkosi yamabandla, uNkulunkulu
wabo, **15** ngosuku lwamatshumi amabili lane lwenyanga
yesithupha, ngomnyaka wesibili kaDariyusi inkosi.

2 Ngenyanga yesikhombisa, ngolwamatshumi amabili
lanye lwenyanga, kwafika ilizwi leNkosi ngesandla
sikaHagayi umprofethi, lisithi: **2** Khuluma khathesi
kuZerubhabheli indodana kaSheyalithiyeli, umbusi
wakoJuda, lakuJoshuwa indodana kaJehozadaki,
umpristi omkhulu, lakunsali yabantu, usithi: **3** Ngubani
oseleyo phakathi kwenu owabona lindlu enkazimulweni
yayo yakuqala? Liyibona njani khathesi? Kayinjengento
engekho yini emehlweni enu nxa ilinganiswa layo? **4**
Kanti khathesi qina, Zerubhabheli, itsho iNkosi; uqine,
Joshuwa, ndodana kaJehozadaki, mpristi omkhulu;
liqine, lani lonke bantu belizwe, itsho iNkosi, lisebenze:
ngoba ngilani, itsho iNkosi yamabandla, **5** njengokwelizwi
engavumelana ngalo lani ekuphumeni kwenu eGibhithe,
ngokunjalo umoya wami uhlala phakathi kwenu;
lingesabi. **6** Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla:
Kusekanye, kuyisikhatshana, ngizazamazamisa amazulu,
lomhlaba, lolwandle, lomhlabathi owomileyo; **7**
ngizamazamise izizwe zonke, lesiloyiso sezizwe zonke
sizafika; ngigcwalise lindlu ngenkazimulo, itsho iNkosi
yamabandla. **8** Isiliva ngesami, legolide ngelami,
itsho iNkosi yamabandla. **9** Inkazimulo yalindlu
yokucina izakuba nkulu kuleyokuqala, itsho iNkosi
yamabandla; lakulindawo ngizanika ukuthula, itsho
iNkosi yamabandla. **10** Ngolwamatshumi amabili lane
lwenyanga yesificamunwemunye, ngomnyaka wesibili
kaDariyusi, lafika ilizwi leNkosi ngesandla sikaHagayi
umprofethi, lisithi: **11** Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Buza
khathesi abapristi ngomthetho, usithi: **12** Uba umuntu
ethwala inyama engcwele emphethweni wesembatho
sakhe, athinte isinkwa ngomphetho wakhe, kumbe
ukudla okuphekiweyo, kumbe iwayini, kumbe amafutha,
kumbe loba yikuphi ukudla, kuzakuba ngcwele yini?
Abapristi basebephendula bathi: Hatshi. **13** Wasesithi
uHagayi: Uba ongcoliswe yisidumbu ethinta loba yiziphi
zalezi, kuzangcola yini? Abapristi basebephendula
bathi: Kuzangcola. **14** Khona uHagayi waphendula
wathi: Banjalo lababantu, futhi sinjalo lesisizwe phambi
kwami, itsho iNkosi, futhi unjalo wonke umsebenzi
wezandla zabo, lalokho abakunikelayo lapho kungcolile.
15 Khathesi-ke, ake libeke inhliziyo yenu kukho,
kusukela kulolusuku kusiya phambili, kungakabekwa
ilitshe phezu kwelitshe ethempelini leNkosi; **16**
kusukela lapho umuntu efika enqwabeni yezilinganiso
ezingamatshumi amabili, kwakuletshumi kuphela; esiya
esikhamelweni sewayini ukukha imbiza ezingamatshumi
amahlanu esikhamelweni, kwakulamatshumi amabili
kuphela. **17** Ngalitshaya ngokuhanguka langengumane
langesiqhotho, wonke umsebenzi wezandla zenu;
kanti kaliphendukelanga kimi, itsho iNkosi. **18** Ake
libeke inhliziyo yenu kukho kusukela kulolusuku
kusiya phambili, kusukela osukwini lwamatshumi
amabili lane lwenyanga yesificamunwemunye, ngitsho
kusukela osukwini isisekelo sethempeli leNkosi
sibekwa, libeke inhliziyo yenu kukho. **19** Inhlanyelo
isesesiphaleni yini? Yebo, ivini, lomkhiwa, lepomegranati,
lesihlahla somhlwathi kakukatheli. Kusukela kulolusuku
ngizalibusisa. **20** Ilizwi leNkosi lafika ngokwesibili
kuHagayi ngolwamatshumi amabili lane lwenyanga,

lisithi: **21** Khuluma kuZerubhabheli, umbusi wakoJuda,
usithi: Ngizazamazamisa amazulu lomhlaba. **22**
Ngigenqule isihlalo sobukhosi semibuso, ngichithe
amandla emibuso yezizwe, ngigenqule inqola labagadi
bayo; lamabhiza labagadi bawo bazakwehla, ngulowo
ngenkemba yomfowabo. **23** Ngalolosuku, itsho
iNkosi yamabandla, ngizakuthatha, wena Zerubhabheli,
ndodana kaSheyalithiyeli, nceku yami, itsho iNkosi,
ngikwenze ube njengendandatho elophawu; ngoba
ngikukhethile, itsho iNkosi yamabandla.

UZekhariya

1 Ngenyanga yesificaminwembili, ngomnyaka wesibili
kaDariyusi, kwafika ilizwi leNkosi kuZekhariya,
indodana kaBerekiya, indodana kaIdo umprofethi, lisithi:
2 INkosi yabathukuthelela oyihlo ngentukuthelo. **3**
Ngakho wothi kubo: Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla:
Phendukelani kimi, itsho iNkosi yamabandla, lami
ngizaphendukela kini, itsho iNkosi yamabandla. **4** Lingabi
njengaboyihlo, abaprofethi bakuqala abamemeza kubo,
besithi: Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Ake liphenduke
ezindleleni zenu ezimbi lezenzweni zenu ezimbi;
kodwa kabezwanga, kabangilalelanga, itsho iNkosi.
5 Oyihlo, bangaphi? Labaprofethi, baphila laphakade
yini? **6** Kodwa amazwi ami lezimiso zami, engakulaya
izinceku zami abaprofethi, kakubaficanga oyihlo yini?
Basebephenduka bathi: Njengalokhu iNkosi yamabandla
yayinakana ukukukwenza kithi, njengokwezindlela zethu
lanjengokwezenzo zethu, ngokunjalo yenze kithi. **7**
Ngosuku lwamatshumi amabili lane lwenyanga yetshumi
lanye, okuyinyanga uShebati, ngomnyaka wesibili
kaDariyusi, lafika ilizwi leNkosi kuZekhariya, indodana
kaBerekiya, indodana kaIdo umprofethi, lisithi: **8**
Ngabona ebusuku, khangela-ke umuntu owayegade
ibhiza elibomvu, njalo wayemi phakathi kwezihlahla
zamamiteli eziseliweni, lemva kwakhe kwakulamabhiza
abomvu, alibhidi, lamhlophe. **9** Ngasengisithi: Bayini
laba, nkosi yami? Ingilosi eyayikhuluma lami yasisithi
kimi: Mina ngizakutshengisa ukuthi laba bayini. **10**
Umuntu owayemi phakathi kwezihlahla zamamiteli
wasephendula wathi: Laba yibo iNkosi ebathumileyo
ukuhamba besiya le lale emhlabeni. **11** Basebephendula
ingilosi yeNkosi eyayimi phakathi kwezihlahla zamamiteli,
bathi: Sihambile, saya le lale emhlabeni, khangela-
ke, wonke umhlaba uhlezi uthule. **12** Ingilosi yeNkosi
yasiphendula yathi: Nkosi yamabandla, koze kube nini
wena ungabi lesihawu phezu kweJerusalema laphezu
kwemizi yakoJuda, osuyithukuthelele okweminyaka le
engamatshumi ayisikhombisa? **13** INkosi yasiphendula
ingilosi eyayikhuluma lami ngamazwi amahle, amazwi
aduduzayo. **14** Ngakho ingilosi eyayikhuluma lami yathi
kimi: Memeza, usithi: Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla:
Ngilobukhwele ngeJerusalema langeZiyoni ngobukhwele
obukhulu. **15** Njalo ngiyathukuthela ngentukuthelo
enkulu ngezizwe ezonwabileyo; ngoba mina ngizondile
kancinyane, kodwa zona zancedisa ngasebubini. **16**
Ngalokho, itsho njalo iNkosi: Ngibuyele eJerusalema
ngilezihawu; indlu yami izakwakhiwa kuyo, itsho iNkosi
yamabandla, lentambo yokulinganisa izakwelulwa phezu
kweJerusalema. **17** Phinda umemeze, usithi: Itsho
njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Imizi yami isezasatshalaliswa
ngokuhle; njalo iNkosi isezaduduza iZiyoni, isezayikhetha
iJerusalema. **18** Ngasengiphakamisa amehlo ami,
ngabona, khangela-ke, impondo ezine. **19** Ngasengisithi
kuyo ingilosi eyayikhuluma lami: Kuyini lokhu? Yasisithi
kimi: Lezi zimpondo ezihlakaze uJuda, uIsrayeli,
leJerusalema. **20** INkosi yasingitshengisa ingcitshi ezine.
21 Ngasengisithi: Lezi zizekwenzani? Yasikhuluma isithi:
Lezi zimpondo ezihlakaze uJuda, kwaze kwangabi
lomuntu ophakamisa ikhanda lakhe; kodwa lezi
zize ukuzethusa, ukulahla izimpondo zabezizwe,
ezaphakamisa uphondo lumelene lelizwe lakoJuda
ukulihlakaza.

2 Ngaphakamisa amehlo ami futhi, ngabona, khangela-
ke umuntu, olentambo yokulinganisa esandleni
sakhe. **2** Ngasengisithi: Uya ngaphi? Wasesithi
kimi: Ukuyalinganisa iJerusalema, ukubona ukuthi
bungakanani ububanzi bayo, lokuthi bungakanani ubude
bayo. **3** Khangela-ke, ingilosi eyayikhuluma lami
yaphuma, lenye ingilosi yaphuma ukuyihlangabeza. **4**
Yathi kuyo: Gijima, ukhulume lalelijaha usithi: IJerusalema
izahlalwa njengemizi engelamiduli ngenxa yobunengi
babantu lezifuyo okuphakathi kwayo. **5** Ngoba mina, itsho
iNkosi, ngizakuba kuyo ngumduli womlilo inhlangothi
zonke, ngibe yinkazimulo phakathi kwayo. **6** Heyi,
heyi! Balekani-ke lisuke elizweni lenyakatho, itsho
iNkosi; ngoba ngilihlakazile njengemimoya yomine
yamazulu, itsho iNkosi. **7** Heyi, Ziyoni, phunyuka,
wena ohlala lendodakazi yeBhabhiloni! **8** Ngoba
itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Emva kwenkazimulo
yangithuma ezizweni ezaliphangayo; ngoba olithintayo
uthinta inhlamvu yelihlo layo. **9** Ngoba, khangela,
ngizanyikinya isandla sami phezu kwazo, njalo zizakuba
yimpango kuzo izinceku zabo; njalo lizakwazi ukuthi
iNkosi yamabandla ingithumile. **10** Hlabelela uthokoze,
ndodakazi yeZiyoni; ngoba, khangela ngiyeza, njalo
ngizahlala phakathi kwakho, itsho iNkosi. **11** Lezizwe
ezinengi zizahlanganiswa leNkosi ngalolosuku, zibe
ngabantu bami; njalo ngizahlala phakathi kwakho, njalo
uzakwazi ukuthi iNkosi yamabandla ingithumile kuwe. **12**
Njalo iNkosi izakudla ilifa lakoJuda isabelo sayo, elizweni
elingcwele, ikhethe iJerusalema futhi. **13** Thula, nyama
yonke, phambi kweNkosi; ngoba ivusiwe endaweni yayo
yokuhlala engcwele.

3 Yasingitshengisa uJoshuwa umpristi omkhulu emi
phambi kwengilosi yeNkosi; loSathane emi esandleni
sakhe sokunene ukumelana laye. **2** INkosi yasisithi
kuSathane: INkosi kayikukhuze, wena Sathane, yebo
kayikukhuze iNkosi, eyikhethileyo iJerusalema. Lo
kayisiso isikhuni yini esophulwe emlilweni? **3** UJoshuwa-
ke wayembethe izigqoko ezingcolileyo; wayemi phambi
kwengilosi. **4** Yasiphendula yakhuluma kulabo ababemi
phambi kwayo isithi: Susani izigqoko ezingcolileyo
kuye. Yasisithi kuye: Bona, ngenzile isiphambeko sakho
sedlule kuwe, ngikugqokise izembatho zomkhosi. **5**
Ngasengisithi: Kababeke iqhiye ehlambulukileyo ekhanda
lakhe. Basebebeka iqhiye ehlambulukileyo ekhanda

lakhe, bamgqokisa izembatho; njalo ingilosi yeNkosi
yayimi khona. 6 Ingilosi yeNkosi yasifakaza kuJoshuwa
isithi: 7 Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Uba uzahamba
ezindleleni zami, njalo uba uzagcina umlindo wami,
lapho lawe uzakwahlulela indlu yami, ugcine lamaguma
ami; njalo ngizakunika ilungelo lokuhamba phakathi
kwalaba abemi khona. 8 Zwana khathesi, Joshuwa
mpristi omkhulu, wena labangane bakho abahlezi phambi
kwakho, ngoba bangabantu besibonakaliso. Ngoba,
khangela, ngizaveza inceku yami, iHlumela. 9 Ngoba
khangela ilitshe engilibeke phambi kukaJoshuwa; phezu
kwelitshe elilodwa kuzakuba lamehlo ayisikhombisa.
Khangela, ngizabhala ngokugubha okugujiweyo kwalo,
itsho iNkosi yamabandla, njalo ngizasusa isiphambeko
salelolizwe ngosuku olulodwa. 10 Ngalolosuku, itsho
iNkosi yamabandla, lizabiza, ngulowo lalowo umngane
wakhe ngaphansi kwesivini langaphansi komkhiwa.

4 Ingilosi eyayikhuluma lami yabuya futhi, yangivusa,
njengomuntu ovuswa ebuthongweni bakhe. 2 Yathi
kimi: Ubonani? Ngasengisithi: Ngibonile, khangela-
ke uluthi lwesibane lwegolide lonke, lomganu phezu
kwesihloko salo, lezibane zalo eziyisikhombisa phezu
kwalo; kulezimpompi eziyisikhombisa leziyisikhombisa
ezingasezibaneni, eziphezu kwesihloko salo. 3
Lezihlahla zomhlwathi ezimbili eceleni kwalo, esinye
ngakwesokunene komganu, lesinye ngakwesokhohlo
kwawo. 4 Ngasengiphendula ngikhuluma kuyo ingilosi
eyayikhuluma lami, ngisithi: Lezizinto ziyini, nkosi yami?
5 Ingilosi eyayikhuluma lami yasiphendula yathi kimi:
Kawazi yini ukuthi lezizinto ziyini? Ngasengisithi: Hatshi,
nkosi yami. 6 Yasiphendula yakhuluma lami isithi: Leli
yilizwi leNkosi kuZerubhabheli, lisithi: Hatshi ngamandla,
hatshi-ke ngengalo, kodwa ngomoya wami, itsho iNkosi
yamabandla. 7 Ungubani wena, ntaba enkulu? Phambi
kukaZerubhabheli uzakuba ligceke. Yena uzaveza
ilitshe eliyinhloko ngokumemeza okukhulu: Umusa,
umusa kulo! 8 Ilizwi leNkosi lafika kimi futhi lisithi:
9 Izandla zikaZerubhabheli zibekile isisekelo salindlu;
futhi izandla zakhe zizayiqeda. Njalo uzakwazi ukuthi
iNkosi yamabandla ingithumile kini. 10 Ngoba ngubani
odelele usuku lwezinto ezincinyane? Ngoba bazathokoza,
babone ilitshe lomthofu esandleni sikaZerubhabheli
lalawo ayisikhombisa; angamehlo eNkosi, agijima
aye le lale emhlabeni wonke. 11 Ngasengiphendula
ngathi kuyo: Ziyini lezizihlahla zomhlwathi ezimbili
ngakwesokunene soluthi lwesibane langakwesokhohlo
kwalo? 12 Ngasengiphendula ngokwesibili, ngathi kuyo:
Ziyini lezizingatsha ezimbili zezihlahla zomhlwathi ezithi
ngempompi ezimbili zegolide zithulule igolide liphume
kizo? 13 Yasikhuluma lami isithi: Kawazi yini ukuthi
lezi ziyini? Ngathi: Hatshi, nkosi yami. 14 Yasisithi:
Laba bangabagcotshiweyo ababili abema ngaseNkosini
yomhlaba wonke.

5 Ngasengiphenduka, ngaphakamisa amehlo ami,
ngabona, khangela-ke, umqulu ondizayo. 2 Yasisithi
kimi: Ubonani? Ngasengisithi: Ngibona umqulu ondizayo;
ubude bawo buzingalo ezingamatshumi amabili,
lobubanzi bawo izingalo ezilitshumi. 3 Yasisithi kimi:
Lesi yisiqalekiso esiphumela ebusweni bomhlaba wonke.
Ngoba wonke owebayo uzaqunywa nganeno mayelana
laso, laye wonke ofungayo uzaqunywa ngale mayelana
laso. 4 Ngizasikhupha, itsho iNkosi yamabandla,
ukuthi singene endlini yesela lasendlini yalowo ofunga
amanga ngebizo lami; sihlale phakathi kwendlu yakhe,
siyiqede kanye lezigodo zayo lamatshe ayo. 5 Ingilosi
eyayikhuluma lami yasiphuma, yathi kimi: Phakamisa
amehlo akho khathesi, ubone ukuthi kuyini lokhu
okuphumayo. 6 Ngasengisithi: Kuyini? Yasisithi: Lokhu
kuyi-efa ephumayo. Yathi futhi: Lesi yisimo sabo elizweni
lonke. 7 Khangela-ke, kwaphakanyiswa isisibekelo
somnuso; njalo lo wayengowesifazana owayehlezi
phakathi kwe-efa. 8 Yasisithi: Lokhu kuyibubi; yasimphosa
ngaphakathi kwe-efa; yasiphosa isisindo somnuso
emlonyeni walo. 9 Ngasengiphakamisa amehlo ami,
ngabona, khangela-ke, kwaphuma abesifazana ababili,
lomoya wawusempikweni zabo; ngoba babelezimpiko
njengezimpiko zengabuzane. Basebephakamisa i-efa
phakathi komhlaba lamazulu. 10 Ngasengisithi kuyo
ingilosi eyayikhuluma lami: Balithwalela ngaphi i-efa? 11
Yasisithi kimi: Ukumakhela indlu elizweni leShinari; njalo
izamiswa ibekwe lapho phezu kwesisekelo sakhe.

6 Ngasengibuya ngaphakamisa amehlo ami, ngabona,
khangela-ke, kwaphuma inqola ezine phakathi
kwezintaba ezimbili; lezintaba zazizintaba zethusi. 2
Enqoleni yokuqala kwakulamabhiza abomvu, lenqoleni
yesibili amabhiza amnyama, 3 lenqoleni yesithathu
amabhiza amhlophe, lenqoleni yesine amabhiza
alamabala alamandla. 4 Ngasengiphendula ngathi kuyo
ingilosi eyayikhuluma lami: Ayini lawo, nkosi yami? 5
Ingilosi yasiphendula yathi kimi: Lawo ayimimoya emine
yamazulu, ephuma ekumeni phambi kweNkosi yomhlaba
wonke. 6 Amabhiza amnyama akhonapho aphuma esiya
elizweni lenyakatho; lamhlophe aphuma ewalandela;
lalamabala aphuma esiya elizweni leningizimu. 7
Alamandla asephuma, adinga ukuhamba ukuze aye
le lale emhlabeni. Yasisithi: Hambani liye le lale
emhlabeni. Asesiya le lale emhlabeni. 8 Yasingimemeza,
yakhuluma kimi, isithi: Khangela, la aphuma aya
elizweni lenyakatho awuphumuzile umoya wami elizweni
lenyakatho. 9 Ilizwi leNkosi laselifika kimi lisithi: 10 Thatha
kwabathunjiweyo, kuHelidayi, lakuTobiya, lakuJedaya,
abavele eBhabhiloni, ubuye wena ngalolosuku, uye
endlini kaJosiya indodana kaZefaniya, 11 ubusuthatha
isiliva legolide, wenze imiqhele, uyibeke phezu
kwekhanda likaJoshuwa indodana kaJehozadaki, umpristi
omkhulu; 12 ubusukhuluma kuye, usithi: Itsho njalo
iNkosi yamabandla, isithi: Khangela, umuntu obizo lakhe

nguHlumela, uzahluma-ke ephuma endaweni yakhe,
akhe ithempeli leNkosi. 13 Yena-ke uzakwakha ithempeli
leNkosi; yena athwale ubukhosi, ahlale abuse phezu
kwesihlalo sakhe sobukhosi. Futhi uzakuba ngumpristi
phezu kwesihlalo sakhe sobukhosi; leseluleko sokuthula
sizakuba phakathi kwabo bobabili. 14 Lemiqhele izakuba
kuHelemi, lakuThobhiya, lakuJedaya, lakuHeni indodana
kaZefaniya, kube yisikhumbuzo ethempelini leNkosi.
15 Labakhatshana bazafika bakhe ethempelini leNkosi,
beselisazi ukuthi iNkosi yamabandla ingithumile kini.
Lokhu kuzakwenzeka, uba lilalela lokulalela ilizwi leNkosi
uNkulunkulu wenu.

7 Kwasekusithi ngomnyaka wesine kaDariyusi inkosi,
ilizwi leNkosi lafika kuZekhariya ngolwesine
lwenyanga yesificamunwemunye, kuKisilevi. 2
Sebethume endlini kaNkulunkulu oSharezeri loRegem-
Meleki lamadoda akhe, ukuyacela ubuso beNkosi,
3 ukukhuluma kubapristi ababesendlini yeNkosi
yamabandla, lakubaprofethi, besithi: Ngikhale inyembezi
yini ngenyanga yesihlanu, ngokuzehlukanisa, njengoba
ngenzile okweminyaka le engaka? 4 Laselifika kimi
ilizwi leNkosi yamabandla, lisithi: 5 Khuluma ebantwini
bonke belizwe, lakubapristi, usithi: Lapho lazila ukudla
lalila ngenyanga yesihlanu leyesikhombisa, ngitsho
leyominyaka engamatshumi ayisikhombisa, lazila lokuzila
kimi, ngitsho kimi yini? 6 Lalapho lisidla, lalapho
linatha, bekungayisini yini elidlayo, lina-ke elinathayo?
7 Kakusiwo amazwi iNkosi eyawamemeza ngesandla
sabaprofethi bokuqala yini, lapho iJerusalema yahlalwa
iphumelela, lemizi yayo inhlangothi zonke zayo,
lapho ihlalwa iningizimu legceke? 8 Ilizwi leNkosi
laselifika kuZekhariya, lisithi: 9 Itsho njalo iNkosi
yamabandla, isithi: Yahlulelani isahlulelo esiqotho,
lenze umusa lezihawu, ngulowo lalowo kumfowabo.
10 Lingacindezeli umfelokazi, lentandane, owemzini,
lomyanga; linganakani okubi enhliziyweni yenu ngulowo
emelene lomfowabo. 11 Kodwa bala ukulalela, banika
ihlombe elenkani, benza indlebe zabo zaba nzima,
ukuze bangezwa. 12 Yebo, benza inhliziyo yabo yaba
njengelitshe elilukhuni, ukuze bangawuzwa umlayo,
lamazwi iNkosi yamabandla eyayiwathumeze ngomoya
wayo ngesandla sabaprofethi bokuqala. Ngakho kwaba
khona intukuthelo enkulu ivela eNkosini yamabandla. 13
Ngakho sekwenzakele, njengoba yamemeza, kabaze
bezwa; ngokunjalo bamemeza, kangaze ngezwa,
itsho iNkosi yamabandla. 14 Kodwa ngabahlakaza
ngesivunguzane phakathi kwezizwe zonke ababengazazi.
Ngakho ilizwe lachithakala emva kwabo, ukuze kungabi
khona odlulayo lophendukayo; ngoba benza ilizwe
eliloyisekayo laba yincithakalo.

8 Laselifika ilizwi leNkosi yamabandla lisithi: 2 Itsho
njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Ngilobukhwele ngeZiyoni
ngobukhwele obukhulu, yebo, ngilobukhwele ngayo
ngokuvutha okukhulu. 3 Itsho njalo iNkosi: Ngibuyele
eZiyoni, njalo ngizahlala phakathi kweJerusalema; njalo
iJerusalema izakuthiwa ngumuzi weqiniso, lentaba
yeNkosi yamabandla, intaba engcwele. 4 Itsho njalo
iNkosi yamabandla: Kusezakuhlala amaxhegu lezalukazi
ezitaladeni zeJerusalema, ngulowo lalowo elodondolo
esandleni sakhe ngenxa yobunengi bezinsuku. 5
Lezitalada zomuzi zizagcwala abafana lamankazana
bedlala ezitaladeni zawo. 6 Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla:
Uba kumangalisa emehlweni ensali yalababantu
ngalezozinsuku, kungamangalisa lemehlweni ami yini?
itsho iNkosi yamabandla. 7 Itsho njalo iNkosi
yamabandla: Khangela, ngizasindisa abantu bami
elizweni lempumalanga, lelizweni lokutshona kwelanga;
8 ngibalethe, bahlale phakathi kweJerusalema; njalo
bazakuba ngabantu bami, lami ngibe nguNkulunkulu
wabo, ngeqiniso langokulunga. 9 Itsho njalo iNkosi
yamabandla: Izandla zenu kaziqine, lina elizwayo
ngalezinsuku amazwi la ngomlomo wabaprofethi,
ababekhona mhla isisekelo sendlu yeNkosi yamabandla
sibekwa, ukuze ithempeli lakhiwe. 10 Ngoba ngaphambi
kwalezonsuku kwakungelaholo lomuntu, kwakungekho
iholo lenyamazana; futhi kungekho ukuthula kulowo
owayephuma kumbe owayengena ngenxa yenhlupheko;
ngoba ngathuma wonke umuntu ngulowo emelene
lomakhelwane wakhe. 11 Kodwa khathesi kangiyikuba
kunsali yalababantu njengensukwini zakuqala, itsho
iNkosi yamabandla. 12 Ngoba inhlanyelo izaphumelela,
ivini lithele izithelo zalo, lomhlabathi uphe isivuno
sawo, lamazulu aphe amazolo awo; njalo ngizakwenza
insali yalababantu ukuthi idle ilifa lazo zonke lezizinto.
13 Kuzakuthi-ke njengoba laliyisiqalekiso phakathi
kwabezizwe, wena ndlu kaJuda, lawe ndlu kaIsrayeli,
ngokunjalo ngizalisindisa, libe yisibusiso. Lingesabi,
izandla zenu kaziqine. 14 Ngoba itsho njalo iNkosi
yamabandla: Njengoba nganginakane ukwenza okubi
kini, lapho oyihlo bengithukuthelisa, itsho iNkosi
yamabandla, njalo kangizisolanga; 15 ngokunjalo
ngibuye ngacabanga kulezinsuku ukwenza okuhle
kuyo iJerusalema lakuyo indlu kaJuda; lingesabi. 16
Lezi yizinto elizazenza: Khulumani iqiniso, ngulowo
lalowo kumakhelwane wakhe; yehlulelani iqiniso
lesahlulelo sokuthula emasangweni enu. 17 Lingacabangi
ububi enhliziyweni yenu ngulowo lalowo emelene
lomakhelwane; lingathandi isifungo samanga; ngoba
zonke lezizinto yilezo engizizondayo, itsho iNkosi.
18 Ilizwi leNkosi yamabandla laselifika kimi, lisithi:
19 Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Ukuzila ukudla
kwenyanga yesine, lokuzila ukudla kweyesihlanu,
lokuzila ukudla kweyesikhombisa, lokuzila ukudla
kweyetshumi, kuzakuba yintokozo, lokuthaba, lezikhathi
ezimisiweyo zezinjabulo kuyo indlu yakoJuda. Ngakho
thandani iqiniso lokuthula. 20 Itsho njalo iNkosi
yamabandla: Kusezakwenzeka ukuthi kufike abantu

labahlali bemizi eminengi. 21 Labahlali bomunye umuzi
bazakuya komunye, besithi: Kasihambeni ngokuphangisa
ukuyancenga phambi kweNkosi, lokudinga iNkosi
yamabandla; lami ngizahamba. 22 Yebo, kuzakuza
abantu abanengi lezizwe ezilamandla ukuzadinga iNkosi
yamabandla eJerusalema, lokuncenga phambi kweNkosi.
23 Itsho njalo iNkosi yamabandla: Ngalezonsuku
kuzakuthi abambe amadoda alitshumi ezindimini zonke
zezizwe, yebo abambe umphetho wesembatho somuntu
ongumJuda, athi: Sizahamba lani; ngoba sizwile ukuthi
uNkulunkulu ulani.

9 Umthwalo welizwi leNkosi elizweni leHadiraki,
leDamaseko indawo yakho yokuphumula, lapho
ilihlo lomuntu lelazo zonke izizwe zakoIsrayeli lizakuba
seNkosini. 2 LeHamathi layo izakhawula kiyo;
iTire leSidoni, lanxa ihlakaniphile kakhulu. 3 LeTire
yazakhela inqaba, yabuthelela isiliva njengothuli,
legolide njengodaka lwezitalada. 4 Khangela, iNkosi
izayixotsha, itshaye amandla ayo elwandle; yona idliwe
ngumlilo. 5 IAshikeloni izabona, yesabe; leGaza,
ibe lusizi kakhulu; leEkhironi; ngoba ebikulindele
kuzayangisa; njalo inkosi yeGaza izabhubha, leAshikeloni
kayiyikuhlalwa. 6 Njalo ozelwe ngobufebe uzahlala
eAshidodi; njalo ngizaquma ukuzigqaja kwamaFilisti. 7
Ngizasusa igazi lakhe emlonyeni wakhe, lezinengiso
zakhe phakathi kwamazinyo akhe; kodwa oseleyo,
ngitsho yena, uzakuba ngokaNkulunkulu wethu, abe
njengenduna koJuda, leEkhironi njengomJebusi. 8
Besengimisa inkamba ngasendlini yami ngenxa yebutho,
ngenxa yowedlulayo, langenxa yophendukayo, njalo
kakusayikudlula umcindezeli kubo; ngoba khathesi
sengibonile ngamehlo ami. 9 Thokoza kakhulu,
wena ndodakazi yeZiyoni! Memeza wena ndodakazi
yeJerusalema! Khangela, iNkosi yakho iyeza kuwe,
ilungile, njalo ilosindiso; ithobekile, igade ubabhemi,
lethole, inkonyana kababhemikazi. 10 Njalo ngizaquma
inqola isuke koEfrayimi, lebhiza eJerusalema; ledandili
lempi lizaqunywa; njalo izakhuluma ukuthula kwabezizwe;
lombuso wayo uzasukela elwandle usiya elwandle,
njalo kusukela emfuleni kuze kube semikhawulweni
yomhlaba. 11 Lawe, ngegazi lesivumelwano sakho
ngikhuphile izibotshwa zakho emgodini ongelamanzi.
12 Phendukelani enqabeni, lina zibotshwa ezilethemba;
lalamuhla ngiyamemezela ukuthi ngizabuyisela kuwe
ngokuphindwe kabili; 13 lapho sengizigobisele uJuda,
ngagcwalisa idandili ngoEfrayimi, ngavusa amadodana
akho, wena Ziyoni, amelana lamadodana akho, wena
Girisi, ngakwenza ube njengenkemba yeqhawe. 14
Njalo iNkosi izabonakala phezu kwabo, lomtshoko wayo
uzaphuma njengombane; iNkosi uJehova izavuthela
uphondo, ihambe lezivunguzane zeningizimu. 15 INkosi
yamabandla izabavikela; njalo bazakudla, behlisele
phansi amatshe esavutha; banathe, benze umsindo
njengewayini; bagcwale njengomganu, njengamagumbi
elathi. 16 Njalo iNkosi uNkulunkulu wabo izabasindisa
ngalolosuku njengomhlambi wabantu bayo; ngoba
bazakuba ngamatshe omqhele, bephakanyisiwe phezu
kwelizwe lakhe. 17 Ngoba kungakanani ukulunga
kwakhe, njalo bungakanani ubuhle bakhe! Amabele
azathokozisa amajaha, lewayini elitsha izintombi.

10 Celani eNkosini izulu ngesikhathi sezulu
langemuva; iNkosi yenza imibane, ibanike
izihlambo zezulu, kulolo lalolo uhlaza egangeni. 2
Ngoba izithombe zikhulume ize, labavumisi babone
amanga, balandisa amaphupho ayinkohliso, baduduza
ngokuyize. Ngakho-ke bazihambela njengezimvu,
badubeka, ngoba kwakungelamelusi. 3 Intukuthelo yami
yavutha imelene labelusi, ngajezisa izimpongo; ngoba
iNkosi yamabandla izawuhambela umhlambi wayo, indlu
kaJuda; ibenze babe njengebhiza layo elihlekazi empini.
4 Kwaphuma kuye igumbi, kuye isikhonkwane, kuye
idandili lempi, kuye wonke umcindezeli ndawonye. 5
Futhi bazakuba njengamaqhawe anyathela odakeni
lwezitalada empini; njalo bazakulwa, ngoba iNkosi ilabo,
bayangise abagadi bamabhiza. 6 Njalo ngizaqinisa
indlu kaJuda, ngisindise indlu kaJosefa, ngibabuyise,
ngoba ngilesihawu kubo. Njalo bazakuba njengokungathi
kangizanga ngibalahle; ngoba ngiyiNkosi uNkulunkulu
wabo, ngibezwe. 7 Njalo amaEfrayimi azakuba
njengeqhawe, lenhliziyo yawo ithokoze njengangewayini.
Yebo abantwana bawo bazakubona, bathokoze; inhliziyo
yawo izathokoza eNkosini. 8 Ngizabatshayela ukhwelo,
ngibabuthe; ngoba ngibahlengile; njalo bazakwanda
njengoba sebandile. 9 Njalo ngizabahlanyela phakathi
kwezizwe, bangikhumbule endaweni ezikhatshana;
baphile labantwana babo, baphenduke. 10 Ngibabuyise
bevela elizweni leGibhithe, ngibaqoqe baphume eAsiriya;
ngibalethe elizweni leGileyadi leLebhanoni, kodwa
kabayikutholelwa ndawo. 11 Njalo uzadabula olwandle
lenhlupheko, atshaye amagagasi olwandle, lazo zonke
izinziki zomfula zizakoma; lokuzigqaja kweAsiriya
kwehliswe, lentonga yobukhosi yeGibhithe isuke. 12
Njalo ngizabaqinisa eNkosini; bahambe besiya le lale
ebizweni layo, itsho iNkosi.

11 Vula iminyango yakho, wena Lebhanoni, ukuze
umlilo udle imisedari yakho. 2 Qhinqa isililo,
wena sihlahla sefiri; ngoba umsedari usuwile, ngoba
izihlahla zobukhosi ziyachithwa. Qhinqani isililo lina
ma-okhi eBashani, ngoba igusu elingangenekiyo
seliwile. 3 Kulelizwi lokuqhinqa isililo kwabelusi,
ngoba udumo lwabo luyachithwa; ilizwi lokubhonga
kwamabhongo ezilwane, ngoba ukuziqhenya kweJordani
kuyachithwa. 4 Itsho njalo iNkosi uNkulunkulu wami:
Yelusa izimvu zokuhlatshwa; 5 abathengi bazo
bayazibulala, bathi kabalacala; labazithengisayo bathi:
Kayibusiswe iNkosi; ngoba nginothile; labelusi bazo

kabalasihawu ngazo. 6 Ngoba kangisayikuyekela abahlali
belizwe, itsho iNkosi; kodwa khangela, ngizanikela
abantu, ngulowo lalowo esandleni sikamakhelwane
wakhe, lesandleni senkosi yakhe; njalo bazaliphahlaza
ilizwe, njalo kangiyikubophula esandleni sabo. 7 Njalo
ngizakwelusa izimvu zokuhlatshwa, isibili, eziyangekileyo
zezimvu. Njalo ngazithathela intonga ezimbili; enye
ngayibiza ngokuthi nguBuhle, lenye ngayibiza ngokuthi
nguZibopho; ngazelusa izimvu. 8 Ngasengiquma
abelusi abathathu ngenyanga eyodwa; lomphefumulo
wami wadabuka ngabo, lomphefumulo wabo lawo
wangenyanya. 9 Ngasengisithi: Kangisayikulelusa; ofayo
kafe, loqunywayo kaqunywe; kakuthi-ke abaseleyo badle,
ngulowo lalowo inyama yomunye. 10 Ngasengithatha
intonga yami, uBuhle, ngayiqamula, ukuze ngephule
isivumelwano sami engangisenze labantu bonke. 11
Sephulwa-ke ngalolosuku; ngakho-ke eziyangekileyo
zezimvu ezazilindele kimi zakwazi ukuthi yilizwi
leNkosi. 12 Ngasengisithi kizo: Uba kulungile emehlweni
enu, nikani inkokhelo yami; kodwa uba kungenjalo,
yekelani. Basebelinganisela inkokhelo yami, inhlamvu
ezingamatshumi amathathu zesiliva. 13 INkosi
yasisithi kimi: Ziphosele kumbumbi; intengo enkulu
ebengiyilinganiselwe yibo! Ngasengithatha inhlamvu
ezingamatshumi amathathu zesiliva, ngaziphosela
kumbumbi endlini yeNkosi. 14 Ngasengiqamula intonga
yami yesibili, uZibopho, ukuze ngephule ubuzalwane
phakathi kukaJuda loIsrayeli. 15 INkosi yasisithi kimi:
Zithathele futhi izikhali zomelusi oyisithutha. 16 Ngoba
khangela, ngizavusa umelusi elizweni; ongayikuhambela
eziqunyiweyo, ongayikudinga ezintsha, ongayikwelapha
ezephukileyo, ongayikusekela ezizimeleyo; kodwa adle
inyama yezinonileyo, adabule iziqa amasondo azo. 17
Maye kumelusi ongasizi lutho otshiya izimvu! Inkemba
izakuba phezu kwengalo yakhe, laphezu kwelihlo lakhe
lokunene. Ingalo yakhe izatshwabhana isibili, lelihlo
lakhe lokunene lifiphale ngokupheleleyo.

12 Umthwalo welizwi leNkosi ngoIsrayeli, itsho INkosi,
eyelula amazulu, yabeka isisekelo somhlaba,
yadala umoya womuntu ngaphakathi kwakhe: 2
Khangela, ngizakwenza iJerusalema ibe yinkezo
yokudengezelisa kubo bonke abantu abazingelezeleyo;
yebo, izakuba laphezu kukaJuda ekuvinjezelweni
kumelene leJerusalema. 3 Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku
ngenze iJerusalema ibe yilitshe elingumthwalo kubo
bonke abantu; bonke abazithwalisa ngalo bazaqunywa
lokuqunywa; labo bonke abantu bomhlaba bazabuthana
bemelene layo. 4 Ngalolosuku, itsho iNkosi, ngizatshaya
lonke ibhiza ngokudideka, lomgadi walo ngobuhlanya,
ngivule amehlo ami phezu kwendlu kaJuda, ngitshaye
lonke ibhiza lezizwe ngobuphofu. 5 Khona ababusi
bakoJuda bazakutsho enhliziyweni yabo: Abahlali
beJerusalema bangamandla ami eNkosini yamabandla
uNkulunkulu wabo. 6 Ngalolosuku ngizakwenza ababusi
bakoJuda babe njengembawula yomlilo phakathi
kwezigodo, lanjengesihlanti somlilo esithungweni;
njalo bazaqeda ngakwesokunene langakwesokhohlo
bonke abantu inhlangothi zonke; iJerusalema-ke
izahlalwa futhi endaweni yayo eJerusalema. 7
Futhi iNkosi izasindisa amathente akoJuda kuqala,
ukuze udumo lwendlu kaDavida lodumo lwabakhileyo
beJerusalema lungazikhulisi lumelene loJuda. 8
Ngalolosuku iNkosi izavikela abakhileyo beJerusalema;
lalowo obuthakathaka phakathi kwabo ngalolosuku abe
njengoDavida; lendlu kaDavida ibe njengoNkulunkulu,
njengengilosi yeNkosi phambi kwabo. 9 Kuzakuthi-
ke ngalolosuku ngidinge ukuchitha zonke izizwe eziza
ukumelana leJerusalema. 10 Njalo ngizathululela phezu
kwendlu kaDavida laphezu kwabahlali beJerusalema
umoya womusa lowokuncenga, njalo bazangikhangela
mina abamgwazayo, bamlilele, njengokulilela indodana
eyodwa, abe lobuhlungu ngayo, njengobuhlungu
ngezibulo. 11 Ngalolosuku kuzakuba kukhulu ukulila
eJerusalema, njengokulila kukaHadadirimoni esigodini
seMegidoni. 12 Futhi ilizwe lizalila, usapho ngosapho
lulodwa, usapho lwendlu kaDavida lulodwa, labafazi
babo bebodwa; usapho lwendlu kaNathani lulodwa,
labafazi babo bebodwa; 13 usapho lwendlu kaLevi
lulodwa, labafazi babo bebodwa; usapho lukaShimeyi
lulodwa, labafazi babo bebodwa; 14 zonke izinsapho
eziseleyo, usapho ngosapho lulodwa, labafazi babo
bebodwa.

13 Ngalolosuku kuzakuba lomthombo ovulelwe
isono lokungcola kuyo indlu kaDavida labahlali
beJerusalema. 2 Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku, itsho
iNkosi yamabandla, ngiqume amabizo ezithombe asuke
elizweni, kazisayikukhunjulwa; ngenze labaprofethi
lomoya ongcolileyo bedlule basuke elizweni. 3 Kuzakuthi-
ke, loba ngubani esaprofetha, uyise lonina abamzalayo
bathi kuye: Kawuyikuphila, ngoba ukhuluma amanga
ebizweni leNkosi. Uyise lonina abamzalayo bazamgwaza
lapho eprofetha. 4 Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku abaprofethi
bazakuba lenhloni, ngulowo lalowo ngombono wakhe
ekuprofetheni kwakhe; futhi kabayikugqoka izigqoko
zoboya ukuze bakhohlise; 5 kodwa uzakuthi: Kangisuye
mprofethi, ngingumlimi womhlabathi; ngoba umuntu
wangithenga kusukela ebutsheni bami. 6 Lomunye
uzakuthi kuye: Ayini lamanxeba asezandleni zakho? Yena
uzakuthi: Engatshaywa ngawo endlini yabangane bami. 7
Vuka, nkemba, umelane lomelusi wami, umelane lomuntu
ongumngane wami, itsho iNkosi yamabandla. Tshaya
umelusi, izimvu zihlakazeke; besengiphendulela isandla
sami kwezincinyane. 8 Kuzakuthi-ke elizweni lonke,
itsho iNkosi, ingxenye ezimbili kulo zizaqunywa ziphele;
kodwa eyesithathu izasala kulo. 9 Njalo eyesithathu
ngizayidabulisa emlilweni, ngibacwengisise njengoba
isiliva sicwengisiswa, ngibalinge njengoba igolide lilingwa.
Bona bazabiza ibizo lami, mina-ke ngizabaphendula.

Ngizakuthi: Bangabantu bami; bona-ke bazakuthi: INkosi
inguNkulunkulu wami.

14 Khangela, usuku lweNkosi luyeza, lempango
yakho izakwehlukaniswa phakathi kwakho.
2 Ngoba ngizabuthanisa zonke izizwe zimelane
leJerusalema empini; njalo umuzi uzathunjwa, lezindlu
ziphangwe, labesifazana badlwengulwe; lengxenye
yomuzi izaphuma iye ekuthunjweni, kodwa insali
yabantu kayiyikuqunywa isuke emzini. **3** Khona
iNkosi izaphuma, ilwe imelene lalezozizwe, njengamhla
isilwa ngosuku lwempi. **4** Langalolosuku inyawo
zayo zizakuma entabeni yeMihlwathi, emaqondana
leJerusalema ngasempumalanga; lentaba yeMihlwathi
izaqhekezeka phakathi kwayo ngasempumalanga
langasentshonalanga, kube lesihotsha esikhulukazi;
lengxenye yentaba izatshedela ngasenyakatho,
lengxenye yayo ngaseningizimu. **5** Lizabaleka-ke
ngesihotsha sezintaba zami; ngoba isihotsha sezintaba
sizafinyelela eAzali. Yebo, lizabaleka njengokubaleka
kwenu phambi kokuzamazama komhlaba ngezinsuku
zikaUziya inkosi yakoJuda. Khona iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wami izafika, labo bonke abangcwele belawe. **6**
Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku kungabi khona ukukhanya,
kumbe mnyama. **7** Kodwa kuzakuba lusuku olulodwa
oluzakwaziwa eNkosini, kungabi yimini, kungabi yibusuku;
kodwa kuzakuthi ngesikhathi sakusihlwa kube khona
ukukhanya. **8** Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku, amanzi
aphilayo aphume eJerusalema; ingxenye yawo iye
ngaselwandle lwasempumalanga, lengxenye yawo
iye ngaselwandle lwentshonalanga; kuzakuba khona
ehlobo lebusika. **9** Njalo uJehova uzakuba yiNkosi
phezu komhlaba wonke; ngalolosuku kuzakuba leNkosi
eyodwa, lebizo layo libe linye. **10** Ilizwe lonke
lizaphendulwa libe njengegceke kusukela eGeba
kuze kube seRimoni eningizimu kweJerusalema;
liphakanyiswe, lihlale endaweni yalo, kusukela esangweni
lakoBhenjamini kuze kube sendaweni yesango lokuqala,
kuze kube sesangweni lengonsi, njalo kusukela
emphotshongweni kaHananeli kuze kube sezikhamelweni
zewayini zenkosi. **11** Njalo bazahlala kilo, kungabe
kusaba khona ukutshabalala; kodwa iJerusalema
izahlala ivikelekile. **12** Lalokhu kuzakuba yinhlupheko
iNkosi ezatshaya ngayo zonke izizwe ezilwe zimelene
leJerusalema: Izabolisa inyama yazo zisemi ngenyawo
zazo, lamehlo azo abolele ezikhoxweni zawo, lolimi lwazo
lubolele emlonyeni wazo. **13** Kuzakuthi-ke ngalolosuku,
isiphithiphithi esikhulu seNkosi sibe phakathi kwabo;
babambe ngulowo lalowo isandla sikamakhelwane
wakhe, futhi isandla sakhe siphakamele ukumelana
lesandla sikamakhelwane wakhe. **14** LoJuda laye
uzakulwa eJerusalema; lenotho yazo zonke izizwe
ezizingelezeleyo izabuthwa, igolide lesiliva lezembatho
ngobunengi obukhulu. **15** Izakuba njalo-ke inhlupheko
yebhiza, eyembongolo, eyekamela, lekababhemi,
leyazo zonke inyamazana ezizakuba kulezizinkamba,
njengaleyonhlupheko. **16** Kuzakuthi-ke, bonke abaseleyo
ezizweni zonke ezazize ukumelana leJerusalema
benyuke iminyaka ngeminyaka ukuyakhonza iNkosi,
uJehova wamabandla, lokugcina umkhosi wamadumba.
17 Kuzakuthi-ke loba ngubani ongayikwenyuka kuzo
insapho zomhlaba aye eJerusalema ukukhonza iNkosi,
uJehova wamabandla, kakuyikuba khona izulu phezu
kwabo. **18** Futhi uba usapho lweGibhithe lungenyuki luze,
kakuyikuba lezulu phezu kwalo, kuzakuba lenhlupheko
iNkosi ezatshaya ngayo izizwe ezingenyukeli ukuyagcina
umkhosi wamadumba. **19** Lokhu kuzakuba yisijeziso
sesono seGibhithe, lesijeziso sesono sazo zonke
izizwe ezingenyukeli ukugcina umkhosi wamadumba.
20 Ngalolosuku kuzakuba semabhereni amabhiza:
UBUNGCWELE KUJEHOVA; lezimbiza endlini yeNkosi
zizakuba njengemiganu yokufafaza phambi kwelathi.
21 Yebo, yileyo laleyo imbiza eJerusalema lakoJuda
izakuba yibungcwele eNkosini yamabandla, njalo bonke
abenza umhlatshelo bazakuza bathathe kuzo, bapheke
kuzo. Njalo kakusayikuba khona umKhanani endlini
yeNkosi yamabandla ngalolosuku.

UMalaki

1 Umthwalo welizwi leNkosi kuIsrayeli ngesandla
sikaMalaki. **2** Ngilithandile, itsho iNkosi. Kodwa
lithi: Usithande ngani? UEsawu kasuye yini umfowabo
kaJakobe? itsho iNkosi. Kanti ngamthanda uJakobe, **3**
loEsawu ngamzonda; ngenza izintaba zakhe incithakalo,
lelifa lakhe laba ngelamakhanka enkangala. **4**
Lanxa uEdoma esithi: Senziwe abayanga, kodwa
sizabuyela siyekwakha amanxiwa; itsho njalo iNkosi
yamabandla: Bona bangakha, kodwa mina ngizadiliza,
njalo bazababiza ngokuthi: Ngumngcele wobubi, labantu
iNkosi ebathukutheleleyo kuze kube phakade. **5**
Lamehlo enu azabona, lani lithi: INkosi izakhuliswa
kusukela ngaphetsheya komngcele wakoIsrayeli. **6**
Indodana iyamhlonipha uyise, lenceku inkosi yayo. Uba-
ke nginguyihlo, kungaphi ukuhlonitshwa kwami? Uba-ke
ngiyiNkosi, kungaphi ukwesatshwa kwami? itsho iNkosi
yamabandla kini, bapristi elidelela ibizo lami; kodwa
lithi: Silidelele ngani ibizo lakho? **7** Lisondeza isinkwa
esingcolileyo phezu kwelathi lami, lisithi: Sikungcolise
ngani? Ngokuthi kwenu: Itafula leNkosi liyadeleleka. **8**
Njalo nxa lisondeza okuyisiphofu kube ngumhlatshelo,
kakukubi yini? Lalapho lisondeza okuqhulayo lokugulayo,
kakukubi yini? Ake ukusondeze kumbusi wakho;
angathokoza ngawe yini, kumbe angabemukela yini
ubuso bakho? itsho iNkosi yamabandla. **9** Khathesi-
ke ake lincenge ubuso bukaNkulunkulu ukuze abe
lomusa kithi; lokhu kube ngesandla senu; uzabemukela
ubuso benu yini? itsho iNkosi yamabandla. **10** Ngubani
okhona ngitsho phakathi kwenu ongavala izivalo? Njalo
lingabaseli ize umlilo phezu kwelathi lami. Kangithokozi
ngani, kutsho iNkosi yamabandla, njalo kangiyikwemukela
umnikelo esandleni senu ngentokozo. **11** Ngoba kusukela
ekuphumeni kwelanga kuze kube sekutshoneni kwalo,
ibizo lami lizakuba likhulu phakathi kwezizwe; lakuyo
yonke indawo impepha izatshiselwa ibizo lami, lomnikelo
ohlambulukileyo; ngoba ibizo lami lizakuba likhulu
phakathi kwezizwe, itsho iNkosi yamabandla. **12** Kodwa
liyalingcolisa ngokuthi kwenu: Itafula leNkosi lingcolisiwe;
lesithelo salo, ukudla kwalo, kudelelekile. **13** Njalo lithi:
Khangela, ukudinisa okungakanani! Njalo likuchilela
amakhala, itsho iNkosi yamabandla; njalo lilethe impango,
lokuqhulayo, lokugulayo; ngokunjalo lilethe umnikelo.
Ngikwemukele lokhu yini ngokuthokoza esandleni senu?
itsho iNkosi. **14** Kaqalekiswe-ke umkhohlisi oleduna
emhlanjini wakhe, ofunga ahlabele iNkosi okonakeleyo;
ngoba ngiyiNkosi enkulu, itsho iNkosi yamabandla, lebizo
lami liyesabeka phakathi kwezizwe.

2 Khathesi-ke, bapristi, umlayo lo ngowenu. **2**
Uba lingalaleli, njalo uba lingakubeki enhliziyweni
ukunika ibizo lami udumo, itsho iNkosi yamabandla,
ngizathumela isiqalekiso phakathi kwenu, ngiqalekise
izibusiso zenu. Yebo, sengiziqalekisile, ngoba kalikubeki
enhliziyweni. **3** Khangelani, ngizakona inzalo yenu,
ngithele umswane ebusweni benu, umswane wamadili
enu, lisuswe kanye lawo. **4** Njalo lizakwazi ukuthi
ngithumele lumlayo kini, ukuze isivumelwano sami sibe
loLevi, itsho iNkosi yamabandla. **5** Isivumelwano sami
besilaye siyikuphila lokuthula; ngamnika khona kube
yikwesaba angesaba ngakho; wathuthumela phambi
kwebizo lami. **6** Umlayo weqiniso wawusemlonyeni
wakhe, lesiphambeko kasitholakalanga endebeni zakhe.
Wahamba lami ngokuthula langobuqotho, waphendula
abanengi ebubini. **7** Ngoba indebe zompristi ziyagcina
ulwazi, njalo bayadinga umlayo emlonyeni wakhe,
ngoba uyisithunywa seNkosi yamabandla. **8** Kodwa lina
liphambukile endleleni, lakhubekisa abanengi emlayweni;
lona isivumelwano sikaLevi, itsho iNkosi yamabandla.
9 Ngakho lami ngilenzile laba ngabadelelekayo
labehliselwe phansi phambi kwabantu bonke, njengokuba
lingagcinanga izindlela zami, kodwa lamukele ubuso
emlayweni. **10** Kasilababa munye yini thina sonke?
UNkulunkulu munye kasidalanga yini? Kungani sisenza
ngenkohliso, omunye emelene lomfowabo, ngokungcolisa
isivumelwano sabobaba? **11** UJuda wenze ngenkohliso,
njalo kwenziwe amanyala koIsrayeli leJerusalema; ngoba
uJuda ungcolisile ubungcwele bukaJehova abuthandayo,
uthethe indodakazi kankulunkulu wezizweni. **12** INkosi
izaquma umuntu owenza lokhu, ovusayo lophendulayo,
asuke emathenteni kaJakobe, lalowo oletha umnikelo
eNkosini yamabandla. **13** Lalokhu likwenzile kabili;
lisibekela ilathi leNkosi ngezinyembezi, ngokukhala,
langokububula, okungangokuthi kayisawunanzi umnikelo,
kumbe ukuwemukela ngokuthokoza esandleni senu. **14**
Kanti lithi: Kungani? Kungoba iNkosi yayingumfakazi
phakathi kwakho lomfazi wobutsha bakho, wena
omphethe ngenkohliso, kanti engumngane wakho,
lomfazi wesivumelwano sakho. **15** Kenzanga yini
oyedwa? Njalo elomoya oseleyo. Njalo kungani oyedwa?
Wadinga inzalo kaNkulunkulu. Ngakho qaphelisani
ngomoya wenu, njalo kakungabi lophatha umfazi
wobutsha bakhe ngenkohliso. **16** Ngoba iNkosi
uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli ithi iyazonda ukwalana. Ngoba
omunye usibekela udlakela ngesembatho sakhe, itsho
iNkosi yamabandla. Ngakho qaphelisani ngomoya
wenu, ukuze lingenzi ngenkohliso. **17** Liyidinisile iNkosi
ngamazwi enu. Kanti lithi: Siyidinise ngani? Ngokuthi
kwenu: Wonke owenza okubi ulungile emehlweni eNkosi,
njalo iyathokoza ngabo; kumbe: Ungaphi uNkulunkulu
wesahlulelo?

3 Khangelani, ngithuma isithunywa sami, esizalungisa
indlela phambi kwami; leNkosi eliyidingayo izafika
masinyane ethempelini layo, ngitsho isithunywa
sesivumelwano elithokoza ngaso; khangela siyeza, itsho
iNkosi yamabandla. **2** Kodwa ngubani ongalumela usuku

lokuza kwaso, njalo ngubani ongema ekubonakaleni
kwaso? Ngoba sinjengomlilo womcwengi wegolide,
lanjengesepa yomwatshi. 3 Sizahlala njengomcwengi
lomhlambululi wesiliva, sihlambulule amadodana
kaLevi, siwacwenge njengegolide lanjengesiliva; ukuze
asondeze iminikelo ngokulunga eNkosini. 4 Lapho
umnikelo wakoJuda loweJerusalema uzakuba mnandi
eNkosini njengensukwini zendulo, lanjengeminyakeni
yakuqala. 5 Njalo ngizasondela kini ngokwahlulela;
ngibe ngumfakazi ophangisayo ngimelene labathakathi,
ngimelene lezifebe, ngimelene labafungi bamanga,
ngimelene labacindezeli bamaholo abaqhatshiweyo,
umfelokazi, lentandane, labasunduzela abezizweni
eceleni, njalo abangangesabiyo, itsho iNkosi yamabandla.
6 Ngoba ngiyiNkosi, kangiphenduki; ngakho lina
madodana kaJakobe kaliqedwa. 7 Ngitsho kusukela
ensukwini zaboyihlo liphambukile ezimisweni zami,
kalizigcinanga. Buyelani kimi, lami ngizabuyela kini,
itsho iNkosi yamabandla. Kanti lithi: Sizabuyela
ngani? 8 Umuntu angamphanga yini uNkulunkulu?
Kanti lina lingiphangile. Kodwa lithi: Sikuphange
ngani? Ngokwetshumi langomnikelo. 9 Liqalekisiwe
ngesiqalekiso, ngoba lingiphangile, lesisizwe sonke. 10
Lethani konke okwetshumi esiphaleni ukuze kube lokudla
endlini yami. Lingihlole-ke khathesi kukho, itsho iNkosi
yamabandla, uba ngingayikulivulela amawindi amazulu,
ngilithululele isibusiso kuze kungabi lendawo eyaneleyo.
11 Ngizakhuza odlayo ngenxa yenu, njalo kayikulichithela
izithelo zomhlabathi; levini kaliyikulibozisela ensimini,
itsho iNkosi yamabandla. 12 Njalo zonke izizwe zizakuthi
libusisiwe, ngoba lina lizakuba yilizwe elithokozisayo,
itsho iNkosi yamabandla. 13 Amazwi enu abelukhuni
emelene lami, itsho iNkosi. Kanti lithi: Sikhulumeni
simelene lawe? 14 Lithe: Kuyize ukukhonza uNkulunkulu.
Njalo kuyinzuzo bani ukuthi sigcine imfanelo yakhe,
lokuthi sihambe sikwezimnyama phambi kweNkosi
yamabandla? 15 Khathesi-ke sithi abaziqhenyayo
babusisiwe; yebo, labo abenza inkohlakalo bayakhiwa;
yebo balinga uNkulunkulu, baphephe. 16 Khona labo
abayesabayo iNkosi bakhulumisana; njalo iNkosi yalalela,
yezwa; logwalo lwesikhumbuzo lwalotshwa phambi
kwayo ngabo abayesabayo iNkosi, langalabo abazindla
ngebizo layo. 17 Njalo bazakuba ngabami, itsho
iNkosi yamabandla, ngalolosuku engizakwenza ngalo
okuligugu kwami, njalo ngizabayekela njengendoda
eyekela indodana yayo eyisebenzelayo. 18 Beselibuya
libona umehluko phakathi kolungileyo lomubi, phakathi
kokhonza uNkulunkulu lalowo ongamkhonziyo.

4 Ngoba khangelani, luyeza usuku oluvutha njengeziko;
labo bonke abazigqajayo, yebo, bonke abenza
inkohlakalo bazakuba yizibi; losuku oluzayo luzabatshisa,
itsho iNkosi yamabandla, ukuze lungabatshiyeli impande
kumbe ugatsha. 2 Kodwa kini elesaba ibizo lami,
iLanga lokulunga lizaphuma lilokusilisa empikweni zalo.
Njalo lizaphuma liqolotsha njengamathole esibaya. 3
Lizanyathelela phansi ababi, ngoba bazakuba ngumlotha
ngaphansi kwengaphansi yenyawo zenu ngosuku
engizakwenza, itsho iNkosi yamabandla. 4 Khumbulani
umlayo kaMozisi inceku yami, engamlaya wona eHorebe
ngoIsrayeli wonke, izimiso lezahlulelo. 5 Khangelani,
ngizathuma uElija umprofethi kini lungakafiki usuku
lweNkosi olukhulu lolwesabekayo. 6 Uzaphendulela-ke
inhliziyo yaboyise ebantwaneni, lenhliziyo yabantwana
kuboyise, hlezi ngize ngitshaye ilizwe ngesiqalekiso.

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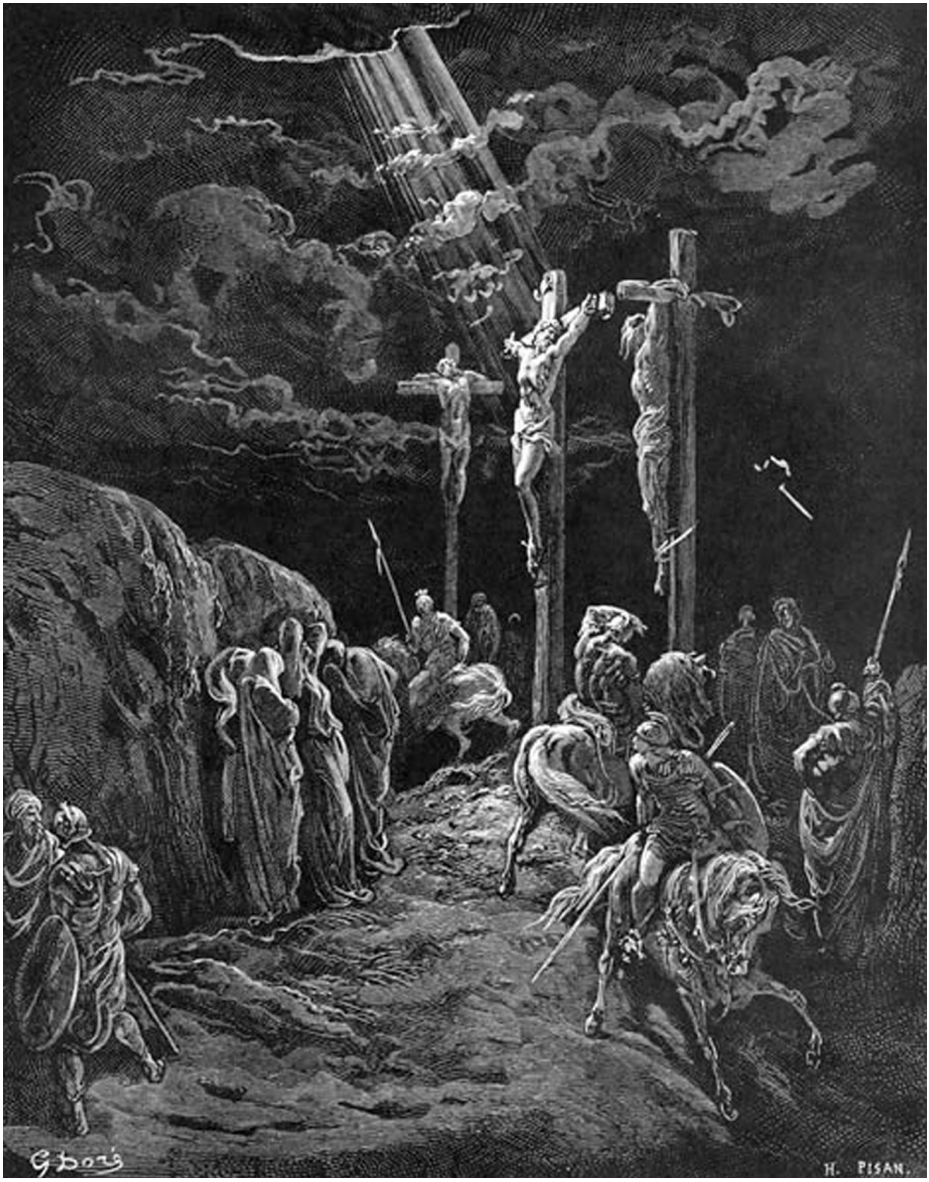

UJesu wasesithi: Baba, bathethelele; ngoba kabakwazi abakwenzayo.
Njalo babelana izembatho zakhe, benza inkatho yokuphosa.
ULukha 23:34

UMathewu

1 Ugwalo lokuzalwa kukaJesu Kristu, iNdodana
kaDavida, indodana kaAbrahama. **2** UAbrahama
wazala uIsaka; uIsaka wasezala uJakobe; uJakobe
wasezala uJuda labafowabo; **3** uJuda wasezala uFaresi
loZara kuTamari; uFaresi wasezala uEsiromu; uEsiromu
wasezala uAramu; **4** uAramu wasezala uAminadaba;
uAminadaba wasezala uNashoni; uNashoni wasezala
uSalimoni; **5** uSalimoni wasezala uBowosi kuRahabi;
uBowosi wasezala uObedi kuRuthe; uObedi wasezala
uJese; **6** uJese wasezala uDavida inkosi; uDavida
inkosi wasezala uSolomoni kowayengumkaUriya; **7**
uSolomoni wasezala uRehobhowamu; uRehobhowamu
wasezala uAbhiya; uAbhiya wasezala uAsa; **8**
uAsa wasezala uJehoshafathi; uJehoshafathi wasezala
uJoramu; uJoramu wasezala uOziya; **9** uOziya
wasezala uJothamu; uJothamu wasezala uAhazi;
uAhazi wasezala uHezekhiya; **10** uHezekhiya wasezala
uManase; uManase wasezala uAmoni; uAmoni wasezala
uJosiya; **11** uJosiya wasezala uJekoniya labafowabo
esikhathini sokuthunjelwa eBhabhiloni. **12** Kwathi emva
kokuthunjelwa eBhabhiloni uJekoniya wazala uSalatiyeli;
uSalatiyeli wasezala uZerubhabheli; **13** uZerubhabheli
wasezala uAbiyudi; uAbiyudi wasezala uEliyakhimi;
uEliyakhimi wasezala uAzori; **14** uAzori wasezala
uZadoki; uZadoki wasezala uAkimi; uAkimi wasezala
uEliyudi; **15** uEliyudi wasezala uEleyazare; uEleyazare
wasezala uMathani; uMathani wasezala uJakobe; **16**
uJakobe wasezala uJosefa indoda kaMariya, okwazalwa
kuye uJesu othiwa nguKristu. **17** Ngakho izizukulwana
zonke ezisukela kuAbrahama zisiya kuDavida
ziyizizukulwana ezilitshumi lane; lezisukela kuDavida ziye
ekuthunjelweni eBhabhiloni ziyizizukulwana ezilitshumi
lane; lezisukela ekuthunjelweni eBhabhiloni ziye
kuKristu ziyizizukulwana ezilitshumi lane. **18** Ngakho
ukuzalwa kukaJesu Kristu kwaba nje. Ngoba unina
uMariya esegane uJosefa, bengakahlangani wabonakala
eselesisu ngoMoya oNgcwele. **19** Kodwa uJosefa
indoda yakhe engolungileyo, njalo engathandi ukumthela
ihlazo, wayefuna ukumala ensitha. **20** Kwathi esanakana
lezizinto, khangela, ingilosi yeNkosi yabonakala
kuye ephutsheni, esithi: Josefa, ndodana kaDavida,
ungesabi ukumthatha uMariya umkakho; ngoba lokho
akukhulelweyo kungoMoya oNgcwele; **21** njalo uzazala
indodana, ubize ibizo layo uthi nguJesu; ngoba yena
uzasindisa abantu bakhe ezonweni zabo. **22** Konke
lokhu-ke kwenzeka ukuze kugcwaliseke okwakhulunywa
yiNkosi ngomprofethi ukuthi: **23** Khangela, intombi
izathatha isisu ibelethe indodana, njalo bazabiza ibizo layo
ngokuthi nguEmanuweli, okuyikuthi ngokuphendulelwa,
uNkulunkulu ulathi. **24** Kwathi uJosefa esephapheme
ebuthongweni wenza njengalokho ingilosi yeNkosi
imlayile, wasethatha umkakhe; **25** kodwa kazange amazi
waze wabeletha indodana yakhe eyingqabutho; wasebiza
ibizo layo wathi nguJesu.

2 Kwathi uJesu esezelwe eBhethelehema yeJudiya,
ensukwini zikaHerodi inkosi, khangela, kwafika izazi
eJerusalema zivela empumalanga, **2** zisithi: Ungaphi
ozelwe eyinkosi yamaJuda? Ngoba sibonile inkanyezi
yakhe empumalanga, njalo sesize ukumkhonza.
3 Ngakho uHerodi inkosi esezwile wakhathazeka,
leJerusalema yonke kanye laye. **4** Esebuthanisile
bonke abapristi abakhulu lababhali babantu, wabuza
kubo ukuthi uKristu uzazalelwa ngaphi. **5** Basebesithi
kuye: EBhethelehema yeJudiya; ngoba kulotshiwe
ngokunjalo ngumprofethi ukuthi: **6** Lawe, Bhethelehema,
lizwe lakoJuda, kawusuye omncinyane lakanye
phakathi kwababusi bakoJuda; ngoba kuzavela kuwe
umbusi, ozakwelusa abantu bami uIsrayeli. **7** Khona
uHerodi, esezibizile izazi ensitha, wabuzisisa kuzo
isikhathi sokubonakala kwenkanyezi. **8** Wasezithuma
eBhethelehema wathi: Hambani libuzisise ngomntwana
omncinyane; kuzakuthi nxa limtholile, libike kimi,
ukuze lami ngiye ngimkhonze. **9** Kwathi seziyizwile
inkosi zasuka zahamba; njalo khangela, inkanyezi,
ezayibona empumalanga, yahamba phambi kwazo,
yaze yafika yema phezu kwalapho usane olwalukhona.
10 Zathi ukuyibona inkanyezi zathokoza ngentokozo
enkulu kakhulu. **11** Zasezingena endlini, zabona usane
kanye loMariya unina, zawela phansi zalukhonza,
zavula impahla zazo eziligugu zalukhunga ngezipho,
igolide lempepha lemure. **12** Kwathi sezilayiwe
nguNkulunkulu ephutsheni ukuthi zingabuyeli kuHerodi,
zasuka zabuyela elizweni lakizo ngenye indlela. **13**
Kwathi sezisukile, khangela, ingilosi yeNkosi ibonakala
kuJosefa ephutsheni, isithi: Vuka uthathe usane lonina,
ubusubalekela eGibhithe, ube khona ngize ngikutshele;
ngoba uHerodi uzaludinga usane, ukuze alubulale. **14**
Wavuka-ke wathatha usane lonina ebusuku wasuka
waya eGibhithe, **15** wasehlala khona kwaze kwaba
yikufa kukaHerodi; ukuze kugcwaliswe okwakhulunywa
yiNkosi ngomprofethi isithi: Ngiyibizile indodana yami
iphume eGibhithe. **16** Kwathi uHerodi, esebonile
ukuthi uphicwe yizazi, wathukuthela kakhulu, wathuma
wabulala abantwana bonke ababeseBhethelehema
lemingceleni yayo yonke, kusukela eminyakeni emibili
langaphansi, njengesikhathi abebuzisise ngaso kuzazi.
17 Kwasekugcwaliseka okwakhulunywa nguJeremiya
umprofethi, ukuthi: **18** Kwezwakala ilizwi eRama, ukukhala
lokulila lokudabuka okukhulu, uRasheli elilela abantwana
bakhe, njalo engavumi ukududuzwa, ngoba bengasekho.
19 Kodwa kwathi esefile uHerodi, khangela, ingilosi
yeNkosi yabonakala ephutsheni kuJosefa eGibhithe,
20 isithi: Vuka uthathe umntwana omncinyane lonina,
uye elizweni lakoIsrayeli; ngoba sebefile ababedinga
umphefumulo womntwana omncinyane. **21** Wavuka-
ke wathatha umntwana omncinyane lonina wasefika

elizweni lakoIsrayeli. 22 Kodwa esezwile ukuthi uAkelawu
usebusa eJudiya esikhundleni sikaHerodi uyise, wesaba
ukuya khona; kodwa esexwayisiwe nguNkulunkulu
ephutsheni, wasuka waya kungxenye zeGalili, 23
wasefika wahlala emzini othiwa yiNazaretha; ukuze
kugcwaliseke okwakhulunywa ngabaprofethi ukuthi:
Uzabizwa ngokuthi ngumNazaretha.

3 Ngalezonsuku kwafika uJohane uMbhabhathizi,
etshumayela enkangala yeJudiya, 2 esithi:
Phendukani; ngoba umbuso wamazulu ususondele.
3 Ngoba nguye okwakhulunywa ngaye nguIsaya
umprofethi, esithi: Ilizwi lomemezayo enkangala,
lithi: Lungisani indlela yeNkosi; qondisani indledlana
zayo. 4 Njalo uJohane lo wayelesembatho sakhe
soboya bekamela, lozwezwe lwesikhumba ekhalweni
lwakhe; lokudla kwakhe kwakuzintethe loluju lweganga.
5 Kwasekuphumela kuye iJerusalema leJudiya
yonke lelizwe lonke elizingelezele iJordani; 6
basebebhabhathizwa nguye eJordani bevuma izono
zabo. 7 Kwathi ebona abanengi babaFarisi labaSadusi
besiza ekubhabhathizeni kwakhe, wathi kubo: Nzalo
yezinyoka, ngubani olibonise ukubalekela ulaka oluzayo?
8 Ngakho thelani izithelo ezifanele ukuphenduka;
9 njalo lingacabangi ukutsho phakathi kwenulithi:
SiloAbrahama ongubaba; ngoba ngithi kini: UNkulunkulu
ulamandla okumvusela uAbrahama abantwana kula
amatshe. 10 Lakhathesi ihloka selibekiwe empandeni
yezihlahla; ngakho sonke isihlahla esingatheli isithelo
esihle siyaganyulwa siphoselwe emlilweni. 11 Mina
ngilibhabhathiza ngamanzi kube sekuphendukeni; kodwa
yena oza emva kwami ulamandla kulami, engingafanele
ukuphatha amanyathela akhe; yena uzalibhabhathiza
ngoMoya oNgcwele langomlilo; 12 okhomane lwakhe
lokwela lusesandleni sakhe, njalo uzathanyelisisa isibuya
sakhe, abesebuthela amabele akhe esiphaleni sakhe,
kodwa amakhoba uzawatshisa ngomlilo ongacitshekiyo.
13 Khona uJesu evela eGalili wafika eJordani kuJohane,
ukuze abhabhathizwe nguye. 14 Kodwa uJohane
wayemalela esithi: Mina ngiswela ukubhabhathizwa
nguwe, kanti wena uza kimi? 15 Kodwa uJesu ephendula
wathi kuye: Vuma khathesi; ngoba kusifanele ukuthi
sigcwalise ngokunjalo ukulunga konke. Wasemvumela.
16 UJesu esebhabhathiziwe wahle wakhuphuka emanzini;
njalo khangela, amazulu amvulekela, wasebona uMoya
kaNkulunkulu esehla kungathi lijuba esiza phezu kwakhe.
17 Njalo khangela, ilizwi livela emazulwini, lisithi: Lo
uyiNdodana yami ethandekayo, engithokoza ngayo.

4 Khona uJesu wakhokhelelwa nguMoya enkangala,
ukuze alingwe ngudiyabhola. 2 Esezile ukudla insuku
ezingamatshumi amane lobusuku obungamatshumi
amane, ekucineni walamba. 3 Kwasekusiza kuye umlingi
wathi: Uba uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu, tshono ukuthi
lamatshe abe yizinkwa. 4 Kodwa yena waphendula
wathi: Kulotshiwe ukuthi: Umuntu kayikuphila ngesinkwa
sodwa, kodwa ngalo lonke ilizwi eliphuma emlonyeni
kaNkulunkulu. 5 Udiyabhola wasemthatha wamusa
emzini ongcwele, wasemmisa engqongeni yethempeli, 6
wasesithi kuye: Uba uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu, ziwisele
phansi; ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: Uzalaya ingilosi zakhe
ngawe, besezikuphatha ngezandla, hlezi loba nini ukhube
unyawo lwakho elitsheni. 7 UJesu wathi kuye: Kulotshiwe
futhi ukuthi: Ungayilingi iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho. 8
Udiyabhola wabuya wamusa entabeni ende kakhulu,
wamtshengisa imibuso yonke yomhlaba lokukhazimula
kwayo, 9 wathi kuye: Zonke lezizinto ngizakunika zona,
uba uwela phansi ungikhonza. 10 UJesu wasesithi kuye:
Suka, Sathane! Ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: Uzakhothamela
eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho, njalo uzakhonza yona
yodwa. 11 Udiyabhola wasemyekela; njalo khangela,
kwafika ingilosi zasezimsebenzela. 12 Kwathi uJesu
esezwile ukuthi uJohane unikelwe entolongweni,
wasuka waya eGalili; 13 wasesuka eNazaretha, weza
wahlala eKapenawume engaselwandle, emingceleni
yakoZebuloni leyakoNafithali; 14 ukuze kugcwaliseke
okwakhulunywa ngumprofethi uIsaya, ukuthi: 15 Ilizwe
lakoZebuloni lelizwe lakoNafithali, endleleni yaselwandle,
ngaphetsheya kweJordani, iGalili labezizwe, 16 abantu
ababehlezi emnyameni babonile ukukhanya okukhulu,
lababehlezi elizweni lethunzini lokufa ukukhanya
kuphumele kubo. 17 Kusukela kulesosikhathi uJesu
waqala ukutshumayela lokuthi: Phendukani; ngoba
umbuso wamazulu ususondele. 18 Kwathi uJesu
ehambahamba elwandle lweGalili wabona izelamani
ezimbili, uSimoni othiwa nguPetro, loAndreya umfowabo,
bephosela imbule olwandle; ngoba babengabagoli
benhlanzi. 19 Wasesithi kubo: Ngilandelani, njalo
ngizalenza libe ngabagoli babantu. 20 Bahle-ke batshiya
amambule bamlandela. 21 Eseqhubeke esuka lapho,
wabona ezinye izelamani ezimbili, uJakobe okaZebediya
loJohane umfowabo, besemkhunjini kanye loZebediya
uyise, belungisa amambule abo; wasebabiza. 22 Njalo
bahle batshiya umkhumbi loyise bamlandela. 23 UJesu
wasebhoda iGalili yonke, efundisa emasinagogeni abo,
etshumayela ivangeli lombuso, eselapha sonke isifo
lobuthakathaka bonke ebantwini. 24 Indumela yakhe
yasiphumela kuyo yonke iSiriya; basebeletha kuye bonke
abagulayo, ababephethwe yizifo ngezifo lobuhlungu,
lababengenwe ngamadimoni, lababelezithuthwane,
lababewome umhlubulo; wasebasilisa. 25 Amaxuku
amakhulu asemlandela evela eGalili leDikapolisi
leJerusalema leJudiya langaphetsheya kweJordani.

5 Kwathi ebona amaxuku wenyukela entabeni. Esehlezi
phansi, abafundi bakhe beza kuye; 2 wasevula
umlomo wakhe, wabafundisa, wathi: 3 Babusisiwe
abayanga emoyeni; ngoba umbuso wamazulu ungowabo.
4 Babusisiwe abalilayo; ngoba bona bazaduduzwa.

5 Babusisiwe abamnene; ngoba bona bazakudla
ilifa lomhlaba. 6 Babusisiwe abalambela labomela
ukulunga; ngoba bona bazasuthiswa. 7 Babusisiwe
abalesihawu; ngoba bona bazahawukelwa. 8 Babusisiwe
abamhlophe enhliziyweni; ngoba bona bazabona
uNkulunkulu. 9 Babusisiwe abalamulayo; ngoba
bona bazathiwa ngabantwana bakaNkulunkulu. 10
Babusisiwe abazingelwayo ngenxa yokulunga; ngoba
umbuso wamazulu ungowabo. 11 Lina libusisiwe,
nxa belithuka belizingela, bekhuluma okubi konke
bemelana lani beqamba amanga, ngenxa yami; 12
thokozani lithabe kakhulu, ngoba umvuzo wenu mkhulu
emazulwini; ngoba ngokunjalo babazingela abaprofethi
abalandulelayo. 13 Lina lilitshwayi lomhlaba; kodwa
uba itshwayi seliduma lizatshwaywa ngani? Kalisasizi
lutho, ngaphandle kokulahlwa phandle beselinyathelwa
ngabantu. 14 Lina liyikukhanya komhlaba; umuzi omiswe
phezu kwentaba ungesitheke; 15 njalo kabalumathisi
isibane basibeke ngaphansi kwesitsha, kodwa phezu
kwesiqobane sesibane, besesibakhanyisela bonke
abasendlini. 16 Ngokunjalo kakukhanye ukukhanya
kwenu phambi kwabantu, ukuze babone imisebenzi
yenu emihle, badumise uYihlo osemazulwini. 17
Lingacabangi ukuthi ngize ukuchitha umlayo kumbe
abaprofethi; angizanga ukuchitha kodwa ukugcwalisa.
18 Ngoba ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Kuze kudlule izulu
lomhlaba, kakusoze kudlule ibadlana libe linye kumbe
ichatshana libe linye emlayweni kuze kwenzeke konke.
19 Ngakho owephula owodwa kulimilayo emincinyane,
afundise abantu ngokunjalo, uzathiwa ngomncinyane
embusweni wamazulu; kodwa oyenzayo ayifundise,
lowo uzathiwa mkhulu embusweni wamazulu. 20
Ngoba ngithi kini: Ngaphandle kokuthi ukulunga kwenu
kwedlule okwababhali lokwabaFarisi, kalisoze lingene
embusweni wamazulu. 21 Lizwile ukuthi kwathiwa
kwabasendulo: Ungabulali; laloba ngubani obulalayo,
uzakuba lecala lokugwetshwa; 22 kodwa mina ngithi
kini: Wonke othukuthelela umfowabo kungelasizatho
uzakuba lecala lokugwetshwa; lotshoyo kumfowabo
ukuthi: Siphukuphukundini! uzakuba lecala emphakathini;
lotshoyo ukuthi: Sithuthandini! uzakuba lecala lokusiwa
esihogweni somlilo. **(Geenna g1067)** 23 Ngakho uba
uletha umnikelo wakho elathini, ubusukhumbula ulapho
ukuthi umfowenu ulolutho olumelana lawe, 24 tshiya
lapho umnikelo wakho phambi kwelathi, uhambe, uqale
ubuyisane lomfowenu, ubusuzonikela umnikelo wakho. 25
Phangisa uzwane laye omangalelane lawe usesendleleni
laye, hlezi omangalelane lawe akunikele kumahluleli,
futhi umahluleli akunikele epholiseni, ubusuphoselwa
entolongweni. 26 Ngiqinisile ngithi kuwe: Kawusoze
uphume khona, uze ubhadale indibilitshi yokucina. 27
Lizwile ukuthi kwathiwa kwabasendulo: Ungafebi. 28
Kodwa mina ngithi kini: Wonke okhangela owesifazana
ukumkhanuka usefebile laye enhliziyweni yakhe. 29
Njalo uba ilihlo lakho lokunene likukhubekisa, likhuphe
ulilahlele khatshana lawe; ngoba kungcono kuwe ukuthi
kubhubhe sibe sinye sezitho zakho, lokuthi umzimba
wakho wonke ungaphoselwa esihogweni. **(Geenna g1067)**
30 Njalo uba isandla sakho sokunene sikukhubekisa,
siqume usilahlele khatshana lawe; ngoba kungcono
kuwe ukuthi kubhubhe sibe sinye sezitho zakho, lokuthi
umzimba wakho wonke ungaphoselwa esihogweni.
(Geenna g1067) 31 Kwathiwa-ke: Loba ngubani owala
umkakhe, kumele amnike incwadi yesehlukaniso; 32
kodwa mina ngithi kini: Loba ngubani owala umkakhe,
ngaphandle kodaba lokufeba, umenza afebe, njalo loba
ngubani omthathayo owaliweyo uyafeba. 33 Lizwile futhi
ukuthi kwathiwa kwabasendulo: Ungafungi amanga,
kodwa gcwalisa izifungo zakho eNkosini. 34 Kodwa
mina ngithi kini: Lingafungi lakanye; loba ngezulu,
ngoba liyisihlalo sobukhosi sikaNkulunkulu; 35 loba
ngomhlaba, ngoba uyisenabelo senyawo zakhe; loba
ngeJerusalema, ngoba ingumuzi weNkosi enkulu; 36
njalo ungafungi ngekhanda lakho, ngoba ungelwenze
unwele lalunye lube mhlophe kumbe lube mnyama. 37
Kodwa ilizwi lenu kalibe ngelokuthi: Yebo, yebo; hatshi,
hatshi. Okudlula lokhu-ke kuvela komubi. 38 Lizwile
ukuthi kwathiwa: Ilihlo ngelihlo, lezinyo ngezinyo; 39
kodwa mina ngithi kini: Lingamelani lobubi; kodwa loba
ngubani okuwakala esihlathini sokunene, mphendulele
lesinye; 40 lalowo ofuna ukukumangalela lokuthatha
isigqoko sakho, mtshiyele lesembatho; 41 laloba ngubani
okubamba ngamandla ukuthi uhambe imayili libe linye,
hamba laye abe mabili. 42 Mnike ocela kuwe; njalo
ungamfulatheli ofisa ukweboleka kuwe. 43 Lizwile ukuthi
kwathiwa: Wothanda umakhelwane wakho, njalo uzonde
isitha sakho; 44 kodwa mina ngithi kini: Thandani
izitha zenu, libabusise abaliqalekisayo, libaphathe
kuhle abalizondayo, libakhulekele abaliphatha kubi,
labalizingelayo; 45 ukuze libe ngabantwana bakaYihlo
osemazulwini, ngoba yena uphumisa ilanga lakhe phezu
kwababi labahle, anise izulu phezu kwabalungileyo
labangalunganga. 46 Ngoba aluba lithanda labo
abalithandayo, lilomvuzo bani? Kabenzi njalo labathelisi
yini? 47 Futhi uba libingelela abafowenu bodwa, lenzani
okukhulu okwedlula okwabanye? Kabenzi njalo labathelisi
yini? 48 Ngakho lina banini ngabapheleleyo, njengoba
uYihlo osemazulwini ephelele.

6 Qaphelani ukuthi umsebenzi wenu womusa
lingawenzi phambi kwabantu ukuze libonwe yibo;
nxa kungenjalo, alilamvuzo kuYihlo osemazulwini. 2
Ngakho nxa usenza umsebenzi womusa, ungakhalisi
uphondo phambi kwakho, njengokwenza kwabazenzisi
emasinagogeni lezindleleni, ukuze badunyiswe ngabantu;
ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Sebewemukele umvuzo wabo.
3 Kodwa wena nxa usenza umsebenzi womusa
isandla sakho sokhohlo kasingakwazi esikwenzayo
esokunene sakho, 4 ukuze umsebenzi wakho

womusa ube sekusithekeni; njalo uYihlo obona
ekusithekeni, yena uzakuvuza obala. 5 Lalapho
likhuleka, lingabi njengabazenzisi, ngoba bathanda
ukukhuleka bemi emasinagogeni lemahlanganweni
endlela, ukuze babonwe ngabantu; ngiqinisile ngithi
kini: Sebewemukele umvuzo wabo. 6 Kodwa wena
nxa ukhuleka, ngena endlini yakho yensitha, ubusuvala
umnyango wakho, ukhuleke kuYihlo osensitha; njalo
uYihlo obona ekusithekeni uzakuvuza obala. 7 Njalo
uba likhuleka lingathemelezi njengabezizwe; ngoba
bacabanga ukuthi bazakuzwiwa ngokukhuluma kwabo
okunengi. 8 Ngakho lingafanani labo; ngoba uYihlo
uyakwazi elikuswelayo, lingakaceli kuye. 9 Ngakho
lina khulekani ngokunje: Baba wethu osemazulwini,
kalihlonitshwe ibizo lakho; 10 umbuso wakho kawuze;
intando yakho kayenziwe, lemhlabeni njengezulwini;
11 siphe lamuhla ukudla kwethu kwensuku zonke; 12
njalo usithethelele amacala ethu, njengalokhu lathi
sibathethelela abalamacala kithi; 13 njalo ungasingenisi
ekulingweni, kodwa usikhulule ebubini. Ngoba umbuso
ungowakho lamandla lenkazimulo kuze kube nini
lanini. Ameni. 14 Ngoba uba lithethelela abantu
iziphambeko zabo, uYihlo osezulwini uzalithethelela
lani. 15 Kodwa uba lingathetheleli abantu iziphambeko
zabo, loYihlo kayikulithethelela iziphambeko zenu. 16
Futhi nxa lizila ukudla, lingabi lobuso obudanileyo
njengabazenzisi; ngoba benyukumalisa ubuso babo,
ukuze babonakale ebantwini ukuthi bazilile; ngiqinisile
ngithi kini: Sebewemukele umvuzo wabo. 17 Kodwa
wena nxa uzila ukudla, gcoba ikhanda lakho, ugeze
ubuso bakho, 18 ukuze ungabonakali ebantwini ukuthi
uzilile ukudla, kodwa kuYihlo osekusithekeni; njalo uYihlo
obona ekusithekeni uzakuvuza obala. 19 Lingazibekeli
impahla eziligugu emhlabeni, lapho inundu lokuthomba
okona khona, lalapho amasela afohlela khona ebe;
20 kodwa zibekeleni izinto eziligugu ezulwini, lapho
inundu lokuthomba okungoni khona, lalapho amasela
angafohleli khona ebe. 21 Ngoba lapho okukhona
impahla yenu eligugu, lenhliziyo yenu izakuba lapho. 22
Isibane somzimba yilihlo; ngakho uba ilihlo lakho liphilile,
umzimba wakho wonke uzagcwala ukukhanya; 23 kodwa
uba ilihlo lakho lilibi, umzimba wakho wonke uzakuba
lobumnyama. Ngakho uba ukukhanya okuphakathi
kwakho kuyibumnyama, umnyama mkhulu kangakanani!
24 Kakho ongakhonza amakhosi amabili; ngoba uzazonda
enye, athande enye; kumbe uzabambelela kwenye,
adelele enye. Lingekhonze uNkulunkulu loMamona.
25 Ngakho ngithi kini: Lingaphisekeli impilo yenu,
ukuthi lizakudlani lokuthi lizanathani; lomzimba wenu,
ukuthi lizakwembathani. Impilo kayidluli yini ukudla,
lomzimba izembatho? 26 Khangelani inyoni zezulu,
ukuthi kazihlanyeli njalo kazivuni, kazibutheli eziphaleni;
kanti uYihlo osezulwini uyazondla; lina kalizidluli
kakhulu yini? 27 Njalo nguwuphi kini ngokuphisekela
ongengezelela ingalo ibenye ebudeni bakhe? 28
Langezembatho liphisekelani? Qaphelisani imiduze
yeganga, ukuthi ikhula njani; kayitshikatshiki, kayiphothi;
29 kodwa ngithi kini: LoSolomoni ebucwazicwazini
bakhe bonke wayengembathiswanga njengomunye
wayo. 30 Njalo uba uNkulunkulu esembathisa ngokunjalo
utshani beganga, obukhona lamuhla, kuthi kusasa
buphoswe eziko, kayikulembathisa kakhulu yini, lina
abokholo oluncinyane? 31 Ngakho lingaphisekeli
lutho, lisithi: Sizakudlani? Kumbe: Sizanathani? Loba:
Sizakwembathani? 32 Ngoba zonke lezizinto izizwe
ziyazidinga; ngoba uYihlo osezulwini uyazi ukuthi
liyaziswela zonke lezizinto. 33 Kodwa dingani
kuqala umbuso kaNkulunkulu lokulunga kwakhe, njalo
zonke lezizinto zizakwengezelelwa kini. 34 Ngakho
lingaphisekeli ikusasa; ngoba ikusasa izaziphisekela
yona; bulwanele usuku obalo ububi.

7 Lingehluleli, ukuze lingehlulelwa, 2 ngoba
lizakwahlulelwa ngokwehlulela elehlulela ngakho;
langesilinganiso elilinganisa ngaso, lizalinganiselwa
ngaso lani. 3 Kanti ukhangelelani ucezwana oluselihlweni
lomfowenu, kodwa ungalunanzeleli ugodo olukwelakho
ilihlo? 4 Kumbe ungatsho njani kumfowenu ukuthi:
Kahle ngikhuphe ucezwana oluselihlweni lakho; khangela
kanti ugodo luselihlweni lakho? 5 Mzenzisi, qala
ukhuphe ugodo elihlweni lakho, khona-ke uzabona kuhle
ukukhupha ucezwana elihlweni lomfowenu. 6 Linganiki
izinja okungcwele; lingaphoseli amapharele enu phambi
kwezingulube, hlezi ziwanyathele ngenyawo zazo,
besezitshibilika ziliklebhule. 7 Celani, lizaphiwa; dingani,
lizathola; qoqodani, lizavulelwa. 8 Ngoba wonke ocelayo
uyemukela, lodingayo uyathola, loqoqodayo uzavulelwa.
9 Kumbe nguwuphi kini ongathi, nxa indodana yakhe
icela isinkwa, ayinike ilitshe? 10 Uba-ke icela inhlanzi,
ayinike inyoka yini? 11 Ngakho uba lina, elingababi,
likwazi ukupha abantwana benu izipho ezinhle, uYihlo
osemazulwini uzabapha kakhulu kangakanani izinto
ezinhle abacela kuye? 12 Ngakho konke elithanda
ukuthi abantu bakwenze kini, kwenzeni lani ngokunjalo
kubo; ngoba lokhu kungumlayo labaprofethi. 13 Ngenani
ngesango elincinyane; ngoba isango likhulu, lendlela
ibanzi eya ekubhujisweni, njalo banengi abangena
ngalo; 14 ngoba isango lincinyane, lendlela ilukhonjwana
eya empilweni, njalo balutshwana abayitholayo. 15
Kodwa nanzelelani abaprofethi bamanga, abeza kini
bembathise okwezimvu, kodwa ngaphakathi bazimpisi
eziphangayo. 16 Lizabazi ngezithelo zabo; bayazikha
yini izithelo zevini emeveni, kumbe imikhiwa ekhuleni
oluhlabayo? 17 Ngokunjalo sonke isihlahla esihle
siyathela izithelo ezinhle; kodwa isihlahla esibi siyathela
izithelo ezimbi; 18 isihlahla esihle singethele izithelo
ezimbi, lesihlahla esibi singethele izithelo ezinhle. 19
Sonke isihlahla esingatheli isithelo esihle siyaganyulwa
siphoselwe emlilweni. 20 Ngakho-ke lizabazi ngezithelo

zabo. **21** Kakusibo bonke abatshoyo kimi ukuthi: Nkosi,
Nkosi, abazangena embusweni wamazulu; kodwa lowo
oyenzayo intando kaBaba osemazulwini. **22** Abanengi
bazakuthi kimi ngalolosuku: Nkosi, Nkosi, kasiprofethanga
yini ngelakho ibizo, sakhupha amadimoni ngelakho
ibizo, senza imisebenzi elamandla eminengi ngelakho
ibizo? **23** Njalo khona ngizakutsho obala kubo ukuthi:
Angizanga ngilazi; sukani kimi lina benzi bobubi. **24**
Ngakho wonke owezwayo la amazwi ami njalo awenze,
ngizamfananisa lendoda ehlakaniphileyo, eyakha indlu
yayo phezu kwedwala; **25** laselisina izulu, kwasekufika
impophoma, kwasekuvunguza imimoya, yayitshaya
leyondlu; kodwa kayiwanga; ngoba yayisekelwe phezu
kwedwala. **26** Njalo wonke owezwayo la amazwi ami njalo
angawenzi, uzafananiswa lendoda eyisithutha, eyakha
indlu yayo phezu kwetshebetshebe; **27** laselisina izulu,
kwasekufika impophoma, kwasekuvunguza imimoya
yayitshaya leyondlu; yawa; kwaba kukhulu ukuwa kwayo.
28 Kwasekusithi uJesu eseqedile lawomazwi, amaxuku
ababaza ngemfundiso yakhe; **29** ngoba wabafundisa
njengolamandla, njalo kungenjengababhali.

8 Kwathi esehlile entabeni, amlandela amaxuku
amakhulu; **2** njalo khangela, olobulephero
weza wamkhonza wathi: Nkosi, aluba uthanda
ungangihlambulula. **3** UJesu waseselula isandla,
wamthinta, wathi: Ngiyathanda, hlambuluka. Njalo
ubulephero bakhe bahle bahlanjululwa. **4** UJesu
wasesithi kuye: Khangela ungatsheli muntu; kodwa
hamba, uziveze kumpristi, unikele umnikelo uMozisi
awulayayo, kube yibufakazi kubo. **5** Kwathi uJesu
esengenile eKapenawume, kweza kuye induna yekhulu
imncenga, **6** yasisithi: Nkosi, inceku yami ilele
endlini yome umhlubulo, isebuhlungwini obukhulu. **7**
UJesu wasesithi kuye: Mina ngizakuza ngiyisilise. **8**
Induna yekhulu yasiphendula yathi: Nkosi, kangifanele
ukuthi ungene ngaphansi kophahla lwami; kodwa
kuphela khuluma ilizwi, njalo inceku yami izasiliswa.
9 Ngoba lami ngingumuntu ongaphansi kwamandla,
ngilamabutho ngaphansi kwami; njalo ngithi kuleli:
Hamba, beselihamba; lakwelinye: Woza, beselisiza;
lencekwini yami: Yenza lokhu, njalo ikwenze. **10** Kwathi
uJesu esezwile wamangala, wathi kwabalandelayo:
Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Angitholanga ukholo olungaka
ngitsho lakoIsrayeli. **11** Njalo ngithi kini: Abanengi
bazakuza bevela empumalanga lentshonalanga, bahlale
loAbrahama loIsaka loJakobe, embusweni wamazulu; **12**
kodwa abantwana bombuso bazaphoselwa emnyameni
ongaphandle; lapha kuzakuba khona ukukhala lokugedla
amazinyo. **13** UJesu wasesithi enduneni yekhulu:
Hamba, futhi kakube kuwe njengoba ukholiwe. Inceku
yakhe yasisiliswa ngalelohola. **14** Kwathi uJesu
engene endlini kaPetro, wabona uninazala elele
njalo ebulawa luqhuqho. **15** Wasebamba isandla
sakhe, njalo uqhuqho lwamyekela; wasesukuma,
wabancedisa. **16** Kwathi sekuhlwile baletha kuye
abanengi ababengenwe ngamadimoni; wasekhupha
omoya ngelizwi, wasilisa bonke abagulayo; **17** ukuze
kugcwaliseke okwakhulunywa nguIsaya umprofethi
ukuthi: Yena wathatha ubuthakathaka bethu, wazithwala
izifo zethu. **18** Kwathi uJesu ebona amaxuku amakhulu
emhanqile, walaya ukuthi bachaphele ngaphetsheya. **19**
Kwasekusondela umbhali othile wathi kuye: Mfundisi,
ngizakulandela loba kungaphi lapho oya khona. **20**
UJesu wasesithi kuye: Amakhanka alemilindi, lenyoni
zezulu izidleke; kodwa iNdodana yomuntu kayila
lapho engaqamelisa ikhanda khona. **21** Omunye
wabafundi bakhe wasesithi kuye: Nkosi, ngivumela
ukuthi ngiqale ngiyengcwaba ubaba. **22** Kodwa uJesu
wathi kuye: Ngilandela, uyekele abafileyo bangcwabe
ababo abafileyo. **23** Kwathi esengenile emkhunjini,
abafundi bakhe bamlandela. **24** Njalo khangela, kwavuka
isiphepho esikhulu olwandle, okungangokuthi umkhumbi
wagutshuzelwa ngamagagasi; kodwa yena wayelele.
25 Basebesondela abafundi bakhe bamvusa, besithi:
Nkosi, sisindise, siyabhubha! **26** Wasesithi kubo:
Lesabelani, lina abokholo oluncinyane? Wasesukuma
wakhuza imimoya lolwandle; kwasekusiba khona
ukuthula okukhulu. **27** Kodwa abantu bamangala,
besithi: Ngonjani lo, ukuthi lemimoya lolwandle
kumlalele? **28** Kwathi esefikile ngaphetsheya elizweni
lamaGergesi, bamhlangabeza ababili ababengenwe
ngamadimoni bephuma emangcwabeni, belolaka
kakhulu, okungangokuthi kwakungekho odlula
ngaleyondlela; **29** njalo khangela, bamemeza besithi:
Silani lawe, Jesu, Ndodana kaNkulunkulu? Uze lapha
yini ukusihlupha kungakafiki isikhathi? **30** Kwakukhona
khatshana labo umhlambi wengulube ezinengi usidla.
31 Amadimoni asemncenga, esithi: Uba usikhupha,
sivumela ukuthi sihambe singene emhlanjini wengulube.
32 Wasesithi kuwo: Hambani. Esephumile angena
emhlanjini wengulube; futhi khangela, umhlambi wonke
wengulube waphaphatheka eliweni usiya olwandle, zafela
emanzini. **33** Abazelusayo basebebaleka, basebesiya
emzini babika konke, lezindaba zababengenwe
ngamadimoni. **34** Njalo khangela, umuzi wonke
waphuma ukumhlangabeza uJesu; bathi bembona,
bancenga ukuthi asuke emikhawulweni yakibo.

9 Wasengena emkhunjini wachapha wafika emzini
wakibo. **2** Futhi khangela, baletha kuye umuntu
owome umhlubulo elele ehlakeni; uJesu ebona-
ke ukholo lwabo wathi koyisigoga: Mana isibindi,
ndodana; uthethelelwe izono zakho. **3** Njalo khangela,
abanye bababhali bakhulumela ngaphakathi bathi: Lo
uyahlambaza. **4** Njalo uJesu ebona imicabango yabo
wathi: Lina linakanelani okubi enhliziyweni zenu? **5** Ngoba
yikuphi okulula, ukuthi: Uthethelelwe izono zakho; kumbe
ukuthi: Sukuma uhambe? **6** Kodwa ukuze lazi ukuthi

iNdodana yomuntu ilamandla emhlabeni okuthethelela
izono (wasesithi kowome umhlubulo): Sukuma uthathe
uhlaka lwakho, uye endlini yakho. 7 Wasesukuma
waya endlini yakhe. 8 Kwathi amaxuku esebonile,
amangala, adumisa uNkulunkulu, onike abantu amandla
anje. 9 Esedlula lapho uJesu wabona umuntu, othiwa
nguMathewu, ehlezi endlini yokuthelisela, wathi kuye:
Ngilandela. Wasesukuma wamlandela. 10 Kwasekusithi
ehlezi ekudleni endlini, khangela-ke, abathelisi abanengi
lezoni beza bahlala ekudleni loJesu labafundi bakhe. 11
AbaFarisi sebebonile bathi kubafundi bakhe: Kungani
umfundisi wenu esidla labathelisi lezoni? 12 Kwathi
uJesu esizwa wathi kubo: Abaphilileyo kabadingi
melaphi, kodwa abagulayo. 13 Kodwa hambani lifunde
ukuthi kutshoniukuthi: Ngifuna isihawu, njalo hatshi
umhlatshelo; ngoba angizanga ukubiza abalungileyo,
kodwa izoni zize ekuphendukeni. 14 Khona kwafika kuye
abafundi bakaJohane, besithi: Kungani thina labaFarisi
sizila ukudla kanengi, kodwa abafundi bakho bengazili
ukudla? 15 UJesu wasesithi kubo: Abantwana bendlu
yomthimba bangalila yini, selokhu umyeni elabo? Kodwa
zizafika insuku lapho umyeni ezasuswa kubo; khona-
ke bezazila ukudla. 16 Futhi kakho obekela isichibi
selembu elingakafinyeli esembathweni esidala; ngoba
lokho okubekelwe kuso kuzadabuka esembathweni,
besesiqhela isikhala. 17 Njalo kabatheli iwayini
elitsha emigodleni emidala; uba-ke kungenjalo imigodla
iyadabuka, lewayini lichitheke, lemigodla yonakale;
kodwa iwayini elitsha balifaka emigodleni emitsha,
besekulondolozeka kokubili. 18 Kwathi esakhuluma
lezizinto kubo, khangela, kwafika umphathi othile waguqa
phambi kwakhe, wathi: Indodakazi yami isanda ukufa;
kodwa woza ubeke isandla sakho phezu kwayo,
njalo izaphila. 19 Wasesukuma uJesu wamlandela,
labafundi bakhe. 20 Njalo khangela, owesifazana
owayelomopho okweminyaka elitshumi lambili, weza
ngemuva kwakhe, wathinta umphetho wesembatho
sakhe. 21 Ngoba wathi ngaphakathi kwakhe: Aluba
ngithinta nje isembatho sakhe, ngizasindiswa. 22
Kodwa uJesu etshibilika embona, wathi: Mana isibindi,
ndodakazi; ukholo lwakho lukusindisile. Owesifazana
wasesila kusukela ngalelohola. 23 UJesu wasefika
endlini yomphathi, wabona abakhalisa imihlanga lexuku
liphithizela, 24 wathi kubo: Dedani; ngoba intombazana
kayifanga, kodwa ilele. Basebemhleka usulu. 25
Kodwa ixuku selikhutshiwe, wangena wabamba isandla
sayo, intombazana yasivuka. 26 Indumela yalokho
yasiphumela kulelolizwe lonke. 27 Kwathi uJesu
esedlula lapho, iziphofu ezimbili zamlandela, zimemeza
zisithi: Sihawukele, Ndodana kaDavida! 28 Esengenile
endlini, iziphofu zeza kuye; uJesu wasesithi kuzo:
Liyakholwa yini ukuthi ngingakwenza lokhu? Zathi
kuye: Yebo, Nkosi. 29 Wasethinta amehlo azo, wathi:
Akwenzeke kini njengokholo lwenu. 30 Asevulwa
amehlo azo; uJesu wasezilayisisa kakhulu wathi:
Qaphelani, kakungabi lamuntu okwaziyo. 31 Kodwa
zaphuma zafakaza ngaye kulo lonke lelolizwe. 32
Kwathi ekuphumeni kwazo, khangela, baletha kuye
umuntu oyisimungulu owayengenwe lidimoni; 33
kwathi idimoni selikhutshiwe, isimungulu sakhuluma;
amaxuku asemangala, athi: Kakuzanga kubonwe
okunje koIsrayeli. 34 Kodwa abaFarisi bathi: Ukhupha
amadimoni ngenkosi yamadimoni. 35 UJesu wasebhoda
emizini yonke lemizaneni, efundisa emasinagogeni abo,
etshumayela ivangeli lombuso, eselapha sonke isifo
lobuthakathaka bonke ebantwini. 36 Kwathi ebona
amaxuku, waba lesihelo ngawo, ngoba ayekhathele
ehlakazekile njengezimvu ezingelamelusi. 37 Wasesithi
kubafundi bakhe: Isibili isivuno sikhulu, kodwa izisebenzi
zinlutshwana; 38 ngakho ncengani iNkosi yesivuno,
ukuze ithume izisebenzi esivunweni sayo.

10 Wasebizela kuye abafundi bakhe abalitshumi
lambili, wabanika amandla phezu kwabomoya
abangcolileyo, ukuthi babakhuphe, lokuthi belaphe
sonke isifo lobuthakathaka bonke. 2 Njalo amabizo
abaphostoli abalitshumi lambili yiwo la: Owokuqala
nguSimoni othiwa nguPetro, loAndreya umfowabo;
uJakobe okaZebediya, loJohane umfowabo; 3 uFiliphu,
loBartolomewu; uTomasi, loMathewu umthelisi; uJakobe
okaAlfewu, loLabewu othiwa njalo nguTadewu; 4 uSimoni
umKhanani, loJudasi Iskariyothi laye owamnikelayo. 5
Laba abalitshumi lambili uJesu wabathuma, wabalaya,
esithi: Lingahambi ngendlela yabezizwe, lingangeni
emzini wamaSamariya; 6 kodwa yanini ikakhulu ezimvini
ezilahlekileyo zendlu kaIsrayeli. 7 Futhi ekuhambeni
kwenu tshumayelani, lisithi: Umbuso wamazulu usondele.
8 Silisani abagulayo, lihlambulule amalephero, livuse
abafileyo, likhuphe amadimoni. Lemukeliswe ngesihle,
phanini ngesihle. 9 Lingazithatheli igolide, loba isiliva,
loba ithusi emixhakeni yenu, 10 loba isikhwama sendlela,
loba izigqoko ezimbili, loba amanyathela, loba udondolo;
ngoba isisebenzi sifanele ukudla kwaso. 11 Lakuwuphi
umuzi kumbe umzana elingena kuwo, buzani ukuthi
ngubani ofaneleyo kuwo; njalo lihlale khona, lize lisuke.
12 Njalo nxa lingena endlini, liyibingelele. 13 Njalo uba
indlu ifanele, ukuthula kwenu kakube phezu kwayo;
kodwa uba ingafanele, ukuthula kwenu kakubuyele kini.
14 Njalo loba ngubani ongalemukeliyo kumbe ongalaleli
amazwi enu, nxa liphuma kuleyondlu kumbe kulowomuzi,
thintithani uthuli lwenyawo zenu. 15 Ngiqinisile ngithi
kini: Kuzakuba ngcono kulizwe leSodoma leleGomora
ngosuku lwesigwebo, kulakulowomuzi. 16 Khangelani,
mina ngiyalithuma njengezimvu phakathi kwezimpisi;
ngakho hlakaniphani njengezinyoka, libe msulwa
njengamajuba. 17 Kodwa limukani abantu; ngoba
bazalinikela emiphakathini, balitshaye ngesiswepu
emasinagogeni abo; 18 njalo lizalethwa laphambi
kwababusi lamakhosi ngenxa yami, kube yibufakazi kubo

lakwabezizwe. **19** Kodwa nxa belinikela, lingakhathaleli
ukuthi lizakhuluma njani kumbe into bani; ngoba
lizanikwa ngalelohola lokho elizakukhuluma; **20**
ngoba kakusini elikhulumayo, kodwa nguMoya kaYihlo
okhuluma phakathi kwenu. **21** Futhi umfowabo uzanikela
umfowabo ekufeni, loyise umntwana; labantwana
bazavukela abazali, bababulale. **22** Njalo lizazondwa
yibo bonke ngenxa yebizo lami; kodwa ophikelelayo
kuze kube sekupheleni, nguye ozasindiswa. **23** Kodwa
nxa belizingela kulo umuzi, balekelani komunye;
ngoba ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Kaliyikuqeda imizi yonke
yakoIsrayeli, kuze kufike iNdodana yomuntu. **24** Umfundi
kaphezu komfundisi, lenceku kayiphezu kwenkosi yayo.
25 Kumanele umfundi ukuthi abe njengomfundisi wakhe,
lenceku njengenkosi yayo. Aluba bebizile umninindlu
ngokuthi nguBhelezebhule, kakhulu kangakanani
labo abendlu yakhe? **26** Ngakho lingabesabi;
ngoba kakukho okufihliweyo, okungayikubonakaliswa;
lokuthukuziweyo, okungayikwaziwa. **27** Lokho engikutsho
kini emnyameni, kukhulumeni ekukhanyeni; lalokho
elikuzwa endlebeni, kumemezeleni phezu kwezindlu.
28 Njalo lingabesabi ababulala umzimba, kodwa
bengelamandla okubulala umphefumulo; kodwa
mesabeni kakhulu olamandla okubhubhisa kokubili
umphefumulo lomzimba esihogweni. **(Geenna g1067)**
29 Kazithengiswa yini intaka ezimbili ngendibilitshi?
Kodwa kakuyikuwa emhlabathini lanye yazo, ngaphandle
kukaYihlo. **30** Kodwa lezenu inwele zekhanda zibaliwe
zonke. **31** Ngakho lingesabi; lina liyazidlula intaka
ezinengi. **32** Ngakho ngulowo lalowo ozangivuma
phambi kwabantu, lami ngizamvuma phambi kukaBaba
osemazulwini. **33** Kodwa loba ngubani ongiphika
phambi kwabantu, lami ngizamphika phambi kukaBaba
osemazulwini. **34** Lingacabangi ukuthi ngize ukuletha
ukuthula emhlabeni; angizanga ukuletha ukuthula, kodwa
inkemba. **35** Ngoba ngize ukwehlukanisa umuntu
loyise, lendodakazi lonina, lomalokazana loninazala; **36**
lezitha zomuntu ngabendlu yakhe. **37** Othanda uyise
kumbe unina kulami kangifanele; lothanda indodana
kumbe indodakazi kulami kangifanele; **38** longathathi
isiphambano sakhe njalo angilandele, kangifanele.
39 Lowo othola impilo yakhe uzalahlekelwa yiyo;
lolahlekelwa yimpilo yakhe ngenxa yami uzayithola.
40 Owemukela lina wemukela mina; lowemukela mina
wemukela ongithumileyo. **41** Owemukela umprofethi
ebizweni lomprofethi uzazuza umvuzo womprofethi;
lowemukela olungileyo ebizweni lolungileyo uzazuza
umvuzo wolungileyo. **42** Njalo loba ngubani ozanathisa
omunye walababancinyane inkezo nje yamanzi aqandayo
ebizweni lomfundi, ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Kasoze
alahlekelwa ngumvuzo wakhe.

11 Kwasekusithi uJesu eseqedile ukulaya abafundi
bakhe abalitshumi lambili, wasuka lapho
ukuyafundisa lokutshumayela emizini yabo. **2**
Kwathi uJohane esentolongweni esezwile imisebenzi
kaKristu, wathuma ababili babafundi bakhe, **3** wathi
kuye: Wena unguye ozayo yini, kumbe silindele
omunye? **4** UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Hambani
limtshele uJohane izinto elizizwayo lelizibonayo:
5 Iziphofu zibuye zibone, leziqhuli ziyahamba,
abalobulephero bayahlanjululwa, lezacuthe ziyezwa,
abafileyo bayavuswa, labayanga bayatshunyayezwa
ivangeli; **6** njalo ubusisiwe loba ngubani ongakhubekiyo
ngami. **7** Kwathi labo sebesuka uJesu waqala
ukukhuluma emaxukwini ngoJohane wathi: Laphuma
laya enkangala ukuyabonani? Umhlanga onyikinywa
ngumoya yini? **8** Kanti laphumela ukuyabonani? Umuntu
owembethe izembatho ezibuthakathaka yini? Khangelani,
abembethe ezibuthakathaka basezindlini zamakhosi. **9**
Pho laphumela ukuyabonani? Umprofethi yini? Yebo,
ngithi kini: Loba owedlula umprofethi; **10** ngoba lo nguye
okulotshwe ngaye ukuthi: Khangela, mina ngiyathuma
isithunywa sami phambi kobuso bakho, esizalungisa
indlela yakho phambi kwakho. **11** Ngiqinisile ngithi
kini: Kakuvelanga phakathi kwabazelwe ngabesifazana
omkhulu kuloJohane uMbhabhathizi. Kodwa omncinyane
embusweni wamazulu mkhulu kulaye. **12** Njalo kusukela
ensukwini zikaJohane uMbhabhathizi kuze kube khathesi
umbuso wamazulu uphathwa ngodlakela, labalodlakela
bawuthatha ngamandla. **13** Ngoba abaprofethi bonke
lomlayo baprofetha kwaze kwaba nguJohane; **14** njalo
uba livuma ukukwemukela, lo unguElija obezakuza. **15**
Olendlebe zokuzwa, akezwe. **16** Kodwa ngizasifananisa
lani lesisizukulwana? Sifanana labantwana abahlezi
emamakethe, bememeza kubangane babo, **17** besithi:
Salitshayela umhlanga, kodwa kalisinanga; salililela,
kodwa kalikhalanga. **18** Ngoba uJohane wafika
engadli enganathi, basebesithi: Uledimoni. **19** INdodana
yomuntu yafika isidla inatha, basebesithi: Khangelani,
umuntu oligovu lesinathi sewayini, umngane wabathelisi
lezoni. Kodwa inhlakanipho ithiwa ilungile ngabantwana
bayo. **20** Waseqala ukusola imizi okwakwenziwe
phakathi kwayo ubunengi bemisebenzi yakhe yamandla,
ngoba ingaphendukanga, wathi: **21** Maye kuwe,
Korazini! Maye kuwe, Bhethisayida! Ngoba uba
kwakwenziwe eTire leSidoni imisebenzi yamandla
eyenziwe kini, ngabe kade baphenduka emasakeni
lemlotheni. **22** Kodwa ngithi kini: Kuzakuba ngcono
eTire leSidoni ngosuku lwesigwebo kulakini. **23** Lawe,
Kapenawume, ophakanyiselwe ezulwini, uzaphoselwa
phansi esihogweni; ngoba uba yayenziwe eSodoma
imisebenzi yamandla eyenziwe kuwe, ngabe basekhona
kuze kube lamuhla. **(Hadēs g86)** **24** Kodwa ngithi
kini: Kuzakuba ngcono kulizwe leSodoma ngosuku
lwesigwebo, kulakuwe. **25** Ngalesosikhathi uJesu
waphendula wathi: Ngiyakubonga, Baba, Nkosi yezulu
lomhlaba, ngoba uzifihlile lezizinto kwabahlakaniphileyo

labaqedisisayo, kodwa wazembulela izingane; **26** yebo
Baba, ngoba ngokunjalo kwaba kuhle phambi kwakho.
27 Konke kwanikelwa kimi nguBaba; njalo kakho oyaziyo
iNdodana, ngaphandle kukaYise; kakho futhi omaziyo
uYise ngaphandle kweNdodana, njalo loba ngubani
iNdodana ethanda ukumembulela. **28** Wozani kimi lonke
elikhatheleyo lelisindiweyo, njalo mina ngizaliphumuza.
29 Thathani ijogwe lami lilibeke phezu kwenu lifunde
kimi, ngoba ngimnene ngithobekile enhliziyweni; njalo
lizathola ukuphumula emiphefumulweni yenu; **30** ngoba
ijogwe lami libutshelezi, lomthwalo wami ulula.

12 Ngalesosikhathi uJesu wadabula emasimini
amabele ngesabatha; njalo abafundi bakhe
babelambile, baqala ukukha izikhwebu, badla. **2**
Kodwa abaFarisi bekubona bathi kuye: Khangela,
abafundi bakho benza okungavunyelwanga ukwenziwa
ngesabatha. **3** Kodwa wathi kubo: Kalifundanga yini
uDavida akwenzayo, mhla elambile yena lababelaye;
4 ukuthi wangena njani endlini kaNkulunkulu, wadla
izinkwa zokubukiswa, ayengavunyelwa ukuzidla, ngitsho
lababelaye, ngaphandle kwabapristi bodwa? **5** Ingabe
kalifundanga yini emlayweni, ukuthi ngamasabatha
abapristi bayalona isabatha ethempelini, bangabi
lacala? **6** Kodwa ngithi kini: Kukhona lapha omkhulu
kulethempeli. **7** Kodwa aluba belisazi ukuthi kutshoni
ukuthi: Ngifisa isihawu hatshi umhlatshelo, ngabe
kalibalahlanga abangelacala. **8** Ngoba iNdodana
yomuntu iyiNkosi leyesabatha. **9** Futhi wasuka
lapho wangena esinagogeni labo; **10** njalo khangela,
kwakukhona umuntu olesandla esitshwabheneyo;
basebembuza besithi: Kuvunyelwe yini ukusilisa
ngamasabatha? ukuze bambeke icala. **11** Kodwa
wathi kubo: Nguwuphi umuntu phakathi kwenu, elemvu
eyodwa, futhi uba yona iwele emgodini ngesabatha,
ongayikuyibamba ayikhuphule? **12** Umuntu uyedlula-ke
kangakanani imvu! Ngakho kuvunyelwe ukwenza okuhle
ngamasabatha. **13** Wasesithi kumuntu: Yelula isandla
sakho. Waseselula, sasesisiliswa saphila njengesinye.
14 Basebephuma abaFarisi becebisana ngaye, ukuthi
bangambulala njani. **15** Kodwa uJesu esekwazi
wasuka lapho; amaxuku amakhulu asemlandela,
wasebasilisa bonke. **16** Wasebalayisisa ukuthi
bangamvezi; **17** ukuze kugcwaliseke okwakhulunywa
nguIsaya umprofethi, ukuthi: **18** Khangela, inceku
yami engiyikhethileyo; othandekayo wami othokoza
ngaye umphefumulo wami; ngizabeka uMoya wami
phezu kwakhe, njalo uzatshumayela ukwahlulela
kwabezizwe. **19** Kayikubangisa, kayikumemeza,
njalo kakho ozalizwa ilizwi lakhe ezindleleni. **20**
Umhlanga ofecekileyo kayikuwephula, lentambo yesibane
ethunqayo kayikuyicitsha, aze aphumelelise ukwahlulela
ekunqobeni. **21** Lezizwe zizathemba ebizweni lakhe.
22 Kwasekulethwa kuye ongenwe lidimoni, eyisiphofu
lesimungulu; wasemsilisa, kwaze kwathi isiphofu
esiyisimungulu sakhuluma njalo sabona. **23** Asemangala
amaxuku wonke athi: Lo kayisiyo yini iNdodana
kaDavida? **24** Kodwa abaFarisi sebezwile bathi: Lumuntu
kakhuphi amadimoni, ngaphandle ngoBhelezebhule
inkosi yamadimoni. **25** Kodwa uJesu, eseyazi imicabango
yabo, wathi kubo: Wonke umbuso owehlukene umelene
lawo ngokwawo uyachitheka; lawo wonke umuzi
kumbe indlu eyehlukene imelene layo ngokwayo ingeze
yema. **26** Njalo uba uSathane ekhupha uSathane,
wehlukene emelene laye ngokwakhe; pho umbuso
wakhe uzakuma njani? **27** Futhi uba mina ngikhupha
amadimoni ngoBhelezebhule, amadodana enu akhupha
ngobani? Ngakho wona azakuba ngabagwebi benu.
28 Kodwa uba mina ngikhupha amadimoni ngoMoya
kaNkulunkulu, umbuso kaNkulunkulu usufikile kini. **29**
Kumbe umuntu angangena njani endlini yesiqhwaga
aphange impahla yaso, ngaphandle kokuthi asibophe
kuqala isiqhwaga? Abesephanga-ke indlu yaso. **30**
Ongelami, umelene lami, longabuthi lami, uyachithiza.
31 Ngakho ngithi kini: Abantu bazathethelelwa sonke
isono lokuhlambaza; kodwa ukuhlambaza uMoya
kakuyikuthethelelwa abantu. **32** Lalowo okhuluma
ilizwi elimelana leNdodana yomuntu, uzathethelelwa;
kodwa lowo okhuluma emelana loMoya oyiNgcwele,
kayikuthethelelwa, kungeyisikho kulesisikhathi loba
kwesizayo. **(aiōn g165)** **33** Loba yenzani isihlahla
sibe ngesilungileyo, lesithelo saso sibe ngesilungileyo,
kumbe lenze isihlahla sibe sibi, lesithelo saso sibe
sibi, ngoba isihlahla saziwa ngesithelo. **34** Nzalo
yezinyoka, lingakhuluma njani izinto ezinhle, libabi?
Ngoba umlomo ukhuluma ngokugcwala kwenhliziyo. **35**
Umuntu olungileyo ukhupha izinto ezilungileyo kokuligugu
elilungileyo lenhliziyo; lomuntu omubi ukhupha izinto
ezimbi kokuligugu elibi. **36** Kodwa ngithi kini: Lonke
ilizwi eliyize abalikhulumayo abantu, bazaziphendulela
ngalo ngosuku lokwahlulela. **37** Ngoba ngamazwi
akho uzalungisiswa, langamazwi akho uzalahlwa. **38**
Abanye bababhali labaFarisi basebephendula, bathi:
Mfundisi, sifuna ukubona isibonakaliso esivela kuwe.
39 Kodwa waphendula wathi kubo: Isizukulwana esibi
lesifebayo sidinga isibonakaliso; kodwa kasiyikunikwa
isibonakaliso, ngaphandle kwesibonakaliso sikaJona
umprofethi. **40** Ngoba njengalokhu uJona waba sesiswini
sensikabayitshiye insuku ezintathu lobusuku obuthathu,
ngokunjalo iNdodana yomuntu izakuba semathunjini
omhlaba insuku ezintathu lobusuku obuthathu.
41 Amadoda eNineve azasukuma ekugwetshweni
kanye lalesisizukulwana, asilahle; ngoba aphenduka
ngokutshumayela kukaJona; njalo khangelani, omkhulu
kuloJona ulapha. **42** Indlovukazi yeningizimu izasukuma
ekugwetshweni kanye lalesisizukulwana, isilahle;
ngoba yavela emikhawulweni yomhlaba ukuzakuzwa
inhlakanipho kaSolomoni; njalo khangelani, omkhulu

kuloSolomoni ulapha. **43** Kodwa nxa umoya ongcolileyo
esephumile emuntwini, uyahamba adabule indawo
ezomileyo, edinga ukuphumula, kodwa engakutholi. **44**
Abesesithi: Ngizabuyela endlini yami engaphuma kuyo;
njalo esefikile ayifice ize, ithanyelwe, njalo ilungisiwe.
45 Abesehamba athathe kanye laye abanye omoya
abayisikhombisa ababi kulaye uqobo, besebengena
bahlale khona; njalo ukucina kwalowomuntu kube kubi
kulokuqala. Kuzakuba njalo lakulesisizukulwana esibi.
46 Kwathi esakhuluma emaxukwini, khangela, unina
labafowabo bema ngaphandle, bedinga ukukhuluma
laye. **47** Omunye wasesithi kuye: Khangela, unyoko
labafowenu bemi phandle, bedinga ukukhuluma lawe.
48 Kodwa waphendula wathi komtshelileyo: Ngubani
umama? Labafowethu ngobani? **49** Waseselulela
isandla sakhe kubafundi bakhe wathi: Khangelani,
umama labafowethu. **50** Ngoba loba ngubani owenza
intando kaBaba osemazulwini, nguye ongumfowethu
lodadewethu lomama.

13 Kwathi ngalolosuku uJesu waphuma endlini
wahlala phansi elwandle. **2** Kwasekubuthana
kuye amaxuku amakhulu, waze wangena emkhunjini
wahlala phansi; lexuku lonke lema ekhunjini. **3**
Wasekhuluma labo izinto ezinengi ngemifanekiso,
esithi: Khangelani, kwaphuma umhlanyeli ukuyahlanyela.
4 Kwathi ekuhlanyeleni kwakhe, enye inhlanyelo
yawela eceleni kwendlela; kwasekufika inyoni, zayidla
zayiqeda. **5** Kodwa enye yawela emhlabathini olamatshe,
lapho eyayingelamhlabathi omnengi khona; futhi yahle
yamila, ngoba kwakungelakutshona komhlabathi; **6**
kwathi ekuphumeni kwelanga yahangulwa; njalo ngoba
yayingelampande yabuna. **7** Kodwa enye yawela
emeveni; ameva asekhula ayiminyanisa. **8** Kodwa
enye yawela emhlabathini omuhle, yathela isithelo,
enye ikhulu, lenye amatshumi ayisithupha, lenye
amatshumi amathathu. **9** Olendlebe zokuzwa, akezwe.
10 Kwasekufika abafundi bathi kuye: Ukhulumelani
kubo ngemifanekiso? **11** Wasephendula wathi kubo:
Ngoba kuphiwe kini ukwazi imfihlo zombuso wamazulu,
kodwa bona kabakunikwanga. **12** Ngoba loba ngubani
olakho uzaphiwa, abe lokwengezelelweyo; kodwa lowo
ongelakho, uzakwemukwa lalokho alakho. **13** Ngakho
ngikhuluma labo ngemifanekiso, ngoba bebona kababoni,
njalo besizwa kabezwa, futhi kabaqedisisi. **14** Kubo
besekugcwaliseka isiprofetho sikaIsaya, esithi: Ukuzwa
lizakuzwa, kodwa kalisoze liqedisise; lokubona lizabona,
kodwa kalisoze libonisise; **15** ngoba inhliziyo yalababantu
seyaba lukhuni, njalo bezwa kanzima ngendlebe,
lamehlo abo bawacimezile; hlezi loba nini babone
ngamehlo, njalo bezwe ngendlebe, futhi baqedisise
ngenhliziyo, njalo baphenduke, besengibasilisa. **16**
Kodwa abusisiwe amehlo enu, ngoba ayabona; lendlebe
zenu, ngoba ziyezwa. **17** Ngoba ngiqinisile ngithi
kini: Abaprofethi labalungileyo abanengi babethanda
ukubona izinto elizibonayo, kodwa kabazibonanga;
lokuzwa izinto elizizwayo kodwa kabazizwanga. **18**
Ngakho lina zwanini umfanekiso womhlanyeli. **19** Kuthi
wonke ozwayo ilizwi lombuso kodwa engaqedisisi,
omubi afike, ahluthune okuhlanyelwe enhliziyweni
yakhe. Lo nguye ohlanyelwe eceleni kwendlela. **20**
Kodwa ohlanyelwe emhlabathini olamatshe, nguye
olizwayo ilizwi, ahle alemukele ngentokozo; **21** kodwa
kalampande phakathi kwakhe, kodwa uhlala isikhathi;
kuthi sekufika inkathazo kumbe ukuzingelwa ngenxa
yelizwi, ahle akhubeke. **22** Lohlanyelwe emeveni,
nguye olizwayo ilizwi, kodwa impisekelo yalumhlaba
lenkohliso yenotho kuyaliminyanisa ilizwi, futhi lingabi
lesithelo. **(aiōn g165)** **23** Kodwa ohlanyelwe emhlabathini
omuhle, nguye olizwayo ilizwi aliqedisise; isibili athele
izithelo, aveze, omunye ikhulu, lomunye amatshumi
ayisithupha, lomunye amatshumi amathathu. **24** Wabeka
phambi kwabo omunye umfanekiso, esithi: Umbuso
wamazulu ufananiswa lomuntu owahlanyela inhlanyelo
enhle ensimini yakhe. **25** Kodwa abantu besalele,
kwafika isitha sakhe sahlanyela umfaba phakathi
kwamabele, sahamba. **26** Kodwa kwathi selumilile
usungulo lwathela isithelo, lomfaba wasubonakala. **27**
Zasezisondela inceku zomninimuzi zathi kuye: Nkosi,
kawuhlanyelanga yini inhlanyelo enhle ensimini yakho?
Pho iwuthethe ngaphi umfaba? **28** Wasesithi kuzo:
Umuntu oyisitha ukwenzile lokhu. Inceku zasezisithi
kuye: Uthanda ukuthi siyewubutha yini? **29** Kodwa
wathi: Hatshi, hlezi, ekubutheni kwenu umfaba, lisiphune
amabele kanye lawo. **30** Yekelani kukhule kokubili
ndawonye kuze kube yisivuno; langesikhathi sokuvuna
ngizakuthi kwabavunayo: Buthani kuqala umfaba,
liwubophe izinyanda ukuze liwutshise; kodwa amabele
liwabuthele esiphaleni sami. **31** Wasebabekela omunye
umfanekiso, esithi: Umbuso wamazulu unjengohlamvu
lwemasitedi, aluthatha umuntu waluhlanyela ensimini
yakhe; **32** lona kambe luncinyane kulazo zonke
inhlamvu; kodwa nxa selukhulile, lukhulu kulezilimo
zonke, njalo luba yisihlahla, kuze kufike inyoni zezulu,
zakhele engatsheni zaso. **33** Wabatshela omunye
umfanekiso, wathi: Umbuso wamazulu unjengemvubelo,
ayithathayo owesifazana wayifaka emagokokweni
amathathu empuphu, kwaze kwabila konke. **34** Lezizinto
zonke uJesu wazikhuluma emaxukwini ngemifanekiso,
futhi ngaphandle komfanekiso kakhulumanga kubo;
35 ukuze kugcwaliseke okwakhulunywa ngumprofethi,
esithi: Ngizavula umlomo wami ngemifanekiso, ngizaveza
izinto ebezifihlakele kusukela ekusekelweni komhlaba.
36 Kwathi uJesu esewayekele amaxuku ahamba
wangena endlini; basebesondela kuye abafundi bakhe,
besithi: Sichasisele umfanekiso womfaba ensimini.
37 Wasephendula wathi kubo: Ohlanyela inhlanyelo
enhle yiNdodana yomuntu; **38** lensimu ngumhlaba;

lenhlanyelo enhle, yona ingabantwana bombuso;
kodwa umfaba ungabantwana bomubi; 39 lesitha
esawuhlanyelayo ngudiyabhola; lesivuno siyikuphela
kwesikhathi; labavunayo bazingilosi. (aiōn g165) 40
Ngakho-ke njengalokhu umfaba uyabuthwa utshiswe
emlilweni, kuzakuba njalo ekupheleni kwalesisikhathi.
(aiōn g165) 41 INdodana yomuntu izathuma ingilosi
zayo, besezibutha zikhuphe embusweni wayo konke
okukhubekisayo lalabo abenza okubi, 42 besezibaphosela
esithandweni somlilo; lapho kuzakuba khona ukukhala
lokugedla amazinyo. 43 Khona abalungileyo bezakhanya
njengelanga embusweni kaYise. Olendlebe zokuzwa
akezwe. 44 Futhi umbuso wamazulu unjengempahla
eligugu efihliweyo ensimini, okuthi umuntu eseyificile
wayifihla; entokozweni yakhe uyahamba, athengise konke
alakho, athenge leyonsimu. 45 Futhi umbuso wamazulu
unjengomuntu ongumthengi odinga amapharele amahle;
46 esethole elinye ipharele eliligugu kakhulu, wasuka
wathengisa konke alakho, walithenga. 47 Futhi
umbuso wamazulu unjengembule elaphoswa olwandle,
laselibutha zonke inhlobo; 48 lona, lithe seligcwele,
balidonsela ekhunjini, bahlala phansi, babuthela
ezilungileyo ezitsheni, kodwa ezimbi bazilahlela
ngaphandle. 49 Kuzakuba njalo ekupheleni kwesikhathi;
ingilosi zizaphuma, zehlukanise ababi zibasuse phakathi
kwabalungileyo, (aiōn g165) 50 besezibaphosela
esithandweni somlilo; lapho kuzakuba khona ukukhala
lokugedla amazinyo. 51 UJesu wathi kubo: Seliziqedisisile
zonke lezizinto yini? Bathi kuye: Yebo, Nkosi. 52
Wasesithi kubo: Ngakho wonke umbhali ofundiselwe
umbuso wamazulu unjengomuntu ongumninimuzi,
okhupha empahleni yakhe eligugu okutsha lokudala.
53 Kwasekusithi uJesu eseqedile limifanekiso, wasuka
lapho. 54 Wathi esefikile emzini wakibo wabafundisa
esinagogeni labo, baze bamangala bathi: Ivela ngaphi
kuyenalo linhlakanipho lalimisebenzi yamandla? 55 Lo
kayisiyo yini indodana yombazi? Unina kathiwa nguMariya
yini, labafowabo oJakobe loJose loSimoni loJudasi?
56 Labodadewabo kabakho yini bonke kithi? Pho,
zivela ngaphi zonke lezizinto kuye? 57 Basebekhubeka
ngaye. Kodwa uJesu wathi kubo: Umprofethi kasweli
ukudunyiswa ngaphandle kwelizweni lakibo lendlini
yakwabo. 58 Njalo kenzanga lapho imisebenzi yamandla
eminengi, ngenxa yokungakholwa kwabo.

14 Ngalesosikhathi uHerodi umtetrarki wezwa
indumela kaJesu, 2 wasesithi ezincekwini
zakhe: Lo nguJohane uMbhabhathizi; yena uvukile
kwabafileyo, kungakho-ke imisebenzi yamandla isebenza
kuye. 3 Ngoba uHerodi wayembambile uJohane
wambopha wamfaka entolongweni, ngenxa kaHerodiyasi
umkaFiliphu umfowabo; 4 ngoba uJohane wayethe kuye:
Kawuvunyelwa ukuba laye. 5 Njalo efuna ukumbulala,
wesaba ixuku, ngoba lalimphatha njengomprofethi. 6
Kodwa kwathi kugcinwa usuku lokuzalwa kukaHerodi,
indodakazi kaHerodiyasi yagida phakathi kwabo,
yamthokozisa uHerodi. 7 Ngakho wathembisa ngesifungo
ukuyinika loba yini ezayicela. 8 Kodwa yona, isilayiwe
ngunina, yathi: Ngiphe lapha emganwini ikhanda
likaJohane uMbhabhathizi. 9 Inkosi yasisiba losizi,
kodwa ngenxa yezifungo langalabo ababehlezi layo
ekudleni yalaya ukuthi inikwe. 10 Yasithuma yamquma
uJohane ikhanda entolongweni. 11 Ikhanda lakhe
laselilethwa ngomganu, lanikwa intombi; njalo yona
yalisa kunina. 12 Kwasekusiza abafundi bakhe bathatha
isidumbu, basingcwaba; basebesuka bambikela uJesu.
13 UJesu esezwile wasuka lapho ngomkhumbi waya
endaweni eyinkangala eyedwa; kodwa amaxuku ekuzwa
amlandela ngenyawo evela emizini. 14 UJesu esephumile
wabona ixuku elikhulu, waba lesihelo ngabo, wasilisa
abagulayo babo. 15 Kwathi sekuhlwile abafundi bakhe
beza kuye, bathi: Lindawo iyinkangala, lesikhathi
sesihambile; liyekele ixuku lihambe, ukuze baye
emizaneni bazithengele ukudla. 16 Kodwa uJesu wathi
kubo: Kakuswelekanga ukuthi bahambe; banikeni lina
ukuthi badle. 17 Kodwa bathi kuye: Kasila lapha
ngaphandle kwezinkwa ezinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili.
18 Wasesithi: Zileteni lapha kimi. 19 Waselaya
amaxuku ukuthi ahlale phansi etshanini, wathatha
izinkwa ezinhlanu lenhlanzi ezimbili, wakhangela phezulu
ezulwini, wabusisa, esezihlephule wabanika abafundi
izinkwa, labafundi bapha amaxuku. 20 Basebesidla
bonke, basutha; badobha imvuthu ezazisele, izitsha
ezigcweleyo ezilitshumi lambili. 21 Lalabo abasebedlile
babengamadoda angaba zinkulungwane ezinhlanu,
ngaphandle kwabesifazana labantwana. 22 Njalo uJesu
wahle wacindezela abafundi bakhe ukuthi bangene
emkhunjini, njalo bamqalele ukuya ngaphetsheya,
esayekela amaxuku ahambe. 23 Kwathi eseyekele
amaxuku ahamba, wenyukela entabeni eyedwa ukuze
akhuleke; kwathi sekuhlwile, wayeyedwa lapho. 24 Kodwa
umkhumbi wawusuphakathi kolwandle, utshukunyiswa
ngamagagasi; ngoba umoya wawuphambene labo. 25
Kwathi ngesikhathi somlindo wesine wobusuku uJesu
weza kubo, ehamba phezu kolwandle. 26 Kodwa
kwathi abafundi bembona ehamba phezu kolwandle
bethuka, bathi: Lithonga. Basebekhala ngokwesaba.
27 Kodwa uJesu wahle wakhuluma labo, wathi: Manini
isibindi; yimi; lingesabi. 28 UPetro wasemphendula
wathi: Nkosi, uba kunguwe, ngilaya ukuthi ngize
kuwe phezu kwamanzi. 29 Wasesithi: Woza. UPetro
wasesehla emkhunjini wahamba phezu kwamanzi,
ukuze aye kuJesu. 30 Kodwa ebona umoya olamandla
wesaba; wathi eseqala ukutshona wakhala, wathi:
Nkosi, ngisindisa! 31 Njalo uJesu wahle welula isandla,
wambamba, wathi kuye: Wena olokukholwa okuncinyane,
uthandabuzelani? 32 Sebengenile emkhunjini, umoya
wathula. 33 Abasemkhunjini basebesiza bamkhonza
bathi: Ngeqiniso wena uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu. 34

Kwathi sebechaphile bafika elizweni leGenesaretha. **35** Esemazi amadoda akuleyondawo athumela ilizwi kuso sonke lesosigaba esizingelezeleyo, aletha kuye bonke abagulayo. **36** Basebemncenga, ukuthi bathinte nje umphetho wesembatho sakhe; njalo bonke abathintayo basiliswa.

15 Kwasekufika kuJesu ababhali labaFarisi ababevela eJerusalema, bathi: **2** Kungani abafundi bakho besephula isiko labadala? Ngoba kabagezi izandla zabo, nxa besidla isinkwa. **3** Kodwa waphendula wathi kubo: Lani-ke kungani lisephula umlayo kaNkulunkulu ngenxa yesiko lenu? **4** Ngoba uNkulunkulu walaya, wathi: Hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko; lokuthi: Othuka uyise kumbe unina kumele afe lokufa; **5** kodwa lina lithi: Loba ngubani othi kuyise kumbe kunina: Kungumnikelo, loba yini evela kimi ingakusiza, **6** njalo engasoze amhloniphe uyise kumbe unina; ngalokho lenza umlayo kaNkulunkulu ube yize ngenxa yesiko lenu. **7** Bazenzisi, uIsaya waprofetha kuhle ngani, esithi: **8** Lababantu basondela kimi ngomlomo wabo, langendebe bangidumise; kodwa inhliziyo yabo ikhatshana lami. **9** Kodwa bangikhonza ngeze, befundisa izimfundiso eziyimilayo yabantu. **10** Esebizele kuye ixuku, wathi kilo: Lalelani futhi liqedisise. **11** Kakusikho okungena emlonyeni okungcolisa umuntu; kodwa okuphuma emlonyeni, yikho okungcolisa umuntu. **12** Abafundi bakhe basebesondela bathi kuye: Uyazi yini ukuthi abaFarisi bathe ukulizwa lelilizwi bakhubeka? **13** Kodwa waphendula wathi: Sonke isihlahlakazana, uBaba osezulwini angasihlanyelanga, sizasitshunwa. **14** Bayekeleni; bangabakhokheli beziphofu abayiziphofu; njalo nxa isiphofu sikhokhela isiphofu, zizawela emgodini zombili. **15** UPetro wasephendula wathi kuye: Sichasisele lumfanekiso. **16** UJesu wasesithi: Kanti lani lisengabangelakuqedisisa? **17** Lilokhe lingaqedisisi yini, ukuthi konke okungena emlonyeni kuya esiswini, futhi kuyelahlelwa ngaphandle? **18** Kodwa izinto eziphuma emlonyeni zivela enhliziyweni; lezi ziyamngcolisa umuntu. **19** Ngoba enhliziyweni kuvela imicabango emibi, ukubulala, ubufebe, ukuphinga, ukweba, ukufakaza amanga, ukuhlambaza; **20** yizo lezozinto ezimngcolisayo umuntu; kodwa ukudla ngezandla ezingagezwanga kakumngcolisi umuntu. **21** UJesu wasesuka lapho, waya kungxenye zeTire lezeSidoni. **22** Njalo khangela, owesifazana ongumKhanani ovela kuleyomikhawulo, wakhala kuye esithi: Nkosi, Ndodana kaDavida, akungihawukele! Indodakazi yami ihlaselwe kubi lidimoni. **23** Kodwa kamphendulanga ngalizwi. Basebesondela kuye abafundi bakhe bamncenga, bathi: Mxotshe, ngoba uyakhala ngemva kwethu. **24** Kodwa waphendula wathi: Kangithunywanga, ngaphandle kuzo izimvu ezilahlekileyo zendlu yakoIsrayeli. **25** Kodwa weza wamkhonza wathi: Nkosi, ngisize. **26** Kodwa waphendula wathi: Kakukuhle ukuthatha isinkwa sabantwana, lokusiphosela izinjana. **27** Kodwa yena wathi: Yebo, Nkosi, kodwa lezinjana ziyadla okwemvuthuluka eziwa etafuleni labaninizo. **28** UJesu wasephendula wathi kuye: O mama, lukhulu ukholo lwakho! Kakube kuwe njengokuthanda kwakho. Indodakazi yakhe yasisila kusukela kulelohola. **29** UJesu wasesuka lapho weza eduzane kolwandle lweGalili; wenyukela entabeni wahlala phansi khona. **30** Kwasekusiza kuye amaxuku amakhulu, beleziqhuli, iziphofu, izimungulu, izingini, labanye abanengi, basebebaphosela enyaweni zikaJesu, wasebasilisa; **31** aze amangala amaxuku, ebona izimungulu zikhuluma, izingini ziphilile, iziqhuli zihamba, leziphofu zibona; basebemdumisa uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli. **32** UJesu wasebizela kuye abafundi bakhe wathi: Ngilesihelo ngexuku, ngoba sebelami insuku ezintathu, bengelalutho lokudla; njalo kangithandi ukuthi ngibayekele bahambe bengadlanga, hlezi bayathe endleleni. **33** Abafundi bakhe basebesithi kuye: Sizazuza ngaphi enkangala izinkwa ezinengi kangaka, ukuthi zisuthise ixuku elikhulu kangaka? **34** UJesu wasesithi kubo: Lilezinkwa ezingaki? Basebesithi: Eziyisikhombisa, lenhlanzana ezinlutshwana. **35** Waselaya amaxuku ukuthi ahlale phansi emhlabathini. **36** Wasethatha izinkwa eziyisikhombisa lenhlanzi, esebongile wazihlephula, wazinika abafundi bakhe, labafundi ixuku. **37** Basebesidla bonke basutha; basebedobha imvuthu ezazisele, izitsha eziyisikhombisa zigcwele. **38** Lalabo abadlayo babengamadoda azinkulungwane ezine, ngaphandle kwabesifazana labantwana. **39** Eseyekele amaxuku ahamba wangena emkhunjini, weza emikhawulweni yeMagadala.

16 AbaFarisi labaSadusi sebezile, bemlinga bamcela ukuthi abatshengise isibonakaliso esivela ezulwini. **2** Kodwa waphendula wathi kubo: Kusihlwa lithi: Umkhathi muhle; ngoba isibhakabhaka sibomvu; **3** lekuseni lithi: Umkhathi mubi lamuhla; ngoba isibhakabhaka sibomvu sinyukubele. Bazenzisi, liyakwazi ukwehlukanisa umumo wesibhakabhaka; kodwa izibonakaliso zezikhathi lingeke yini? **4** Isizukulwana esibi lesifebayo sidinga isibonakaliso; kodwa kasiyikunikwa isibonakaliso, ngaphandle kwesibonakaliso sikaJona umprofethi. Wasebatshiya, wahamba. **5** Sebefikile ngaphetsheya abafundi bakhe babekhohliwe ukuthatha izinkwa. **6** UJesu wasesithi kubo: Nanzelelani liqaphele imvubelo yabaFarisi labaSadusi. **7** Basebekhulumisana besithi: Ngoba singathathanga izinkwa. **8** UJesu esekwazi wathi kubo: Lina abokholo oluncinyane, kungani likhulumisana ngokuthi alithathanga izinkwa? **9** Kalikaqedisisi yini, futhi kalikhumbuli izinkwa ezinhlanu zenkulungwane ezinhlanu, lokuthi labutha izitsha ezingaki? **10** Futhi lezinkwa eziyisikhombisa zenkulungwane ezine, lokuthi labutha izitsha ezingaki? **11** Kaliqedisisi njani, ukuthi bekungemayelana lesinkwa ebengikukhuluma kini ukuthi liqaphele imvubelo yabaFarisi labaSadusi? **12**

Basebeqedisisa ukuthi katshongo ukuthi baqaphele
imvubelo yezinkwa, kodwa imfundiso yabaFarisi
labaSadusi. 13 Kwathi uJesu esefikile kungxenye
zeKesariya yeFiliphu wababuza abafundi bakhe, esithi:
Abantu bathi, mina, iNdodana yomuntu, ngingubani? 14
Basebesithi: Abanye bathi: NguJohane uMbhabhathizi;
labanye bathi: NguElija; labanye bathi: NguJeremiya,
kumbe ngomunye wabaprofethi. 15 Wathi kubo: Lina-
ke lithi ngingubani? 16 USimoni Petro wasephendula
wathi: Wena unguKristu, iNdodana kaNkulunkulu
ophilayo. 17 UJesu wasephendula wathi kuye:
Ubusisiwe, Simoni ndodana kaJona, ngoba inyama
legazi kakukwembulelanga lokhu, kodwa uBaba
osemazulwini. 18 Lami-ke ngiyakutshela, ukuthi wena
unguPetro; laphezu kwalelidwala ngizalakha ibandla
lami, lamasango esihogo kawayikulehlula. **(Hadēs g86)**
19 Futhi ngizakunika izihluthulelo zombuso wamazulu;
njalo loba yini ozayibopha emhlabeni, izakuba ibotshiwe
emazulwini; njalo loba yini ozayithukulula emhlabeni,
izakuba ithukululwe emazulwini. 20 Wasebalayisisa
abafundi ukuthi bangatsheli muntu ukuthi yena
unguJesu onguKristu. 21 Kusukela kulesosikhathi
uJesu waqala ukubatshengisa abafundi bakhe ukuthi
umele ukuya eJerusalema, njalo ahlupheke okunengi
ngabadala labapristi abakhulu lababhali, abulawe,
avuswe ngosuku lwesithathu. 22 UPetro wasesiya laye
eceleni waqala ukumkhuza esithi: Kakungabi kuwe,
Nkosi; lokhu kakusoze kwenziwa kuwe. 23 Kodwa
yena watshibilika wathi kuPetro: Suka ngemva kwami,
Sathane, uyisikhubekiso kimi; ngoba kawucabangi
izinto zikaNkulunkulu, kodwa ezabantu. 24 UJesu
wasesithi kubafundi bakhe: Uba umuntu ethanda ukuza
ngemva kwami, kazidele, athathe isiphambano sakhe,
angilandele. 25 Ngoba loba ngubani othanda ukusindisa
impilo yakhe izamlahlekela; kodwa loba ngubani
olahlekelwa yimpilo yakhe ngenxa yami uzayithola; 26
ngoba kuzamsizani umuntu nxa ezuza umhlaba wonke,
kodwa alahlekelwe ngumphefumulo wakhe? Kumbe
umuntu uzanikani kube lihlawulo lomphefumulo wakhe?
27 Ngoba iNdodana yomuntu izakuza ngenkazimulo
kaYise kanye lengilosi zayo, khona izavuza ngulowo
lalowo njengokwenza kwakhe. 28 Ngiqinisile ngithi
kini: Bakhona abanye kwabemiyo lapha, abangasoze
bezwe ukufa, baze bayibone iNdodana yomuntu isiza
embusweni wayo.

17 Lemva kwensuku eziyisithupha uJesu wathatha
uPetro loJakobe loJohane umfowabo, wasekhwela
labo entabeni ende bebodwa. 2 Waseguqulwa isimo
phambi kwabo, njalo ubuso bakhe bakhanya njengelanga,
lezembatho zakhe zaba mhlophe njengokukhanya. 3
Futhi khangela, kwasekubonakala kubo uMozisi loElija,
bekhuluma laye. 4 UPetro wasephendula wathi kuJesu:
Nkosi, kuhle ukuthi sibe lapha. Uba uthanda, asakhe
lapha amadumba amathathu, elinye ngelakho, lelinye
ngelikaMozisi, lelinye ngelikaElija. 5 Kwathi esakhuluma,
khangela, iyezi elikhanyayo labasibekela; futhi khangela,
ilizwi laphuma eyezini, lisithi: Lo uyiNdodana yami
ethandekayo, engithokoza ngayo; zwanini yona. 6
Sebezwile abafundi, bawa phansi ngobuso babo, besaba
kakhulu. 7 Kodwa uJesu weza wabathinta wathi:
Sukumani lingesabi. 8 Sebephakamisile amehlo abo,
kababonanga muntu, ngaphandle kukaJesu yedwa. 9
Sebesehla entabeni, uJesu wabalaya, wathi: Lingatsheli
muntu lowombono, ize ivuke kwabafileyo iNdodana
yomuntu. 10 Abafundi bakhe basebembuza bathi:
Pho batsholoni ababhali ukuthi uElija ufanele ukufika
kuqala? 11 UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: UElija
uzafika kuqala isibili, uzabuyisela zonke izinto; 12 kodwa
ngitsho kini ukuthi uElija sewafika, kodwa kabamazanga,
kodwa benza kuye konke ababekuthanda; ngokunjalo
leNdodana yomuntu izahlutshwa yibo. 13 Abafundi
basebeqedisisa ukuthi wakhuluma labo ngoJohane
uMbhabhathizi. 14 Kwathi sebefikile exukwini, kweza
kuye umuntu waguqa phambi kwakhe wathi: 15 Nkosi,
akuhawukele indodana yami, ngoba ilesithuthwane
iyahlupheka kakhulu; ngoba iwele kanengi emlilweni,
futhi kanengi emanzini. 16 Njalo ngiyilethe kubafundi
bakho, kodwa bebengelakho ukuyisilisa. 17 UJesu
wasephendula wathi: O sizukulwana esingelakholo
lesonakeleyo, koze kube nini ngilani? Koze kube
nini ngilibekezelela? Mletheni kimi lapha. 18 UJesu
waselikhuza, idimoni laseliphuma kuyo, umntwana
wasesila kusukela kulelohola. 19 Abafundi basebesiza
kuJesu bebodwa bathi: Kungani thina sehlulekile
ukulikhupha? 20 UJesu wasesithi kubo: Kungenxa
yokungakholwa kwenu. Ngoba ngiqinisile ngithi kini:
Aluba lilokholo olunjengohlamvu lwemasitedi, lizakuthi
kulintaba: Suka lapha uye laphaya; njalo izasuka; futhi
kaliyikwehlulwa lutho. 21 Kodwa loluhlobo kaluphumi
ngaphandle kwangomkhuleko langokuzila ukudla. 22
Besahlezi eGalili, uJesu wathi kubo: INdodana yomuntu
isizanikelwa ezandleni zabantu, 23 njalo bazayibulala,
kodwa ngosuku lwesithathu izavuswa. Basebedabuka
kakhulu. 24 Kwathi sebefikile eKapenawume, abemukela
umthelo beza kuPetro bathi: Umfundisi wenu katheli yini?
25 Wathi: Yebo. Esengenile endlini, uJesu wamandulela
wathi: Ucabangani, Simoni? Amakhosi omhlaba emukela
kubani imfanelo kumbe imithelo? Kumadodana abo yini,
kumbe kwabezizwe? 26 UPetro wathi kuye: Kwabezizwe.
UJesu wathi kuye: Ngakho-ke amadodana akhululekile.
27 Kodwa-ke ukuze singabakhubekisi, hamba uye
elwandle uphose ingwegwe, uthathe inhlanzi ezaphuma
kuqala; kuzakuthi usuvule umlomo wayo uzathola imali;
uyithathe ubanike ibe ngeyami leyakho.

18 Ngalesosikhathi abafundi beza kuJesu, bathi:
Kanti ngubani omkhulu embusweni wamazulu? 2
UJesu wasebizela kuye umntwana omncane wammisa
phakathi kwabo, 3 wathi: Ngiqinisile ngithi kini:

Ngaphandle kokuthi liphenduke libe njengabantwana
abancane, kalisoze lingene embusweni wamazulu. **4**
Ngakho lowo ozazithoba njengalumntwana omncane,
nguye omkhulu embusweni wamazulu. **5** Njalo loba
ngubani owemukela abe munye umntwana omncane
onje ebizweni lami, wemukela mina. **6** Kodwa loba
ngubani okhubekisa omunye walaba abancinyane
abakholwa kimi, kungakuhle kuye ukuthi ilitshe lokuchola
elikhulu lilengiswe entanyeni yakhe, abesetshoniswa
enzikini yolwandle. **7** Maye kuwo umhlaba ngenxa
yezikhubekiso! Ngoba izikhubekiso zimele ukufika;
kodwa maye kulowomuntu, esifika ngaye isikhubekiso!
8 Njalo uba isandla sakho kumbe unyawo lwakho
kukukhubekisa, kuqume ukulahlele khatshana lawe;
kungcono kuwe ukungena ekuphileni uyingini kumbe
uyisiqhwala, kulokuthi ulezandla ezimbili kumbe inyawo
ezimbili uphoselwe emlilweni olaphakade. **(aiōnios g166)**
9 Futhi uba ilihlo lakho likukhubekisa, likhuphe ulilahlele
khatshana lawe; kungcono kuwe ukungena ekuphileni
ulelihlo elilodwa, kulokuthi ulamehlo amabili uphoselwe
esihogweni somlilo. **(Geenna g1067)** **10** Qaphelani
lingadeleli omunye walaba abancinyane, ngoba ngithi
kini: Emazulwini ingilosi zabo zihlala zibona ubuso
bukaBaba osemazulwini. **11** Ngoba iNdodana yomuntu ize
ukusindisa okwakulahlekile. **12** Licabangani? Uba umuntu
othile elezimvu ezilikhulu, besekulahleka enye yazo,
kazitshiyi yini ezingamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye
lasificamunwemunye, ahambe ezintabeni ukuyadinga
elahlekileyo? **13** Futhi uba kungenzakala ukuthi
ayithole, ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Uthokoza ngayo
kakhulu kulalezo ezingamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye
lasificamunwemunye ezingalahlekanga. **14** Ngokunjalo
kayisiyo intando kaYihlo osemazulwini ukuthi kubhubhe
abe munye walaba abancinyane. **15** Kodwa nxa
umfowenu ekona, hamba umsole phakathi kwakho laye
lilodwa. Uba ekuzwa, umzuzile umfowenu; **16** kodwa
uba engakuzwa, thatha abe munye kumbe babe babili
kanye lawe futhi, ukuze lonke ilizwi liqiniswe ngomlomo
wabafakazi ababili kumbe abathathu; **17** njalo nxa esala
ukubezwa bona, tshela ibandla; uba esala ukuzwa
lalo ibandla, kabe njengowezizwe lomthelisi kuwe. **18**
Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Konke elizakubopha emhlabeni,
kuzakuba kubotshiwe ezulwini; njalo konke elizakukhulula
emhlabeni, kuzakuba kukhululiwe ezulwini. **19** Njalo
ngithi kini: Uba ababili benu bevumelana emhlabeni
loba ngaluphi ulutho abalucelayo, bazalwenzelwa
nguBaba osemazulwini. **20** Ngoba lapho ababili kumbe
abathathu ababuthene khona ebizweni lami, ngikhona
lapho phakathi kwabo. **21** UPetro wasemsondelela
wathi: Nkosi, umfowethu uzangona kangaki, njalo
ngimthethelela? Kuze kube kasikhombisa yini? **22**
UJesu wathi kuye: Kangitsho kuwe ukuthi kuze
kube kasikhombisa, kodwa kuze kube ngamatshumi
ayisikhombisa aphindwe kasikhombisa. **23** Ngakho
umbuso wamazulu ufananiswa lomuntu oyinkosi,
owayethanda ukulandiselana lenceku zakhe. **24** Kwathi
eseqalile ukulandisa, kwalethwa kuye enye elomlandu
kuyo wamathalenta azinkulungwane ezilitshumi. **25**
Kodwa njengoba yayingelalutho lokuhlawula, inkosi
yayo yalaya ukuthi ithengiswe, lomkayo labantwana
bayo, lakho konke elakho, besekuhlawulwa. **26**
Ngakho inceku yawa phansi imkhothamela, yathi:
Nkosi, ngibekezelela, futhi ngizakuhlawula konke.
27 Inkosi yaleyonceku yasisiba lesihelo yayikhulula,
yayixolela umlandu. **28** Kodwa yaphuma leyonceku
yathola omunye oyinceku kanye layo, olomlandu
kuyo wabodenariyo abalikhulu, yambamba yamkhama,
yathi: Ngihlawula okufaneleyo. **29** Ngakho oyinceku
kanye layo wawa phansi ezinyaweni zayo wayincenga,
wathi: Ungibekezelele, futhi ngizakuhlawula konke. **30**
Kodwa yona kayivumanga, kodwa yasuka yayiphosela
entolongweni, ize iwuhlawule umlandu. **31** Kwathi
abayizinceku kanye layo bebona izinto ezazenzakele
badabuka kakhulu; beza babikela inkosi yabo konke
okwakwenzekile. **32** Inkosi yayo yasiyibizela kiyo yathi
kiyo: Wena nceku embi, ngakuxolela wonke lowomlandu,
ngoba wangincenga; **33** ngabe lawe kawumhawukelanga
yini omunye oyinceku kanye lawe, njengoba lami
ngakuhawukela? **34** Inkosi yayo yasithukuthela yayinikela
kubahlukuluzi, ize ihlawule konke okufaneleyo kuyo.
35 Uzakwenza njalo kini laye uBaba osezulwini, uba
lingathetheleli lowo lalowo umfowenu iziphambeko zabo
ngenhliziyo zenu.

19 Kwasekusithi uJesu eseqedile lawomazwi,
wasuka eGalili, weza emikhawulweni yeJudiya
ngaphetsheya kweJordani. **2** Amaxuku amakhulu
asemlandela, wasewasilisa lapho. **3** Basebesiza kuye
abaFarisi bemlinga, bathi kuye: Kuvunyelwe yini
ukuthi indoda yale umkayo ngaso sonke isizatho? **4**
Wasephendula wathi kubo: Kalifundanga yini ukuthi
owabadabula kusukela ekuqaleni wabenza owesilisa
lowesifazana? **5** Wasesithi: Ngenxa yalokhu indoda
izatshiya uyise lonina, inamathele kumkayo; labo
ababili bazakuba nyamanye. **6** Ngakho kabasebabili,
kodwa sebenyamanye. Ngakho lokho uNkulunkulu
akuhlanganisileyo kakungabi lamuntu okwehlukanisayo.
7 Bathi kuye: Pho uMozisi walayelani ukunika incwadi
yesehlukaniso, lokumala? **8** Wathi kubo: Ngenxa
yobulukhuni benhliziyo zenu uMozisi walivumela ukwala
omkenu; kodwa kusukela ekuqaleni kwakungenjalo.
9 Kodwa ngithi kini: Loba ngubani owala umkakhe,
ngaphandle kokufeba, abesethatha omunye, uyafeba;
futhi othatha owaliweyo uyafeba. **10** Abafundi bathi kuye:
Uba udaba lomuntu lomfazi lunjalo, akusizi ukuthatha.
11 Kodwa wathi kubo: Kakusibo bonke abangalemukela
lelilizwi, ngaphandle kwabakunikiweyo. **12** Ngoba
kukhona abathenwa, abazalwa benjalo kusukela
esiswini sikanina; njalo kukhona abathenwa, abathenwa

ngabantu; kukhona futhi abathenwa, abazithenileyo
ngenxa yombuso wamazulu. Lowo ongakwemukela lokho
kakwamukele. 13 Khona kwalethwa kuye abantwana
abancane, ukuze abeke izandla zakhe phezu kwabo,
akhuleke; kodwa abafundi babakhuza. 14 Kodwa uJesu
wathi: Vumelani abantwana abancane, lingabenqabeli
ukuza kimi; ngoba umbuso wamazulu ungowabanje. 15
Wasebeka izandla phezu kwabo, wasuka lapho. 16 Njalo
khangela, kwasondela omunye wathi kuye: Mfundisi
olungileyo, ngizakwenzani okulungileyo, ukuze ngibe
lempilo elaphakade? (aiōnios g166) 17 Wasesithi kuye:
Ungibizelani ngokuthi olungileyo? Kakho olungileyo,
ngaphandle koyedwa, uNkulunkulu. Kodwa uba uthanda
ukungena ekuphileni, gcina imilayo. 18 Wathi kuye:
Yiyiphi? UJesu wasesithi: Ungabulali; ungafebi; ungebi;
ungafakazi amanga; 19 hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko; njalo,
wothanda umakhelwane wakho njengalokhu uzithanda
wena. 20 Ijaha lathi kuye: Konke lokhu ngikugcinile
kusukela ebutsheni bami; ngisaswelani? 21 UJesu wathi
kulo: Uba uthanda ukuphelela, hamba uthengise impahla
zakho uphe abayanga, njalo uzakuba lempahla eligugu
ezulwini; njalo uze lapha, ungilandele. 22 Kodwa selizwile
lelilizwi ijaha lasuka lidanile; ngoba lalilempahla ezinengi.
23 UJesu wasesithi kubafundi bakhe: Ngiqinisile ngithi
kini: Onothileyo uzangena ngokulukhuni embusweni
wamazulu. 24 Njalo futhi ngithi kini: Kulula ukuthi
ikamela lingene ngentunja yenalithi, kulokuthi onothileyo
angene embusweni wezulu. 25 Sebezwile abafundi
bakhe bamangala kakhulu, bathi: Pho kungasindiswa
bani? 26 Kodwa uJesu wabakhangela wathi kubo:
Kubantu kakulakwenzeka, kodwa kuNkulunkulu zonke
izinto zingenzeka. 27 Khona uPetro waphendula wathi
kuye: Khangela, thina sitshiye konke sakulandela; pho
sizazuzani? 28 UJesu wasesithi kubo: Ngiqinisile ngithi
kini: Lina elingilandeleyo, ekuvuselelweni lapho iNdodana
yomuntu isihlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi senkazimulo
yayo, lani lizahlala ezihlalweni zobukhosi ezilitshumi
lambili lahlulele izizwe ezilitshumi lambili zakoIsrayeli.
29 Laye wonke otshiye izindlu, kumbe abafowabo,
kumbe odadewabo, kumbe uyise, kumbe unina, kumbe
umkakhe, kumbe abantwana, kumbe amasimu, ngenxa
yebizo lami, uzakwemukela ngekhulu, adle ilifa lempilo
elaphakade. (aiōnios g166) 30 Kodwa abanengi abokuqala
bazakuba ngabokucina, labokucina ngabokuqala.

20 Ngoba umbuso wamazulu ufanana lomuntu
ongumninindlu, owaphuma ekuseni kakhulu
ukuqhatsha izisebenzi ziye esivinini sakhe; 2
esevumelene lezisebenzi ngodenariyo ngosuku,
wazithuma esivinini sakhe. 3 Wasephuma sekungaba
lihola lesithathu, wabona abanye bemi emdangeni
bengenzi lutho; 4 lakulabo wathi: Yanini lani esivinini;
njalo loba yini efaneleyo ngizalinika yona. Bahamba-
ke. 5 Wabuya waphuma sekungaba lihola lesithupha
langelesificamunwemunye, wenza njalo. 6 Kwathi
sekungaba lihola letshumi lanye waphuma, wathola
abanye bemi bengenzi lutho, wathi kubo: Limeleni
lapha usuku lonke lingenzi lutho? 7 Bathi kuye: Ngoba
akulamuntu osiqhatshileyo. Wathi kubo: Yanini lani
esivinini, njalo lizakwemukela loba kuyini okufaneleyo.
8 Kwathi sekuntambama umninisivini wathi enduneni
yakhe: Biza izisebenzi, uzibhadale iholo, uqale
ngezokucina kuze kube ngezokuqala. 9 Kuthe befika
abaqhatshwa ngehola letshumi lanye ngulowo lalowo
wemukela udenariyo. 10 Njalo sebezile abokuqala
bacabanga ukuthi bazakwemukela okungaphezulu;
kodwa labo bemukela udenariyo ngamunye. 11 Kwathi
beyemukela bamsola umninindlu, 12 besithi: Labo
abokucina basebenze ihola elilodwa, kodwa ubalinganise
lathi esithwele ubunzima bosuku lokutshisa. 13 Kodwa
ephendula wathi komunye wabo: Mngane, angikoni; kanti
kawuvumelananga lami ngodenariyo? 14 Thatha okwakho
uhambe; ngiyathanda ukumnika lowokucina njengawe.
15 Kumbe angivunyelwa yini ukwenza engikuthandayo
ngezinto zami? Loba ilihlo lakho libi yini, ngoba
mina ngilungile? 16 Kunjalo-ke abokucina bazakuba
ngabokuqala, labokuqala ngabokucina; ngoba banengi
ababiziweyo, kodwa balutshwana abakhethiweyo. 17
Kwathi uJesu esesenyukela eJerusalema wathatha
abalitshumi lambili bebodwa endleleni, wathi kubo: 18
Khangelani, senyukela eJerusalema, njalo iNdodana
yomuntu izanikelwa kubapristi abakhulu lakubabhali;
besebeyilahlela ukufa, 19 bayinikele kwabezizwe ukuze
bayiyangise bayitshaye ngesiswepu bayibethele; njalo
ngosuku lwesithathu izabuya ivuke. 20 Kwasekusiza
kuye unina wamadodana kaZebediya kanye lamadodana
akhe, waguqa wacela ulutho kuye. 21 Wasesithi kuye:
Ufunani? Wathi kuye: Tshono ukuthi la amadodana
ami amabili ahlale, enye ngakwesokunene sakho,
lenye ngakwesokhohlo, embusweni wakho. 22 Kodwa
uJesu waphendula wathi: Kalikwazi elikucelayo.
Linganatha yini inkezo engizayinatha mina, njalo
libhabhathizwe ngobhabhathizo engibhabhathizwa ngalo
mina? Bathi kuye: Singakwenza. 23 Wasesithi kubo:
Ngeqiniso lizayinatha inkezo yami, libhabhathizwe
ngobhabhathizo mina engizabhabhathizwa ngalo; kodwa
ukuhlala ngakwesokunene sami langakwesokhohlo
sami, kayisikho okwami ukuphana ngakho, kodwa
kungokwalabo abakulungiselweyo nguBaba. 24 Kwathi
sebezwile abalitshumi, bathukuthela ngezelamani
ezimbili. 25 Kodwa uJesu wababizela kuye wathi:
Liyazi ukuthi ababusi bezizwe bayazibusa ngobulukhuni,
lezikhulu zisebenzisa amandla phezu kwazo. 26
Kodwa akuyikuba njalo phakathi kwenu; kodwa loba
ngubani othanda ukuba ngomkhulu phakathi kwenu kabe
yisisebenzi senu; 27 njalo loba ngubani othanda ukuba
ngowokuqala phakathi kwenu kabe yisisebenzi senu; 28
njengalokhu iNdodana yomuntu kayizanga ukukhonzwa,
kodwa ukukhonza, lokunika impilo yayo ibe lihlawulo

labanengi. 29 Kwathi bephuma eJeriko, ixuku elikhulu
lamlandela. 30 Njalo khangela, iziphofu ezimbili zihlezi
endleleni, sezizwile ukuthi uJesu uyadlula, zamemeza,
zathi: Sihawukele, Nkosi, Ndodana kaDavida! 31 Ixuku
laselizikhuza ukuthi zithule, kodwa zamemeza kakhulu,
zisithi: Sihawukele, Nkosi, Ndodana kaDavida! 32 UJesu
wasesima wazibiza, wathi: Lifuna ukuthi ngilenzeleni? 33
Zathi kuye: Nkosi, ukuthi amehlo ethu avuleke. 34 UJesu
esesiba lesihelo wathinta amehlo azo; njalo amehlo azo
ahle abuya abona, zasezimlandela.

21 Kwathi-ke sebesondele eJerusalema, sebefikile
eBetfage entabeni yeMihlwathi, khona uJesu
wathuma abafundi ababili, 2 esithi kubo: Hambani liye
emzaneni okhangelene lani, lizahle libone ubabhemi
ekhulekiwe, lethole lilaye; libakhulule, libalethe kimi. 3
Futhi uba umuntu ekhuluma ulutho kini, lizakuthi: INkosi
iyabaswela; njalo uzahle abathumele. 4 Njalo konke
lokhu kwenzeka, ukuze kugcwaliseke okwakhulunywa
ngumprofethi, ukuthi: 5 Tshelani indodakazi yeSiyoni
ukuthi: Khangela, iNkosi yakho iyeza kuwe, imnene igade
ubabhemi, lethole inkonyana yenyamazana yokuthwala.
6 Abafundi bahamba-ke, benza njengalokhu uJesu
wayebalayile, 7 baletha ubabhemi lethole, babeka
izembatho zabo phezu kwabo, bamhlalisa phezu kwazo.
8 Lenengi lexuku lendlala ezalo izembatho endleleni;
labanye bagamula ingatsha zezihlahla, bazendlala
endleleni. 9 Lamaxuku ayehamba phambili lababelandela
bamemeza, besithi: Hosana kuyo iNdodana kaDavida!
Ubusisiwe ozayo ebizweni leNkosi. Hosana kweliphezulu!
10 Esengenile eJerusalema umuzi wonke wanyakazela
usithi: Ngubani lo? 11 Amaxuku asesithi: Lo
nguJesu umprofethi, oweNazaretha yeGalili. 12 UJesu
wasengena ethempelini likaNkulunkulu, wabaxotsha
bonke ababethengisa lababethenga ethempelini,
wasegenqula amatafula ababentshintshelana imali,
lezihlalo zalabo ababethengisa amajuba. 13 Wasesithi
kubo: Kulotshiwe ukuthi: Indlu yami izabizwa ngokuthi
yindlu yomkhuleko; kodwa lina liyenze ubhalu
lwabaphangi. 14 Kwasekufika kuye iziphofu leziqhuli
ethempelini; wasezisilisa. 15 Kodwa abapristi abakhulu
lababhali sebebonile izimangaliso azenzayo, labantwana
bememeza ethempelini, besithi: Hosana eNdodaneni
kaDavida! bathukuthela, 16 basebesithi kuye: Uyakuzwa
lokhu yini abakutshoyo laba? UJesu wasesithi kubo:
Yebo; alikaze lifunde yini ukuthi: Emlonyeni wezingane
lowabamunyayo uphelelise indumiso? 17 Wasebatshiya
waphuma phandle komuzi esiya eBethani, walala khona.
18 Kwathi ebuyela emzini ekuseni, walamba; 19 kwathi
ebona umkhiwa othile endleleni, wasondela kuwo,
kodwa katholanga lutho kuwo ngaphandle kwamahlamvu
wodwa; wathi kuwo: Kakungabe kusavela isithelo kuwe
lanini. Njalo umkhiwa wahle wabuna. **(aiōn g165)** 20
Kwathi bebona lokhu abafundi bakhe bamangala, besithi:
Umkhiwa uhle wabuna njani? 21 UJesu wasephendula
wathi kubo: Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Uba lilokholo,
lingathandabuzi, kaliyikwenza lokhu okomkhiwa kuphela,
kodwa loba lisithi lakulintaba: Qutshunwa uphoselwe
olwandle, kuzakwenzeka. 22 Njalo konke loba kuyini
elikucelayo emkhulekweni, likholwa, lizakwemukela.
23 Kwathi esengenile ethempelini, abapristi abakhulu
labadala babantu basondela kuye esafundisa, bathi:
Izinto lezi uzenza ngaliphi igunya? Njalo ngubani okunike
leligunya? 24 UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Lami
ngizalibuza umbuzo ube munye; uba lingitshela lokhu,
lami ngizalitshela ukuthi ngenza lezizinto ngaliphi igunya:
25 Ubhabhathizo lukaJohane lwavela ngaphi? Ezulwini
kumbe ebantwini? Basebekhulumisana, besithi: Uba
sisithi: Ezulwini, uzakuthi kithi: Pho kalikholwanga kuye
ngani? 26 Kodwa uba sisithi: Ebantwini, siyesaba ixuku;
ngoba bonke bamphatha uJohane njengomprofethi. 27
Basebemphendula uJesu bathi: Kasazi. Wasesithi kubo:
Lami kangilitsheli ukuthi ngenza lezizinto ngaliphi igunya.
28 Kanti licabangani? Umuntu wayelamadodana amabili;
waya kweyokuqala wathi: Mntanami, hamba, uyesebenza
lamuhla esivinini sami. 29 Kodwa yaphendula yathi:
Angifuni. Kodwa emva kwalokho yaphenduka, yahamba.
30 Wasesiya kweyesibili watsho ngokunjalo. Yona-ke
yaphendula yathi: Ngiyahamba, nkosi. Kodwa kayiyanga.
31 Yiyiphi kulawo amabili eyenza intando kayise? Bathi
kuye: Eyokuqala. UJesu wathi kubo: Ngiqinisile ngithi kini:
Abathelisi lezifebe bayangena embusweni kaNkulunkulu
phambi kwenu. 32 Ngoba uJohane wafika kini ngendlela
yokulunga, kalikholwanga kuye; kodwa abathelisi lezifebe
bakholwa kuye; kodwa lina selikubonile kaliphendukanga
emva kwalokho ukuthi likholwe kuye. 33 Zwanini omunye
umfanekiso. Kwakukhona umuntu othile ongumninimuzi,
owahlanyela isivini, wasibiyela ngothango, wagebha
isikhamelo kuso, wakha umphotshongo, wasiqhatshisa
kubalimi, waya kwelinye ilizwe. 34 Kwathi sekusondele
isikhathi sezithelo, wathuma inceku zakhe kubalimi, ukuze
zemukele izithelo zakhe. 35 Abalimi basebezibamba
inceku zakhe, enye bayitshaya, lenye bayibulala,
lenye bayikhanda ngamatshe. 36 Wabuya wathuma
ezinye inceku ezinengi kulezokuqala; basebesenza
njalo kulezo. 37 Ekucineni wasethuma indodana yakhe
kubo, esithi: Bazayihlonipha indodana yami. 38 Kodwa
abalimi sebeyibonile indodana bakhulumisana besithi:
Le yindlalifa; wozani, siyibulale, njalo sibambe ilifa
layo. 39 Basebeyibamba bayiphosela ngaphandle
kwesivini, bayibulala. 40 Ngakho mhla kufika umninisivini,
uzabenzani abalimi labo? 41 Bathi kuye: Uzababhubhisa
kakubi labo ababi, njalo uzaqhatshisa isivini kwabanye
abalimi, abazamnika izithelo ngezikhathi zazo. 42 UJesu
wathi kubo: Alikaze lifunde yini emibhalweni ukuthi: Ilitshe
abakhi abalalayo, yilo eseliyinhloko yengonsi; lokhu
yikwenza kweNkosi; njalo kuyamangalisa emehlweni
ethu? 43 Ngakho ngithi kini: Lizakwemukwa umbuso
kaNkulunkulu, unikwe isizwe esithela izithelo zawo. 44

Lalowo owela phezu kwalelilitshe uzaphahlazwa; kodwa
loba ngubani eliwela phezu kwakhe lizamchoboza.
45 Kwathi abapristi abakhulu labaFarisi sebezwile
imifanekiso yakhe bazi ukuthi ubekhuluma ngabo. 46
Kwathi sebedinga ukumbamba besaba amaxuku, ngoba
ayemphatha njengomprofethi.

22 UJesu wasephendula wabuya wakhuluma labo
ngemifanekiso, wathi: 2 Umbuso wamazulu
ufananiswa lomuntu oyinkosi, owenzela indodana yakhe
idili lomtshado; 3 wasethuma inceku zakhe ukuthi
zibize abanxusiweyo emtshadweni, kodwa kabavumanga
ukubuya. 4 Wabuya wathuma ezinye inceku,
esithi: Batsheleni abanxusiweyo ukuthi: Khangelani,
sengilungisile ukudla kwami kwemini, inkabi zami
lokunonileyo sekuhlatshiwe, izinto zonke sezilungile;
wozani emtshadweni. 5 Kodwa kabananzanga,
bazihambela, omunye ensimini yakhe, omunye
ekuthengiselaneni kwakhe; 6 abaseleyo basebezibamba
inceku zakhe baziphatha kubi bazibulala. 7 Kodwa kwathi
inkosi ikuzwa lokho yathukuthela, yathuma amabutho
ayo yabhubhisa labobabulali, yatshisa umuzi wabo. 8
Yasisithi encekwini zayo: Umtshado usulungile, kodwa
abanxusiweyo bebengafanelanga. 9 Ngakho yanini
emahlanganweni ezindlela, njalo bonke elingabathola,
libabizele emtshadweni. 10 Lezonceku zaseziphuma zaya
ezindleleni zabutha bonke ezabatholayo, ababi kanye
labalungileyo; indlu yomtshado yasigcwala ngabahleziyo.
11 Kwathi inkosi ingena ukukhangela ababehlezi ekudleni
yabona khona umuntu owayengembathanga isembatho
somtshado; 12 yasisithi kuye: Mngane, ungene njani lapha
ungelasembatho somtshado? Kodwa yena waqunywa
umlomo. 13 Inkosi yasisithi ezincekwini: Mbopheni
inyawo lezandla, limsuse limphosele emnyameni
ongaphandle; lapho kuzakuba khona ukukhala lokugedla
amazinyo. 14 Ngoba banengi ababiziweyo, kodwa
balutshwana abakhethiweyo. 15 Khona-ke abaFarisi
basuka, bacebisana ngokuthi bangamthiya njani
ekukhulumeni. 16 Basebethuma kuye abafundi babo
kanye labakaHerodi, besithi: Mfundisi, siyazi ukuthi
wena uqotho, ufundisa indlela kaNkulunkulu ngeqiniso,
kawukhathaleli muntu, ngoba kawunanzi isimo sabantu.
17 Ngakho sitshele, wena ucabangani? Kuvunyelwe
yini ukuthela kuKesari, kumbe hatshi? 18 Kodwa
uJesu ebazi ububi babo wathi: Bazenzisi, lingilingelani?
19 Ngitshengisani imali yokuthela. Basebeletha kuye
udenariyo. 20 Wasesithi kubo: Ngokabani lumfanekiso
lalumbhalo? 21 Bathi: NgokaKesari. Wasesithi kubo:
Ngakho mnikeni uKesari izinto zikaKesari; loNkulunkulu
izinto zikaNkulunkulu. 22 Kwathi sebezwile bamangala;
bamtshiya bahamba. 23 Ngalolosuku kweza kuye
abaSadusi, abathi kakukho ukuvuka kwabafileyo,
basebembuza, 24 besithi: Mfundisi, uMozisi wathi: Uba
umuntu esifa engelabantwana, umfowabo uzamthatha
umkakhe, amvusele umfowabo inzalo. 25 Kwakukhona
phakathi kwethu izelamani eziyisikhombisa; owokuqala
wasethatha umfazi wafa; futhi engelanzalo, watshiya
umkakhe kumfowabo. 26 Kwaba njalo lowesibili,
lowesithathu, kwaze kwaba kowesikhombisa. 27
Kwathi emva kwabo bonke kwafa lomfazi. 28
Ngakho ekuvukeni kwabafileyo, uzakuba ngumkabani
kwabayisikhombisa? Ngoba bonke babelaye. 29 Kodwa
uJesu waphendula wathi kubo: Liduhile, lingayazi
imibhalo, loba amandla kaNkulunkulu; 30 ngoba
ekuvukeni kwabafileyo kabathathani, kabendiswa,
kodwa banjengengilosi zikaNkulunkulu ezulwini. 31
Kodwa mayelana lokuvuka kwabafileyo, kalifundanga
yini okwakhulunywa kini nguNkulunkulu, esithi: 32
Mina nginguNkulunkulu kaAbrahama, loNkulunkulu
kaIsaka, loNkulunkulu kaJakobe? UNkulunkulu kayisuye
uNkulunkulu wabafileyo, kodwa owabaphilayo. 33 Kwathi
amaxuku ekuzwa amangala kakhulu ngokufundisa
kwakhe. 34 Kwathi abaFarisi, sebezwile ukuthi uJesu
ubaqume umlomo abaSadusi, babuthana ndawonye. 35
Lomunye wabo, isazumthetho, wambuza, emlinga, esithi:
36 Mfundisi, yiwuphi umlayo omkhulu emthethweni? 37
UJesu wasesithi kuye: Wothanda iNkosi uNkulunkulu
wakho, ngenhliziyo yakho yonke, langomphefumulo
wakho wonke, langengqondo yakho yonke; 38 yiwo
lowo umlayo owokuqala lomkhulu. 39 Lowesibili
ufanana lawo uthi: Wothanda umakhelwane wakho
njengalokhu uzithanda wena. 40 Kuleyomilayo emibili
kweyeme umthetho wonke labaprofethi. 41 Kwathi
sebebuthene abaFarisi, uJesu wababuza, 42 esithi:
Licabangani ngoKristu? Uyindodana kabani? Bathi kuye:
NgekaDavida. 43 Wathi kubo: Pho uDavida wambiza njani
ekuMoya ngokuthi yiNkosi, esithi: 44 INkosi yathi eNkosini
yami: Hlala ngakwesokunene sami, ngize ngenze izitha
zakho zibe yisenabelo senyawo zakho? 45 Ngakho uba
uDavida embiza ngokuthi yiNkosi, uyiNdodana yakhe
njani? 46 Njalo kwakungekho owayengamphendula
ilizwi; kusukela ngalolosuku kakwabe kusaba khona
umuntu olesibindi sokumbuza.

23 Khona uJesu wakhuluma emaxukwini lakubafundi
bakhe, 2 esithi: Ababhali labaFarisi bahlezi
esihlalweni sikaMozisi; 3 ngakho konke lokhu
abalitshela khona ukuthi likugcine, kugcineni likwenze;
kodwa lingenzi njengokwemisebenzi yabo, ngoba
bayakhuluma bangenzi. 4 Ngoba bayabopha
imithwalo enzima njalo elukhuni ukuthwalwa, bayibeke
emahlombe abantu, kodwa kabafuni ukuyisusa
ngomunwe wabo. 5 Njalo imisebenzi yabo yonke
bayenza ukuze babonwe ngabantu; ngoba benza
amafilakteriyu abo abe banzi, njalo bakhulisa intshaka
zezembatho zabo; 6 bathanda izihlalo zabahloniphekayo
ekudleni kwantambama, lezihlalo eziqakathekileyo
emasinagogeni, 7 lokubingelelwa emidangeni, lokubizwa
ngabantu ngokuthi: Rabi, Rabi. 8 Kodwa lina kalingabizwa

ngokuthi Rabi; ngoba munye ongumfundisi wenu, uKristu; njalo lina lonke lingabazalwane. **9** Futhi lingabizi muntu emhlabeni ngokuthi nguyihlo; ngoba munye onguYihlo, osemazulwini; **10** kalingabizwa ngokuthi lingabafundisi; ngoba munye ongumfundisi wenu, uKristu. **11** Kodwa omkhulu kini uzakuba yinceku yenu. **12** Lalowo oziphakamisayo, uzathotshiswa; lalowo ozithobayo, uzaphakanyiswa. **13** Kodwa maye kini, babhali labaFarisi, bazenzisi, ngoba livalela abantu umbuso wamazulu; ngoba kalingeni lina, labangenayo kalibavumeli ukuthi bangene. **14** Maye kini, babhali labaFarisi, bazenzisi, ngoba lidla izindlu zabafelokazi, langokuzenzisa lenza imikhuleko emide; ngakho lizakwemukela ukulahlwa okukhulu. **15** Maye kini, babhali labaFarisi, bazenzisi, ngoba libhoda ulwandle lomhlaba ukuthi lenze abe munye ophendukela kumaJuda, kuthi nxa esenziwe njalo, limenze umntwana wesihogo ngokuphindwe kabili kulani. **(Geenna g1067)** **16** Maye kini, bakhokheli abayiziphofu, abathi: Loba ngubani ofunga ngethempeli, akulutho; kodwa loba ngubani ofunga ngegolide lethempeli, ulomlandu. **17** Zithutha leziphofu! Ngoba yikuphi okukhulu, igolide, kumbe ithempeli elenza igolide libe ngcwele? **18** Njalo: Loba ngubani ofunga ngelathi, akulutho; kodwa loba ngubani ofunga ngomnikelo ophezu kwalo, ulomlandu. **19** Zithutha leziphofu! Ngoba yikuphi okukhulu, umnikelo, kumbe ilathi elenza umnikelo ube ngcwele? **20** Ngakho ofunga ngelathi ufunga ngalo langakho konke okuphezu kwalo; **21** lofunga ngethempeli ufunga ngalo langaye ohlala kulo; **22** lofunga ngezulu ufunga ngesihlalo sobukhosi sikaNkulunkulu langaye ohlala phezu kwaso. **23** Maye kini, babhali labaFarisi, bazenzisi, ngoba lithela okwetshumi kwetshwayi leganga ledile lekhumini; liyekele okunzima komlayo, ukwahlulela lesihawu lokholo; belifanele ukwenza lezizinto, lingaziyekeli lalezo. **24** Bakhokheli abayiziphofu, likhetha umiyane, kodwa liginye ikamela. **25** Maye kini, babhali labaFarisi, bazenzisi, ngoba lihlambulula ingaphandle yenkezo leyomganu, kodwa ngaphakathi kugcwele ukuphanga lobuhwaba. **26** MFarisi oyisiphofu! Hlambulula kuqala ingaphakathi yenkezo leyomganu, ukuze kuhlambuluke lengaphandle yakho. **27** Maye kini, babhali labaFarisi, bazenzisi, ngoba lifanana lamangcwaba aconjwe aba mhlophe, abonakala emahle ngaphandle, kanti ngaphakathi agcwele amathambo abafileyo lokungcola konke. **28** Kunjalo lani ngaphandle libonakala ebantwini lilungile, kanti ngaphakathi ligcwele ukuzenzisa lobubi. **29** Maye kini, babhali labaFarisi, bazenzisi, ngoba lakha amangcwaba abaprofethi, licecise amangcwaba abalungileyo, **30** lithi: Uba besikhona ensukwini zabobaba bethu, besingayikuhlanganyela labo egazini labaprofethi. **31** Kunjalo liyazifakazela lina ukuthi lingamadodana alabo ababulala abaprofethi; **32** lina-ke gcwalisani isilinganiso saboyihlo! **33** Zinyoka, nzalo yamabululu, lizaphepha njani ukulahlwa kwesihogo? **(Geenna g1067)** **34** Ngakho, khangelani, mina ngithuma kini abaprofethi labahlakaniphileyo lababhali; labanye babo lizababulala libabethele; labanye lizabatshaya ngesiswepu emasinagogeni enu libazingele imizi ngemizi; **35** ukuze kwehlele phezu kwenu igazi lonke elilungileyo elachithwa emhlabeni, kusukela egazini likaAbela olungileyo, kuze kufike egazini likaZakariya indodana kaBarakiya, elambulala phakathi kwethempeli lelathi. **36** Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Zonke lezizinto zizakwehlela phezu kwalesisizukulwana. **37** Jerusalema, Jerusalema, wena obulala abaprofethi njalo obakhanda ngamatshe labo abathunywe kuwe! Bengithanda kangakanani ukubuthela ndawonye abantwana bakho, njengesikhukhukazi sibuthela amatsiyane aso ngaphansi kwempiko, kodwa kalivumanga. **38** Khangelani, indlu yenu itshiyiwe kini ilunxiwa. **39** Ngoba ngithi kini: Kalisoze langibona kusukela khathesi, lize lithi: Ubusisiwe ozayo ebizweni leNkosi.

24 UJesu wasephuma wasuka ethempelini; basebesondela abafundi bakhe ukumtshengisa izakhiwo zethempeli. **2** UJesu wasesithi kubo: Kaliziboni yini zonke lezizinto? Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Akusoze kutshiywe lapha ilitshe elilodwa phezu kwelitshe, elingasoze lidilizelwe phansi. **3** Kwathi esehlezi entabeni yeMihlwathi, abafundi beza kuye bebodwa, bathi: Sitshele, lezizinto zizakuba nini? Lesibonakaliso sokuza kwakho, lesokuphela kwesikhathi sizakuba yini? **(aiōn g165)** **4** UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Qaphelani, kungabi khona oliduhisayo; **5** ngoba abanengi bazakuza ngebizo lami, besithi: Mina nginguKristu; futhi baduhise abanengi. **6** Njalo lizakuzwa ngezimpi lamahungahunga ezimpi; nanzelelani, lingethuki; ngoba konke lokhu kufanele kwenzeke; kodwa ukuphela kakukabi khona. **7** Ngoba isizwe sizavukela isizwe, lombuso uvukele umbuso; njalo kuzakuba khona indlala labomatshayabhuqe bezifo lokuzamazama komhlaba indawo ngendawo; **8** kodwa zonke lezizinto ziyikuqala kwemihelo. **9** Lapho-ke bazalinikela ekuhluphekeni, balibulale; futhi lizazondwa yizizwe zonke ngenxa yebizo lami. **10** Njalo ngalesosikhathi abanengi bazakhubeka, banikelane, bazondane. **11** Futhi kuzavuka abaprofethi bamanga abanengi, baduhise abanengi. **12** Njalo ngenxa yokwanda kobubi, uthando lwabanengi luzaphola; **13** kodwa ophikelelayo kuze kube sekupheleni, nguye ozasindiswa. **14** Njalo lelivangeli lombuso lizatshunyayelwa emhlabeni wonke kube yibufakazi ezizweni zonke; khona-ke kuzafika ukuphela. **15** Ngakho nxa libona amanyala encithakalo, akhulunywa nguDaniyeli umprofethi, emi endaweni engcwele (obalayo kaqedisise), **16** khona labo abaseJudiya kababalekele ezintabeni; **17** ophezu kophahla lwendlu angehli ukuthatha ulutho endlini yakhe; **18** losemasimini angabuyeli emuva ukuyathatha izembatho zakhe. **19** Kodwa maye kwabakhulelweyo

labamunyisayo ngalezonsuku! **20** Kodwa khulekani
ukuthi ukubaleka kwenu kungabi sebusika, loba
ngesabatha. **21** Ngoba ngalesosikhathi kuzakuba khona
ukuhlupheka okukhulu, okungazanga kube khona
kusukela ekuqaleni komhlaba kuze kube khathesi,
njalo okungasayikuba khona. **22** Uba-ke lezonsuku
bezingafinyezwanga, bekungesindiswe nyama; kodwa
ngenxa yabakhethiweyo lezonsuku zizafinyezwa. **23**
Ngalesosikhathi nxa umuntu esithi kini: Khangelani,
nangu uKristu, kumbe nanguya, lingakholwa. **24** Ngoba
kuzavuka okristu bamanga labaprofethi bamanga,
benze izibonakaliso ezinkulu lezimangaliso, ukuze
kuthi, nxa kungenzeka, baduhise labakhethiweyo. **25**
Khangelani, sengilitshelile ngaphambili. **26** Ngakho uba
bengathi kini: Khangelani, usenkangala, lingaphumi;
khangelani, usendlini yensitha, lingakholwa. **27** Ngoba
njengalokhu umbane ubaneka empumalanga ukhanye
lentshonalanga, kuzakuba njalo lokufika kweNdodana
yomuntu. **28** Ngoba loba ngaphi lapho okukhona
isidumbu, lapho amanqe azabuthana khona. **29** Njalo
masinyane emva kokuhlupheka kwalezonsuku, ilanga
lizafiphazwa, lenyanga kayiyikupha ukukhanya kwayo,
lenkanyezi zizakuwa ezulwini, lamandla amazulu
azazanyazanyiswa. **30** Khona-ke sizabonakala ezulwini
isibonakaliso seNdodana yomuntu; njalo besezikhala
zonke izizwe zomhlaba, sezibona iNdodana yomuntu
isiza emayezini ezulu ilamandla lenkazimulo enkulu.
31 Njalo izathuma izingilosi zayo lokukhala okukhulu
kophondo, beseziqoqa abakhethiweyo bayo emimoyeni
emine, kusukela emkhawulweni omunye wamazulu kuze
kube komunye umkhawulo wawo. **32** Kodwa fundani
umfanekiso emkhiweni; nxa khathesi ugatsha lwawo
selusiba buthakathaka, njalo luhlume amahlamvu, liyazi
ukuthi ihlobo seliseduze; **33** ngokunjalo lani, nxa libona
lezizinto zonke, yazini ukuthi kuseduze kuseminyango.
34 Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Lesisizukulwana asisoze sidlule,
kuze kwenzeke zonke lezizinto. **35** Kuzadlula izulu
lomhlaba, kodwa amazwi ami awasoze adlule. **36** Kodwa
lolosuku lehola kakho owaziyo ngalo, ngitsho lezingilosi
zemazulwini, ngaphandle kukaBaba kuphela. **37**
Kodwa njengensuku zikaNowa, kuzakuba njalo ukufika
kweNdodana yomuntu. **38** Ngoba njengakulezonsuku
ezaziphambili kukazamcolo babesidla benatha, bethatha
besendiswa, kwaze kwafika usuku uNowa angena
ngalo emkhunjini, **39** njalo babengazi, kwaze kwafika
uzamcolo wasebasusa bonke, kuzakuba njalo lokufika
kweNdodana yomuntu. **40** Ngalesosikhathi kuzakuba
khona ababili ensimini; omunye athathwe, lomunye
atshiywe; **41** kuzakuthi abesifazana ababili bechola
elitsheni; omunye athathwe, lomunye atshiywe. **42**
Ngakho lindani, ngoba kalazi ukuthi iNkosi yenu izafika
ngaliphi ihola. **43** Kodwa yazini lokhu, ukuthi uba
umninindlu ebewazi umlindo isela elizafika ngawo,
ubezalinda, futhi ubengayikuvuma ukuthi indlu yakhe
ifohlelwe. **44** Ngakho lani hlalani lilungile; ngoba ngehola
elingalicabangiyo, iNdodana yomuntu izakuza. **45** Pho
ngubani inceku ethembekileyo lehlakaniphileyo, inkosi
yayo eyibeke phezu kwabendlu yayo, ukuthi ibanike
ukudla ngesikhathi esifaneleyo? **46** Ibusisiwe leyonceku,
okuzakuthi inkosi yayo nxa ifika izayifica isenza njalo. **47**
Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Izayibeka phezu kwakho konke
elakho. **48** Kodwa nxa leyonceku embi isithi enhliziyweni
yayo: Inkosi yami iphuzile ukubuya, **49** njalo ibisiqala
ukutshaya abayizinceku kanye layo, lokudla lokunatha
lezidakwa, **50** inkosi yaleyonceku izafika ngosuku
engayilindele ngalo, langehola engalaziyo, **51** izayiquma
phakathi, izanika isabelo sayo labazenzisi; kuzakuba
khona lapho ukukhala lokugedla amazinyo.

25 Ngalesosikhathi umbuso wamazulu uzafananiswa
lentombi ezilitshumi ezathatha izibane zazo
zaphuma ukuhlangabeza umyeni. **2** Njalo ezinhlanu
zazo zazihlakaniphile, lezinhlanu zaziyizithutha. **3**
Eziyizithutha zathatha izibane zazo, kazithathanga
amafutha kanye lazo; **4** kodwa ezihlakaniphileyo
zathatha amafutha ezitsheni kanye lezibane zazo.
5 Kwathi umyeni esephuzile, zawozela zonke zalala
ubuthongo. **6** Kodwa phakathi kobusuku kwamenyezwa:
Khangelani, umyeni uyeza, phumani liyemhlangabeza!
7 Zasezivuka lezontombi zonke, zalungisa izibane
zazo. **8** Eziyizithutha zasezisithi kwezihlakaniphileyo:
Sipheni okwamafutha enu, ngoba izibane zethu
ziyacitsha. **9** Kodwa ezihlakaniphileyo zaphendula, zathi:
Hlezi angaseneli thina lani; kodwa kungcono ukuthi
lihambe liye kwabathengisayo lizithengele. **10** Kwathi
zisiyathenga, weza umyeni. Ezasezilungile zasezingena
laye emtshadweni, kwasekuvalwa umnyango. **11** Kwathi
emva kwalokho zafika lalezontombi ezinye, zathi: Nkosi,
Nkosi, sivulele! **12** Kodwa yena waphendula wathi:
Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Angilazi lina. **13** Ngakho lindani,
ngoba kalilwazi usuku lehola iNdodana yomuntu efika
ngalo. **14** Ngoba kunjengomuntu owaya kwelinye ilizwe
wabiza inceku zakhe, wazinika impahla zakhe; **15** kwathi
enye wayinika amathalenta amahlanu, lenye amabili,
lenye lalinye, kwaba yileyo laleyo njengamandla ayo;
njalo wahle wasuka. **16** Leyo eyayemukele amathalenta
amahlanu yasihamba yathengiselana ngawo, yenza
amanye amathalenta amahlanu. **17** Ngokunjalo laleyo
elamabili, layo yazuza amanye amabili. **18** Kodwa leyo
eyayemukele elilodwa yasuka yagebha emhlabathini
yayifihla imali yenkosi yayo. **19** Kwathi emva kwesikhathi
eside inkosi yalezozinceku yafika, yasilandiselana lazo.
20 Kwasekusiza eyayemukele amathalenta amahlanu
yaletha amanye amathalenta amahlanu, yathi: Nkosi,
wanginika amathalenta amahlanu; khangela, ngizuzile
amanye amathalenta amahlanu phezu kwawo. **21**
Inkosi yayo yasisithi kiyo: Kuhle, nceku elungileyo
lethembekileyo, ubuthembekile ezintweni ezinlutshwana,

ngizakubeka phezu kwezinengi; ngena entokozweni
yenkosi yakho. 22 Kwasekusiza laleyo eyayemukele
amathalenta amabili yathi: Nkosi, wanginika amathalenta
amabili; khangela, ngizuzile amanye amathalenta
amabili phezu kwawo. 23 Inkosi yayo yathi kiyo:
Kuhle, nceku elungileyo lethembekileyo, ubuthembekile
ezintweni ezinlutshwana, ngizakubeka phezu kwezinengi;
ngena entokozweni yenkosi yakho. 24 Kodwa kweza
laleyo eyayemukele ithalenta elilodwa yathi: Nkosi,
bengikwazi wena ukuthi ungumuntu olukhuni, uvuna
lapho ongahlanyelanga khona, njalo ubutha lapho
ongahlakazanga khona; 25 ngasengisesaba, ngasuka
ngalifihla ithalenta lakho emhlabathini; khangela,
ulokwakho. 26 Kodwa inkosi yayo yaphendula yathi
kiyo: Nceku embi lelivila, ubusazi ukuthi ngivuna
lapho engingahlanyelanga khona, njalo ngibutha lapho
engingahlakazanga khona; 27 ngakho ngabe ubekile
imali yami ebhanga, njalo ekufikeni kwami ngabe
ngemukele okwami lenzuzo. 28 Ngakho mthatheleni
ithalenta, lilinike yena olamathalenta alitshumi. 29 Ngoba
wonke olakho uzaphiwa, uzakwengezelelwa; kodwa
ongelakho uzathathelwa lalokho alakho. 30 Laleyonceku
engasizi lutho iphoseleni emnyameni ongaphandle;
kuzakuba khona lapho ukukhala lokugedla amazinyo.
31 Njalo nxa isiza iNdodana yomuntu ngobukhosi
bayo, lengilosi ezingcwele zonke laye, khona izahlala
esihlalweni sobukhosi sodumo lwayo, 32 kuzabuthelwa
phambi kwayo izizwe zonke, njalo izabehlukanisa
abanye kwabanye, njengomelusi esehlukanisa izimvu
embuzini; 33 ibisibeka izimvu ngakwesokunene
sayo, kodwa imbuzi ngakwesokhohlo. 34 Khona-
ke iNkosi izakuthi kubo abangakwesokunene sayo:
Wozani, lina elibusisiweyo nguBaba, lidle ilifa lombuso
eliwulungiselweyo kusukela ekusekelweni komhlaba.
35 Ngoba ngangilambile, langinika ukudla; ngangomile,
langinathisa; ngangingowemzini, langemukela; 36
ngangize, langigqokisa; ngangigula, leza ukungibona;
ngangisentolongweni, leza kimi. 37 Khona abalungileyo
bezayiphendula, besithi: Nkosi, sakubona nini ulambile,
njalo sakunika ukudla, kumbe womile, njalo sakunathisa?
38 Njalo sakubona nini ungowemzini, futhi sakwemukela,
kumbe uze, futhi sakugqokisa? 39 Njalo sakubona
nini ugula, loba usentolongweni, njalo seza kuwe? 40
Futhi iNkosi izaphendula ithi kubo: Ngiqinisile ngithi
kini: Njengoba likwenzile komunye walaba abazalwane
bami abancinyane, likwenzile kimi. 41 Ngalesosikhathi
izakuthi njalo kubo abangakwesokhohlo: Sukani kimi, lina
eliqalekisiweyo, liye emlilweni olaphakade, olungiselwe
udiyabhola lengilosi zakhe. (aiōnios g166) 42 Ngoba
ngangilambile, kodwa kalinginikanga ukudla; ngangomile,
kodwa kalinginathisanga; 43 ngangingowemzini, kodwa
kalingemukelanga; ngangize, kodwa kalingigqokisanga;
ngangigula, ngangisentolongweni, kodwa kalizanga
ukungibona. 44 Khona lalaba bezamphendula, besithi:
Nkosi, sakubona nini ulambile, loba womile, loba
ungowemzini, loba uze, loba ugula, loba usentolongweni,
kodwa kasakusiza? 45 Isizabaphendula, ithi: Ngiqinisile
ngithi kini: Njengoba lingakwenzanga komunye walaba
abancinyane, kalikwenzanga lakimi. 46 Lalaba bazakuya
ekujezisweni okulaphakade; kodwa abalungileyo
empilweni elaphakade. (aiōnios g166)

26 Kwasekusithi uJesu eseqedile wonke lamazwi,
wathi kubafundi bakhe: 2 Liyazi ukuthi emva
kwensuku ezimbili kuzakuba liphasika, leNdodana
yomuntu izanikelwa ukuze ibethelwe. 3 Kwasekubuthana
abapristi abakhulu lababhali labadala babantu egumeni
lompristi omkhulu othiwa nguKayafasi, 4 basebecebisana
ukuthi bambambe uJesu ngobuqili bambulale. 5
Kodwa bathi: Kungabi ngomkhosi, ukuthi kungabi
khona isiphithiphithi ebantwini. 6 Kwathi uJesu
eseBethani endlini kaSimoni umlephero, 7 kwafika kuye
owesifazana ephethe umfuma we-alibasta ulamagcobo
aligugu elikhulu, wasewuthululela ekhanda lakhe ehlezi
ekudleni. 8 Kodwa abafundi bebona lokhu bathukuthela,
bathi: Ngokwani ukumotsha lokhu? 9 Ngoba la
amagcobo angathengiswa ngokunengi, besekunikwa
abayanga. 10 Kodwa uJesu ekwazi wathi kubo:
Limhluphelani owesifazana? Ngoba wenzile umsebenzi
omuhle kimi; 11 ngoba abayanga lihlala lilabo, kodwa
mina kalihlali lilami. 12 Ngoba ngokuthululela la
amagcobo emzimbeni wami, ukwenzele umngcwabo
wami. 13 Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Loba ngaphi emhlabeni
wonke lapho okuzatshunyayelwa khona lelivangeli,
lalokho akwenzileyo kuzakhulunywa ngakho, kube
yisikhumbuzo ngaye. 14 Omunye wabalitshumi lambili,
othiwa nguJudasi Iskariyothi, wasesiya kubapristi
abakhulu, 15 wathi: Livuma ukunginikani, mina-ke
ngizamnikela kini? Basebevumelana laye ngenhlamvu
zesiliva ezingamatshumi amathathu. 16 Njalo kusukela
lapho wadinga ithuba elihle lokumnikela. 17 Kwathi
ngolokuqala lwesinkwa esingelamvubelo abafundi beza
kuJesu, besithi kuye: Uthanda ukuthi sikulungisele
ngaphi ukuthi udle iphasika? 18 Wasesithi: Hambani liye
emzini kumuntu othile, lithi kuye: UMfundisi uthi: Isikhathi
sami sesiseduze; ngizakwenza iphasika kwakho kanye
labafundi bami. 19 Benza-ke abafundi njengoba uJesu
ebalayile, basebelungisa iphasika. 20 Kwathi sekuhlwile
wayehlezi labalitshumi lambili. 21 Bathi besidla wathi:
Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Omunye wenu uzanginikela. 22
Basebedabuka kakhulu baqala ukuthi kuye ngamunye
wabo: Nkosi, ayisimi, akunjalo yini? 23 Wasephendula
wathi: Ofaka isandla sakhe kanye lami emganwini,
nguye ozanginikela. 24 Sibili iNdodana yomuntu ihamba,
njengokulotshiweyo ngayo; kodwa maye kulowomuntu
iNdodana yomuntu enikelwa nguye! Bekungakuhle kuye
aluba lowomuntu wayengazalwanga. 25 Wasephendula
uJudasi owamnikelayo wathi: Rabi, ayisimi, akunjalo
yini? Wathi kuye: Utshilo wena. 26 Kwathi besidla, uJesu

wathatha isinkwa, wasesibusisa, wasihlephula wabanika
abafundi, wathi: Thathani, lidle; lokhu kungumzimba
wami. 27 Wasethatha inkezo, wabonga, wabanika,
esithi: Nathani lonke kuyo; 28 ngoba lokhu kuligazi
lami, elesivumelwano esitsha, elichithelwa abanengi
kukho ukuthethelelwa kwezono. 29 Kodwa ngithi kini:
Kusukela khathesi kangiyikunatha okwalesisithelo sevini,
kuze kufike lolosuku lapho ngizasinatha lani sisitsha
embusweni kaBaba. 30 Kwathi sebehlabele ingoma
yokudumisa baphuma baya entabeni yeMihlwathi. 31
UJesu wasesithi kubo: Lina lonke lizakhubeka ngami
ngalobubusuku; ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: Ngizatshaya
umelusi, izimvu zomhlambi besezihlakazeka. 32
Kodwa emva kokuvuswa kwami, ngizalandulela ukuya
eGalili. 33 Kodwa uPetro waphendula wathi kuye:
Lanxa bonke bezakhubeka ngawe, mina angisoze
ngikhubeke. 34 UJesu wathi kuye: Ngiqinisile ngithi
kuwe: Ngalobubusuku, lingakakhali iqhude, uzangiphika
kathathu. 35 UPetro wathi kuye: Loba kudingeka
ngife lawe, angisoze ngikuphike. Basebesitsho njalo
bonke abafundi. 36 UJesu wasefika labo endaweni
ethiwa yiGetsemane, wasesithi kubafundi: Hlalani phansi
lapha, ngisayakhuleka laphaya. 37 Wasethatha kanye
laye uPetro lamadodana amabili kaZebediya, waqala
ukudabuka lokukhathazeka kakhulu. 38 Wasesithi
kubo: Umphefumulo wami udabukile kakhulu kuze kube
sekufeni; hlalani lapha lilinde lami. 39 Waseqhubeka
ibangana, wawa ngobuso bakhe wakhuleka wathi:
Baba, uba kungenzeka, kakudlule kimi linkezo; kodwa
kungabi njengoba ngithanda mina, kodwa njengoba
uthanda wena. 40 Wasesiza kubafundi, wabafica belele,
wathi kuPetro: Kanti belingelinde lami ihola ibenye?
41 Lindani likhuleke, ukuze lingangeni ekulingweni;
umoya isibili uyavuma, kodwa inyama ibuthakathaka.
42 Wabuya wasuka ngokwesibili wakhuleka, wathi:
Baba, uba inkezo le ingedlule kimi, ngaphandle kokuthi
ngiyinathe, kayenziwe intando yakho. 43 Wasebuya
wabafica futhi belele, ngoba amehlo abo ayenzima. 44
Wasebatshiya wahamba futhi wakhuleka ngokwesithathu,
esitsho wona lawomazwi. 45 Wasesiza kubafundi bakhe,
wathi kubo: Qhubekani lilele, liphumule; khangelani,
isikhathi sesisondele, futhi iNdodana yomuntu iyanikelwa
ezandleni zezoni. 46 Sukumani, sihambe; khangelani,
onginikelayo useduze. 47 Kwathi esakhuluma, khangela,
kwafika uJudasi, omunye wabalitshumi lambili, lexuku
elikhulu lilaye elilezinkemba lezinduku, livela kubapristi
abakhulu labadala babantu. 48 Laye omnikelayo
wayebanike isiboniso, esithi: Lowo engizamanga, nguye;
limbambe. 49 Njalo wahle wasondela kuJesu wathi:
Mpilo enhle, Rabi! Wasemanga. 50 UJesu wasesithi
kuye: Mngane, ulandeni? Basebesondela bamdumela
uJesu ngezandla, bambamba. 51 Futhi khangela,
omunye walabo ababeloJesu welula isandla, wakhokha
inkemba yakhe, wagadla inceku yompristi omkhulu
waquma indlebe yayo. 52 UJesu wasesithi kuye: Buyisela
inkemba yakho endaweni yayo; ngoba bonke abaphatha
inkemba bazabhubha ngenkemba. 53 Kumbe ucabanga
ukuthi ngingemcele uBaba yini khathesi, futhi anginike
amabutho amakhulu ezingilosi edlula itshumi lambili? 54
Pho ingagcwaliseka njani imibhalo, ukuthi kumele ukuthi
kube njalo? 55 Ngalelohola uJesu wathi emaxukwini:
Liphume njengokuyamelana lomphangi yini lilezinkemba
lezinduku ukuzangibamba? Bengihlezi insuku ngensuku
ethempelini ngifundisa, kodwa kalingibambanga. 56
Kodwa konke lokhu kwenzakele, ukuze kugcwaliseke
imibhalo yabaprofethi. Basebemtshiya bonke abafundi
babaleka. 57 Lababembambile uJesu bamqhuba bamusa
kuKayafasi umpristi omkhulu, lapho ababebuthene
khona ababhali labadala. 58 Kodwa uPetro wamlandela
ekhatshana, kwaze kwaba segumeni lompristi omkhulu,
njalo wangena phakathi wahlala phansi lezinceku,
ukuze abone isicino. 59 Njalo abapristi abakhulu
labadala lomphakathi wonke badinga ubufakazi bamanga
obumelana loJesu, ukuze bambulale, 60 kodwa
kababutholanga; lanxa kwavela abafakazi abanengi
bamanga, ababutholanga. Kwathi emva kwalokho
kwavela ababili abafakazi bamanga, 61 bathi: Lo
wathi: Ngilakho ukudiliza ithempeli likaNkulunkulu, njalo
ngilakhe ngensuku ezintathu. 62 Kwasekusukuma
umpristi omkhulu wathi kuye: Kawuphenduli lutho
yini? Bafakazani laba okumelana lawe? 63 Kodwa
uJesu wathula. Umpristi omkhulu wasephendula wathi
kuye: Ngikufungisa ngoNkulunkulu ophilayo, ukuthi
usitshele ukuthi unguKristu, iNdodana kaNkulunkulu.
64 UJesu wathi kuye: Utshilo wena. Kodwa ngithi kini:
Kusukela khathesi lizabona iNdodana yomuntu ihlezi
ngakwesokunene samandla isiza phezu kwamayezi
ezulu. 65 Umpristi omkhulu wasedabula izembatho
zakhe, wathi: Usehlambazile; sisadingelani abafakazi?
Khangelani, khathesi seliyizwile inhlamba yakhe; 66
licabangani? Basebephendula besithi: Ulecala lokufa.
67 Basebemkhafulela amathe ebusweni bamdutshuza;
labanye bamwakala, 68 bathi: Profetha kithi, Kristu,
ngubani okutshayileyo? 69 UPetro wayesehlezi
ngaphandle egumeni; kwasekusiza kuye incekukazi
ethile, yathi: Lawe ubuloJesu weGalili. 70 Kodwa waphika
phambi kwabo bonke, wathi: Kangikwazi lokho okutshoyo.
71 Kwathi esephuma esiya esangweni, enye incekukazi
yambona, yathi kwababekhona: Laye lo ubeloJesu
weNazaretha. 72 Waphika njalo ngesifungo esithi:
Kangimazi lumuntu. 73 Kwathi emva kwesikhatshana labo
ababemi khona basondela bathi kuPetro: Ngeqiniso lawe
ungowabo; ngoba lokukhuluma kwakho kuyakuveza.
74 Waseqala ukuqalekisa lokufunga esithi: Kangimazi
lumuntu. Njalo lahle lakhala iqhude. 75 UPetro
wasekhumbula ilizwi likaJesu esithi kuye: Lingakakhali
iqhude, uzangiphika kathathu. Wasephumela ngaphandle
wakhala kabuhlungu.

27 Kwathi sekusile, bonke abapristi abakhulu labadala
babantu bacebisana bemelene loJesu ukuthi
bambulale; **2** sebembophile bamqhuba bamnikela
kuPontiyusi Pilatu umbusi. **3** Kwathi uJudasi
owamnikelayo esebonile ukuthi ulahliwe, wazisola
wabuyisela inhlamvu zesiliva ezingamatshumi amathathu
kubapristi abakhulu labadala, **4** wathi: Ngonile
nginikele igazi elingelacala. Kodwa bona bathi: Kulani
lathi? Zibonele wena. **5** Wasephosela inhlamvu
zesiliva ethempelini, wasuka; wayaziphanyeka. **6**
Abapristi abakhulu basebethatha inhlamvu zesiliva
bathi: Kakuvunyelwa ukuzifaka emnikelweni, ngoba
ziyintengo yegazi. **7** Basebecebisana bathenga
ngazo isiqinti sombumbi, sibe ngesokungcwaba
abezizwe. **8** Ngakho lesosiqinti sathiwa yisiqinti
segazi, kuze kube lamuhla. **9** Kwasekugcwaliseka
okwakhulunywa ngumprofethi uJeremiya, esithi:
Basebethatha inhlamvu zesiliva ezingamatshumi
amathathu, intengo yalowo owalinganiswayo, abantwana
bakoIsrayeli abamlinganisayo; **10** basebebapha zona
ngensimu yombumbi, njengoba iNkosi ingilayile. **11**
UJesu wasesima phambi kombusi; umbusi wasembuza,
wathi: Wena uyiNkosi yamaJuda yini? UJesu wasesithi:
Utshilo wena. **12** Kwathi nxa esemangalelwe ngabapristi
abakhulu labadala, kaphendulanga lutho. **13** UPilatu
wasesithi kuye: Kawuzwa yini izinto ezingaka abazifakaza
ngawe? **14** Kodwa kamphendulanga lakwelilodwa
ilizwi, waze wamangala kakhulu umbusi. **15** Futhi
ngomkhosi umbusi wayejwayele ukukhululela ixuku
isibotshwa esisodwa, elisifunayo. **16** Njalo ngalesosikhathi
babelesibotshwa esidumileyo, esithiwa nguBarabasi.
17 Ngakho sebebuthene, uPilatu wathi kubo: Lithanda
ukuthi ngilikhululele bani, uBarabasi, kumbe uJesu
othiwa nguKristu? **18** Ngoba wayekwazi ukuthi bamnikele
ngomona. **19** Kwathi esehlezi esihlalweni sokwahlulela,
umkakhe wathumela kuye, wathi: Ungabi landaba
lalowo olungileyo; ngoba lamuhla ngihluphekile kakhulu
ngaye ephutsheni. **20** Kodwa abapristi abakhulu
labadala bancengana lamaxuku ukuthi acele uBarabasi,
ambhubhise uJesu. **21** Wasephendula umbusi wathi
kubo: Lithanda ukuthi ngilikhululele bani kulaba ababili?
Basebesithi: UBarabasi. **22** UPilatu wathi kubo: Pho
ngimenzeni uJesu othiwa nguKristu? Bonke bathi
kuye: Kabethelwe. **23** Umbusi wasesithi: Ngoba
wenze bubi bani? Kodwa bamemeza kakhulu, bathi:
Kabethelwe! **24** Kwathi uPilatu esebonile ukuthi kakusizi
lutho, kodwa ukuthi kwasekuqala kulalokhu ukuba
lesiphithiphithi, wathatha amanzi, wageza izandla phambi
kwexuku, wathi: Angilacala ngegazi lalumuntu olungileyo;
ziboneleni lina. **25** Bonke abantu basebephendula
bathi: Igazi lakhe kalibe phezu kwethu laphezu
kwabantwana bethu. **26** Wasebakhululela uBarabasi;
kodwa esemtshaye ngesiswepu uJesu wamnikela ukuthi
abethelwe. **27** Abebutho bombusi basebemngenisa
uJesu endlini yombusi, baqoqela kuye ibutho lonke;
28 bamhlubula, bamgqokisa isembatho esibomvu, **29**
sebelukile umqhele wameva, bamethesa wona ekhanda,
bamphathisa lomhlanga esandleni sakhe sokunene;
baguqa phambi kwakhe bamklolodela, bathi: Bayethe,
Nkosi yamaJuda! **30** Bamkhafulela amathe, bathatha
umhlanga, batshaya ikhanda lakhe. **31** Sebemklolodele,
bamhlubula isembatho, bamgqokisa izigqoko zakhe,
bamqhuba ukuze bambethele. **32** Kwathi sebephuma,
bafica umuntu weKurene, uSimoni ngebizo; bambamba
ngamandla lowo ukuthi athwale isiphambano sakhe. **33**
Sebefikile endaweni ethiwa yiGolgotha, okuyikuthi iNdawo
yokhakhayi, **34** bamnika iviniga elixutshaniswe lenyongo
ukuze alinathe; kodwa eselizwile kavumanga ukunatha.
35 Futhi sebembethele, baba izembatho zakhe, benza
inkatho yokuphosa; ukuze kugcwaliseke okwakhulunywa
ngumprofethi ukuthi: Babelana izembatho zami, benza
inkatho yokuphosa ngesigqoko sami. **36** Njalo sebehlala
phansi bamlinda khona. **37** Babeka ngaphezu kwekhanda
lakhe incwadi yecala lakhe ilotshiwe ukuthi: LO
NGUJESU INKOSI YAMAJUDA. **38** Kwasekubethelwa
abaphangi ababili kanye laye, omunye ngakwesokunene
lomunye ngakwesokhohlo. **39** Labadlulayo bamhlambaza,
benikina amakhanda abo, **40** besithi: Wena odiliza
ithempeli ulakhe ngensuku ezintathu, zisindise; uba
uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu, yehla esiphambanweni.
41 Langokunjalo labapristi abakhulu labo bekloloda
kanye lababhali labadala bathi: **42** Wasindisa abanye,
yena angezisindise. Uba eyiNkosi yakoIsrayeli, kehle
khathesi esiphambanweni, futhi sizamkholwa. **43**
Wathemba kuNkulunkulu; kamkhulule khathesi, uba
emthanda. Ngoba wathi: NgiyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu.
44 Labaphangi ababebethelwe kanye laye bamyangisa
ngokufananayo. **45** Njalo kusukela ngehola lesithupha
kwaba lobumnyama emhlabeni wonke kwaze kwaba
lihola lesificamunwemunye; **46** sekungaba lihola
lesificamunwemunye uJesu wamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu,
wathi: "Eli, Eli, lama sabaktani?" Okuyikuthi: Nkulunkulu
wami, Nkulunkulu wami, ungitshiyeleni? **47** Njalo
abanye kwababemi khona besizwa bathi: Lo ubiza
uElija. **48** Njalo omunye wabo wahle wagijima, wathatha
uzipho, walugcwalisa ngeviniga, waluhloma emhlangeni,
wamnika ukuthi anathe. **49** Kodwa abanye bathi:
Yekelani sibone ukuthi uElija uzakuza amsindise.
50 UJesu wasebuya ememeza ngelizwi elikhulu
wanikela umoya. **51** Futhi khangela, iveyili lethempeli
ladatshulwa incezu ezimbili laqala phezulu lisiya phansi;
lomhlaba wazamazama; lamadwala aqhekezeka; **52**
lamangcwaba avuleka; lezidumbu ezinengi zabangcwele
abasebelele zavuswa; **53** sebephumile emangcwabeni
emva kokuvuka kwakhe bangena emzini ongcwele,
babonakala kwabanengi. **54** Kwathi induna yekhulu lalabo
ababelayo belinde uJesu, sebebonile ukuzamazama
komhlaba lezinto ezenzekileyo, besaba kakhulu,

bathi: Ngeqiniso lo ubeyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu. **55** Kwakukhona lapho abesifazana abanengi bebukele bekhatshana, ababemlandele uJesu bevela eGalili, bemncedisa; **56** okwakukhona phakathi kwabo oMariya Magadalena, loMariya unina kaJakobe loJose, lonina wamadodana kaZebediya. **57** Kwathi sekuhlwile, kwafika umuntu onothileyo evela eArimathiya, ibizo lakhe linguJosefa, owayengumfundi kaJesu laye; **58** yena waya kuPilatu, wacela isidumbu sikaJesu. UPilatu waselaya ukuthi isidumbu asinikwe. **59** UJosefa wasethatha isidumbu wasigoqela ngelembu elicolekileyo elihlambulukileyo, **60** wasibeka engcwabeni lakhe elitsha, elaligujiwe edwaleni; wasegiqela ilitshe elikhulu emnyango wengcwaba, wahamba. **61** Futhi kwakukhona lapho uMariya Magadalena, lomunye uMariya, behlezi maqondana lengcwaba. **62** Langosuku olulandelayo, ololandela olwamalungiselelo, abapristi abakhulu labaFarisi babuthana kuPilatu, **63** besithi: Nkosi, siyakhumbula ukuthi lowomkhohlisi esaphila wathi: Emva kwensuku ezintathu ngizavuka. **64** Ngakho laya ukuthi ingcwaba liqiniswe kuze kube lusuku lwesithathu; hlezi abafundi bakhe bafike ebusuku bamebe, besebesithi ebantwini: Uvukile kwabafileyo; kuthi inkohliso yokucina ibembi kuleyokuqala. **65** UPilatu wasesithi kubo: Lilabalindi; hambani, liliqinise njengokubona kwenu. **66** Bahamba-ke baliqinisa ingcwaba, beliphawula ilitshe, belabalindi.

28 Kwathi ekupheleni kwesabatha, emadabukakusa kusiya osukwini lokuqala lweviki, kwafika uMariya Magadalena, lomunye uMariya, ukuzabona ingcwaba. **2** Futhi khangela, kwaba khona ukuzamazama komhlaba okukhulu; ngoba ingilosi yeNkosi yehla ivela ezulwini, yasondela yagiqa ilitshe yalisusa emnyango, yahlala phezu kwalo. **3** Lokubonakala kwayo kwakunjengombane, lesembatho sayo sasimhlophe njengeliqhwa elikhithikileyo. **4** Abalindi basebethuthumela ngokuyesaba, baba njengabafileyo. **5** Kodwa ingilosi yaphendula yathi kwabesifazana: Lingesabi lina; ngoba ngiyazi ukuthi lidinga uJesu obebethelwe; **6** kakho lapha; ngoba uvukile, njengokutsho kwakhe; wozani libone indawo lapho iNkosi ebilele khona. **7** Hambani masinyane litshele abafundi bakhe ukuthi uvukile kwabafileyo; njalo khangelani, uzalandulela ukuya eGalili; lizambona khona; khangelani, sengilitshelile. **8** Basebephuma engcwabeni ngokuphangisa belokwesaba lentokozo enkulu, bagijima baya ukubikela abafundi bakhe. **9** Kwathi besiyatshela abafundi bakhe, futhi khangela, uJesu wabahlangabeza, wathi: Mpilo enhle! Basebesondela babamba inyawo zakhe, bamkhonza. **10** UJesu wasesithi kubo: Lingesabi; hambani, libikele abafowethu ukuthi baye eGalili, njalo bazangibona khona. **11** Kwathi sebehamba, khangela, abanye kubalindi baya emzini babikela abapristi abakhulu konke okwenzakeleyo. **12** Sebebuthene labadala, benza icebo, banika abebutho imali enengi, **13** besithi: Kalibokuthi: Abafundi bakhe beze ebusuku bameba silele thina. **14** Futhi uba lokhu kuzwakala kumbusi, thina sizamncenga, silenze lingabi senkathazweni. **15** Basebethatha imali benza njengalokhu ababekufundisiwe; lalelilizwi landa phakathi kwamaJuda kuze kube lamuhla. **16** Kwathi abafundi abalitshumi lanye baya eGalili, entabeni uJesu ayebalayele yona; **17** sebembonile bamkhonza; kodwa abanye bathandabuza. **18** UJesu wasesondela wakhuluma labo, esithi: Wonke amandla aphiwe mina ezulwini lemhlabeni; **19** ngakho hambani lenze izizwe zonke zibe ngabafundi, libabhabhathiza ebizweni likaYise leleNdodana lelikaMoya oNgcwele; **20** libafundisa ukugcina konke engililaye khona; futhi khangelani, mina ngilani insuku zonke kuze kube sekupheleni kwesikhathi. Ameni. **(aiōn g165)**

UMakho

1 Ukuqala kwevangeli likaJesu Kristu, iNdodana
kaNkulunkulu; **2** njengokulotshiweyo
kubaprofethiukuthi: Khangela, mina ngiyathuma
isithunywa sami phambi kobuso bakho, esizalungisa
indlela yakho phambi kwakho. **3** Ilizwi lomemezayo
enkangala, lithi: Lungisani indlela yeNkosi; qondisani
izindledlana zayo. **4** Kweza uJohane ebhabhathiza
enkangala, etshumayela ubhabhathizo lokuphenduka
kukho ukuthethelelwa kwezono, **5** njalo kwaphumela
kuye ilizwe lonke leJudiya, labo abeJerusalema,
basebebhabhathizwa bonke nguye emfuleni iJordani,
bevuma izono zabo. **6** Futhi uJohane wayembethe
uboya bekamela, elozwezwe lwesikhumba ekhalweni
lwakhe, wayesidla intethe loluju lweganga. **7**
Watshumayela, esithi: Olamandla kulami uyeza emva
kwami, engingafanele ukukhothama ngithukulule umchilo
wamanyathela akhe. **8** Mina isibili ngilibhabhathize
ngamanzi; kodwa yena uzalibhabhathiza ngoMoya
oNgcwele. **9** Kwasekusithi ngalezonsuku kwafika
uJesu evela eNazaretha yeGalili, wabhabhathizwa
nguJohane eJordani. **10** Wenela ukukhuphuka emanzini,
wabona amazulu eqhekezeka, loMoya kungathi lijuba
esehlela phezu kwakhe; **11** kwasekusiza ilizwi livela
emazulwini, lathi: Wena uyiNdodana yami ethandekayo,
engithokoza ngayo. **12** Njalo uMoya wahle wamqhubela
enkangala. **13** Wayekhona-ke lapho enkangala insuku
ezingamatshumi amane elingwa nguSathane, wayelezilo,
ingilosi zasezimnceda. **14** Kwathi emva kokunikelwa
kukaJohane, uJesu wafika eGalili, etshumayela ivangeli
lombuso kaNkulunkulu, **15** njalo esithi: Isikhathi
sigcwalisekile, njalo umbuso kaNkulunkulu ususondele;
phendukani, likholwe ivangeli. **16** Kwathi ehambahamba
elwandle lweGalili wabona uSimoni loAndreya umfowabo,
bephosela imbule olwandle; ngoba babengabagoli
benhlanzi. **17** UJesu wasesithi kubo: Ngilandelani,
ngizalenza libe ngabagoli babantu. **18** Njalo bahle
batshiya amambule abo, bamlandela. **19** Eseqhubeke
ibangana esuka lapho, wabona uJakobe okaZebediya,
loJohane umfowabo, labo babesemkhunjini belungisa
amambule abo. **20** Njalo wahle wababiza; basebetshiya
uyise uZebediya emkhunjini leziqhatshwa, basuka
bamlandela. **21** Basebengena eKapenawume; kwathi
ngesabatha wahle wangena esinagogeni, wafundisa. **22**
Basebebabaza ngemfundiso yakhe; ngoba wabafundisa
njengolamandla, njalo kungenjengababhali. **23** Futhi
kwakukhona esinagogeni labo umuntu owayelomoya
ongcolileyo, wasememeza, **24** wathi: Yekela, silani lawe,
Jesu weNazaretha? Uze ukusibhubhisa yini? Ngiyakwazi
wena ukuthi ungubani: ONgcwele kaNkulunkulu. **25**
UJesu wasemkhuza, wathi: Thula, uphume kuye. **26**
Futhi umoya ongcolileyo emhlukuluza ekhala ngelizwi
elikhulu, waphuma kuye. **27** Basebemangala bonke, baze
babuzana, bathi: Kuyini lokhu? Yimfundiso bani entsha
le, ukuthi ngamandla uyalaya labomoya abangcolileyo,
futhi bamlalele. **28** Njalo yahle yaphuma indumela
yakhe esigabeni sonke seGalili esizingelezeleyo. **29**
Njalo bahle baphuma esinagogeni, bangena endlini
kaSimoni loAndreya, kanye loJakobe loJohane.
30 Futhi uninazala kaSimoni wayelele eloqhuqho,
njalo bahle bamtshela ngaye; **31** wasesondela,
wabamba isandla sakhe wamvusa; futhi uqhuqho
lwahle lwamyekela, wabasebenzela. **32** Kwathi
sekuhlwile, ilanga selitshona, baletha kuye bonke
abagulayo lababengenwe ngamadimoni; **33** njalo
umuzi wonke wawubuthene emnyango. **34** Wasesilisa
abanengi ababegula izifo ezitshiyeneyo, wakhupha
amadimoni amanengi, kodwa kavumelanga amadimoni
ukuthi akhulume, ngoba ayemazi. **35** Njalo ekuseni
kusesemnyama kakhulu wavuka waphuma, waya
endaweni eyinkangala, wakhuleka khona. **36** USimoni
lababelaye basebemdingisisa; **37** sebemtholile bathi
kuye: Bonke bayakudinga. **38** Wasesithi kubo: Asiye
emizini eseduze, ukuze ngitshumayele lakhona; ngoba
ngiphumele lokhu. **39** Wasetshumayela emasinagogeni
abo kulo lonke eleGalili, ekhupha amadimoni. **40**
Kwasekufika kuye umlephero, emncenga eguqa
ngamadolo phambi kwakhe, esithi kuye: Aluba uthanda,
ungangihlambulula. **41** UJesu wasesiba lesihelo,
welula isandla, wamthinta, wathi kuye: Ngiyathanda,
hlambuluka; **42** esekhulumile bahle basuka ubulephero
kuye, wahlanjululwa. **43** Wasemlayisisa, wahle
wamyekela wahamba, **44** esithi kuye: Khangela
ungatsheli muntu ulutho; kodwa hamba, uziveze
kumpristi, unikele ngokuhlanjululwa kwakho lokho
uMozisi akulayayo, kube yibufakazi kubo. **45** Kodwa yena
esephumile waqala ukumemezela kakhulu walwandisa
udaba, kwaze kwathi wayengaselakho ukungena
emzini obala, kodwa wayengaphandle ezindaweni
ezizinkangala; beza kuye bevela enhlangothini zonke.

2 Njalo wabuya wangena eKapenawume emva
kwezinsuku; kwasekuzwakala ukuthi usendlini. **2**
Njalo kwahle kwabuthana abanengi, akwazabe kusaba
lendawo yabo, ngitsho langasemnyango; wasekhuluma
ilizwi kubo. **3** Basebesiza kuye, beletha owome
umhlubulo, ethwelwe ngabane. **4** Babengelakusondela
kuye ngenxa yexuku, bavula uphahla lapho ayekhona,
bathi sebelubhobozile behlisa ithala alele kulo owome
umhlubulo. **5** Njalo uJesu ebona ukholo lwabo
wathi kowome umhlubulo: Ndodana, izono zakho
uzithethelelwe. **6** Kodwa abanye bababhali ababehlezi
lapho, banakana enhliziyweni zabo, bathi: **7** Ukhulumelani
inhlamba enje lo? Ngubani ongathethelela izono
ngaphandle koyedwa, uNkulunkulu? **8** Njalo khonokho
uJesu ekwazi emoyeni wakhe ukuthi babenakana njalo
phakathi kwabo, wathi kubo: Linakanelani izinto lezi
enhliziyweni zenu? **9** Yikuphi okulula, ukuthi kowome

umhlubulo: Izono zakho uzithethelelwe, kumbe ukuthi:
Sukuma, uthathe icansi lakho, uhambe? **10** Kodwa ukuze
lazi ukuthi iNdodana yomuntu ilamandla okuthethelela
izono emhlabeni (wathi kowome umhlubulo): **11**
Ngithi kuwe: Sukuma uthathe icansi lakho, uye endlini
yakho. **12** Njalo wahle wasukuma, wathatha icansi,
waphuma phambi kwabo bonke; baze bamangala
bonke, bamdumisa uNkulunkulu, besithi: Kasizange
sikubone okunje. **13** Wasebuya esiya elwandle,
ixuku lonke laselisiza kuye, wasebafundisa. **14** Wathi
esedlula wabona uLevi okaAlfewu ehlezi endlini
yokuthelisela, wasesithi kuye: Ngilandela. Wasesukuma
wamlandela. **15** Kwasekusithi ehlezi endlini yakhe,
labathelisi abanengi lezoni bahlala ekudleni loJesu
labafundi bakhe; ngoba babebanengi, njalo bemlandela.
16 Kwathi ababhali labaFarisi, bembona esidla labathelisi
lezoni, bathi kubafundi bakhe: Kungani esidla enatha
labathelisi lezoni? **17** Kwathi uJesu esezwile wathi
kubo: Abaphilileyo kabadingi melaphi, kodwa labo
abagulayo. Kangizanga ukubiza abalungileyo, kodwa
izoni zize ekuphendukeni. **18** Njalo abafundi bakaJohane
lababaFarisi babezila ukudla; basebesiza bathi kuye:
Kungani abafundi bakaJohane lababaFarisi bezila
ukudla, kodwa abafundi bakho bengazili ukudla? **19**
UJesu wasesithi kubo: Amadodana endlu yomthimba
angazila yini ukudla, umyeni eselawo? Angezile, ingqe
ngesikhathi umyeni eselawo; **20** kodwa zizafika insuku
lapho umyeni azasuswa kuwo, njalo khona azazila
ukudla ngalezonsuku. **21** Futhi kakho othungela
isichibi selembu elingakafinyeli esembathweni esidala;
uba-ke kungenjalo okubekelweyo kudabuke kiso,
okutsha kwesidala, kuqhele ukudabuka. **22** Futhi
kakho othela iwayini elitsha emigodleni emidala; uba-ke
kungenjalo iwayini elitsha lidabula imigodla, lichitheke
iwayini lemigodla yonakale; kodwa iwayini elitsha
limele lifakwe emigodleni emitsha. **23** Kwasekusithi
edabula emasimini amabele ngesabatha, abafundi bakhe
basebeqala ukukha izikhwebu behamba. **24** AbaFarisi
basebesithi kuye: Khangela, kungani besenza lokho
okungavunyelwayo ngesabatha? **25** Yena wasesithi kubo:
Kalizange libale yini uDavida akwenzayo, mhla eswele,
elambile, yena lababelaye? **26** Ukuthi wayangena njani
endlini kaNkulunkulu esikhathini uAbhiyatha engumpristi
omkhulu, wadla izinkwa zokubukiswa ezingavunyelwa
ukudliwa ngaphandle kwabapristi, wabanika lababelaye?
27 Wasesithi kubo: Isabatha lenziwa ngenxa yomuntu,
njalo umuntu kenziwanga ngenxa yesabatha; **28** ngakho
iNdodana yomuntu iyiNkosi leyesabatha.

3 Wasebuya engena esinagogeni, njalo kwakukhona
lapho umuntu olesandla esitshwabheneyo. **2**
Basebemqaphela ukuthi uzamsilisa ngesabatha, ukuze
bambeke icala. **3** Wasesithi kumuntu olesandla
esitshwabheneyo: Sukuma uye phakathi. **4** Wathi
kubo: Kuvunyelwe yini ngamasabatha ukwenza
okulungileyo, kumbe ukwenza okubi? Ukusindisa impilo,
kumbe ukubulala? Kodwa bathula. **5** Wasebathalaza
ngokuthukuthela, edabukile ngobulukhuni benhliziyo
yabo, wathi kumuntu: Yelula isandla sakho. Waselula,
isandla sakhe sasesisiliswa saphila njengesinye. **6**
Basebephuma abaFarisi bahle bacebisana labakaHerodi
bemelane laye, ukuthi bangambulala njani. **7** Kodwa
uJesu wasuka wahamba labafundi bakhe ngaselwandle;
ixuku elikhulu laselimlandela livela eGalili, leJudiya; **8**
leJerusalema, leIdumiya, langaphetsheya kweJordani,
labemimangweni yeTire leSidoni, ixuku elikhulu, selizwile
izinto ezinkulu abezenza, leza kuye. **9** Wasetshela
abafundi bakhe ukuthi umkolo umlindele ngenxa
yexuku, ukuze lingamcindezeli. **10** Ngoba wayesilisa
abanengi, baze bawela phezu kwakhe bonke abalezifo,
ukuze bamthinte. **11** Njalo omoya abangcolileyo,
lapho bembona, babesiwa phansi phambi kwakhe,
bakhale besithi: Wena uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu.
12 Wasebalayisisa kakhulu ukuthi bangamvezi. **13**
Wasesenyukela entabeni, wabizela kuye labo ayebafuna
yena; basebesiza kuye. **14** Wasemisa abalitshumi lambili,
ukuze babe laye, lokuze abathume ukuyatshumayela,
15 futhi babe lamandla okwelapha imikhuhlane,
lawokukhupha amadimoni. **16** LoSimoni wamutha
ibizo lokuthi nguPetro; **17** loJakobe okaZebediya,
loJohane umfowabo kaJakobe; wabatha amabizo wathi
ngoBowanegesi, okuyikuthi: Amadodana omdumo;
18 loAndreya, loFiliphu, loBartolomewu, loMathewu,
loTomasi, loJakobe okaAlfewu, loTadewu, loSimoni
umKhanani, **19** loJudasi uIskariyothi, laye owamnikelayo.
Basebengena endlini. **20** Ixuku laselibuthana futhi, kwaze
kwathi bona abasazange benelise lokudla isinkwa. **21**
Kwathi abakibo sebezwile lokhu baphuma ukuyambamba;
ngoba bathi: Uyahlanya. **22** Lababhali abavela
eJerusalema bathi: UloBhelezebhule, lokuthi: Ukhupha
amadimoni ngenkosi yamadimoni. **23** Wasebabizela
kuye, wathi kubo ngemifanekiso: USathane angakhupha
njani uSathane? **24** Futhi uba umbuso wehlukene
umelene lawo ngokwawo, lowombuso ungeme. **25**
Lendlu uba yehlukene imelana layo ngokwayo, leyondlu
ingeme. **26** LoSathane uba ezivukela yena, ahlukane,
angeme, kodwa uyaphela. **27** Kakho ongangena endlini
yesiqhwaga, aphange impahla yaso, uba engasibophi
isiqhwaga kuqala, abesephanga indlu yaso. **28** Ngiqinisile
ngithi kini: Zonke izono zizathethelelwa kubantwana
babantu, lezinhlamba loba ziphi abahlambaza ngazo;
29 kodwa loba ngubani ohlambaza emelene loMoya
oyiNgcwele, kalakuthethelelwa lanini, kodwa ulecala
lokulahlwa okulaphakade; **(aiōn g165, aiōnios g166)** **30**
ngoba bathi: Ulomoya ongcolileyo. **31** Kwasekufika
abafowabo lonina, bema ngaphandle bathumela
kuye, bembiza. **32** Njalo ixuku lalihlezi limphahlile;
basebesithi kuye: Khangela, unyoko labafowenu

baphandle bayakudinga. **33** Wasebaphendula wathi:
Ngubani umama kumbe abafowethu? **34** Wasethalaza
labo ababehlezi bemphahlile, wathi: Khangelani umama
labafowethu. **35** Ngoba loba ngubani owenza intando
kaNkulunkulu, nguye ongumfowethu lodadewethu
lomama.

4 Wasebuya waqala ukufundisa ngaselwandle;
kwasekubuthana kuye ixuku elikhulu, waze wangena
emkhunjini wahlala olwandle; njalo ixuku lonke
lalisemhlabathini ngaselwandle. **2** Wasebafundisa izinto
ezinengi ngemifanekiso, lekufundiseni kwakhe wathi
kubo: **3** Lalelani; khangelani, kwaphuma umhlanyeli
ukuyahlanyela. **4** Kwasekusithi ekuhlanyeleni, enye
yawela eceleni kwendlela, kwasekufika inyoni zezulu
zayidla zayiqeda. **5** Njalo enye yawela emhlabathini
olamatshe, lapho eyayingelamhlabathi omnengi khona;
futhi yahle yamila, ngoba yayingelakutshona komhlabathi;
6 kwathi ekuphumeni kwelanga yahangulwa yabuna
ngoba yayingelampande. **7** Enye yasiwela emeveni,
ameva asekhula, ayiminyanisa, futhi ayithelanga isithelo.
8 Njalo enye yawela emhlabathini omuhle; yathela
isithelo esakhulayo sanda, yazala enye amatshumi
amathathu, lenye amatshumi ayisithupha, lenye ikhulu. **9**
Wasesithi kubo: Olendlebe zokuzwa, akezwe. **10** Kwathi
eseyedwa, labo ababemphahlile kanye labalitshumi
lambili bambuza ngomfanekiso. **11** Wasesithi kubo:
Kuphiwe kini ukwazi imfihlo yombuso kaNkulunkulu;
kodwa labo abangaphandle benzelwa izinto zonke
ngemifanekiso; **12** ukuze bebona babone, bangabonisisi;
njalo besizwa bezwe, bangaqedisisi; hlezi loba nini
baphenduke, bathethelelwe izono zabo. **13** Wasesithi
kubo: Kaliwazi lumfanekiso yini? Pho lizayazi njani
imifanekiso yonke? **14** Umhlanyeli uhlanyela ilizwi. **15**
Njalo abaseceleni kwendlela, yilabo lapho okuhlanyelwa
khona ilizwi, futhi nxa belizwa, uSathane ahle afike
alisuse ilizwi elihlanyelwe enhliziyweni zabo. **16** Lalabo
ngokunjalo abahlanyelwe emhlabathini olamatshe, abathi,
lapho besizwa ilizwi, bahle balemukele ngentokozo,
17 njalo kabalampande phakathi kwabo, kodwa
bahlala okwesikhathi; kuthi sekufika inkathazo kumbe
ukuzingelwa ngenxa yelizwi, bahle bakhubeke. **18**
Lalaba yilabo abahlanyelwe emeveni, abalizwayo ilizwi,
19 kodwa impisekelo yalumhlaba, lenkohliso yenotho,
lenkanuko yezinye izinto kungene kuminyanise ilizwi,
futhi ibe ingasatheli. **(aiōn g165)** **20** Lalaba yilabo
abahlanyelwe emhlabathini omuhle, abathi belizwile
ilizwi, balemukele, bathele, enye amatshumi amathathu,
lenye amatshumi ayisithupha, lenye ikhulu. **21** Wasesithi
kubo: Kanti isibane silethwa ukuze sibekwe ngaphansi
kwesitsha kumbe ngaphansi kombheda? Angithi ukuze
sibekwe esiqobaneni sesibane? **22** Ngoba kakukho
okufihliweyo okungayikubonakaliswa; akukho okwenzeka
kube yimfihlo, kodwa ukuze kube sobala. **23** Nxa
umuntu elendlebe zokuzwa akezwe. **24** Wasesithi kubo:
Qaphelisani elikuzwayo. Ngesilinganiso elilinganisa
ngaso lizalinganiselwa ngaso, njalo lina elizwayo
lizaphiwa ngokwengezelelweyo. **25** Ngoba loba ngubani
olakho, uzaphiwa; kodwa loba ngubani ongelakho,
uzakwemukwa lalokho alakho. **26** Wasesithi: Unjalo
umbuso kaNkulunkulu, njengokuba nxa umuntu ephosa
inhlanyelo emhlabathini, **27** njalo alale abesevuka
ebusuku lemini, lenhlanyelo imile njalo ikhule, yena
kakwazi ukuthi njani. **28** Ngoba umhlabathi uyathela
ngokwawo, kuqala usungulo, kulandele isikhwebu,
kulandele amabele apheleleyo esikhwetshini. **29** Kodwa
nxa sesivuthiwe isithelo, uhle athumeze isikela, ngoba
ukuvuna sekufikile. **30** Wathi futhi: Sizawufananisa
lani umbuso kaNkulunkulu? Kumbe sizawufananisa
ngomfanekiso bani? **31** Unjengohlamvu lwemasitedi,
oluthi nxa seluhlanyelwe emhlabathini, luncinyane
kulazo zonke inhlamvu ezisemhlabeni; **32** njalo nxa
seluhlanyelwe, lukhule, lube lukhulu lwedlule izilimo
zonke, lwenze ingatsha ezinkulu, kuze kuthi inyoni
zezulu zingakhela ngaphansi komthunzi wazo. **33**
Waselikhuluma kubo ilizwi ngemifanekiso eminengi
enjalo, njengamandla abo okuzwa; **34** kodwa ngaphandle
komfanekiso kakhulumanga kubo; kodwa sebebodwa
wabachasisela abafundi bakhe izinto zonke. **35**
Ngalolosuku sekuhlwile, wasesithi kubo: Asichapheleni
ngaphetsheya. **36** Sebeyekele ixuku lahamba, bamthatha
bahamba laye njengoba enjalo emkhunjini. Futhi
leminye imikolo yayilaye. **37** Kwasekuvuka isiphepho
esikhulu somoya; lamagagasi aphoseka emkhunjini,
waze wagcwala khathesi. **38** Njalo yena wayengemuva
emkhunjini elele emqamelweni; basebemvusa, bathi
kuye: Mfundisi, kawukhathali yini ukuthi siyabhubha?
39 Wasevuka wakhuza umoya, wathi kulo ulwandle:
Thula, uthi zwi! Umoya wasuqamuka, kwasekusiba
khona ukuthula okukhulu. **40** Wasesithi kubo: Kungani
lisesaba kangaka? Kalilakholo ngani? **41** Basebesesaba
ngokwesaba okukhulu, bathi omunye komunye: Kanti
ungubani lo, ukuthi lomoya lolwandle kumlalele?

5 Basebefika ngaphetsheya kolwandle, elizweni
lamaGadarene. **2** Esephumile emkhunjini,
wahle wamhlangabeza umuntu ovela emangcwabeni
elomoya ongcolileyo, **3** owayehlala emangcwabeni;
njalo kwakungelamuntu owayengambopha ngitsho
langamaketane, **4** ngoba wayebotshiwe kanengi
ngezibopho langamaketane, kodwa amaketane
ayeqanyulwa nguye, lezibopho zaqanyuqanyulwa; njalo
kwakungekho owayengamthambisa; **5** langezikhathi
zonke, ebusuku lemini, wayesezintabeni lemangcwabeni
eklabalala ezisika ngamatshe. **6** Kwathi ebona
uJesu ekhatshana, wagijima wamkhonza, **7**
wamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu esithi: Ngilani lawe, Jesu,
Ndodana kaNkulunkulu oPhezukonke? Ngikufungisa
ngoNkulunkulu, ungangihluphi. **8** Ngoba wathi kuye:

Phuma emuntwini, moya ongcolileyo. 9 Wasembuza
wathi: Ibizo lakho ungubani? Wasephendula, wathi: Ibizo
lami nginguLegiyoni, ngoba sibanengi. 10 Wasemncenga
kakhulu, ukuthi angabaxotsheli ngaphandle kwelizwe. 11
Kwakukhona lapho ngasezintabeni umhlambi omkhulu
wengulube usidla; 12 lamadimoni wonke amncenga,
athi: Sithume engulubeni, singene kuzo. 13 Njalo uJesu
wahle wawavumela. Omoya abangcolileyo basebephuma
bangena ezingulubeni; umhlambi wasuphaphatheka
eliweni usiya olwandle; njalo zazingaba zinkulungwane
ezimbili; zaminzwa olwandle. 14 Abazelusayo
ingulube basebebaleka, bayabika emzini lemaphandleni.
Basebephuma ukubona ukuthi kuyini okwenzakeleyo; 15
bafika kuJesu, bambona obengenwe ngamadimoni ehlezi
egqokile eqondile, yena owayelelegiyoni; basebesesaba.
16 Labo ababekubonile babatshela ukuthi kwenzeke
njani kowayengenwe ngamadimoni, langengulube.
17 Basebeqala ukumncenga ukuthi asuke elizweni
lakibo. 18 Wathi engena emkhunjini, owayengenwe
ngamadimoni wamncenga, ukuthi abe laye. 19
Kodwa uJesu kamvumelanga, kodwa wathi kuye:
Hamba uye ekhaya kwabakini, ubatshele ukuthi
iNkosi ikwenzele okungakanani, ikuhawukele. 20
Wasesuka ehamba waqala ukutshumayela eDikapolisi
ukuthi uJesu umenzele okungakanani; basebemangala
bonke. 21 UJesu esebuye wachaphela ngaphetsheya
ngomkhumbi, kwabuthana kuye ixuku elikhulu, futhi
wayengaselwandle. 22 Njalo khangela, kwafika omunye
wabaphathi besinagoge, uJayirosi ngebizo; embona,
wawa phansi enyaweni zakhe, 23 wamncenga
kakhulu, esithi: Indodakazi yami encane isiphela; ake
uze ubeke izandla phezu kwayo, ukuze isindiswe,
njalo izaphila. 24 Wasehamba laye; ixuku elikhulu
laselimlandela, lamminyezela. 25 Njalo owesifazana
othile owayelomopho wegazi okweminyaka elitshumi
lambili, 26 ehluphekile kakhulu kubelaphi abanengi,
echithile konke ayelakho, engasizakalanga, kodwa
kulokhu kumqinela, 27 esezwile ngoJesu, weza
exukwini ngemuva, wathinta isembatho sakhe; 28
ngoba wathi: Aluba ngithinta izembatho zakhe nje,
ngizasindiswa. 29 Futhi wahle woma umthombo wegazi
lakhe, wasesizwa emzimbeni ukuthi usilile esifweni.
30 Njalo uJesu wahle wazi phakathi kwakhe ukuthi
amandla aphumile kuye, watshibilika esexukwini, wathi:
Ngubani othinte izembatho zami? 31 Abafundi bakhe
basebesithi kuye: Uyabona ixuku likuminyezela, kodwa
uthi: Ngubani ongithintileyo? 32 Wasethalaza ukuthi
ambone owenze lokhu. 33 Kodwa owesifazana esesaba
ethuthumela, ekwazi okwenzekileyo kuye, weza wawa
phambi kwakhe, wamtshela iqiniso lonke. 34 Wasesithi
kuye: Ndodakazi, ukholo lwakho lukusindisile; hamba
ngokuthula, siliswa esifweni sakho. 35 Esakhuluma,
kwafika abanye bomphathi wesinagoge, bathi: Indodakazi
yakho isifile; usamkhathazelani uMfundisi? 36 Kwahle
kwathi uJesu esizwa ilizwi elikhulunywayo wathi
kumphathi wesinagoge: Ungesabi, kholwa kuphela.
37 Futhi kavumelanga muntu ukuthi amlandele,
ngaphandle kukaPetro loJakobe loJohane umfowabo
kaJakobe. 38 Wafika-ke endlini yomphathi wesinagoge,
wabona isiphithiphithi, labakhalayo labalilayo kakhulu,
39 esengenile wathi kubo: Liphithizelelani, likhala?
Umntwana kafanga, kodwa ulele. 40 Basebemhleka
usulu. Kodwa yena, esebakhuphile bonke, wathatha
uyise womntwana omncane lonina lalabo ababelaye,
wangena lapho okwakulele khona umntwana omncane.
41 Wabamba isandla somntwana omncane, wathi kuye:
"Thalitha, kumi"; okuyikuthi ngokuphendulelwa: Wena
ntombazana encane, ngithi kuwe, vuka. 42 Njalo
yahle yavuka intombazana encane, yahamba, ngoba
yayileminyaka elitshumi lambili; basebesanganiseka
ngokusanganiseka okukhulu. 43 Wasebalayisisa kakhulu
ukuthi lokhu kungaziwa muntu; wathi kayinikwe ukudla.

6 Wasesuka lapho, waya emzini wakibo; abafundi
bakhe basebemlandela. 2 Sekufike isabatha,
waqala ukufundisa esinagogeni; labanengi abamuzwayo
bamangala, bathi: Zivela ngaphi lezizinto kuye? Njalo
yinhlakanipho bani ayinikiweyo, ukuthi lalimisebenzi
yamandla enje yenziwe ngezandla zakhe? 3 Lo kayisuye
umbazi yini, indodana kaMariya, lomfowabo kaJakobe
loJose loJudasi loSimoni? Labodadewabo kabakho yini
lapha kithi? Basebekhubeka ngaye. 4 Kodwa uJesu wathi
kubo: Umprofethi kasweli ukudunyiswa, ngaphandle
kwelizweni lakibo, lezihlotsheni zakhe lendlini yakwabo.
5 Futhi wayengelakho ukwenza lowodwa umsebenzi
wamandla lapho, ngaphandle kokubeka izandla phezu
kwabagulayo abalutshwana, wabasilisa. 6 Wasemangala
ngokungakholwa kwabo. Wabhodabhoda imizana
efundisa. 7 Wasebizela kuye abalitshumi lambili, waqala
ukubathuma ngababili ngababili, wabanika amandla
phezu kwabomoya abangcolileyo. 8 Wabalaya ukuthi
bangaphathi lutho lwendlela, ngaphandle kodondolo
kuphela; lasikhwama, lasinkwa, lamali ezwezweni; 9
kodwa bafake amanyathela; futhi bangembathi izembatho
ezimbili. 10 Wasesithi kubo: Lapho elingena khona endlini,
hlalani kiyo lize liphume khona. 11 Njalo loba ngobani
abangayikulemukela, kumbe balizwe, nxa liphuma lapho,
thintithani uthuli olungaphansi kwenyawo zenu kube
yibufakazi kubo. Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Kuzakuba lula
eSodoma kumbe laseGomora ngosuku lwesigwebo,
kulakulowomuzi. 12 Sebephumile batshumayela ukuthi
baphenduke; 13 bakhupha amadimoni amanengi,
bagcoba abanengi abagulayo ngamagcobo babasilisa.
14 Inkosi uHerodi wasesizwa ngakho, ngoba ibizo lakhe
laba sobala, wasesithi: UJohane owabhabhathizayo
uvukile kwabafileyo, futhi kungakho lamandla esebenza
kuye. 15 Abanye bathi: UnguElija; labanye bathi:
Ungumprofethi, kumbe unjengomunye wabaprofethi.
16 Kodwa uHerodi esezwile wathi: Lo nguJohane,

mina engamquma ikhanda; yena uvukile kwabafileyo.
17 Ngoba yena uHerodi wayethumele wambamba
uJohane, wambopha entolongweni, ngenxa kaHerodiyasi
umkaFiliphu umfowabo, ngoba wayemthethe. 18
Ngoba uJohane wayethe kuHerodi: Kawuvunyelwa
ukuba lomkamfowenu. 19 UHerodiyasi wasembambela
inhliziyo, wafuna ukumbulala; kodwa kenelisanga; 20
ngoba uHerodi wayemesaba uJohane, esazi ukuthi
uyindoda elungileyo lengcwele, wamlondoloza; lalapho
emuzwa, wenza izinto ezinengi, wamuzwa ngokuthokoza.
21 Kwathi selufikile usuku oluhle, uHerodi ngelanga
lakhe lokuzalwa wenzela izikhulu zakhe lenduna
zenkulungwane labalisa beGalili ukudla kwantambama,
22 kwathi indodakazi kaHerodiyasi lo isingenile yagida,
yamkholisa uHerodi lalabo ababehlezi ekudleni laye,
inkosi yathi entombini: Cela kimi loba kuyini okuthandayo,
njalo ngizakupha; 23 wafunga kuyo esithi: Loba kuyini
ongakucela kimi, ngizakunika, kuze kube yingxenye
yombuso wami. 24 Yasiphuma isithi kunina: Ngizacelani?
Yena wasesithi: Ikhanda likaJohane uMbhabhathizi.
25 Njalo yahle yangena enkosini ngokuphangisa,
yacela, yathi: Ngifuna ukuthi unginike khathesinje
emganwini ikhanda likaJohane uMbhabhathizi. 26
Inkosi yasidabuka kakhulu, kodwa ngenxa yezifungo
langalabo ababehlezi layo ekudleni kayithandanga
ukuyilandulela. 27 Njalo inkosi yahle yathuma ibutho
yalaya ukuthi kulethwe ikhanda lakhe. Wasehamba
wamquma ikhanda entolongweni, 28 waletha ikhanda
lakhe ngomganu, walinika intombi; intombi yasilinika
unina. 29 Kwathi abafundi bakhe sebezwile beza,
bathatha isidumbu sakhe, basibeka engcwabeni. 30
Abaphostoli basebebuthana kuJesu, bambikela konke,
lababekwenzile kanye lababekufundisile. 31 Wasesithi
kubo: Wozani lina lodwa endaweni eyinkangala,
liphumule kancinyane. Ngoba babebanengi abafikayo
labahambayo, futhi bengelathuba lokudla. 32 Bakhuphuka
ngomkhumbi baya endaweni eyinkangala bebodwa.
33 Amaxuku asebabona besuka, labanengi bamazi,
bagijimela khona kanyekanye ngenyawo bevela emizini
yonke, basebebandulela, bahlangana kuye. 34 Kwathi
uJesu esephuma wabona ixuku elikhulu, waba
lesihelo ngabo, ngoba babenjengezimvu ezingelamelusi;
waseqala ukubafundisa izinto ezinengi. 35 Kwathi
isikhathi sesihambile, abafundi bakhe beza kuye bathi:
Lindawo iyinkangala, lesikhathi sesihambile; 36 bayekele,
ukuze baye ezigabeni ezizingelezeleyo lemizaneni
bazithengele izinkwa; ngoba bengelalutho abangaludla.
37 Wasephendula wathi kubo: Banikeni lina ukuthi
badle. Basebesithi kuye: Sihambe yini siyethenga
izinkwa ngabodenariyo abangamakhulu amabili, sibaphe
badle? 38 Wasesithi kubo: Lilezinkwa ezingaki? Hambani
liyebona. Sebesazi bathi: Zinhlanu, lenhlanzi ezimbili. 39
Wasebalaya ukuthi babahlalise bonke phansi ngezigaba
ngezigaba etshanini obuluhlaza. 40 Basebehlala phansi
ngamaviyo ngamaviyo, ngamakhulu langamatshumi
amahlanu. 41 Wasethatha izinkwa ezinhlanu lenhlanzi
ezimbili, ekhangela phezulu ezulwini, wabonga,
wazihlephula izinkwa, wazinika abafundi bakhe ukuthi
bazibeke phambi kwabo; lenhlanzi ezimbili wazabela
bonke. 42 Basebesidla bonke, basutha. 43 Basebedobha
izitsha ezilitshumi lambili ezagcwala imvuthu ezazisele,
lokuseleyo kwenhlanzi. 44 Lalabo abadlayo izinkwa,
babengaba ngamadoda azinkulungwane ezinhlanu. 45
Njalo wahle wacindezela abafundi bakhe ukuthi bangene
emkhunjini, njalo bamqalele ukuya ngaphetsheya
eBhethisayida, yena esayekela ixuku lihamba. 46
Esebavalelisile, wasuka waya entabeni ukuyakhuleka.
47 Sekuhlwile, umkhumbi wawuphakathi kolwandle,
futhi yena wayeyedwa emhlabathini. 48 Wababona
behlupheka kakhulu ekugwedleni, ngoba umoya
wawuphambene labo, wasesiza kubo sokungaba
yisikhathi somlindo wesine wobusuku, ehamba phezu
kolwandle; wasefuna ukubadlula. 49 Sebembonile
ehamba phezu kolwandle, basebecabanga ukuthi
lithonga, bakhala kakhulu; 50 ngoba bambona bonke,
bethuka. Kodwa wahle wakhuluma labo, wathi kubo:
Manini isibindi; yimi, lingesabi. 51 Wasesenyukela
kubo emkhunjini, umoya wasuthula; basebesanganiseka
kakhulu okwedlula amalawulo ngaphakathi, bamangala.
52 Ngoba babengaqedisisanga ngezinkwa; ngoba
inhliziyo yabo yayilukhuni. 53 Kwathi sebechaphile
bafika elizweni leGenesaretha, babophela umkhumbi
ekhunjini. 54 Bathi sebephumile emkhunjini, bahle
bamazi, 55 njalo bagijimela kuso sonke lesosigaba
esizingelezeleyo, baqala ukubhoda bethwala abagulayo
ngamathala bebasa lapho abebesizwa ukuthi ukhona. 56
Njalo loba ngaphi angena khona emizaneni loba emizini,
loba emaphandleni, babeka abagulayo emidangeni,
bamncenga ukuthi bathinte umphetho wesembatho
sakhe nje; njalo bonke abamthintayo basindiswa.

7 Kwasekubuthana kuye abaFarisi, labanye bababhali,
ababevela eJerusalema; 2 sebebonile ukuthi abanye
babafundi bakhe badla izinkwa ngezandla ezingcolileyo,
okuyikuthi ezingagezwanga, basola. 3 Ngoba abaFarisi
lamaJuda bonke kabadli, ngaphandle kokuthi bagezisise
izandla zabo, belondoloza isiko labadala. 4 Nxa
bevela emdangeni, kabadli, ngaphandle kokuthi bageze;
futhi zikhona ezinye izinto ezinengi abazemukelayo
ukuzilondoloza, ukugezisa inkezo lembiza lezitsha
zethusi lemibheda. 5 Emva kwalokhu abaFarisi
lababhali bambuza bathi: Kungani abafundi bakho
bengahambi ngesiko labadala, kodwa badla isinkwa
ngezandla ezingahlanjwanga? 6 Kodwa waphendula
wathi kubo: UIsaya waprofetha kuhle ngani lina bazenzisi,
njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Lesisizwe singidumisa
ngezindebe, kodwa inhliziyo yabo ikhatshana lami.
7 Kodwa zingikhonza ngeze, zifundisa izimfundiso
eziyimilayo yabantu. 8 Ngoba liyekela umlayo

kaNkulunkulu, ligcine isiko labantu, ukugezisa imbiza
lenkezo; lezinye izinto ezinengi ezinjalo liyazenza. 9
Wasesithi kubo: Liyachitha kuhle umlayo kaNkulunkulu,
ukuze lilondoloze isiko lenu. 10 Ngoba uMozisi wathi:
Hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko; lokuthi: Othuka uyise kumbe
unina kumele afe ukufa; 11 kodwa lina lithi: Aluba umuntu
esithi kuyise kumbe kunina: Lokho obungasizwa yimi
ngakho, "liKhobane", okuyikuthi umnikelo kuNkulunkulu;
12 kalisamvumeli ukwenzela uyise kumbe unina
ulutho, 13 lilenza ize ilizwi likaNkulunkulu ngesiko
lenu eliliqhubayo; lezinto ezinengi ezinjalo liyazenza.
14 Esebizile kuye ixuku lonke, wathi kilo: Ngilalelani
lonke, liqedisise. 15 Kalukho ulutho olungaphandle
komuntu olungamngcolisa lungena kuye; kodwa izinto
eziphuma kuye, yizo lezo ezingcolisa umuntu. 16 Uba
ekhona olendlebe zokuzwa akezwe. 17 Esengenile
endlini evela exukwini, abafundi bakhe bambuza
ngomfanekiso. 18 Wasesithi kubo: Ngokunjalo lani
lingabangelakuqedisisa yini? Kaliqedisisi yini ukuthi konke
okungaphandle okungena emuntwini kungemngcolise?
19 Ngoba kakungeni enhliziyweni yakhe, kodwa esiswini,
kuphumele ngaphandle, kuhlambulula ukudla konke. 20
Wasesithi: Okuphumayo emuntwini, yikho okungcolisa
umuntu. 21 Ngoba kuphuma ngaphakathi enhliziyweni
yabantu imicabango emibi, ukuphinga, ukufeba,
ukubulala, 22 ukweba, ubuhwaba, ukuxhwala, inkohliso,
amanyala, ilihlo elibi, inhlamba, ukuzigqaja, ubuthutha;
23 zonke lezizinto ezimbi zivela ngaphakathi, zimngcolise
umuntu. 24 Wasesukuma lapho waya emikhawulweni
yeTire leSidoni. Wangena endlini, engathandi ukuthi
kwaziwe muntu, kodwa wayengelakufihlakala. 25
Ngoba owesifazana, olentombazana yakhe elomoya
ongcolileyo, esezwile ngaye, weza wawa phansi
enyaweni zakhe; 26 njalo owesifazana wayengumGriki,
engumSirofenike ngokuzalwa; wasemncenga ukuthi
akhuphe idimoni endodakazini yakhe. 27 Kodwa uJesu
wathi kuye: Ake kusuthe abantwana kuqala; ngoba
kakukuhle ukuthatha isinkwa sabantwana sisiphosele
izinjana. 28 Kodwa waphendula wathi kuye: Yebo,
Nkosi; kodwa lezinjana ezingaphansi kwetafula ziyadla
imvuthuluka yabantwana. 29 Wasesithi kuye: Ngenxa
yalokhukutsho hamba-ke; idimoni liphumile endodakazini
yakho. 30 Wasesuka waya endlini yakhe, wafica
idimoni seliphumile, lendodakazi ilele embhedeni. 31
Wasebuya wasuka emikhawulweni yeTire leSidoni,
weza elwandle lweGalili, phakathi kwemikhawulo
yeDikapolisi. 32 Basebeletha kuye isacuthe esigagasayo,
bamncenga ukuthi abeke isandla sakhe phezu kwaso.
33 Wasesikhupha exukwini sabasodwa, wafaka iminwe
yakhe endlebeni zaso, wakhafula wathinta ulimi
lwaso, 34 ekhangela phezulu ezulwini, wabubula,
wathi kuso: "Efatha"; okuyikuthi: Vulwa! 35 Njalo
zahle zavulwa indlebe zaso; yasithukululwa intambo
yolimi lwaso, sasesikhuluma saqonda. 36 Wasebalaya
ukuthi bangatsheli muntu; kodwa lanxa wayebalayile
kakhulu, kwang'khona bekumemezela ngamandla. 37
Basebemangala kakhulukazi sibili, bathi: Uzenzile kuhle
izinto zonke; wenza kokubili izacuthe ukuthi zizwe,
lezimungulu ukuthi zikhulume.

8 Ngalezonsuku kwakukhona ixuku elikhulu kakhulu,
njalo lalingelakho okokudla, uJesu wabizela
kuye abafundi bakhe wathi kubo: 2 Ngilesihelo
ngexuku; ngoba sebehlezi lami insuku ezintathu,
bengelalutho lokudla; 3 njalo uba ngibayekela baye
emakhaya abo bengadlanga, bazayatha endleleni; ngoba
abanye babo bavela khatshana. 4 Abafundi bakhe
basebemphendula bathi: Zingavela ngaphi izinkwa
umuntu angasuthisa ngazo laba lapha enkangala? 5
Wasebabuza wathi: Lilezinkwa ezingaki? Basebesithi:
Eziyisikhombisa. 6 Waselaya ixuku ukuthi lihlale phansi
emhlabathini; wasethatha izinkwa eziyisikhombisa,
esebongile wazihlephula wazinika abafundi bakhe,
ukuthi babeke phambi kwabo; basebebeka phambi
kwexuku. 7 Njalo babelenhlanzana ezinlutshwana;
esebusisile wathi bazibeke lazo phambi kwabo. 8
Basebesidla, basutha; basebedobha imvuthu ezazisele,
izitsha eziyisikhombisa. 9 Lababedlile babengaba
zinkulungwane ezine; wasebayekela bahamba. 10
Njalo wahle wangena emkhunjini labafundi bakhe, weza
kungxenye zeDalmanutha. 11 AbaFarisi basebephuma,
baqala ukuphikisana laye, befunisisa kuye isibonakaliso
esivela ezulwini, bemlinga. 12 Wasebubula kakhulu
emoyeni wakhe wathi: Lesisizukulwana sidingelani
isibonakaliso? Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Kakulasibonakaliso
esizanikwa kulesisizukulwana. 13 Wasebatshiya,
wangena emkhunjini futhi, wasuka waya ngaphetsheya.
14 Kodwa abafundi babekhohliwe ukuthatha izinkwa,
njalo bengelalutho emkhunjini ngaphandle kwesinkwa
esisodwa. 15 Wasebalaya, wathi: Nanzelelani,
liqaphele imvubelo yabaFarisi lemvubelo kaHerodi. 16
Basebekhulumisana, besithi: Ngoba kasilazinkwa. 17
UJesu esekwazi wathi kubo: Kungani likhulumisana
ngokuthi kalilazinkwa? Kalikaboni, njalo kaliqedisisi yini?
Lokhe lilenhliziyo ezilukhuni yini? 18 Lilamehlo kaliboni
yini? Futhi lilendlebe kalizwa yini? Njalo kalikhumbuli
yini? 19 Mhla ngahlephulela abazinkulungwane
ezinhlanu izinkwa ezinhlanu, ladobha izitsha ezingaki
ezigcwele imvuthu? Bathi kuye: Ezilitshumi lambili.
20 Njalo mhla ziyisikhombisa kwabazinkulungwane
ezine, ladobha izitsha ezingaki ezigcwele imvuthu?
Basebesithi: Eziyisikhombisa. 21 Wasesithi kubo:
Yinindaba lingaqedisisi? 22 Wasefika eBhethisayida.
Basebeletha kuye isiphofu, bamncenga ukuthi asithinte.
23 Wasebamba isandla sesiphofu, wasikhuphela
ngaphandle komzana; esekhafulele emehlweni aso,
wabeka izandla zakhe phezu kwaso, wasibuza ukuthi
ngabe sibona ulutho. 24 Sasesikhangela phezulu
sathi: Ngibona abantu behambahamba kungathi

yizihlahla. 25 Emva kwalokhu wabuya wabeka izandla
zakhe phezu kwamehlo aso, wasenza sakhangela
phezulu; sasesisiliswa, sabona bonke ngokucacileyo.
26 Wasesithuma endlini yaso, wathi: Ungangeni
emzaneni, njalo ungatsheli muntu loyedwa emzaneni.
27 UJesu wasephuma labafundi bakhe baya emizaneni
yeKesariya yeFiliphu; besendleleni wababuza abafundi
bakhe, wathi kubo: Abantu bathi ngingubani? 28
Basebephendula bathi: UJohane uMbhabhathizi; labanye:
UElija; labanye: Omunye wabaprofethi. 29 Yena
wasesithi kubo: Lina-ke lithi ngingubani? UPetro
wasephendula wathi kuye: Wena unguKristu. 30
Wasebalayisisa ukuthi bangatsheli muntu ngaye. 31
Waseqala ukubafundisa, ukuthi iNdodana yomuntu imele
ukuhlupheka izinto ezinengi, ilahlwe ngabadala labapristi
abakhulu lababhali, ibulawe, ibuye ivuke emva kwensuku
ezintathu. 32 Waselikhuluma lelilizwi obala. UPetro
wasemthatha waqala ukumkhuza. 33 Kodwa etshibilika,
wabona abafundi bakhe, wamkhuza uPetro, wathi:
Suka ngemva kwami, Sathane; ngoba kawucabangi
ngezinto zikaNkulunkulu, kodwa ngezabantu. 34 Kwathi
esebizele kuye ixuku kanye labafundi bakhe, wathi
kubo: Uba umuntu ethanda ukuza ngemva kwami,
kazidele, athathe isiphambano sakhe, angilandele. 35
Ngoba loba ngubani othanda ukusindisa impilo yakhe,
izamlahlekela; kodwa loba ngubani olahlekelwa yimpilo
yakhe ngenxa yami levangeli, yena uzayisindisa. 36
Ngoba kuzamsizani umuntu, nxa ezuza umhlaba wonke,
kodwa alahlekelwe ngumphefumulo wakhe? 37 Kumbe
umuntu uzanikani kube lihlawulo lomphefumulo wakhe?
38 Ngoba loba ngubani olenhloni ngami langamazwi ami
kulesisizukulwana esifebayo lesonakeleyo, iNdodana
yomuntu layo izakuba lenhloni ngaye, nxa isiza
enkazimulweni kaYise kanye lengilosi ezingcwele.

9 Wasesithi kubo: Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Bakhona
abanye kwabemiyo lapha, abangasoze bezwe ukufa,
baze babone umbuso kaNkulunkulu usufikile ngamandla.
2 Emva kwensuku eziyisithupha uJesu wasethatha
uPetro loJakobe loJohane, wasebakhuphulela entabeni
ende ebehlukanisa bodwa; waseguqulwa isimo phambi
kwabo; 3 lezembatho zakhe zacwazimula, zaba mhlophe
nke njengeliqhwa elikhithikileyo, kakulamcoli welembu
emhlabeni ongazenza zibe mhlophe kangako. 4
Kwasekubonakala kubo uElija eloMozisi, njalo bekhuluma
loJesu. 5 UPetro wasephendula wathi kuJesu: Rabi,
kuhle ukuthi sibe lapha; futhi asakhe amadumba
amathathu, elinye ngelakho, lelinye ngelikaMozisi, lelinye
ngelikaElija. 6 Ngoba wayengakwazi angakutsho; ngoba
babesesaba kakhulu. 7 Kwasekufika iyezi labasibekela;
kwaba lelizwi elivela eyezini, lisithi: Lo uyiNdodana yami
ethandekayo; zwanini yona. 8 Njalo bahle bathalaza,
kababe besabona muntu, kodwa uJesu yedwa elabo. 9
Kwathi besehla entabeni, wabalaya ukuthi bangatsheli
muntu izinto abazibonileyo, ize ivuke kwabafileyo
iNdodana yomuntu. 10 Njalo bazigcinela lelilizwi,
bebuzana ukuthi kutshoni ukuvuka kwabafileyo. 11
Basebembuza, besithi: Batsholoni ababhali ukuthi uElija
ufanele ukufika kuqala? 12 Wasephendula, wathi kubo:
UElija ufika kuqala isibili, abuyisele zonke izinto; njalo
kubhalwe njani ngeNdodana yomuntu, ukuthi izahlupheka
izinto ezinengi njalo idelelwe. 13 Kodwa ngitsho kini
ukuthi uElija laye sewafika, basebesenza kuye konke
abakuthandayo, njengokulotshiweyo ngaye. 14 Kwathi
efika kubafundi, wabona ixuku elikhulu libahanqile,
lababhali bephikisana labo. 15 Lahle lathi ukumbona ixuku
lonke laselimangala, lagijimela kuye lambingelela. 16
Wasebabuza ababhali wathi: Liphikisana ngani labo? 17
Omunye wexuku wasephendula wathi: Mfundisi, ngilethe
kuwe indodana yami, elomoya oyisimungulu; 18 kuthi loba
ngaphi oyibamba khona, uyidabule; ikhihlize amagwebu,
igedle amazinyo ayo, yome qha; njalo ngikhulume
labafundi bakho ukuthi bawukhuphe, kodwa behluleka.
19 Wasemphendula wathi: O sizukulwana esingelakholo,
koze kube nini ngilani? Koze kube nini ngilibekezelela?
Iletheni kimi. 20 Basebeyiletha kuye; kwathi umbona,
umoya wahle wayihlukuza; yawela emhlabathini,
yazigiqagiqa ikhihliza amagwebu. 21 Wasebuza uyise
wathi: Kulesikhathi esingakanani, lokhu kwenzeka kiyo?
Wasesithi: Kusukela ebuntwaneni. 22 Futhi uyiphosele
kanengi emlilweni lemanzini, ukuze uyibhubhise; kodwa
nxa kukhona ongakwenza, sihawukele, usisize. 23 UJesu
wasesithi kuye: Nxa usenelisa ukukholwa, zonke izinto
ziyenzeka kokholwayo. 24 Njalo uyise womntwana wahle
wamemeza ngezinyembezi wathi: Ngiyakholwa, Nkosi,
siza ukungakholwa kwami. 25 Kwathi uJesu esebona
ukuthi ixuku ligijima kanyekanye ndawonye, wakhuza
umoya ongcolileyo, esithi kuwo: Wena moya oyisimungulu
loyisacuthe, mina ngiyakulaya: Phuma kuye, ungabe
usangena kuye. 26 Usumemezile, wayihlukuza kakhulu,
waphuma; yasisiba njengofileyo, kwaze kwathi abanengi
bathi isifile. 27 Kodwa uJesu wayibamba ngesandla,
wayiphakamisa; yasisukuma. 28 Wathi esengenile endlini,
abafundi bakhe bambuza bebodwa bathi: Kungani thina
sehlulekile ukuwukhupha? 29 Wasesithi kubo: Loluhlobo
lungeke luphume ngalutho, ngaphandle komkhuleko
lokuzila ukudla. 30 Basebesuka lapho badabula eGalili;
wayengathandi ukuthi loba ngubani akwazi, 31 ngoba
wayefundisa abafundi bakhe, esithi kubo: INdodana
yomuntu inikelwa ezandleni zabantu, njalo bazayibulala;
kuthi isibulewe, izavuka ngosuku lwesithathu. 32 Kodwa
kabaqedisisanga lumutsho, basebesesaba ukumbuza.
33 Wasefika eKapenawume. Kwathi esendlini wababuza
wathi: Beliphikisana ngani endleleni? 34 Kodwa
bathula; ngoba endleleni babephikisene ngokuthi ngubani
omkhulu. 35 Wasehlala phansi wabiza abalitshumi lambili,
wathi kubo: Uba umuntu ethanda ukuba ngowokuqala,
uzakuba ngowokucina kubo bonke, lesisebenzi sabo
bonke. 36 Wasethatha umntwana omncane, wammisa

phakathi kwabo; wamgona, wathi kubo: **37** Loba
ngubani owemukela omunye wabantwana abancane
abanje ebizweni lami, wemukela mina; njalo loba
ngubani owemukela mina, kemukeli mina, kodwa yena
ongithumileyo. **38** UJohane wasemphendula, wathi:
Mfundisi, sabona omunye ongasilandeliyo ekhupha
amadimoni ngebizo lakho; sasesimenqabela, ngoba
engasilandeli. **39** Kodwa uJesu wathi: Lingamenqabeli;
ngoba kakho owenza umsebenzi wamandla ebizweni
lami, njalo olamandla okukhuluma kubi ngami masinyane;
40 ngoba ongamelani lathi, ungowethu. **41** Ngoba
loba ngubani ozalinathisa inkezo yamanzi ngebizo
lami, ngoba lingabakaKristu, ngiqinisile ngithi kini:
Kasoze alahlekelwa ngumvuzo wakhe. **42** Futhi loba
ngubani okhubekisa omunye walaba abancinyane
abakholwa kimi, kungcono kuye ukuthi ilitshe lokuchola
ligaxwe entanyeni yakhe, abesephoselwa olwandle.
43 Njalo uba isandla sakho sikukhubekisa, siqume;
kungcono kuwe ukungena ekuphileni uyingini, kulokuthi
ulezandla ezimbili usuke uye esihogweni, emlilweni
ongacitshekiyo, **(Geenna g1067)** **44** lapho impethu
yabo engafi khona, lomlilo ongacitshi khona. **45**
Njalo uba unyawo lwakho lukukhubekisa, luqume;
kungcono kuwe ukungena ekuphileni uyisiqhwala,
kulokuthi ulenyawo ezimbili uphoselwe esihogweni,
emlilweni ongacitshekiyo, **(Geenna g1067)** **46** lapho
impethu yabo engafi khona, lomlilo ongacitshi khona.
47 Njalo uba ilihlo lakho likukhubekisa, likhuphe;
kungcono kuwe ukungena embusweni kaNkulunkulu
ulelihlo elilodwa, kulokuthi ulamehlo amabili uphoselwe
esihogweni somlilo, **(Geenna g1067)** **48** lapho impethu
yabo engafi khona, lomlilo ongacitshi khona. **49** Ngoba
wonke uzatshwaywa ngomlilo; njalo wonke umhlatshelo
uzatshwaywa ngetshwayi. **50** Itshwayi lihle; kodwa uba
itshwayi lingelabutshwayi, lizalivuselela ngani? Banini
letshwayi phakathi kwenu, njalo lihlalisane ngokuthula.

10 Wasesukuma lapho weza emingceleni yeJudiya
edabula ngaphetsheya kweJordani; amaxuku
asebuya abuthana kuye; wasephinda ukubafundisa,
njengokwejwayela kwakhe. **2** Kwasekusiza kuye
abaFarisi bambuza ukuthi: Kuvunyelwe yini ukuthi
indoda yale umkayo? bemlinga. **3** Wasephendula wathi
kubo: UMozisi walilayani? **4** Basebesithi: UMozisi
wavuma ukubhala incwadi yesehlukaniso, lokumala. **5**
UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Ngenxa yobulukhuni
benhliziyo yenu walibhalela lumlayo; **6** kodwa kusukela
ekuqaleni kokudaliweyo, uNkulunkulu wabenza owesilisa
lowesifazana. **7** Ngenxa yalokhu indoda izatshiya uyise
lonina, inamathele kumkayo, **8** njalo labo ababili bazakuba
nyamanye. Ngakho kabasebabili, kodwa banyamanye. **9**
Ngakho lokho uNkulunkulu akuhlanganisileyo, kakungabi
lamuntu okwehlukanisayo. **10** Endlini abafundi bakhe
basebebuya bembuza ngalokhu. **11** Wasesithi kubo:
Loba ngubani owala umkakhe athathe omunye, uyafeba
kuye; **12** lomfazi uba esala indoda yakhe endele kwenye,
uyafeba. **13** Basebeletha abantwana abancane kuye
ukuze ababambe; kodwa abafundi bakhe babakhuza
ababalethayo. **14** Kodwa uJesu ekubona wathukuthela,
wathi kubo: Vumelani abantwana abancane beze
kimi, lingabenqabeli. Ngoba umbuso kaNkulunkulu
ungowabanje. **15** Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Loba ngubani
ongemukeli umbuso kaNkulunkulu njengomntwana
omncane, kasoze angene kuwo. **16** Njalo ebagona,
ebeka izandla zakhe phezu kwabo, wababusisa. **17**
Esephumele endleleni, omunye wamgijimela, eguqa
phambi kwakhe wambuza wathi: Mfundisi olungileyo,
ngingenzani ukuze ngidle ilifa lempilo elaphakade?
(aiōnios g166) **18** UJesu wasesithi kuye: Ungibizelani
ngokuthi olungileyo? Kakho olungileyo, ngaphandle
koyedwa, uNkulunkulu. **19** Uyayazi imilayo ethi: Ungafebi,
ungabulali, ungebi, ungafakazi amanga, ungadlelezeli,
hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko. **20** Wasephendula wathi kuye:
Mfundisi, lezizinto zonke ngizigcinile kusukela ebutsheni
bami. **21** Njalo uJesu emkhangela wamthanda, wathi
kuye: Kunye okusweleyo; hamba, uthengise konke
olakho, uphe abayanga, njalo uzakuba lokuligugu
ezulwini; njalo uze, uthathe isiphambano, ungilandele. **22**
Kodwa edanile ngalelilizwi wasuka wahamba edabukile;
ngoba wayelempahla ezinengi. **23** UJesu wasethalaza
wathi kubafundi bakhe: Kuzakuba lukhuni kangakanani
kwabalenotho ukungena embusweni kaNkulunkulu.
24 Abafundi basebemangala ngamazwi akhe. Kodwa
uJesu ephendula futhi wathi kubo: Bantwana, kulukhuni
kangakanani kwabathembela enothweni ukungena
embusweni kaNkulunkulu; **25** kulula ukuthi ikamela
lithutshe entunjeni yenalithi, kulokuthi umuntu onothileyo
angene embusweni kaNkulunkulu. **26** Basebemangala
kakhulukazi, bekhulumisana bathi: Pho kungasindiswa
bani? **27** UJesu wasebakhangela wathi: Kubantu
kakulakwenzeka, kodwa kakunjalo kuNkulunkulu; ngoba
zonke izinto ziyenzeka kuNkulunkulu. **28** UPetro
waseqala ukuthi kuye: Khangela, thina sitshiye konke,
sakulandela. **29** UJesu wasephendula wathi: Ngiqinisile
ngithi kini: Kakukho muntu otshiye indlu, kumbe
abafowabo, kumbe odadewabo, kumbe uyise, kumbe
unina, kumbe umkakhe, kumbe abantwana, kumbe
amasimu, ngenxa yami levangeli, **30** ongayikwemukela
ngokwekhulu khathesi ngalesisikhathi, izindlu labafowabo
labodadewabo labonina labantwana lamasimu, kanye
lokuzingelwa, lempilo elaphakade esikhathini esizayo.
(aiōn g165, aiōnios g166) **31** Kodwa abanengi abokuqala
bazakuba ngabokucina, labokucina ngabokuqala. **32**
Njalo babesendleleni besenyukela eJerusalema; uJesu
wayesehamba phambi kwabo, njalo babemangele,
belandela babesesaba. Wasethatha futhi abalitshumi
lambili, waqala ukubatshela izinto ezazizakwenzakala
kuye **33** ukuthi: Khangelani, senyukela eJerusalema,
futhi iNdodana yomuntu izanikelwa kubapristi abakhulu

lakubabhali, njalo bazayigwebela ukufa, bayinikele
kwabezizwe, **34** bazayiyangisa, bayitshaye ngesiswepu,
bayikhafulele amathe, bayibulale; njalo ngosuku
lwesithathu izabuya ivuke ekufeni. **35** Kwasekusiza
kuye uJakobe loJohane, amadodana kaZebediya,
besithi: Mfundisi, sithanda ukuthi usenzele loba yini
esizayicela. **36** Wasesithi kubo: Lithanda ukuthi
ngilenzeleni? **37** Basebesithi kuye: Siphe ukuthi
sihlale omunye ngakwesokunene sakho lomunye
ngakwesokhohlo sakho ebukhosini bakho. **38** Kodwa
uJesu wathi kubo: Kalikwazi elikucelayo. Linganatha
yini inkezo engiyinathayo mina, njalo libhabhathizwe
ngobhabhathizo engibhabhathizwa ngalo mina? **39**
Basebesithi kuye: Singakwenza. Kodwa uJesu wathi
kubo: Isibili inkezo engiyinathayo mina lizayinatha;
lizabhabhathizwa ngobhabhathizo engibhabhathizwa
ngalo mina; **40** kodwa ukuhlala ngakwesokunene sami
langakwesokhohlo sami kayisikho okwami ukukupha,
kodwa kungokwalabo abakulungiselweyo. **41** Kwathi
sebezwile abalitshumi baqala ukuthukuthela ngoJakobe
loJohane. **42** Kodwa uJesu wababizela kuye wathi kubo:
Liyazi ukuthi labo okuthiwa babusa izizwe bazibusa
ngobulukhuni; lezikhulu zazo zisebenzisa amandla phezu
kwazo. **43** Kodwa akuyikuba njalo phakathi kwenu; kodwa
loba ngubani othanda ukuba ngomkhulu phakathi kwenu,
kabe yisisebenzi senu; **44** njalo loba ngubani othanda
ukuba ngowokuqala phakathi kwenu, kabe yisisebenzi
sabo bonke. **45** Ngoba leNdodana yomuntu kayizanga
ukukhonzwa, kodwa ukukhonza, lokunika impilo yayo
ibe lihlawulo labanengi. **46** Basebefika eJeriko; kwathi
esephuma eJeriko, labafundi bakhe, lexuku elikhulu,
indodana kaTimewu, uBartimewu oyisiphofu wayehlezi
endleleni ephanza. **47** Kwathi esezwile ukuthi nguJesu
weNazaretha, waqala ukumemeza lokuthi: Jesu Ndodana
kaDavida, akungihawukele! **48** Abanengi basebemkhuza
ukuthi athule; kodwa wamemeza kakhulukazi, esithi:
Ndodana kaDavida, akungihawukele! **49** UJesu esima
wasesithi kabizwe; basebesibiza isiphofu, besithi kuso:
Mana isibindi; sukuma, uyakubiza. **50** Sasesilahla
isembatho saso sasukuma seza kuJesu. **51** UJesu
wasephendula wathi kuso: Ufuna ukuthi ngikwenzeleni?
Isiphofu sasesisithi kuye: Raboni, ukuthi ngibuye ngibone.
52 UJesu wasesithi kuso: Hamba; ukholo lwakho
lukusindisile. Njalo sahle sabuye sabona, salandela
uJesu endleleni.

11 Kwathi besondela eJerusalema, eBetfage
leBethani, entabeni yeMihlwathi, wathuma ababili
kubafundi bakhe, **2** wathi kubo: Hambani liye emzaneni
okhangelene lani; lizahle lithi lingena kuwo lifice ithole
likababhemi likhulekiwe, okungazange kuhlale kulo
umuntu; lilikhulule lililethe. **3** Njalo uba umuntu esithi kini:
Likwenzelani lokhu? Lithi: INkosi iyaliswela; njalo uzahle
alithumele lapha. **4** Bahamba-ke bafica ithole likhulekiwe
lisesangweni ngaphandle, endleleni; basebelikhululula. **5**
Labanye kwababemi khona bathi kubo: Lenzani likhululula
ithole? **6** Basebesitsho kubo njengoba uJesu elayile;
basebebayekela bahamba. **7** Basebeliletha ithole kuJesu,
baphosela izembatho zabo phezu kwalo, wasehlala
phezu kwalo. **8** Labanengi bendlala izembatho zabo
endleleni; labanye bagamula izingatsha lamahlamvu
ezihlahleni, bakwendlala endleleni. **9** Lalabo ababehamba
phambili lababelandela bamemeza, besithi: Hosana!
Ubusisiwe ozayo ebizweni leNkosi; **10** ubusisiwe umbuso
kababa wethu uDavida, ozayo ebizweni leNkosi. Hosana
kweliphezulu! **11** UJesu wasengena eJerusalema,
lethempelini; wathi esekhangele izinto zonke jikelele,
sekuhlwile, waphuma waya eBethani labalitshumi
lambili. **12** Lakusisa bephuma eBethani, walamba. **13**
Ebona umkhiwa ukhatshana, ulamahlamvu, wasondela
ukuthi mhlawumbe angathola ulutho kuwo; njalo efika
kuwo, katholanga lutho ngaphandle kwamahlamvu;
ngoba kwakungesiso isikhathi somkhiwa. **14** UJesu
ekhuluma wathi kuwo: Kakungabi kusadla muntu
isithelo kuwe kuze kube nininini. Labafundi bakhe
bakuzwa. **(aiōn g165)** **15** Basebefika eJerusalema;
uJesu wasengena ethempelini waqala ukuxotsha labo
ababethengisa lababethenga ethempelini; wasegenqula
amatafula ababentshintshelana imali, lezihlalo zalabo
ababethengisa amajuba; **16** wayengavumeli ukuthi
umuntu athwale impahla adabule ethempelini. **17**
Wasefundisa, wathi kubo: Kakulotshiwe yini ukuthi: Indlu
yami izabizwa ngokuthi yindlu yomkhuleko yezizwe
zonke? Kodwa lina seliyenze ubhalu lwabaphangi. **18**
Ababhali labapristi abakhulu basebekuzwa, badinga
ukuthi bangambulala njani; ngoba babemesaba, ngoba
lonke ixuku lamangala kakhulu ngokufundisa kwakhe.
19 Sekusihlwa, waphuma phandle komuzi. **20** Ekuseni
kakhulu besedlula, babona umkhiwa womile kusukela
empandeni. **21** UPetro wasekhumbula wathi kuye: Rabi,
khangela, umkhiwa owuqalekisileyo womile. **22** UJesu
wasephendula wathi kubo: Banini lokholo kuNkulunkulu.
23 Ngoba ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Loba ngubani ozakuthi
kulintaba: Phakanyiswa, uphoselwe olwandle; njalo
engathandabuzi enhliziyweni yakhe, kodwa ekholwa
ukuthi akutshoyo kuyenzeka, kuzakuba kuye loba yikuphi
akutshoyo. **24** Ngakho ngithi kini: Konke loba yikuphi
elikucelayo likhuleka, kholwani ukuthi liyakwemukela,
njalo lizakuba lakho. **25** Njalo nxa limi likhuleka,
thethelelani uba lililutho olumelana lomuntu; ukuze
uYihlo osemazulwini laye alithethelele iziphambeko zenu.
26 Kodwa uba lina lingathetheleli, loYihlo osemazulwini
kayikulithethelela iziphambeko zenu. **27** Basebebuya
bafika eJerusalema; kwathi ehambahamba ethempelini,
abapristi abakhulu lababhali labadala beza kuye, **28**
bathi kuye: Izinto lezi uzenza ngaliphi igunya; njalo
ngubani okunike leligunya lokuthi wenze lezizinto? **29**
UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Lami ngizalibuza
umbuzo ube munye, njalo lingiphendule, khona

ngizalitshela ukuthi ngenza lezizinto ngaliphi igunya.
30 Ubhabhathizo lukaJohane lwavela ezulwini, kumbe
ebantwini? Ngiphendulani. 31 Basebekhulumisana,
besithi: Uba sisithi: Ezulwini, uzakuthi: Pho kalikholwanga
kuye ngani? 32 Kodwa uba sisithi: Ebantwini; besaba
abantu; ngoba bonke babemphatha uJohane, ngokuthi
ungumprofethi ngeqiniso. 33 Basebephendula bathi
kuJesu: Kasazi. UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Lami
kangilitsheli ukuthi ngenza lezizinto ngaliphi igunya.

12 Waseqala ukukhuluma labo ngemifanekiso
wathi: Umuntu wahlanyela isivini, wasibiyela
ngothango, wagebha isikhamelo, wakha umphotshongo,
wasiqhatshisa kubalimi, waya kwelinye ilizwe. 2 Kwathi
sekuyisikhathi esifaneleyo wathuma inceku kubalimi,
ukuze yemukele kubalimi okwesithelo sesivini. 3 Kodwa
bayibamba bayitshaya, bayimukisa ize. 4 Wasebuya
ethuma kubo enye inceku; laleyo bayitshaya ngamatshe
bayilimaza ekhanda, bayixotsha isithelwe inhloni. 5
Wasebuya ethuma enye; yona basebeyibulala; lezinye
ezinengi, ezinye bazitshaya, lezinye bazibulala. 6 Ngakho
eseselendodana eyodwa ethandekayo kuye, ekucineni
wayithuma kubo layo, esithi: Bazayihlonipha indodana
yami. 7 Kodwa labobalimi bakhulumisana besithi: Le
yindlalifa; wozani, siyibulale, lelifa lizakuba ngelethu. 8
Basebeyibamba bayibulala, bayiphosela ngaphandle
kwesivini. 9 Ngakho uzakwenzani umninisivini? Uzakuza
ababhubhise abalimi, anikele isivini kwabanye. 10
Kalibalanga yini lumbhalo othi: Ilitshe abakhi abalalayo,
yilo eseliyinhloko yengonsi; 11 lokhu kwenziwe yiNkosi,
njalo kuyisimanga emehlweni ethu? 12 Basebedinga
ukumbamba, kodwa besaba ixuku; ngoba babesazi ukuthi
wayekhulume lumfanekiso emelane labo. Basebemtshiya
bahamba. 13 Basebethuma kuye abanye babaFarisi
labakaHerodi, ukuze bamthiye ekukhulumeni. 14
Basebesiza bathi kuye: Mfundisi, siyazi ukuthi wena
uqotho, njalo kawukhathali ngomuntu; ngoba kawunanzi
isimo somuntu, kodwa ufundisa indlela kaNkulunkulu
ngeqiniso: Kuvunyelwe yini ukuthela kuKesari kumbe
hatshi? 15 Sithele, kumbe singatheli? Kodwa ekwazi
ukuzenzisa kwabo wathi kubo: Lingilingelani? Lethani
kimi udenariyo, ukuze ngibone. 16 Basebeletha.
Wasesithi kubo: Ngokabani lumfanekiso lalumbhalo?
Basebesithi kuye: NgokaKesari. 17 UJesu wasephendula
wathi kubo: Mnikeni uKesari okukaKesari, loNkulunkulu
okukaNkulunkulu. Basebemangala ngaye. 18 Basebesiza
kuye abaSadusi, abathi kakukho ukuvuka kwabafileyo;
basebembuza, besithi: 19 Mfundisi, uMozisi wasibhalela,
ukuthi: Uba umfowabo womuntu esifa, atshiye umkakhe,
engatshiyi bantwana, umfowabo kamthathe umkakhe,
amvusele umfowabo inzalo; 20 kwakulezelamani
eziyisikhombisa; owokuqala wasethatha umfazi, wafa
engatshiyanga inzalo; 21 lowesibili wamthatha, wafa,
laye engatshiyanga inzalo; lowesithathu kwaba njalo;
22 lalaba boyisikhombisa bamthatha, kabatshiyanga
inzalo. Ekucineni kwabo bonke kwafa lomfazi. 23
Ngakho ekuvukeni kwabafileyo, mhla bevukayo, uzakuba
ngumkabani kubo; lokhu abayisikhombisa babelaye
engumkabo? 24 UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo:
Kaliduhanga yini ngalokhu, ngoba lingayazi imibhalo,
loba amandla kaNkulunkulu? 25 Ngoba mhla bevukayo
ekufeni, kabathathani, njalo kabendiswa, kodwa
banjengengilosi ezisemazulwini. 26 Kodwa mayelana
labafileyo, ukuthi bayavuswa, kalifundanga yini egwalweni
lukaMozisi, ukuthi uNkulunkulu esihlahleni wakhuluma
njani kuye, esithi: NginguNkulunkulu kaAbrahama,
loNkulunkulu kaIsaka, loNkulunkulu kaJakobe? 27
Kayisuye uNkulunkulu wabafileyo, kodwa uNkulunkulu
wabaphilayo; ngakho lina liduhile kakhulu. 28 Wasefika
omunye wababhali, esezwile bebuzana, esebonile ukuthi
ubaphendule kuhle, wambuza wathi: Yiwuphi umlayo
wokuqala kuyo yonke? 29 UJesu wasemphendula
wathi: Owokuqala kuyo yonke imilayo ngowokuthi:
Zwana, Israyeli: INkosi uNkulunkulu wethu, iNkosi
yinye; 30 njalo wothanda iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho
ngenhliziyo yakho yonke, langomphefumulo wakho
wonke, langengqondo yakho yonke, langamandla akho
wonke. Yilo umlayo owokuqala. 31 Lowesibili uyafanana,
yilo: Wothanda umakhelwane wakho njengalokhu
uzithanda wena. Kawukho omunye umlayo omkhulu
kulale. 32 Umbhali wasesithi kuye: Kuhle, Mfundisi, utsho
okuqotho ukuthi kuloNkulunkulu oyedwa, langaphandle
kwakhe kakho omunye; 33 lokumthanda ngenhliziyo
yonke, langokuqedisisa konke, langomphefumulo
wonke, langamandla wonke, lokuthanda umakhelwane
njengawe, kuyedlula yonke iminikelo yokutshiswa
lemihlatshelo. 34 UJesu esembona ukuthi uphendule
ngenhlakanipho, wathi kuye: Kawukhatshana lombuso
kaNkulunkulu. Njalo kakwabe kusaba khona umuntu
olesibindi sokumbuza. 35 UJesu, efundisa ethempelini,
wasephendula wathi: Batsho njani ababhali ukuthi
uKristu uyindodana kaDavida? 36 Ngoba uDavida
uqobo lwakhe ngoMoya oyiNgcwele wathi: INkosi
yathi eNkosini yami: Hlala ngakwesokunene sami,
ngize ngibeke izitha zakho zibe yisenabelo senyawo
zakho. 37 Ngakho uDavida uqobo lwakhe umbiza
ngokuthi yiNkosi; pho uyindodana yakhe njani?
Lexuku elikhulu lamuzwa ngokuthokoza. 38 Wasesithi
kubo ekufundiseni kwakhe: Qaphelani ababhali,
abathanda ukuhamba bembethe izembatho ezinde,
lokubingelelwa emidangeni, 39 lezihlalo eziqakathekileyo
emasinagogeni, lezihlalo zabahloniphekayo ekudleni
kwantambama; 40 abadla izindlu zabafelokazi, bekhuleka
isikhathi eside ngokuzenzisa; laba bazakwemukela
ukulahlwa okukhulu. 41 UJesu wasehlala phansi
maqondana lesitsha somnikelo wabona ukuthi ixuku
liphosela njani imali esitsheni somnikelo; labanothileyo
abanengi baphosela okunengi. 42 Kwasekufika

umfelokazi othile ongumyanga waphosela inhlamvana
ezimbili ezincane zemali, eziyindibilitshi. 43 Wasebizela
kuye abafundi bakhe, wathi kubo: Ngiqinisile ngithi kini:
Lumfelokazi ongumyanga uphosele okwedlula bonke
laba abaphoseleyo esitsheni somnikelo; 44 ngoba bonke
baphosele kokunengi kwabo; kodwa yena ebuyangeni
bakhe uphosele konke alakho, konke okwempilo yakhe.

13 Kwathi ephuma ethempelini, omunye wabafundi
bakhe wathi kuye: Mfundisi, khangela, amatshe
anjani lezakhiwo ezinjani! 2 UJesu wasephendula wathi
kuye: Uyabona lezizakhiwo ezinkulu yini? Akusoze
kutshiywe ilitshe phezu kwelitshe, elingasoze lidilizelwe
phansi. 3 Esehlezi entabeni yeMihlwathi maqondana
lethempeli, uPetro loJakobe loJohane loAndreya
bambuza bebodwa, 4 bathi: Sitshele, lezizinto zizakuba
nini? Lesibonakaliso siyini lapho sezizapheleliswa
lezizinto zonke? 5 UJesu ebaphendula waseqala ukuthi:
Qaphelani kungabi khona oliduhisayo. 6 Ngoba abanengi
bazakuza ngebizo lami, besithi: Mina nginguye; futhi
baduhise abanengi. 7 Kodwa nxa lisizwa ngezimpi
lamahungahunga ezimpi, lingethuki; ngoba kufanele
kwenzeke; kodwa ukuphela kakukabi khona. 8 Ngoba
isizwe sizavukela isizwe, lombuso uvukele umbuso;
njalo kuzakuba khona ukuzamazama komhlaba indawo
ngendawo, njalo kuzakuba khona indlala lezinhlupheko;
lezizinto ziyikuqala kwemihelo. 9 Kodwa ziqapheleni
lina; ngoba bazalinikela emiphakathini, lemasinagogeni
lizatshaywa, lizalethwa laphambi kwababusi lamakhosi
ngenxa yami, kube yibufakazi kubo. 10 Kodwa ivangeli
limele ukutshunyayelwa kuqala kuzo zonke izizwe.
11 Kodwa nxa belidonsa belinikela, lingakhathaleli
ngaphambili elizakukhuluma, linganakani; kodwa loba
yini elizayinikwa ngalelohola, ikhulumeni; ngoba
kakusini elikhulumayo, kodwa uMoya oyiNgcwele.
12 Futhi umfowabo uzanikela umfowabo ekufeni,
loyise umntwana; labantwana bazavukela abazali,
besebebabulala; 13 njalo lizazondwa yibo bonke ngenxa
yebizo lami; kodwa ophikelelayo kuze kube sekupheleni,
nguye ozasindiswa. 14 Kodwa nxa libona amanyala
encithakalo, akhulunywa nguDaniyeli umprofethi, emi
lapho angafanele khona (ofundayo kaqedisise), khona
labo abaseJudiya kababalekele ezintabeni; 15 lophezu
kophahla lwendlu angehleli endlini, angangeni ukuthatha
ulutho endlini yakhe; 16 losemasimini angabuyeli
emuva, ukuyathatha isembatho sakhe. 17 Kodwa maye
kwabakhulelweyo labamunyisayo ngalezonsuku! 18
Kodwa khulekani ukuthi ukubaleka kwenu kungabi
sebusika. 19 Ngoba ngalezonsuku kuzakuba khona
ukuhlupheka, okungazanga kube khona kusukela
ekuqaleni kokudaliweyo uNkulunkulu akudalayo kuze
kube khathesi, lokungasoze kwaba khona. 20 Njalo uba
iNkosi ibingazifinyezanga lezonsuku, bekungesindiswe
nyama; kodwa ngenxa yabakhethiweyo, ebakhethileyo,
izifinyezile insuku. 21 Langalesosikhathi nxa umuntu
esithi kini: Khangelani, nangu uKristu; kumbe:
Khangelani, ulaphayana; lingakholwa; 22 ngoba
kuzavuka okristu bamanga labaprofethi bamanga,
besebesenza izibonakaliso lezimangaliso, ukuduhisa,
nxa kungenzeka, labakhethiweyo. 23 Kodwa qaphelani
lina; khangelani, sengilitshelile konke ngaphambili.
24 Kodwa ngalezonsuku, emva kwalokhokuhlupheka,
ilanga lizafiphazwa, lenyanga kayiyikupha ukukhanya
kwayo, 25 lenkanyezi zezulu zizabe zisiwa, lamandla
asemazulwini azazanyazanyiswa. 26 Khona-ke
bezabona iNdodana yomuntu isiza emayezini ilamandla
amakhulu lenkazimulo, 27 khona-ke izathuma ingilosi
zayo, ibisiqoqa abakhethiweyo bayo emimoyeni
yomine, kusukela emkhawulweni womhlaba kuze kube
semkhawulweni wezulu. 28 Fundani-ke umfanekiso
emkhiweni; nxa ugatsha lwawo selusiba buthakathaka,
luhlume amahlamvu, liyazi ukuthi ihlobo seliseduze; 29
ngokunjalo lani, nxa libona lezizinto zisenzeka, yazini
ukuthi kuseduze kuseminyango. 30 Ngiqinisile ngithi
kini: Lesisizukulwana asisoze sidlule, zize zenzeke izinto
zonke lezi. 31 Kuzadlula izulu lomhlaba; kodwa amazwi
ami awasoze adlule. 32 Kodwa lolosuku lalelohola
kakho owaziyo ngakho, ngitsho lengilosi ezisezulwini,
ngitsho leNdodana, ngaphandle kukaBaba. 33 Qaphelani,
lilinde likhuleke; ngoba kalazi ukuthi isikhathi sinini. 34
Njengomuntu owasuka elizweni lakibo watshiya indlu
yakhe, wanika inceku zakhe amandla, kuleyo laleyo
umsebenzi wayo, walaya umlindisango ukuthi alinde. 35
Ngakho lindani; ngoba kalazi ukuthi inkosi yendlu izafika
nini, kusihlwa, loba phakathi kobusuku, loba ekukhaleni
kweqhude, loba emadabukakusa; 36 hlezi ifike ilijume,
ilifice lilele. 37 Lalokhu engikutsho kini ngikutsho kubo
bonke: Lindani.

14 Kwathi emva kwensuku ezimbili kwaba khona
iphasika lomkhosi wesinkwa esingelamvubelo;
abapristi abakhulu lababhali basebedinga ukuthi
bangambamba njani ngobuqili bambulale; 2 kodwa
bathi: Kungabi ngomkhosi, hlezi kube lesiphithiphithi
sabantu. 3 Kwathi eseBethani, endlini kaSimoni
umlephero, ehlezi ekudleni, kwafika owesifazana ephethe
umfuma we-alibasta wamagcobo awenadi uqobo aligugu
elikhulu; wasephahlaza umfuma we-alibasta, wawathela
ekhanda lakhe. 4 Kwakukhona abanye abathukuthelayo
ngaphakathi kwabo, besithi: Kwenzelwani ukumotshwa
kwalamagcobo? 5 Ngoba la abengathengiswa
ngemali edlula odenariyo abangamakhulu amathathu,
besekunikwa abayanga. Basebemsola. 6 Kodwa uJesu
wathi: Myekeleni; limhluphelani? Wenze umsebenzi
omuhle kimi. 7 Ngoba abayanga lihlala lilabo, futhi uba
lithanda lingabenzela okuhle; kodwa mina kalihlali lilami.
8 Yena wenzile abengakwenza; uqalile ngaphambili
ukuwugcobela ukungcwatshwa umzimba wami. 9
Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Loba ngaphi emhlabeni wonke
lapho okuzatshunyayelwa khona lelivangeli, lalokhu

akwenzileyo kuzakhulunywa ngakho kube yisikhumbuzo
ngaye. **10** UJudasi Iskariyothi, omunye wabalitshumi
lambili, wasesiya kubapristi abakhulu, ukuze amnikele
kubo. **11** Futhi sebezwile bathokoza, bathembisa
ukumnika imali; wasedinga ukuthi angamnikela njani
kuhle. **12** Kwathi ngosuku lokuqala lwesinkwa
esingelamvubelo, ababehlaba ngalo iphasika, abafundi
bakhe bathi kuye: Uthanda ukuthi siyelungisa ngaphi
ukuze udle iphasika? **13** Wasethuma ababili kubafundi
bakhe, wathi kubo: Hambani liye emzini, njalo umuntu
uzahlangana lani ethwele imbiza yamanzi; limlandele,
14 njalo loba kungaphi azangena khona, kalibokuthi
kumninindlu: UMfundisi uthi: Ingaphi indlu yezihambi,
lapho engingadlela khona iphasika labafundi bami?
15 Futhi yena uzalitshengisa indlu enkulu ephezulu
eyendlelweyo elungisiweyo; silungiseleni khona. **16**
Abafundi bakhe basebephuma, bangena emzini, bathola
kunjengokutsho kwakhe kubo; basebelungisa iphasika.
17 Kwathi sekukusihlwa wafika labalitshumi lambili. **18**
Sebehlezi besidla, uJesu wathi: Ngiqinisile ngithi kini:
Omunye wenu, odla lami, uzanginikela. **19** Basebeqala
ukudabuka, bathi kuye ngamunye ngamunye: Ayisimi,
akunjalo yini? Lomunye: Ayisimi, akunjalo yini? **20** Kodwa
waphendula wathi kubo: Ngomunye wabalitshumi lambili,
otsheba kanye lami emganwini. **21** Sibili iNdodana
yomuntu ihamba, njengokulotshiweyo ngayo; kodwa
maye kulowomuntu enikelwa nguye iNdodana yomuntu!
Bekungakuhle kuye aluba lowomuntu wayengazalwanga.
22 Kwathi besidla, uJesu wathatha isinkwa, wasibusisa
wasihlephula, wabanika, wathi: Thathani, lidle; lokhu
kungumzimba wami. **23** Wasethatha inkezo, esebongile
wabanika; basebenatha kuyo bonke. **24** Wasesithi kubo:
Leli ligazi lami, elesivumelwano esitsha, elichithelwa
abanengi. **25** Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Angisayikunatha
okwesithelo sevini, kuze kufike lolosuku engizasinatha
ngalo sisitsha embusweni kaNkulunkulu. **26** Kwathi
sebehlabele ingoma yokudumisa baphuma baya
entabeni yeMihlwathi. **27** UJesu wasesithi kubo: Lonke
lizakhubeka ngami ngalobubusuku; ngoba kulotshiwe
ukuthi: Ngizatshaya umelusi, izimvu besezihlakazeka.
28 Kodwa emva kokuvuswa kwami, ngizalandulela ukuya
eGalili. **29** Kodwa uPetro wathi kuye: Lanxa bonke
bezakhubeka, kodwa hatshi mina. **30** UJesu wasesithi
kuye: Ngiqinisile ngithi kuwe: Lamuhla ngalobubusuku,
lingakakhali kabili iqhude, uzangiphika kathathu. **31**
Kodwa waqinisa ngamandla esithi: Loba kudingeka
ngife lawe, angisoze ngikuphike. Basebesitsho njalo
labo bonke. **32** Basebefika endaweni ebizo layo
yiGetsemane; wasesithi kubafundi bakhe: Hlalani phansi
lapha, ngisayakhuleka. **33** Wasethatha kanye laye
uPetro loJakobe loJohane, waseqala ukudatshulwa
sibili lokukhathazeka kakhulu. **34** Wasesithi kubo:
Umphefumulo wami udabukile kakhulu kuze kube
sekufeni; hlalani lapha lilinde. **35** Waseqhubeka ibangana,
wawela emhlabathini, wakhuleka ukuthi, uba kungenzeka,
kudlule kuye lelihola. **36** Wasesithi: Abha, Baba, zonke
izinto ziyenzeka kuwe. Susa linkezo kimi; kodwa kungabi
yikuthi ngithandani mina, kodwa kube yikuthi uthandani
wena. **37** Wasesiza, wabafica belele, wathi kuPetro:
Simoni, ulele yini? Ubungelinde yini ihola libe linye?
38 Lindani likhuleke, ukuze lingangeni ekulingweni.
Umoya uyavuma-ke, kodwa inyama ibuthakathaka.
39 Wasebuya wahamba wayakhuleka, esitsho wona
lawomazwi. **40** Wasebuya wabafica futhi belele;
ngoba amehlo abo ayenzima, kodwa babengazi ukuthi
bazamphendula bathini. **41** Wasesiza ngokwesithathu,
wathi kubo: Qhubekani-ke lilele, liphumule. Kwanele;
ihola selifikile; khangelani, iNdodana yomuntu iyanikelwa
ezandleni zezoni. **42** Sukumani, sihambe; khangelani,
onginikelayo useduze. **43** Kwathi esakhuluma, wahle
wafika uJudasi, omunye wabalitshumi lambili, njalo
elexuku elikhulu elilezinkemba lezinduku, livela kubapristi
abakhulu lababhali labadala. **44** Lomnikelayo wayebanike
isiboniso, esithi: Lowo engizamanga, nguye; limbambe,
limqhube limqinise. **45** Esefikile, wahle wasondela kuye
wathi: Rabi, Rabi! Wasemanga. **46** Basebemdumela,
bambamba. **47** Lomunye kwababemi khona wakhokha
inkemba wagadla inceku yompristi omkhulu, waquma
indlebe yayo. **48** UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo:
Liphume njengokuyamelana lomphangi yini lilezinkemba
lezinduku ukuzangibamba? **49** Bengilani insuku ngensuku
ethempelini ngifundisa, kodwa kalingibambanga - kodwa
ukuze kugcwaliseke imibhalo. **50** Bonke basebemtshiya
babaleka. **51** Lejaha elithile lamlandela, lembethe
ilembu elicolekileyo emzimbeni onqunu. Aselibamba
amajaha; **52** laselitshiya ilembu elicolekileyo lababalekela
linqunu. **53** Basebemqhuba uJesu bamusa kumpristi
omkhulu; basebebuthana kuye abapristi abakhulu bonke
labadala lababhali. **54** UPetro wasemlandela ekhatshana
waze waba phakathi kweguma lompristi omkhulu;
wayehlezi kanye lezinceku, esotha umlilo. **55** Labapristi
abakhulu lomphakathi wonke badinga ubufakazi
ngoJesu, ukuze bambulale; kodwa kababutholanga.
56 Ngoba abanengi bafakaza amanga ngaye, kodwa
lobubufakazi kabuvumelananga. **57** Kwasekusukuma
abanye bafakaza amanga amelana laye besithi: **58**
Thina samuzwa esithi: Mina ngizadiliza lelithempeli
elenziwe ngezandla, njalo ngakhe elinye elingenziwanga
ngezandla ngensuku ezintathu. **59** Loba kunjalo
ubufakazi babo kabuvumelananga. **60** Kwasekusukuma
umpristi omkhulu phakathi kwabo wambuza uJesu,
esithi: Kawuphenduli lutho yini? Bafakazani laba
okumelana lawe? **61** Kodwa wathula, kaphendulanga
lutho. Umpristi omkhulu wabuya wambuza, wathi
kuye: Wena unguKristu, iNdodana yoBusisiweyo
yini? **62** UJesu wasesithi: Mina nginguye. Njalo
lizabona iNdodana yomuntu ihlezi ngakwesokunene
samandla, isiza ngamayezi ezulu. **63** Umpristi omkhulu

wasedabula izembatho zakhe wathi: Sisaswelelani
abafakazi? 64 Liyizwile inhlamba; licabangani? Bonke
basebemlahla ukuthi ulecala lokufa. 65 Abanye
basebeqala ukumkhafulela amathe, lokumgubuzela
ubuso, lokumdutshuza, lokuthi kuye: Profetha! Izinceku
zasezimwakala. 66 UPetro esegumeni ngaphansi, kwafika
enye yezincekukazi zompristi omkhulu; 67 isibona uPetro
esotha, yamkhangela yathi: Lawe ubulomNazaretha,
uJesu. 68 Kodwa waphika, wathi: Kangikwazi, futhi
kangikuqedisisi okutshoyo. Wasephuma phandle, waya
entubeni; laselikhala iqhude. 69 Njalo incekukazi encane
yabuya yambona, yaqala ukutsho kwababemi khona
ukuthi: Lo ungomunye wabo. 70 Kodwa wabuya waphika.
Kwathi emva kwesikhatshana futhi labo ababemi khona
bathi kuPetro: Ngeqiniso ungomunye wabo; ngoba
lawe ungumGalili, lolimi lwakho luyavumelana. 71
Waseqala ukuqalekisa lokufunga esithi: Kangimazi
lumuntu elimtshoyo. 72 Iqhude laselikhala ngokwesibili.
UPetro wasekhumbula ilizwi uJesu ayelitshilo kuye
lokuthi: Lingakakhali kabili iqhude, uzangiphika kathathu.
Esenakane ngalokhu wakhala.

15 Kwathi khonokho ekuseni kakhulu abapristi
abakhulu benza umhlangano kanye labadala
lababhali, lomphakathi wonke, bambopha uJesu
bamqhuba bamnikela kuPilatu. 2 UPilatu wasembuza
wathi: Wena uyiNkosi yamaJuda yini? Wasemphendula
wathi kuye: Uyatsho wena. 3 Abapristi abakhulu
basebemmangalela ngezinto ezinengi; kodwa yena
kaphendulanga lutho. 4 UPilatu wasebuya embuza,
wathi: Kawuphenduli lutho yini? Khangela, zingaki
izinto abazifakazayo ezimelana lawe. 5 Kodwa uJesu
kabesaphendula lutho, waze wamangala uPilatu. 6
Langomkhosi wayebakhululela isibotshwa esisodwa,
loba yisiphi abasicelayo. 7 Kwakukhona umuntu
othiwa nguBarabasi, owayebotshiwe lalabo ababevukele
umbuso laye, ababebulele ekuvukeleni umbuso. 8 Ixuku
laselimemeza laqala ukucela ukuthi enze njengalokho
ayehlezi ekwenza kubo. 9 UPilatu wasebaphendula,
wathi: Lithanda ukuthi ngilikhululele iNkosi yamaJuda
yini? 10 Ngoba wayekwazi ukuthi ngomona abapristi
abakhulu bamnikele. 11 Kodwa abapristi abakhulu
bavusa ixuku, ukuthi kungcono alikhululele uBarabasi.
12 UPilatu wasephendula wathi futhi kubo: Pho
lifuna ngimenzeni lo elithi uyiNkosi yamaJuda? 13
Basebememeza futhi bathi: Mbethele! 14 Kodwa uPilatu
wathi kubo: Ngoba wenze ububi bani? Kodwa bamemeza
kakhulu bathi: Mbethele! 15 Khona uPilatu ethanda
ukukholisa ixuku, wabakhululela uBarabasi; kodwa
wamnikela uJesu, esemtshaye ngesiswepu, ukuthi
abethelwe. 16 Abebutho basebemngenisa phakathi,
egumeni, eliyindlu yombusi, basebebizela ibutho lonke
ndawonye, 17 bamgqokisa okuyibubende, sebeluke
umqhele wameva bamethesa, 18 baqala ukumbingelela
besithi: Bayethe, Nkosi yamaJuda! 19 Batshaya ikhanda
lakhe ngomhlanga, bamkhafulela amathe, baguqa
ngamadolo bamkhonza. 20 Sebemklolodele, bamhlubula
okuyibubende, bamgqokisa ezakhe izembatho.
Basebemusa phandle ukuze bambethele. 21 Babamba
ngamandla omunye owayesedlula othiwa nguSimoni
umKurene, evela emaphandleni, uyise kaAleksandro
loRufusi, ukuthi athwale isiphambano sakhe. 22
Basebemusa endaweniethiwa yiGolgotha, okuyikuthi
ngokuphendulelwa, iNdawo yokhakhayi. 23 Basebemnika
iwayini lixutshaniswe lenhlaka ukuthi alinathe; kodwa
kalemukelanga. 24 Sebembethele, babelana izembatho
zakhe, benza inkatho yokuphosa ngazo, ukuthi
ngamunye uzathathani. 25 Kwakulihola lesithathu,
njalo bambethela. 26 Futhi kwakulombhalo wecala
lakhe elalibhalwe phezulu usithi: INKOSI YAMAJUDA.
27 Njalo babethela kanye laye abaphangi ababili,
omunye ngakwesokunene lomunye ngakwesokhohlo
sakhe. 28 Wasugcwaliseka umbhalo othi: Futhi wabalwa
kanye lezoni. 29 Labedlulayo bamhlambaza, benikina
amakhanda abo, besithi: Hiya, wena odiliza ithempeli,
ulakhe ngensuku ezintathu, 30 zisindise, wehle
esiphambanweni. 31 Langokunjalo abapristi abakhulu
labo bakloloda kanye lababhali bathi omunye komunye:
Wasindisa abanye, angezisindise yena. 32 UKristu
iNkosi yakoIsrayeli kehle khathesi esiphambanweni,
ukuze sibone sikholwe. Lababebethelwe kanye laye
bamklolodela. 33 Kwathi sekufike ihola lesithupha,
kwaba khona ubumnyama phezu komhlaba wonke
kwaze kwaba lihola lesificamunwemunye. 34 Ngehola
lesificamunwemunye uJesu wamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu,
wathi, "Eloyi, Eloyi, lama sabaktani?" Okuyikuthi
ngokuphendulelwa: Nkulunkulu wami, Nkulunkulu
wami, ungitshiyeleni? 35 Labanye kwababemi khona
besizwa bathi: Khangelani, ubiza uElija. 36 Wasegijima
omunye, wagcwalisa uzipho ngeviniga, waluhloma
emhlangeni, wamnika ukuthi anathe, esithi: Yekelani,
sibone uba uElija uzakuza amethule. 37 UJesu
wasememeza ngelizwi elikhulu waphefumula okokucina.
38 Leveyili lethempeli ladatshulwa laba zincezu
ezimbili laqala phezulu lisiya phansi. 39 Kwathi
induna yekhulu eyayimi maqondana laye ibona ukuthi
ukhale njalo, waphefumula okokucina, yathi: Ngeqiniso
lumuntu ubeyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu. 40 Kwakukhona
labesifazana bebukele bekhatshana, okwakukhona
phakathi kwabo loMariya Magadalena, loMariya unina
kaJakobe omncinyane lokaJose, loSalome, 41 (labo
abamlandela, eseseGalili, bamsebenzela), labanye
abesifazana abanengi abenyukela eJerusalema laye.
42 Kwathi sekuhlwile, ngoba kwakungamalungiselelo,
okuyikuthi usuku phambi kwesabatha, 43 wafika
uJosefa owayevela eArimathiya, ilunga elihloniphekayo
lomphakathi, owayelindele laye umbuso kaNkulunkulu;
wangena ngesibindi kuPilatu, wacela isidumbu
sikaJesu. 44 UPilatu wasemangala ngokuthi usefile;

wabizela kuye induna yekhulu, wayibuza ukuthi
kambe sekuyisikhathi efile. **45** Esazisiwe yinduna
yekhulu, wamnika uJosefa isidumbu. **46** Wasethenga
ilembu elicolekileyo, wamethula, wamgoqela ngelembu
elicolekileyo, wambeka engcwabeni elaligujwe edwaleni;
wagiqela ilitshe emnyango wengcwaba. **47** Futhi uMariya
Magadalena loMariya unina kaJose babona lapho
abekwe khona.

16 Isabatha selidlulile, uMariya Magadalena loMariya
unina kaJakobe loSalome bathenga amakha,
ukuze bahambe bayemgcoba. **2** Kwathi ekuseni kakhulu
ngosuku lokuqala lweviki beza engcwabeni, ekuphumeni
kwelanga. **3** Basebekhulumisana besithi: Ngubani
ozasigiqela ilitshe lisuke emnyango wengcwaba? **4**
Futhi bathi ukukhangela babona ilitshe seligiqwe
lasuswa; ngoba lalilikhulu kakhulu. **5** Kuthe bengena
engcwabeni, babona ijaha lihlezi ngakwesokunene,
lembethe isembatho eside esimhlophe; besaba. **6**
Kodwa lathi kubo: Lingesabi; lidinga uJesu umNazaretha
obebethelwe; uvukile, kakho lapha; khangelani, indawo
lapho abebembeke khona. **7** Kodwa hambani, litshele
abafundi bakhe loPetro ukuthi uzalandulela ukuya
eGalili; lizambona khona, njengalokho ayekutshilo kini. **8**
Basebephuma ngokuphangisa babaleka engcwabeni;
futhi ukuqhuqha lokwethuka kwababamba; futhi
kabakhulumanga lutho emuntwini, ngoba babesesaba. **9**
**(note: The most reliable and earliest manuscripts do not include
Mark 16:9-20.)** Kwathi uJesu esevukile ekuseni kakhulu
ngolokuqala lweviki, wabonakala kuqala kuMariya
Magadalena, ayekhuphe kuye amadimoni ayisikhombisa.
10 Yena wasuka wababikela labo ababelaye, belila
bekhala. **11** Labo sebezwile ukuthi uyaphila lokuthi
ubonwe nguye, kabakholwanga. **12** Njalo emva
kwalezizinto wabonakala ngesinye isimo kwababili babo
behamba, besiya emaphandleni. **13** Labo bahamba
babikela abanye; lalabo kababakholwanga. **14** Emva
kwalokhu wabonakala kwabalitshumi lanye behlezi
ekudleni, wasola ukungakholwa kwabo lobulukhuni
benhliziyo, ngoba bengakholwanga labo abambonayo
esevukile. **15** Wasesithi kubo: Hambani liye emhlabeni
wonke, litshumayele ivangeli kuso sonke isidalwa.
16 Lowo okholwayo abhabhathizwe uzasindiswa;
kodwa ongakholwayo uzalahlwa. **17** Lalezizibonakaliso
zizabalandela abakholwayo: Ebizweni lami bazakhupha
amadimoni; bakhulume ngendimi ezintsha; **18** bazadobha
izinyoka; uba benatha loba yikuphi okubulalayo, kakusoze
kubalimaze; bazabeka izandla phezu kwabagulayo, futhi
bazaphila. **19** Ngakho iNkosi, emva kokuthi isikhulumile
labo, yakhutshulelwa ezulwini, yahlala ngakwesokunene
sikaNkulunkulu. **20** Bona basebephuma batshumayela
endaweni zonke, iNkosi isebenza labo, iqinisa ilizwi
ngezibonakaliso ezazilandela. Ameni.

ULukha

1 Njengoba abanengi sebebeke izandla ukubeka
ngendlela efaneleyo ukulandiswa kwezinto eziqiniseke
ngokupheleleyo phakathi kwethu, **2** njengalokhu basinika
labo ababonayo ngamehlo ekuqaleni njalo bezinceku
zelizwi, **3** kukhanye kukuhle lakimi, sengizihlolisisile
zonke izinto kusukela ekuqaleni, ukuthi ngikubhalele
ngokulandelana, mhlekazi Teyofilu, **4** ukuze wazi iqiniso
ngalezozinto ozifundisiweyo. **5** Ensukwini zikaHerodi
inkosi yeJudiya kwakukhona umpristi othile othiwa
nguZakariya, oweqembu likaAbhiya; lomkakhe wayevela
kumadodakazi kaAroni, lebizo lakhe linguElizabethi.
6 Njalo babelungile bobabili phambi kukaNkulunkulu,
behamba ngayo yonke imilayo lezimiso zeNkosi,
bengasoleki. **7** Njalo babengelamntwana, ngoba
uElizabethi wayeyinyumba, basebeleminyaka eminengi
bobabili. **8** Kwasekusithi esenza inkonzo yobupristi
phambi kukaNkulunkulu esesimisweni seqembu lakibo,
9 ngomkhuba wenkonzo yobupristi, nguye owadliwa
yinkatho yokutshisa impepha esengene ethempelini
leNkosi. **10** Njalo ixuku lonke labantu lalikhuleka
ngaphandle ngesikhathi sokutshisa impepha. **11** Ingilosi
yeNkosi yasibonakala kuye, imi ngakwesokunene
selathi lempepha. **12** Kwathi uZakariya eyibona
waqhuqha, lokwesaba kwawela phezu kwakhe. **13**
Kodwa ingilosi yathi kuye: Ungesabi Zakariya; ngoba
umkhuleko wakho uzwakele, lomkakho uElizabethi
uzakuzalela indodana, njalo uzakuthi ibizo layo
nguJohane. **14** Futhi uzakuba lenjabulo lentokozo,
labanengi bazakujabulela ukuzalwa kwakhe. **15** Ngoba
uzakuba mkhulu phambi kweNkosi, iwayini kanye
lokunathwayo okulamandla kasoze akunathe, futhi
uzagcwaliswa ngoMoya oNgcwele kusukela esesesiswini
sikanina. **16** Labanengi kubantwana bakoIsrayeli
uzabaphendulela eNkosini uNkulunkulu wabo; **17** njalo
yena uzahamba phambi kwayo emoyeni lemandleni
kaElija, ukuphendulela inhliziyo zaboyise kubantwana,
labangalaleliyo ekuhlakanipheni kwabalungileyo,
ukulungiselela iNkosi isizwe esilungisiweyo. **18** UZakariya
wasesithi kuyo ingilosi: Ngizakwazi ngani lokhu? Ngoba
mina ngilixhegu, lomkami useleminyaka eminengi.
19 Ingilosi yasiphendula yathi kuye: NginguGabriyeli
mina, omayo phambi kukaNkulunkulu; njalo ngithunyiwe
ukukhuluma lawe, lokukubikela lezizindaba ezinhle. **20**
Njalo khangela, uzakuba yisimungulu njalo wehluleke
ukukhuluma, kuze kube lusuku okuzakwenzeka ngalo
lezizinto, ngenxa yokuthi ungakholwanga amazwi
ami, azagcwaliseka ngesikhathi sawo. **21** Labantu
babemlindele uZakariya; bamangala ngokuphuza
kwakhe ethempelini. **22** Kuthe esephuma wehluleka
ukukhuluma labo; njalo bazi ukuthi ubone umbono
ethempelini; njalo yena wayesebaqhweba, wahlala
eyisimungulu. **23** Kwasekusithi seziphelile insuku
zokukhonza kwakhe, waya endlini yakhe. **24** Kwathi
emva kwalezonsuku uElizabethi umkakhe wathatha
isisu, wazifihla okwezinyanga ezinhlanu, esithi: **25** Yenze
kanje kimi iNkosi ensukwini eyangikhangela ngazo
ukususa ihlazo lami phakathi kwabantu. **26** Kwathi
ngenyanga yesithupha ingilosi uGabriyeli yathunywa
nguNkulunkulu emzini weGalili othiwa yiNazaretha, **27**
entombini eyayigane indoda, ebizo layo lalinguJosefa,
eyendlu kaDavida; lebizo lentombi linguMariya. **28**
Ingilosi yasingena kuye yathi: Ekuhle, wena othandiweyo!
INkosi ilawe, ubusisiwe wena phakathi kwabesifazana.
29 Kwathi eseyibonile wethuswa kakhulu yilizwi layo,
wanakana ukuthi yikubingelela okunjani lokhu. **30**
Ingilosi yasisithi kuye: Ungesabi, Mariya; ngoba
uthole uthando kuNkulunkulu. **31** Njalo khangela,
uzathatha isisu, uzale indodana, uzakuthi ibizo layo
nguJesu. **32** Yena uzakuba mkhulu, uzabizwa ngokuthi
yiNdodana yoPhezukonke; futhi iNkosi uNkulunkulu
izamnika isihlalo sobukhosi sikayise uDavida, **33**
njalo uzabusa phezu kwendlu kaJakobe kuze kube
nininini, langombuso wakhe kawuzukuba lokuphela.
(aiōn g165) **34** UMariya wasesithi kuyo ingilosi: Lokhu
kungenzeka njani, njengoba ngingazi indoda? **35**
Ingilosi yasiphendula yathi kuye: UMoya oNgcwele
uzakuza phezu kwakho, lamandla oPhezukonke
azakwembesa; ngakho lalokhu okungcwele okuzazalwa
nguwe kuzakuthiwa yiNdodana kaNkulunkulu. **36** Njalo
khangela, isinini sakho uElizabethi, laye ukhulelwe
yindodana ebudaleni bakhe; lale yinyanga yesithupha
kuye obekuthiwa uyinyumba. **37** Ngoba kuNkulunkulu
kakulalutho oluzakwehlula. **38** UMariya wasesithi:
Khangela, incekukazi yeNkosi; kakube kimi njengelizwi
lakho. Ingilosi yasisuka kuye. **39** Ngalezonsuku
uMariya wasesukuma waya ezintabeni ngokuphangisa,
emzini weJuda, **40** wangena endlini kaZakariya,
wabingelela uElizabethi. **41** Kwasekusithi uElizabethi
ezwe ukubingelela kukaMariya, inkonyane yeqa esiswini
sakhe; loElizabethi wagcwaliswa ngoMoya oNgcwele,
42 wamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu, wathi: Ubusisiwe
wena phakathi kwabesifazana, njalo sibusisiwe isithelo
sesizalo sakho! **43** Kanti kuvela ngaphi lokhu kimi, ukuthi
unina weNkosi yami eze kimi? **44** Ngoba khangela,
kuthe ilizwi lokubingelela kwakho lifika endlebeni zami,
umntwana weqa esiswini sami ngokuthokoza. **45**
Futhi ubusisiwe okholiweyo, ngoba kuzagcwaliseka
lezozinto ezakhulunywa kuye yiNkosi. **46** UMariya
wasesithi: Umphefumulo wami uyayikhulisa iNkosi, **47**
lomoya wami uyathokoza kuNkulunkulu uMsindisi wami,
48 ngoba ukhangele ubuphansi bencekukazi yakhe.
Ngoba khangela, kusukela khathesi zonke izizukulwana
zizakuthi ngibusisiwe. **49** Ngoba yena olamandla
ungenzele izinto ezinkulu, lingcwele lebizo lakhe, **50**
lesihawu sakhe sikusizukulwana ngesizukulwana kulabo
abamesabayo. **51** Wenzile amandla ngengalo yakhe;

uhlakazile abazigqajayo ekunakaneni kwenhliziyo zabo.
52 Wehlisile iziphathamandla ezihlalweni zobukhosi,
kodwa uphakamisile abantukazana. 53 Abalambileyo
ubasuthise ngezinto ezinhle, kodwa abanothileyo
wabamukisa beze. 54 Umsizile uIsrayeli inceku
yakhe, ngokukhumbula isihawu, 55 njengoba watsho
kubobaba bethu, kuAbrahama, lenzalweni yakhe kuze
kube nininini. (aiōn g165) 56 UMariya wasehlala laye
okungaba zinyanga ezintathu, wasebuyela endlini
yakhe. 57 Isikhathi sikaElizabethi sokuthi abelethe
sesiphelele, wasebeletha indodana. 58 Abakhelene
laye lezinini zakhe basebesizwa ukuthi iNkosi yenze
isihawu sayo saba sikhulu kuye, basebethokoza laye.
59 Kwasekusithi ngosuku lwesificaminwembili, beza
ukuzasoka usane; balubiza ngebizo likayise ngokuthi
nguZakariya. 60 Kodwa unina waphendula wathi:
Hatshi bo, kodwa luzathiwa nguJohane. 61 Basebesithi
kuye: Kakho ezihlotsheni zakho obizwa ngalelibizo.
62 Basebeqhweba uyise, ukuthi angathanda ukuthi
lubizwe ngokuthini. 63 Wasecela into yokubhalela,
wabhala, esithi: NguJohane ibizo lalo; basebemangala
bonke. 64 Njalo wahle wavulwa umlomo wakhe lolimi
lwakhe lwatshwaphululwa, wasekhuluma edumisa
uNkulunkulu. 65 Lokwesaba kwehlela phezu kwabo
bonke abakhelene labo; njalo kwakhulunywa ngazo
zonke lezizinto kulo lonke elezintabeni zeJudiya, 66
labo bonke abazizwayo bazilondoloza ezinhliziyweni
zabo, besithi: Kambe lolusane luzakuba njani?
Njalo isandla seNkosi sasilalo. 67 LoZakariya uyise
wagcwaliswa ngoMoya oNgcwele, waprofetha, esithi: 68
Ibusisiwe iNkosi uNkulunkulu kaIsrayeli, ngoba ihambele
yasenzela inkululeko isizwe sayo, 69 yasivusela
uphondo losindiso endlini kaDavida inceku yayo, 70
njengalokho yakhuluma ngomlomo wabaprofethi bayo
abangcwele kusukela ekuqaleni komhlaba, (aiōn g165)
71 isikhululu ezitheni zethu, lesandleni sabo bonke
abasizondayo; 72 ukwenzela obaba bethu isihawu,
lokukhumbula isivumelwano sayo esingcwele, 73 isifungo
eyasifunga kubaba wethu uAbrahama, 74 ukusinika,
ukuthi sesikhululiwe esandleni sezitha zethu, siyikhonze
singelakwesaba, 75 ngobungcwele langokulunga
phambi kwayo zonke izinsuku zempilo yethu. 76
Lawe-ke, sane, uzabizwa ngokuthi ungumprofethi
woPhezukonke; ngoba uzahamba phambi kobuso
beNkosi ukulungisa izindlela zayo; 77 lokunika isizwe
sayo ulwazi losindiso ngothethelelo lwezono zabo, 78
ngesihelo sikaNkulunkulu wethu, okuthi ngaso ukusa
kwaphezulu kusethekelele, 79 ukubakhanyisela abahlezi
emnyameni lethunzini lokufa, ukuqondisa inyawo zethu
endleleni yokuthula. 80 Wakhula-ke umntwana omncane,
waqina emoyeni, waba sezinkangala kwaze kwaba
lusuku lokubonakala kwakhe kuIsrayeli.

2 Kwasekusithi ngalezonsuku, isimiso saphuma
kuKesari uAgastasi, sokuthi kubhalwe umhlaba
wonke. 2 Lokhukubhalwa kwakungokokuqala ukwenziwa
lapho uKwiriniya engumbusi weSiriya. 3 Bonke
basebesiya ukuze bayebhalwa, ngulowo lalowo emzini
wakibo. 4 LoJosefa laye wenyuka esuka eGalili,
emzini iNazaretha, waya eJudiya, emzini kaDavida,
othiwa yiBhethelehema, ngoba wayengowendlu
lowosendo lukaDavida, 5 ukuyabhalwa kanye
loMariya umkakhe ayemganile, owayezithwele. 6
Kwasekusithi belapho, zaseziphelela insuku zokubeletha
kwakhe. 7 Wasebeletha indodana yakhe eyingqabutho,
wayigoqela ngamalembu, wayilalisa emkolweni, ngoba
kwakungelandawo yabo endlini yezihambi. 8 Njalo
kwakukhona kulelolizwe abelusi ababehlala egangeni
futhi belinde umhlambi wabo ebusuku. 9 Njalo khangela,
ingilosi yeNkosi yema eduze kwabo, lenkazimulo yeNkosi
yakhanya ibazingelezele; njalo besaba ngokwesaba
okukhulu. 10 Ingilosi yasisithi kubo: Lingesabi;
ngoba khangelani, ngitshumayela indaba ezinhle kini
ezentokozo enkulu, ezakuba kubantu bonke; 11 ngoba
lizalelwe lamuhla uMsindisi, onguKristu iNkosi, emzini
kaDavida. 12 Njalo lokhu kuzakuba yisibonakaliso
kini: Lizathola usane lugoqelwe ngamalembu, lulele
emkolweni. 13 Njalo kwahle kwaba khona kanye
lengilosi ixuku lebutho lasezulwini, lidumisa uNkulunkulu,
lisithi: 14 Udumo kalube kuNkulunkulu kweliphezulu,
lokuthula emhlabeni; isifiso esihle ebantwini. 15
Kwasekusithi, ingilosi sezisukile kubo zisiya ezulwini,
abantu, abangabelusi, bakhulumisana besithi: Ake
siye eBhethelehema, sibone leyonto eyenzakeleyo,
iNkosi esazise yona. 16 Basebesiza ngokuphangisa,
bathola oMariya loJosefa, losane lulele emkolweni.
17 Sebebonile basebesazisa indawo ezizingelezeleyo
ngelizwi ababelitshelwe mayelana lalo umntwana
omncane. 18 Labo bonke abakuzwayo bamangala
ngezinto ezazikhulunywe ngabelusi kubo. 19 Kodwa
uMariya walondoloza wonke la amazwi, enakana ngawo
enhliziyweni yakhe. 20 Basebebuyela abelusi, bemdumisa
bembonga uNkulunkulu ngazo zonke izinto ababezizwile
lababezibonile, njengalokho okwakukhulunywe kubo. 21
Kwathi seziphelile insuku eziyisificaminwembili zokuthi
umntwana omncane asokwe, ibizo lakhe laselithiwa
nguJesu, elalibizwe yingilosi engakomulwa esiswini.
22 Kwathi seziphelele insuku zokuhlanjululwa kwakhe
ngokomlayo kaMozisi, bamletha eJerusalema, ukuze
bammise phambi kweNkosi 23 (njengokulotshiweyo
emlayweni weNkosi ukuthi konke okwesilisa okuvula
isibeletho kuzathiwa kungcwele eNkosini) 24 lokuthi
banikele umhlatshelo njengokutshiwo emlayweni
weNkosi, amajuba amabili kumbe amaphuphu amabili
enkwilimba. 25 Njalo khangela, kwakukhona eJerusalema
umuntu, obizo lakhe linguSimeyoni, njalo lumuntu
wayelungile ekhuthele ekukhonzeni, elindele induduzo
kaIsrayeli, loMoya oNgcwele wayephezu kwakhe. 26
Futhi kwakubonakalisiwe kuye nguMoya oyiNgcwele,

ukuthi kayikubona ukufa engakamboni uKristu weNkosi.
27 Wasengena ethempelini ngoMoya; kwathi abazali
bemletha umntwana omncane uJesu, ukuze benze
ngaye ngokomkhuba womlayo, 28 yena wasemthatha
wamphatha engalweni zakhe, wabonga uNkulunkulu,
wathi: 29 Nkosi, khathesi iyekele inceku yakho
ihambe ngokuthula, njengokwelizwi lakho; 30 ngoba
amehlo ami alubonile usindiso lwakho 31 olulungisileyo
phambi kobuso babantu bonke; 32 ukukhanya
kokwembulela abezizwe, lenkazimulo yesizwe sakho
uIsrayeli. 33 UJosefa lonina basebemangala ngezinto
ezatshiwo ngaye. 34 USimeyoni wasebabusisa,
wathi kuMariya unina: Khangela, lo umiselwe ukuwa
lokuvuka kwabanengi kuIsrayeli, lokuba yisibonakaliso
esizaphikiswa; 35 futhi lawe, inkemba izadabula
owakho umphefumulo; ukuze imicabango yenhliziyo
ezinengi yembulwe. 36 Njalo kwakukhona uAna
umprofethikazi, indodakazi kaFanuweli, owesizwe
sikaAsheri; wayesekhulile kakhulu, ebehlale lendoda
iminyaka eyisikhombisa kusukela ebuntombini bakhe,
37 njalo wayengumfelokazi owayengaba leminyaka
engamatshumi ayisificaminwembili lane, engasuki
ethempelini, ekhonza ngokuzila ukudla langemikhuleko
ebusuku lemini. 38 Laye efika ngalelohola wadumisa
uNkulunkulu, wakhuluma ngaye kubo bonke ababelindele
inkululeko eJerusalema. 39 Kwathi sebeqedile konke
okungokomlayo weNkosi, babuyela eGalili, emzini
wakibo iNazaretha. 40 Lomntwana omncane wakhula,
waqina emoyeni, wagcwala inhlakanipho; lomusa
kaNkulunkulu wawuphezu kwakhe. 41 Njalo abazali
bakhe babesiya eJerusalema iminyaka yonke ngomkhosi
wephasika. 42 Kwathi eseleminyaka elitshumi lambili,
sebenyukele eJerusalema njengomkhuba womkhosi, 43
njalo sebeziqedile insuku, ekubuyeleni kwabo, umntwana
uJesu wasala eJerusalema; njalo uJosefa lonina
bengazi; 44 kodwa becabanga ukuthi wayesexukwini
endleleni, bahamba uhambo losuku, bamdinga phakathi
kwezinini labazana labo; 45 kodwa bengamtholi,
babuyela eJerusalema, bemdinga. 46 Kwasekusithi
emva kwensuku ezintathu, bamthola ethempelini,
ehlezi phakathi kwabafundisi, njalo ebalalela, futhi
ebabuza. 47 Njalo bonke ababemuzwa bamangala
kakhulu ngolwazi lempendulo zakhe. 48 Kwathi
bembona bamangala; lonina wathi kuye: Mntanami,
wenzeleni okunje kithi? Khangela, uyihlo lami
besikudinga sidubekile. 49 Wasesithi kubo: Kungani
lingidinga? Belingakwazi yini ukuthi kumele ukuthi ngibe
sezintweni zikaBaba? 50 Kodwa bona kabaliqedisisanga
ilizwi alikhuluma kubo. 51 Wasesehla labo, weza
eNazaretha; wazehlisela ngaphansi kwabo. Unina
wasegcina zonke lezizinto enhliziyweni yakhe. 52
UJesu waseqhubeka enhlakanipheni lekukhuleni,
lekuthandekeni kuNkulunkulu lebantwini.

3 Kwathi ngomnyaka wetshumi lanhlanu wokubusa
kukaTiberiyosi uKesari, uPontiyusi Pilatu engumbusi
weJudiya, loHerodi engumtetrarki weGalili, loFiliphu
umfowabo engumtetrarki weIturiya lelizweni iTrakoniti,
loLisaniya engumtetrarki weAbilene, 2 uAnasi
loKayafasi bengabapristi abakhulu, ilizwi likaNkulunkulu
lafika kuJohane indodana kaZakariya enkangala. 3
Wasesiza esigabeni sonke seJordani esizingelezeleyo,
etshumayela ubhabhathizo lokuphenduka kube
yikuthethelelwa kwezono; 4 njengokulotshiweyo
egwalweni lwamazwi kaIsaya umprofethi, ukuthi:
Ilizwi lomemezayo enkangala lithi: Lungisani indlela
yeNkosi; qondisani indledlana zayo. 5 Sonke isigodi
sizagqitshwa, layo yonke intaba loqaqa kuzakwehliswa;
njalo kuzaqondiswa amazombazombe, lamaxhakaxhaka
ezindlela azalungiswa; 6 layo yonke inyama izabona
usindiso lukaNkulunkulu. 7 Ngakho wathi emaxukwini
aphumela ukubhabhathizwa nguye: Nzalo yezinyoka,
ngubani olixwayise ukubalekela ulaka oluzayo? 8 Ngakho
thelani izithelo ezifanele ukuphenduka; njalo lingaqali
ukuthi phakathi kwenu: SiloAbrahama ongubaba wethu;
ngoba ngithi kini: UNkulunkulu ulamandla okumvusela
uAbrahama abantwana kulamatshe. 9 Lakhathesi
lehloka selibekiwe empandeni zezihlahla; ngakho
sonke isihlahla esingatheli isithelo esihle siyaganyulwa
siphoselwe emlilweni. 10 Amaxuku asembuza, athi:
Pho thina sizakwenzani? 11 Wasephendula wathi
kubo: Olezembatho ezimbili, kamuphe ongelaso;
lolokudla kenze njalo. 12 Kwasekufika labathelisi
ukuze babhabhathizwe, basebesithi kuye: Mfundisi,
sizakwenzani? 13 Wasesithi kubo: Lingabizi okwedlula
elikumiselweyo. 14 Lamabutho lawo ambuza, athi:
Thina-ke sizakwenzani? Wasesithi kuwo: Lingenzi
udlakela emuntwini, njalo lingacali ngamanga; njalo
yeneliswani yimivuzo yenu. 15 Kwathi abantu belindile,
futhi bonke bezibuza enhliziyweni zabo ngoJohane,
ukuthi kambe yena angaba enguKristu, 16 uJohane
waphendula, esithi kubo bonke: Mina-ke ngilibhabhathiza
ngamanzi; kodwa uyeza olamandla kulami, engingafanele
ukuthukulula umchilo wamanyathela akhe; yena
uzalibhabhathiza ngoMoya oNgcwele langomlilo; 17
okhomane lwakhe lokwela lusesandleni sakhe, njalo
uzahlambululisisa isibuya sakhe, abesebuthela amabele
esiphaleni sakhe, kodwa amakhoba uzawatshisa
ngomlilo ongacitshekiyo. 18 Langokulaya ngezinye
izinto ezinengi, watshumayela ivangeli ebantwini.
19 Kodwa uHerodi umtetrarki, owayesolwe nguye
ngoHerodiyasi umkaFiliphu umfowabo, langakho konke
okubi ayekwenzile uHerodi, 20 wengezelela lalokhu
phezu kwakho konke, ukuthi wamvalela uJohane
entolongweni. 21 Kwasekusithi sebebhabhathiziwe bonke
abantu, laye uJesu esebhabhathiziwe, ekhuleka, izulu
lavulwa, 22 uMoya oyiNgcwele wasesehlela phezu
kwakhe elesimo somzimba onjengowejuba, lelizwi lavela

ezulwini, lisithi: Wena uyiNdodana yami ethandekayo,
ngithokoza ngawe. 23 Yena uJesu waseqala ukuba
leminyaka engaba ngamatshumi amathathu, yena
(njengokwakunakanwa) eyindodana kaJosefa, kaEli,
24 kaMathati, kaLevi, kaMeliki, kaJanayi, kaJosefa, 25
kaMatathiya, kaAmosi, kaNahume, kaEseli, kaNagayi, 26
kaMahati, kaMatathiya, kaSemeyi, kaJosefa, kaJuda, 27
kaJohana, kaResa, kaZerubhabheli, kaSalatiyeli, kaNeri,
28 kaMeliki, kaAdi, kaKosamu, kaElimodamu, kaEri, 29
kaJose, kaEliyezeri, kaJorima, kaMathati, kaLevi, 30
kaSimeyoni, kaJuda, kaJosefa, kaJonanu, kaEliyakhimi,
31 kaMeleya, kaMena, kaMathata, kaNathani, kaDavida,
32 kaJese, kaObedi, kaBowosi, kaSalimoni, kaNashoni,
33 kaAminadaba, kaAramu, kaEsiromu, kaFaresi,
kaJuda, 34 kaJakobe, kaIsaka, kaAbrahama, kaThara,
kaNahori, 35 kaSarugi, kaRagawu, kaFaleki, kaEberi,
kaSala, 36 kaKayinani, kaArpakishadi, kaShemu,
kaNowe, kaLameki, 37 kaMethusala, kaEnoki, kaJaredi,
kaMaleleyeli, kaKayinani, 38 kaEnosi, kaSeti, kaAdamu,
kaNkulunkulu.

4 Kwathi uJesu egcwele uMoya oNgcwele wabuya
evela eJordani, wakhokhelelwa nguMoya enkangala,
2 walingwa ngudiyabhola insuku ezingamatshumi amane.
Njalo kadlanga lutho ngalezonsuku; kwathi seziphelile,
ekucineni walamba. 3 Udiyabhola wasesithi kuye:
Uba uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu, tshono kulelilitshe
ukuthi libe yisinkwa. 4 UJesu wasemphendula, wathi:
Kulotshiwe, ukuthi umuntu kayikuphila ngesinkwa sodwa,
kodwa ngalo lonke ilizwi likaNkulunkulu. 5 Udiyabhola
wasemkhokhelela entabeni ende wamtshengisa yonke
imibuso yomhlaba ngesikhatshana. 6 Udiyabhola
wasesithi kuye: Amandla wonke la lobukhosi bayo
ngizakunika; ngoba anikwe mina, njalo ngiwanika
loba ngubani engithandayo. 7 Ngakho wena uba
ukhonza phambi kwami, konke kuzakuba ngokwakho.
8 UJesu wasemphendula wathi: Suka ngemva kwami,
Sathane; ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: Uzakhothamela
eNkosini uNkulunkulu wakho, njalo umkhonze yena
yedwa. 9 Wasemkhokhelela eJerusalema, wammisa
engqongeni yethempeli, wasesithi kuye: Uba uyiNdodana
kaNkulunkulu, ziwisele phansi usuka lapha; 10 ngoba
kulotshiwe ukuthi: Uzalaya ingilosi zakhe ngawe,
ukukulondoloza; 11 lokuthi: Zizakuphatha ngezandla,
hlezi loba nini ukhube unyawo lwakho elitsheni. 12 UJesu
wasephendula wathi kuye: Kuthiwa: Ungayilingi iNkosi
uNkulunkulu wakho. 13 Udiyabhola eseqedile ukulinga
konke, wasuka kuye kwaze kwaba ngesinye isikhathi. 14
UJesu wasebuyela eGalili ngamandla kaMoya; lendumela
yakhe yaphuma kuso sonke isigaba esizingelezeleyo. 15
Yena wasefundisa emasinagogeni abo, edunyiswa yibo
bonke. 16 Wasefika eNazaretha, lapho ayondliwe khona;
njengokwejwayela kwakhe wasengena esinagogeni
ngosuku lwesabatha, wasukuma ukuze afunde. 17
Wasenikwa ugwalo lomprofethi uIsaya. Waseluvula
ugwalo, wayithola indawo okubhalwe kuyo ukuthi: 18
UMoya weNkosi uphezu kwami, ngakho ingigcobile
ukuthi ngitshumayele ivangeli kubayanga; ingithumile
ukusilisa abadabukileyo enhliziyweni; ukumemezela
ukukhululwa kwabathunjiweyo, lokubona kwabayiziphofu,
ukukhulula ababandezelweyo, 19 ukumemezela umnyaka
womusa weNkosi. 20 Waselugoqa ugwalo, walubuyisela
encekwini, wahlala phansi; lamehlo abo bonke
ababesesinagogeni amjolozela. 21 Waseqala ukuthi
kubo: Lamuhla lumbhalo ugcwalisekile endlebeni zenu.
22 Labo bonke bafakaza ngaye, bamangala ngamazwi
omusa aphuma emlonyeni wakhe, basebesithi: Lo
kayisiyo indodana kaJosefa yini? 23 Wasesithi kubo:
Isibili lizakutsho kimi lesisaga: Melaphi, zelaphe wena;
konke lokho esikuzwileyo okwenzeke eKapenawume,
kwenze lalapha emzini wakini. 24 Wathi-ke: Ngiqinisile
ngithi kini: Kakho umprofethi owemukelekayo elizweni
lakibo. 25 Kodwa ngeqiniso ngithi kini: Abafelokazi
abanengi babekhona koIsrayeli ensukwini zikaElija,
lapho izulu lalivalekile iminyaka emithathu lenyanga
eziyisithupha, kwaze kwaba khona indlala enkulu
emhlabeni wonke; 26 kodwa uElija kathunyelwanga
lakomunye wabo, ngaphandle kweSarepita yeSidoni
kowesifazana ongumfelokazi. 27 Futhi amalephero
amanengi ayekhona koIsrayeli ngesikhathi sikaElisha
umprofethi; kodwa kakuhlanjululwanga lamunye wawo,
ngaphandle kukaNamani umSiriya. 28 Kwathi bonke
ababesesinagogeni bagcwala ulaka, bezizwa lezizinto,
29 basebesukuma, bamkhuphela ngaphandle komuzi,
bamqhubela eliweni lentaba umuzi wabo owawakhiwe
phezu kwayo, ukuze bamphosele phansi eliweni. 30
Kodwa yena edabula phakathi kwabo wahamba. 31
Wasesehlela eKapenawume umuzi weGalili; njalo
wayebafundisa ngamasabatha. 32 Basebebabaza
ngemfundiso yakhe, ngoba ilizwi lakhe lalilamandla. 33
Futhi kwakukhona esinagogeni umuntu owayelomoya
wedimoni ongcolileyo, wasememeza ngelizwi elikhulu,
34 wathi: Yekela! Silani lawe, Jesu mNazaretha? Uze
ukusibhubhisa yini? Ngiyakwazi wena ukuthi ungubani:
ONgcwele kaNkulunkulu. 35 UJesu wasemkhuza, esithi:
Thula, uphume kuye! Ledimoni selimwisele phakathi
laphuma kuye, lingamlimazanga. 36 Kwasekubafikela
bonke ukumangala, bakhulumisana, besithi: Yilizwi
bani leli, ukuthi ngegunya langamandla uyalaya omoya
abangcolileyo, baphume? 37 Yasiphuma indumela
yakhe kuyo yonke indawo yesigaba esizingelezeleyo.
38 Wasesukuma waphuma esinagogeni, wayangena
endlini kaSimoni; njalo uninazala kaSimoni wayebanjwe
luqhuqho olukhulu; basebemcelela kuye. 39
Wasemengama, wakhuza uqhuqho, khona lwamyekela;
njalo wahle wasukuma wabasebenzela. 40 Kwathi
ekutshoneni kwelanga, bonke ababelababegula izifo
ezitshiyeneyo babaletha kuye; wasebeka izandla kulowo
lalowo wabo wabasilisa. 41 Kwasekuphuma lamadimoni

kwabanengi, ememeza esithi: Wena unguKristu iNdodana
kaNkulunkulu. Wasewakhuza engawavumeli ukuthi
akhulume, ngoba ayemazi ukuthi unguKristu. **42**
Kwathi sekusile, waphuma waya endaweni eyinkangala,
lamaxuku amdinga, eza kuye, amvimbela ukuthi angasuki
kiwo. **43** Kodwa wathi kuwo: Ngimele ukutshumayela
ivangeli lombuso kaNkulunkulu lakweminye imizi;
ngoba ngithunyelwe lokho. **44** Wayesetshumayela
emasinagogeni eGalili.

5 Kwasekusithi ixuku selimminyezele ukuzwa ilizwi
likaNkulunkulu, yena wasesima eceleni kwechibi
leGenesaretha; **2** wabona imikhumbi emibili imi eceleni
kwechibi; kodwa abagoli benhlanzi babephumile kiyo
behlambulula amambule. **3** Wasengena komunye
wemikhumbi, ongokaSimoni, wamcela ukuthi asuke
kancinyane emhlabathini. Wasehlala phansi wafundisa
amaxuku esemkhunjini. **4** Kwathi eseqedile ukukhuluma,
wathi kuSimoni: Ngena enzikini, lehlise amambule enu
ukuze libambe. **5** USimoni wasephendula wathi kuye:
Nkosi, sitshikatshike ubusuku bonke, kasibambanga
lutho; kodwa ngokutsho kwakho ngizakwehlisa imbule. **6**
Kwathi sebekwenzile lokho, babamba inhlanzi ezinengi
kakhulu. Laselidabuka imbule labo. **7** Basebeqhweba
ababehlanganyele labo ababekomunye umkhumbi, ukuthi
beze babasize; beza-ke bayigcwalisa imikhumbi yomibili,
yaze yaqalisa ukutshona. **8** Kuthe uSimoni Petro ebona,
wawela emadolweni kaJesu, esithi: Suka kimi, Nkosi,
ngoba ngingumuntu oyisoni. **9** Ngoba ukumangala
kwakumbambile, labo bonke ababelaye, ngokubanjwa
kwenhlanzi ababezibambile; **10** ngokufananayo-
ke loJakobe loJohane, amadodana kaZebediya,
ababehlanganyele loSimoni. UJesu wasesithi kuSimoni:
Ungesabi; kusukela khathesi uzagola abantu. **11** Kwathi
sebeyifikisile imikhumbi emhlabathini, batshiya konke,
bamlandela. **12** Kwasekusithi, esekomunye wemizi,
khangela-ke, indoda egcwele ubulephero; yathi ibona
uJesu, yawa ngobuso, yamncenga, isithi: Nkosi, aluba
uthanda, ungangihlambulula. **13** Waseselula isandla,
wayithinta, esithi: Ngiyathanda, hlambuluka. Njalo bahle
basuka ubulephero kuyo. **14** Yena waseyilaya ukuthi
ingatsheli muntu; wathi: Kodwa hamba uziveze kumpristi,
unikelele ukuhlanjululwa kwakho, njengoba uMozisi
walaya, kube yibufakazi kubo. **15** Kodwa kwayilapho
ukukhuluma ngaye kwanda kakhulu; lamaxuku amanengi
abuthana ukulalela, lokusiliswa nguye ezifweni zawo.
16 Kodwa yena waphumela enkangala wakhuleka. **17**
Kwasekusithi ngolunye lwezinsuku, yena wayefundisa;
njalo kwakuhlezi abaFarisi labafundisi bomlayo, abavela
kuyo yonke imizana yeGalili leJudiya leJerusalema;
lamandla eNkosi ayekhona ukubasilisa. **18** Njalo
khangela, amadoda ethwele ngohlaka umuntu owayome
umhlubulo; njalo adinga ukumngenisa ambeke phambi
kwakhe; **19** kodwa engatholi indlela yokumngenisa
ngenxa yexuku, akhwela ephahleni lwendlu, amehlisa
ezitineni zokufulela ngethala phambi kukaJesu phakathi
laphakathi. **20** Kwathi ebona ukholo lwawo, wathi
kuye: Ndoda, izono zakho uzithethelelwe. **21** Ababhali
labaFarisi basebeqala ukunakana, besithi: Ungubani
lo okhuluma inhlamba? Ngubani ongathethelela izono,
ngaphandle kukaNkulunkulu yedwa? **22** Kwathi uJesu
esazi ukunakana kwabo waphendula wathi kubo:
Linakanani enhliziyweni zenu? **23** Yikuphi okulula,
ukuthi: Izono zakho uzithethelelwe; kumbe ukuthi:
Sukuma uhambe? **24** Kodwa ukuze lazi ukuthi iNdodana
yomuntu ilamandla okuthethelela izono emhlabeni (wathi
koyisigoga): Ngithi kuwe: Sukuma, uthathe ithala lakho,
uye endlini yakho. **25** Njalo wahle wasukuma phambi
kwabo, wathatha lokhu ayelele kukho, wasuka waya
endlini yakhe, edumisa uNkulunkulu. **26** Lokusanganiseka
kwababamba bonke, basebedumisa uNkulunkulu,
bagcwala ukwesaba, besithi: Sibone izimanga lamuhla.
27 Njalo emva kwalezizinto waphuma, wabona umthelisi,
uLevi ngebizo, ehlezi endlini yokuthelisela, wathi
kuye: Ngilandela. **28** Wasetshiya konke, wasukuma
wamlandela. **29** ULevi wasemenzela idili elikhulu endlini
yakhe; njalo kwakukhona ixuku elikhulu labathelisi
lelabanye abahlala kanye labo ekudleni. **30** Ababhali babo
labaFarisi basebesola kubafundi bakhe, besithi: Kungani
lisidla linatha labathelisi lezoni? **31** UJesu wasephendula
wathi kubo: Abaphilayo kabasweli melaphi, kodwa
abagulayo. **32** Kangizanga ukubiza abalungileyo, kodwa
izoni zize ekuphendukeni. **33** Basebesithi kuye: Kungani
abafundi bakaJohane bezila ukudla kanengi, benze
imikhuleko, kunjalo labababaFarisi; kodwa abakho bayadla
banathe? **34** Kodwa wathi kubo: Kambe, lingabazilisa
ukudla yini abantwana bendlu yomthimba, umyeni
eselabo? **35** Kodwa zizafika insuku, lapho umyeni
ezasuswa kubo, khona bezazila ukudla ngalezonsuku. **36**
Wasebatshela futhi umfanekiso wokuthi: Kakho obekela
isichibi sesembatho esitsha esembathweni esidala; uba
kungenjalo, esitsha laso siyadabula, lesichibi sesitsha
asihambelani lesidala. **37** Futhi kakho ofaka iwayini
elitsha emigodleni emidala; uba-ke kungenjalo, iwayini
elitsha lizadabula imigodla, lichitheke lona, lemigodla
yonakale. **38** Kodwa iwayini elitsha limele lifakwe
emigodleni emitsha, njalo kokubili kulondolozeke. **39**
Njalo kakho othi esenathe iwayini elidala ahle afise
elitsha; ngoba uthi: Elidala lingcono.

6 Kwasekusithi ngesabatha lesibili lakuqala edabula
emasimini amabele, abafundi bakhe bakha
izikhwebu, badla, bezihlikihla ngezandla. **2**
Kodwa abathile babaFarisi bathi kubo: Lenzelani
okungavunyelwa ukwenziwa ngensuku zesabatha? **3**
UJesu wasebaphendula, wathi: Alifundanga lalokho yini,
uDavida akwenzayo, mhla elambile yena lababelaye,
4 ukuthi wayangena njani endlini kaNkulunkulu,
wathatha izinkwa zokubukiswa, wasesidla, wanika

lalabo ababelaye; ezingavunyelwa ukudliwa ngaphandle
kwabapristi bodwa? 5 Wasesithi kubo: INdodana yomuntu
iyiNkosi leyesabatha. 6 Kwasekusithi langelinye isabatha
wangena esinagogeni, wafundisa; njalo kwakukhona
umuntu lapho, osandla sakhe sokunene sasitshwabhene.
7 Ababhali labaFarisi basebemqaphela, ukuthi uzasilisa
ngesabatha yini; ukuze bathole okokumbeka icala.
8 Kodwa wayazi imicabango yabo, wathi kumuntu
olesandla esitshwabheneyo: Sukuma, ume phakathi.
Wasukuma-ke wema. 9 UJesu wasesithi kubo:
Ngizalibuza ulutho: Kuvunyelwe yini ngamasabatha
ukwenza okulungileyo kumbe ukwenza okubi? Ukusindisa
impilo kumbe ukuchitha? 10 Wasebathalaza bonke,
wathi kumuntu: Yelula isandla sakho. Wasesenza
njalo. Isandla sakhe sasesisiliswa saphila njengesinye.
11 Basebegcwala ubuhlanya; bakhulumisana omunye
komunye, ukuthi bangamenzani uJesu. 12 Kwasekusithi
ngalezonsuku waphuma waya entabeni ukuyakhuleka;
wahlala ubusuku bonke ekukhulekeni kuNkulunkulu.
13 Kwathi sekusile, wabizela kuye abafundi bakhe;
wakhetha kubo abalitshumi lambili, ababiza futhi ngokuthi
ngabaphostoli; 14 uSimoni laye ambiza ngokuthi
nguPetro, loAndreya umfowabo, uJakobe loJohane,
uFiliphu loBartolomewu, 15 uMathewu loTomasi, uJakobe
okaAlfewu, loSimoni owayethiwa ngumZelothi, 16
uJudasi kaJakobe, loJudasi Iskariyothi, laye owaba
ngumnikeli. 17 Wasesehla labo, wema esigcawini, lexuku
labafundi bakhe, lexuku elikhulu labantu abavela kuyo
yonke iJudiya leJerusalema, langaselwandle lweTire
leSidoni, ababezile ukumuzwa, lokusiliswa ezifweni zabo;
18 lalabo ababekhathazwa ngomoya abangcolileyo,
basebesiliswa. 19 Lexuku lonke ladinga ukumthinta;
ngoba kwaphuma amandla kuye, asebasilisa bonke.
20 Yena wasephakamisela amehlo akhe kubafundi
bakhe wathi: Libusisiwe, bayanga, ngoba umbuso
kaNkulunkulu ungowenu. 21 Libusisiwe, lina elilambileyo
khathesi, ngoba lizasuthiswa. Libusisiwe, lina elikhalayo
khathesi, ngoba lizahleka. 22 Libusisiwe, nxa abantu
belizonda, njalo nxa belehlukanisa, belithuka, belahla
ibizo lenu ngokungathi libi, ngenxa yeNdodana yomuntu.
23 Thokozani ngalolosuku leqe ngokuthokoza; ngoba
khangelani, umvuzo wenu mkhulu ezulwini; ngoba oyise
benza njalo kubaprofethi. 24 Kodwa maye kini lina
elinothileyo! Ngoba seliyemukele induduzo yenu. 25
Maye kini, lina elisuthiyo! Ngoba lizalamba. Maye kini,
lina elihlekayo khathesi! Ngoba lizalila, likhale. 26
Maye kini, nxa abantu bonke bekhuluma kuhle ngani!
Ngoba oyise babesenza njalo kubaprofethi bamanga. 27
Kodwa ngithi kini elizwayo: Thandani izitha zenu, lenze
okuhle kwabalizondayo, 28 libusise abaliqalekisayo,
libakhulekele abaliphatha kubi. 29 Okutshaya esihlathini,
mnike lesinye; lokwemuka isembatho sakho, ungali
lesigqoko sakho. 30 Kodwa mnike wonke ocela kuwe;
lokwemuka okwakho, ungabuyi ukubize kuye. 31
Njalo njengalokho lithanda ukuthi abantu benze kini,
lani yenzani njalo kubo. 32 Njalo uba lithanda labo
abalithandayo, yikubongwa bani elilakho? Ngoba lezoni
zithanda labo abazithandayo. 33 Njalo uba lisenza okuhle
kulabo abenza okuhle kini, yikubongwa bani elilakho?
Ngoba lezoni zenza okufananayo. 34 Futhi uba liseboleka
labo elithemba ukwemukela kubo, yikubongwa bani
elilakho? Ngoba lezoni zeboleka izoni, ukuze zemukele
izinto ezifananayo. 35 Kodwa thandani izitha zenu,
lenze okuhle, leboleke, lingalindeli lutho olubuyiselwayo;
lomvuzo wenu uzakuba mkhulu, njalo libe ngabantwana
boPhezukonke; ngoba yena ulobubele kwabangabongiyo
lababi. 36 Ngakho banini lesihawu, njengoba laye uYihlo
elesihawu. 37 Lingahluleli, njalo alisoze lahlulelwe;
lingalahli, njalo alisoze lilahlwe; thethelelani, njalo
lizathethelelwa; 38 phanini, lani lizaphiwa; isilinganiso
esihle, sigqitshiwe sahlukuzwa, siphuphuma, bazalipha
esifubeni. Ngoba ngalesosilinganiso elilinganisa ngaso
lizalinganiselwa ngaso futhi. 39 Wasebatshela umfanekiso
wokuthi: Kambe isiphofu singakhokhela isiphofu
yini? Kabayikuwela bobabili emgodini yini? 40
Umfundi kamkhulu kulomfundisi wakhe; kodwa wonke
opheleleyo uzakuba njengomfundisi wakhe. 41 Njalo
ukhangelelani ucezwana oluselihlweni lomfowenu,
kodwa ungalunanzeleli ugodo olukwelakho ilihlo? 42
Kumbe ungatsho njani kumfowenu ukuthi: Mfowethu,
kahle ngikhuphe ucezwana oluselihlweni lakho, wena
ungaluboni ugodo oluselihlweni lakho? Mzenzisi, qala
ukhuphe ugodo elihlweni lakho, khona-ke uzabona
kuhle ukukhupha ucezwana oluselihlweni lomfowenu. 43
Ngoba kayisiso isihlahla esihle esithela isithelo esibi; futhi
kayisiso isihlahla esibi esithela isithelo esihle. 44 Ngoba
yileso laleso isihlahla saziwa ngesaso isithelo. Ngoba
kabaseli imikhiwa emeveni, futhi kakukhiwa isithelo sevini
evikaneni. 45 Umuntu olungileyo uveza okulungileyo
kokuligugu elilungileyo lenhliziyo yakhe, lomuntu omubi
uveza okubi kokuligugu elibi lenhliziyo yakhe; ngoba
umlomo wakhe ukhuluma ngokugcwala kwenhliziyo.
46 Kodwa lingibizelani ngokuthi: Nkosi, Nkosi, kodwa
lingazenzi izinto engizitshoyo? 47 Wonke oza kimi
awezwe amazwi ami njalo awenze, ngizalitshengisa
ukuthi ufanana lobani; 48 ufanana lomuntu owakha indlu,
wagebha watshonisa, wabeka isisekelo phezu kwedwala;
kwathi ekufikeni kwempophoma, umfula watshaya
kuleyondlu, kodwa wawungelamandla okuyinyikinya;
ngoba yayisekelwe phezu kwedwala. 49 Kodwa
owezwayo njalo angawenzi unjengomuntu owakha indlu
emhlabathini ingelasisekelo; umfula wayitshaya, njalo
yahle yawa, futhi kwaba kukhulu ukudilika kwaleyondlu.

7 Kwathi eseqedile amazwi akhe wonke endlebeni
zabantu, wangena eKapenawume. 2 Njalo inceku
yenduna yekhulu ethile, eyayiligugu kuyo, yayigula
isizakufa. 3 Kwathi isizwile ngoJesu, yathuma kuye
abadala bamaJuda, imcela, ukuze eze asilise inceku

yayo. **4** Kwathi bona, sebefikile kuJesu, bamncenga
kakhulu, besithi: Yona kufanele ukuthi uyenzele
lokhu; **5** ngoba iyasithanda isizwe sakithi, njalo yiyo
eyasakhela isinagoge. **6** UJesu wasehamba labo.
Kwathi engasekhatshana lendlu, induna yekhulu yathuma
abangane kuye, isithi kuye: Nkosi, ungazikhathazi;
ngoba kangifanele ukuthi ungene ngaphansi kophahla
lwami; **7** yikho kangizibonanga ngifanele ukuza
kuwe; kodwa khuluma ngelizwi, njalo inceku yami
izasiliswa. **8** Ngoba lami ngingumuntu obekwe
ngaphansi kwamandla, ngilamabutho ngaphansi kwami,
njalo ngithi kuleli: Hamba, njalo lihambe; lakwelinye:
Woza, njalo lize; lencekwini yami: Yenza lokhu, njalo
ikwenze. **9** Kwathi uJesu ezizwa lezizinto wamangala
ngayo, watshibilika, wathi exukwini elimlandelayo:
Ngithi kini, angitholanga ukholo olungaka ngitsho
lakoIsrayeli. **10** Kwathi ababethunyiwe sebebuyele
endlini bafica inceku eyayigula isisilile. **11** Kwasekusithi
ngelanga elilandelayo, waya emzini othiwa yiNayini;
abafundi bakhe abanengi basebehamba laye, lexuku
elikhulu. **12** Kwathi esesondela esangweni lomuzi, njalo
khangela, kwakulofileyo ethwelwe kuphunywa, indodana
engeyodwa kanina, futhi yena engumfelokazi; lexuku
elikhulu lomuzi lalilaye. **13** INkosi imbona, yasisiba
lesihelo ngaye, yathi kuye: Ungakhali. **14** Yasondela
yathinta ithala; abalithweleyo basebesima; yasisithi:
Jaha, ngithi kuwe: Vuka! **15** Ofileyo wasevuka wahlala
waqala ukukhuluma. Yasimnika unina. **16** Ukwesaba
kwasekubababamba bonke, basebemdumisa uNkulunkulu,
besithi: Umprofethi omkhulu usevukile phakathi kwethu;
lokuthi: UNkulunkulu uhambele abantu bakhe. **17** Le
indumela ngaye yasiphumela kuyo yonke iJudiya, lakuso
sonke isigaba esizingelezeleyo. **18** Abafundi bakaJohane
basebembikela ngazo zonke lezizinto. **19** UJohane
wasebizela kuye ababili abathile kubafundi bakhe
wabathuma kuJesu, esithi: Wena unguye ozayo yini,
kumbe silindele omunye? **20** Lamadoda esefikile kuye
athi: UJohane uMbhabhathizi usithumile kuwe, esithi:
Wena unguye ozayo yini, kumbe silindele omunye? **21**
Langalelohola wasilisa abanengi ezifweni lemikhuhlaneni
lakubomoya ababi, labayiziphofu abanengi wabapha
ukubona. **22** UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Hambani
limtshele uJohane izinto elizibonileyo lelizizwileyo:
Ukuthi iziphofu zibuye zibone, iziqhuli ziyahamba,
amalephero ayahlanjululwa, izacuthe ziyezwa, abafileyo
bayavuswa, abayanga bayatshunyayezwa ivangeli; **23**
njalo ubusisiwe loba ngubani ongakhubekiyo ngami.
24 Kwathi sezihambile izithunywa zikaJohane, waqala
ukukhuluma lamaxuku ngoJohane esithi: Laphuma
laya enkangala ukuyabonani? Umhlanga onyikinywa
ngumoya yini? **25** Kanti laphumela ukuyabonani? Umuntu
owembethe izembatho ezicolekileyo yini? Khangelani,
abembethe ezikhazimulayo baphila mnandi basezindlini
zamakhosi. **26** Pho laphumela ukuyabonani? Umprofethi
yini? Yebo, ngithi kini: Loba odlula kakhulu umprofethi.
27 Lo nguye okubhalwe ngaye ukuthi: Khangela, mina
ngiyathuma isithunywa sami phambi kobuso bakho,
esizalungisa indlela yakho phambi kwakho. **28** Ngoba
ngithi kini: Phakathi kwabazelwe ngabesifazana kakho
umprofethi omkhulu kuloJohane uMbhabhathizi; kodwa
omncinyane embusweni kaNkulunkulu mkhulu kulaye.
29 Labantu bonke bekuzwa, labathelisi, bathi ulungile
uNkulunkulu, sebebhabhathiziwe ngobhabhathizo
lukaJohane; **30** kodwa abaFarisi lezazumthetho
balala icebo likaNkulunkulu bemelene labo, ngoba
bengabhabhathizwanga nguye. **31** Yasisithi iNkosi: Pho-
ke abantu balesisizukulwana ngizabafananisa lani? Kanti
bafanana lani? **32** Banjengabantwana abancane abablezi
emakethe bememezana besithi: Silitshayele umhlanga,
kodwa kalisinanga; silililele, kodwa kalikhalanga. **33**
Ngoba uJohane uMbhabhathizi wafika engadli isinkwa
njalo enganathi iwayini, laselisithi: Uledimoni; **34**
iNdodana yomuntu ifikile isidla, inatha, laselisithi:
Khangelani, umuntu oligovu lesinathi sewayini, umngane
wabathelisi lezoni. **35** Kodwa inhlakanipho ithiwa ilungile
ngabantwana bayo bonke. **36** Omunye wabaFarisi
wasemcela ukuthi adle laye; esengenile endlini yomFarisi
wahlala ekudleni. **37** Njalo khangela, owesifazana
kulowomuzi, owayeyisoni, esekwazi ukuthi uJesu uhlezi
ekudleni endlini yomFarisi, waletha umfuma we-alibasta
owamagcobo, **38** wasesima eceleni kwenyawo zakhe
ngemva kwakhe ekhala, waqala ukuthambisa inyawo
zakhe ngenyembezi, wazesula ngenwele zekhanda
lakhe, wanga inyawo zakhe, wazigcoba ngamagcobo.
39 Kuthe umFarisi obemnxusile ekubona wakhulumela
ngaphakathi kwakhe wathi: Lo, uba ebengumprofethi,
ngabe uyamazi ukuthi ungubani lokuthi unjani lo
owesifazana omthintayo, ngoba uyisoni. **40** UJesu
wasephendula wathi kuye: Simoni, ngilengizakukhuluma
lawe. Yena wasesithi: Khuluma, Mfundisi. **41** Kwakukhona
ababili ababelezikwelede kumkweledisi othile; omunye
wayelomlandu wabodenariyo abangamakhulu amahlanu,
lomunye abangamatshumi amahlanu. **42** Kwathi
bengelakho okokuhlawula ngakho, wabaxolela bobabili.
Kambe nguwuphi kubo, tshono, ozamthanda
okwedlulisileyo? **43** USimoni wasephendula wathi:
Ngicabanga ngulowo amxolela okwedlulisileyo. Wathi
kuye: Wahlulele ngokuqonda. **44** Wasetshibilikela
kowesifazana, wathi kuSimoni: Uyambona lo owesifazana
yini? Ngingene endlini yakho, amanzi enyaweni zami
kawunginikanga; kodwa yena uzithambisile inyawo zami
ngenyembezi zakhe, wazesula ngenwele zekhanda
lakhe. **45** Kawunganganga; kodwa yena, lokhu ngingenile,
kayekelanga ukwanga inyawo zami. **46** Ngamagcobo
ikhanda lami kawuligcobanga; kodwa yena ugcobile
inyawo zami ngamakha. **47** Ngenxa yalokhu, ngithi
kuwe: Izono zakhe ezinengi zithethelelwe, ngoba
uthandile kakhulu; kodwa lowo othethelelwa kancinyane,

uthanda kancinyane. 48 Wasesithi kuye: Zithethelelwe
izono zakho. 49 Ababehlezi laye ekudleni basebeqala
ukukhulumisana bodwa besithi: Ngubani lo othethelela
lezono? 50 Wasesithi kowesifazana: Ukholo lwakho
lukusindisile; hamba ngokuthula.

8 Kwasekusithi emva kwalokho, yena wadabula imizi
lemizana, ememezela lokutshumayela indaba ezinhle
zombuso kaNkulunkulu; labalitshumi lambili babelaye,
2 labesifazana abathile ababesiliswe kubomoya ababi
lemikhuhlaneni, uMariya othiwa nguMagadalena,
okwaphuma kuye amadimoni ayisikhombisa, 3
loJowana umkaKuza induna kaHerodi, loSusana, labanye
abanengi, ababemsiza ngempahla zabo. 4 Kwathi
sekubuthene ixuku elikhulu, njalo bevela emizini ngemizi
besiza kuye, wakhuluma ngomfanekiso, 5 wathi:
Umhlanyeli waphuma ukuyahlanyela inhlanyelo yakhe;
kwathi ekuhlanyeleni kwakhe, enye yawela eceleni
kwendlela; yasinyathelwa ngenyawo, lenyoni zezulu
zayidla zayiqeda. 6 Lenye yawela edwaleni, kwathi
ekukhuleni yabuna, ngoba yaswela ubumanzi. 7
Lenye yawela phakathi kwameva, ameva asemila
layo ayiminyanisa. 8 Lenye yawela emhlabathini
omuhle, yakhula yathela ikhulu. Esetshilo lezizinto
wamemeza wathi: Olendlebe zokuzwa akezwe. 9
Abafundi bakhe basebembuza besithi: Ungaba yini
lumfanekiso? 10 Wasesithi: Kuphiwe kini ukwazi imfihlo
zombuso kaNkulunkulu; kodwa kwabanye ngemifanekiso,
ukuze bebona bangaboni, njalo besizwa bangaqedisisi. 11
Lomfanekiso uyilokhu: Inhlanyelo iyilizwi likaNkulunkulu.
12 Labaseceleni kwendlela yilabo abathi sebezwile,
besekufika udiyabhola alisuse ilizwi enhliziyweni zabo,
ukuze bangakholwa basindiswe. 13 Labasedwaleni
yilabo, abathi belizwile, balemukele ilizwi ngentokozo,
kodwa laba kabalampande, abakholwa okwesikhathi,
kuthi ngesikhathi sokulingwa bawe. 14 Lewele
phakathi kwameva, yilabo abathi sebezwile, bahambe
baminyaniswe yikukhathalela lenotho lenkanuko yempilo,
njalo bangatheli izithelo ezivuthiweyo. 15 Kodwa
esemhlabathini omuhle, yilabo abathi belizwile ilizwi
balilondoloze enhliziyweni enhle lelungileyo, bathela
izithelo ngokubekezela. 16 Njalo kakho othi eselumathise
isibane, asembese ngesitsha, kumbe asibeke ngaphansi
kombheda, kodwa usibeka esiqobaneni sesibane,
ukuze abangenayo babone ukukhanya. 17 Ngoba
kakukho okufihliweyo, okungasoze kube sobala;
lokuthukuziweyo, okungayikwaziwa lokungayikulethwa
obala. 18 Ngakho qaphelisani ukuthi lizwa njani;
ngoba loba ngubani olakho, uzaphiwa; kodwa loba
ngubani ongelakho, uzakwemukwa lalokho acabanga
ukuthi ulakho. 19 Kwasekufika kuye unina labafowabo,
kodwa abazange bamfinyelele ngenxa yexuku. 20
Wasebikelwa ngabanye abathi: Unyoko labafowenu bemi
phandle, bafuna ukukubona. 21 Kodwa waphendula
wathi kubo: Umama labafowethu yilabo, abalizwayo
ilizwi likaNkulunkulu balenze. 22 Kwasekusithi ngolunye
lwezinsuku, wangena emkhunjini yena labafundi bakhe,
wasesithi kubo: Asichaphele ngaphetsheya kwechibi;
basuka-ke. 23 Kwathi behamba ngomkhumbi, walala
ubuthongo; isiphepho esikhulu somoya sasesisehlela
phansi echibini, bagcwalelwa ngamanzi, babesengozini.
24 Basebesondela bamvusa, besithi: Nkosi, nkosi,
siyabhubha! Wasevuka wakhuza umoya lamagagasi
amakhulu amanzi; kwasekusima, kwasekusiba lokuthula.
25 Wasesithi kubo: Lungaphi ukholo lwenu?
Basebesesaba bamangala, bakhulumisana besithi:
Kambe ungubani lo, ukuthi alaye ngitsho imimoya
lamanzi, njalo kumlalele? 26 Basebesiya ngomkhumbi
elizweni lamaGadarene, eliqondene leGalili. 27 Kwathi
esephumele emhlabathini, yamhlangabeza indoda
ethile ivela emzini, eyayilamadimoni okwesikhathi
eside, njalo ingembathi isembatho, ingahlali endlini,
kodwa emangcwabeni. 28 Yathi imbona uJesu,
yamemeza, yawa phansi phambi kwakhe, yathi ngelizwi
elikhulu: Ngilani lawe, Jesu, Ndodana kaNkulunkulu
oPhezukonke? Ngiyakuncenga, ungangihluphi. 29
Ngoba walaya umoya ongcolileyo ukuthi aphume
kulowomuntu; ngoba wayesembambe okwezikhathi
ezinengi, walindwa ebotshiwe ngamaketane lezibopho,
kodwa eseqamule izibopho waqhutshelwa enkangala
lidimoni. 30 UJesu wasembuza, wathi: Ungubani ibizo
lakho? Wasesithi: NguLegiyoni; ngoba amadimoni
amanengi ayengene kuye. 31 Asemncenga
ukuthi angawalayi ukuya emgodini ongelamkhawulo.
(Abyssos g12) 32 Kwakukhona lapho umhlambi
wengulube ezinengi usidla entabeni; asemncenga
ukuthi awavumele angene kuzo. Wasewavumela.
33 Kwathi amadimoni esephumile kulowomuntu
angena engulubeni; umhlambi wasuphaphatheka
usuka eliweni usiya echibini, waminzwa. 34 Kwathi
ababezelusile bebona okwenzakeleyo babaleka, basuka
bayabika emzini, lemaphandleni. 35 Basebephuma
ukuyabona okwenzakeleyo; bafika kuJesu, bamfica
umuntu okwakuphume kuye amadimoni ehlezi
enyaweni zikaJesu, embethe esephelele engqondweni;
basebesesaba. 36 Basebebatshela lalabo ababebonile
ukuthi usindiswe njani owayengenwe ngamadimoni. 37
Ixuku lonke lesigaba samaGadarene esizingelezeleyo
laselimcela ukuthi asuke kubo, ngoba babanjwa
yikwesaba okukhulu; yena wasengena emkhunjini
waphindela emuva. 38 Kodwa indoda okwakuphume kuyo
amadimoni yamncenga ukuthi ibe laye. Kodwa uJesu
wayiyekela yahamba, esithi: 39 Buyela endlini yakho,
ulandise ukuthi kungakanani uNkulunkulu akwenze kuwe.
Wasesuka wahamba, etshumayela phakathi komuzi
wonke ukuthi kungakanani uJesu ayekwenzile kuye. 40
Kwasekusithi ekubuyeni kukaJesu, ixuku lamthakazelela;
ngoba bonke babemlindele. 41 Njalo khangela, kwafika
indoda, uJayirosi ngebizo, yona ingumphathi wesinagoge,

yasisiwa phansi enyaweni zikaJesu yamncenga ukuthi
angene endlini yayo; 42 ngoba yayilendodakazi eyodwa
ezelweyo eyayingaba leminyaka elitshumi lambili, njalo
yona yayisisifa. Kwathi esahamba amaxuku amcindezela.
43 Lowesifazana owayelomopho wegazi okweminyaka
elitshumi lambili, echithe konke okwempilo yakhe
kubelaphi engelakusiliswa langubani, 44 wasondela
ngemva kwakhe, wathinta umphetho wesembatho
sakhe; njalo wahle wakhawula umopho wegazi lakhe.
45 UJesu wasesithi: Ngubani ongithintileyo? Kwathi
lapho bephika bonke, uPetro wathi lababelaye: Nkosi,
ixuku likuminyanisile likucindezele, kodwa uthi: Ngubani
ongithintileyo? 46 Kodwa uJesu wathi: Ukhona
ongithintileyo; ngoba mina ngazile ukuthi amandla
aphumile kimi. 47 Kwathi owesifazana ebona ukuthi
kafihlakalanga, weza ethuthumela, wawa phambi
kwakhe, walandisa phambi kwabantu bonke ukuthi
umthinte ngesizatho bani, lokuthi uhle wasila njani.
48 Wasesithi kuye: Mana isibindi, ndodakazi, ukholo
lwakho lukusindisile; hamba ngokuthula. 49 Esakhuluma,
kwafika umuntu evela endlini yomphathi wesinagoge,
wathi kuye: Indodakazi yakho isifile; ungamhluphi
uMfundisi. 50 Kodwa uJesu esizwa, wamphendula,
wathi: Ungesabi; kholwa kuphela, njalo izasindiswa. 51
Futhi esengenile endlini, kavumanga ukuthi kungene
muntu, ngaphandle kukaPetro loJakobe loJohane, loyise
wendodakazi lonina. 52 Njalo bakhala bonke, beyililela.
Kodwa wathi: Lingakhali; kayifanga, kodwa ilele. 53
Basebemhleka usulu, besazi ukuthi ifile. 54 Kodwa
yena esebakhuphele phandle bonke, wabamba isandla
sayo, wamemeza, esithi: Ndodakazi, vuka! 55 Wasubuya
umoya wayo, yasivuka khona lapho; waselaya ukuthi
kayiphiwe ukudla. 56 Abazali bayo basebemangala
kakhulu; kodwa wabalaya ukuthi bangatsheli muntu
okwenzakeleyo.

9 Wasebizela ndawonye abafundi bakhe abalitshumi
lambili, wabanika amandla legunya phezu
kwamadimoni wonke, lawokwelapha izifo. 2
Wasebathuma ukuyatshumayela umbuso kaNkulunkulu,
lokusilisa abagulayo, 3 wasesithi kubo: Lingaphathi lutho
lwendlela; lodondolo, lesikhwama, lomphako, lemali,
njalo lingabi lezigqoko ezimbili ngamunye. 4 Lakuyiphi
indlu elingena kuyo, hlalani lapho, lalapho lisuke. 5
Labo bonke abangalemukeliyo, nxa lisuka kulowomuzi,
thintithani ngitsho uthuli enyaweni zenu kube yibufakazi
obumelana labo. 6 Basuka-ke bahamba bedabula
imizana, betshumayela ivangeli besilisa endaweni zonke.
7 UHerodi umtetrarki wasekuzwa konke okwenziwa
nguye; wasedideka, ngoba kwatshiwo ngabanye ukuthi
uJohane uvukile kwabafileyo; 8 langabanye ukuthi
uElija ubonakele; langabanye ukuthi kuvukile omunye
wabaprofethi abadala. 9 Kodwa uHerodi wathi: UJohane
ngamquma ikhanda mina; kodwa ngubani lo, mina
engizwa ngaye izinto ezinje? Wasefunisisa ukumbona. 10
Abaphostoli sebebuyile bambikela konke ababekwenzile.
Wasebathatha, wahamba labo bebodwa waya endaweni
eyinkangala eyomuzi othiwa yiBhethisayida. 11
Kwathi amaxuku esekwazi, amlandela; wasewemukela,
wakhuluma lawo ngombuso kaNkulunkulu, wabasilisa
labo abaswele ukusiliswa. 12 Ilanga laseliqala ukutshona;
abalitshumi lambili basebesiza bathi kuye: Yekela
ixuku lihambe, ukuze baye emizaneni lezigabeni
ezizingelezeleyo bangenise khona, bathole ukudla;
ngoba lapha sisendaweni eyinkangala. 13 Kodwa
wathi kubo: Banikeni lina bona ukuthi badle. Bathi-
ke: Asilakho okwedlula izinkwa ezinhlanu lenhlanzi
ezimbili, ngaphandle kokuthi thina siyebathengela ukudla
bonke lababantu. 14 Ngoba kwakukhona amadoda
angaba zinkulungwane ezinhlanu. Wasesithi kubafundi
bakhe: Bahlaliseni phansi ngezigaba ngamatshumi
amahlanu. 15 Basebesenza njalo, babahlalisa phansi
bonke. 16 Wasezithatha izinkwa ezinhlanu lenhlanzi
ezimbili, wakhangela phezulu ezulwini, wazibusisa,
wazihlephula, wazinika abafundi ukuthi babeke phambi
kwexuku. 17 Basebesidla basutha bonke; kwadojwa
imvuthu ezazisele kubo, izitsha ezilitshumi lambili.
18 Kwasekusithi ekhuleka yedwa, abafundi babelaye;
wasebabuza, esithi: Amaxuku athi ngingubani? 19
Basebephendula bathi: UJohane uMbhabhathizi; kodwa
abanye bathi: UElija; kodwa abanye bathi: Kuvukile
umprofethi othile wabadala. 20 Wasesithi kubo: Lina-
ke lithi ngingubani? UPetro wasephendula wathi:
UKristu kaNkulunkulu. 21 Esebaxwayisisile walaya
ukuthi bangatsheli muntu lokhu, 22 esithi: INdodana
yomuntu imele ihlupheke kakhulu, ilahlwe ngabadala
labapristi abakhulu lababhali, ibulawe, ibisivuswa
ngosuku lwesithathu. 23 Wasesithi kubo bonke: Uba
umuntu ethanda ukuza ngemva kwami, kazidele, athathe
isiphambano sakhe insuku ngensuku, angilandele.
24 Ngoba loba ngubani othanda ukusindisa impilo
yakhe, izamlahlekela; kodwa loba ngubani olahlekelwa
yimpilo yakhe ngenxa yami, yena uzayisindisa. 25
Ngoba kuzamsizani umuntu, uba ezuza umhlaba wonke,
kodwa yena uqobo lwakhe azone kumbe alahleke? 26
Ngoba loba ngubani olenhloni ngami langamazwi ami,
iNdodana yomuntu izakuba lenhloni ngaye, nxa isiza
enkazimulweni yayo lekaBaba leyengilosi ezingcwele.
27 Kodwa ngilitshela ngeqiniso: Bakhona abanye
kwabemiyo lapha, abangasoze bezwe ukufa, baze
babone umbuso kaNkulunkulu. 28 Kwasekusithi emva
kwalawomazwi, kungaba zinsuku eziyisificaminwembili,
wathatha uPetro loJohane loJakobe, wakhwela entabeni
ukuyakhuleka. 29 Kwasekusithi ekukhulekeni kwakhe,
isimo sobuso bakhe saphenduka, lesembatho sakhe
saba mhlophe, sacwazimula. 30 Njalo khangela,
akhuluma laye amadoda amabili, ayengoMozisi loElija;
31 abonakala ngenkazimulo akhuluma ngokusuka

kwakhe ayezakuphelelisa eJerusalema. **32** Kodwa
uPetro lababelaye babesindwe yibuthongo; kodwa
sebephapheme babona inkazimulo yakhe, lamadoda
amabili ayemi laye. **33** Kwasekusithi, ekwehlukaneni
kwawo laye, uPetro wathi kuJesu: Nkosi, kuhle ukuthi
sibe lapha; futhi asakhe amadumba amathathu, elinye
ngelakho, lelinye ngelikaMozisi, lelinye ngelikaElija;
engakwazi akutshoyo. **34** Kwathi ekhuluma lezizinto,
kwafika iyezi labasibekela; basebesesaba ekungeneni
kwabo eyezini. **35** Kwasekuphuma ilizwi eyezini, lisithi:
Lo uyiNdodana yami ethandekayo; zwanini yona. **36**
Kwathi ilizwi selifikile, uJesu waficwa eyedwa. Kodwa
bona bathula, kabaze batshela muntu ngalezonsuku
okunye kwalezozinto abazibonileyo. **37** Kwasekusithi
ngelanga elilandelayo, sebehlile entabeni, ixuku elikhulu
lamhlangabeza. **38** Njalo khangela, indoda exukwini
yamemeza, isithi: Mfundisi, ngiyakuncenga, bona
indodana yami, ngoba yiyo yodwa ezelweyo yami; **39**
njalo khangela, umoya uyayibamba, futhi ihle iklabalale,
njalo uyihlukuze, ikhihlize amagwebu, uphume nzima
kuyo, uyihluzule. **40** Njalo ngincenge abafundi bakho
ukuthi bawukhuphe, kodwa abenelisanga. **41** UJesu
wasephendula wathi: O sizukulwana esingelakholo
lesonakeleyo, kuzaze kube nini ngilani, ngilibekezelela?
Ilethe lapha indodana yakho. **42** Kuthe iseza, idimoni
layidabula layihlukuza; kodwa uJesu wawukhuza
umoya ongcolileyo, wamsilisa umntwana, wambuyisela
kuyise. **43** Bonke basebemangaliswa kakhulu yibukhulu
bukaNkulunkulu. Kwathi bemangele bonke ngazo
zonke izinto uJesu azenzileyo, wathi kubafundi bakhe:
44 Fakani lina endlebeni zenu lamazwi: Ngoba
iNdodana yomuntu izanikelwa ezandleni zabantu. **45**
Kodwa kabaqedisisanga lumutsho, njalo wawufihlakele
kubo, ukuze bangawuzwisisi; basebesesaba ukumbuza
ngalumutsho. **46** Kwasekungena ukuphikisana phakathi
kwabo, ukuthi ngubani ongaba mkhulu kubo. **47** Kwathi
uJesu ebona ukunakana kwenhliziyo yabo, wathatha
umntwana omncane, wammisa phansi kwakhe, **48**
wasesithi kubo: Loba ngubani owemukela lumntwana
omncane ebizweni lami wemukela mina; njalo loba
ngubani owemukela mina wemukela ongithumileyo;
ngoba omncinyane kini lonke nguye ozakuba mkhulu. **49**
UJohane wasephendula wathi: Nkosi, sabona omunye
ekhupha amadimoni ngebizo lakho, sasesimenqabela,
ngoba engalandeli kanye lathi. **50** Kodwa uJesu
wathi kuye: Lingamenqabeli, ngoba ongamelani lathi
ungakithi. **51** Kwathi seziphelelisiwe insuku zokwenyuka
kwakhe, yena wasekhangelisa ubuso bakhe ukuya
eJerusalema, **52** wasethuma izithunywa phambi kobuso
bakhe; zasezihamba zangena emzaneni wamaSamariya,
ukuze zimlungisele. **53** Kodwa kawamemukelanga, ngoba
ubuso bakhe babukhangele eJerusalema. **54** Kwathi
abafundi bakhe uJakobe loJohane bebona lokhu bathi:
Nkosi, uyathanda yini ukuthi sitsho ukuthi umlilo wehle
uvela ezulwini, ubaqothule, njengoba loElija wenza?
55 Kodwa watshibilika wabakhuza, esithi: Alazi ukuthi
lina lingabomoya onjani. **56** Ngoba iNdodana yomuntu
kayizanga ukuthi ibhubhise imiphefumulo yabantu, kodwa
ukuyisindisa. Basebesedlulela komunye umzana. **57**
Kwasekusithi behamba endleleni, umuntu othile wathi
kuye: Nkosi, ngizakulandela loba ngaphi lapho oya khona.
58 UJesu wasesithi kuye: Amakhanka alemilindi, lenyoni
zezulu zilezidleke; kodwa iNdodana yomuntu kayilalapho
engaqamelisa ikhanda khona. **59** Wasesithi komunye:
Ngilandela. Kodwa yena wathi: Nkosi, ngivumela ukuthi
ngiyengcwaba ababa kuqala. **60** Kodwa uJesu wathi
kuye: Yekela abafileyo bangcwabe ababo abafileyo;
kodwa wena hamba utshumayele umbuso kaNkulunkulu.
61 Lomunye wasesithi: Ngizakulandela, Nkosi; kodwa
ngivumela kuqala ukuthi ngiyevalelisa abasendlini yami.
62 Kodwa uJesu wathi kuye: Kakho othi esebeke
isandla sakhe ekhubeni, akhangele kokusemuva, ofanele
umbuso kaNkulunkulu.

10 Njalo emva kwalezizinto iNkosi yamisa njalo abanye
abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa, yabathuma
ngababili phambi kobuso bayo emizini yonke lezindaweni
zonke ebizakuya kuzo yona. **2** Ngakho yathi kubo:
Isibili isivuno sikhulu, kodwa izisebenzi zinlutshwana.
Ngakho ncengani eNkosini yesivuno, ukuze ithume
izisebenzi esivunweni sayo. **3** Hambani; khangelani,
mina ngiyalithuma linjengezimvana phakathi kwezimpisi.
4 Lingaphathi umxhaka, lesikhwama, lamanyathela; njalo
lingabingeleli muntu endleleni. **5** Njalo lakuyiphi indlu
elingena kuyo, qalani lithi: Ukuthula kakube kulindlu. **6**
Njalo uba kukhona lapho indodana yokuthula, ukuthula
kwenu kuzahlala phezu kwayo; kodwa uba kungenjalo,
kuzabuyela kini. **7** Hlalani-ke kuleyondlu, lidle linathe
izinto ezivela kubo; ngoba isisebenzi sifanele umvuzo
waso. Lingayi endlini lendlini. **8** Lakuwuphi umuzi
elingena kuwo, besebelemukela, dlanini okubekwa
phambi kwenu, **9** lisilise abagulayo abakuwo, njalo lithi
kubo: Umbuso kaNkulunkulu usondele kini. **10** Kodwa
lakuwuphi umuzi elingena kuwo, futhi bengalemukeli,
phumelani endleleni zawo, lithi: **11** Lothuli lomuzi
wenu olusinamatheleyo siyaluthintithela kini; kodwa-
ke yazini lokhu, ukuthi umbuso kaNkulunkulu usondele
kini. **12** Njalo ngithi kini: Kuzakuba lula eSodoma
ngalolosuku, kulakulowomuzi. **13** Maye kuwe, Korazini!
Maye kuwe, Bhethisayida! Ngoba uba kwakwenziwe
eTire leSidoni imisebenzi yamandla eyenziwe kini, ngabe
kade baphenduka bahlala emasakeni lemlotheni. **14**
Kodwa kuzakuba lula eTire leSidoni ekugwetshweni,
kulakini. **15** Lawe, Kapenawume, ophakanyiselwe
ezulwini, uzaphoselwa phansi esihogweni. **(Hadēs g86)** **16**
Olizwayo lina uyangizwa mina; lolalayo lina uyangala
mina; longalayo mina uyamala ongithumileyo. **17**
Babuya-ke abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa ngentokozo,

besithi: Nkosi, lamadimoni ayazehlisela ngaphansi
kwethu ebizweni lakho. 18 Wasesithi kubo: Ngabona
uSathane njengombane esiwa evela ezulwini. 19
Khangelani, ngilinika amandla okunyathela phezu
kwezinyoka labofezela, laphezu kwamandla wonke
esitha; njalo akusoze kube lalutho olungalilimaza.
20 Kodwa lingathokozi ngalokho ukuthi omoya
bayazehlisela ngaphansi kwenu; kodwa ikakhulu
thokozani ukuthi amabizo enu alotshiwe emazulwini.
21 Ngalelohola uJesu wathokoza emoyeni, wathi:
Ngiyakubonga, Baba, Nkosi yezulu lomhlaba, ngoba
uzifihlile lezizinto kwabahlakaniphileyo labaqedisisayo,
kodwa wazembulela izingane; yebo, Baba, ngoba
ngokunjalo kwaba kuhle phambi kwakho. 22 Konke
kwanikelwa kimi nguBaba; njalo kakho owaziyo ukuthi
iNdodana ingubani, ngaphandle kukaBaba, lokuthi
uBaba ungubani, ngaphandle kweNdodana, njalo
loba ngubani iNdodana ethanda ukumembulela. 23
Wasephendukela kubafundi bebodwa wathi: Abusisiwe
amehlo abona elikubonayo. 24 Ngoba ngithi kini:
Abaprofethi abanengi lamakhosi babethanda ukubona
izinto elizibonayo lina, kodwa kabazibonanga; lokuzwa
izinto elizizwayo, kodwa kabazizwanga. 25 Njalo
khangela, isazumthetho esithile sasesisukuma, simlinga,
sisithi: Mfundisi, ngenzeni ukuze ngidle ilifa lempilo
elaphakade? (aiōnios g166) 26 Wasesithi kuso: Kubhalweni
emlayweni? Uwubala njani? 27 Sasesiphendula sathi:
Wothanda iNkosi uNkulunkulu wakho, ngenhliziyo yakho
yonke, langomphefumulo wakho wonke, langamandla
akho wonke, langengqondo yakho yonke; lomakhelwane
wakho njengalokhu uzithanda wena. 28 Wasesithi
kuso: Uphendule ngokuqonda; yenza lokhu, futhi
uzaphila. 29 Kodwa sona sithanda ukuzilungisisa
sathi kuJesu: Kanti ngubani umakhelwane wami?
30 UJesu wasephendula wathi: Umuntu othile wehla
evela eJerusalema esiya eJeriko, watheleka phakathi
kwabaphangi, njalo bamhlubula impahla bamtshaya
imivimvinya basuka bahamba, bamtshiya ephosukufa. 31
Umpristi othile waseqabuka esehla ngaleyondlela; njalo
wathi embona, wadlula eceleni. 32 Langokunjalo lomLevi
nxa wayesekulindawo, wafika embona, wadlula eceleni.
33 Kodwa umSamariya othile owayehamba wafika
lapho ayekhona, njalo kwathi embona waba lesihelo,
34 waya kuye wabopha amanxeba akhe, ewathela
amagcobo lewayini; wamkhweza phezu kweyakhe
inyamazana, wamusa endlini yezihambi, wamlondoloza.
35 Kusisa esehamba, wakhupha odenariyo ababili
wabanika umninindlu, wathi kuye: Umlondoloze; njalo
loba yini ozakuchitha okwedlula lokhu, mina ngizabuyisela
kuwe ekubuyeni kwami. 36 Pho, nguwuphi kulaba
abathathu ocabanga ukuthi wayengumakhelwane walowo
owatheleka phakathi kwabaphangi? 37 Wasesithi:
Ngulowo owamenzela isihawu. Ngakho uJesu wathi kuye:
Hamba, lawe wenze njalo. 38 Kwasekusithi ekuhambeni
kwabo, yena wangena emzaneni othile; lowesifazana
othile, uMarta ngebizo, wamemukela endlini yakhe.
39 Njalo lo wayelodadewabo othiwa nguMariya, laye
owahlala enyaweni zikaJesu, walizwa ilizwi lakhe. 40
Kodwa uMarta wayephazanyiswa yikusebenza okunengi;
weza eduze wasesithi: Nkosi, kawukhathali yini ukuthi
udadewethu ungitshiye ukuthi ngisebenze ngedwa?
Ngakho umtshele ukuthi angisize. 41 Kodwa uJesu
waphendula wathi kuye: Marta, Marta, uyaphiseka
ukhathazeke ngezinto ezinengi; 42 kodwa yinye into
edingekayo; kodwa uMariya ukhethile isabelo esihle,
angayikwemukwa sona.

11 Kwasekusithi ekhuleka endaweni ethile, eseqedile,
omunye wabafundi bakhe wathi kuye: Nkosi,
sifundise ukukhuleka, njengoJohane laye wafundisa
abafundi bakhe. 2 Wasesithi kubo: Nxa likhuleka,
libokuthi: Baba wethu osemazulwini, kalihlonitshwe ibizo
lakho. Umbuso wakho kawuze. Intando yakho kayenziwe,
lemhlabeni njengezulwini. 3 Siphe usuku ngosuku ukudla
kwethu kwensuku zonke. 4 Njalo usithethelele izono
zethu, ngoba lathi sibathethelela bonke abalamacala
kithi. Njalo ungasingenisi ekulingweni, kodwa usikhulule
ebubini. 5 Wasesithi kubo: Nguwuphi kini olomngane,
futhi aye kuye phakathi kobusuku, athi kuye: Mngane,
ngeboleka izinkwa ezintathu, 6 ngoba kufike kimi
umngane wami evela ekuhambeni, kodwa kangilalutho
engingalubeka phambi kwakhe; 7 longaphakathi
aphendule athi: Ungangihluphi; umnyango usuvaliwe,
labantwana bami abancane balami embhedeni;
kangingeke ngivuke ngikunike. 8 Ngithi kini: Loba
engazukuvuka amnike, ngoba engumngane wakhe,
kodwa ngenxa yokuphikelela kwakhe uzavuka amnike
konke akuswelayo. 9 Mina-ke ngithi kini: Celani,
lizaphiwa; dingani, lizathola; qoqodani, lizavulelwa. 10
Ngoba wonke ocelayo uyemukela; lodingayo uyathola;
loqoqodayo uyavulelwa. 11 Kambe, nguwuphi kini
onguyise ongathi indodana icela isinkwa, ayinike ilitshe?
Loba-ke inhlanzi, ayinike inyoka endaweni yenhlanzi
yini? 12 Uba-ke icela iqanda, ayinike ufezela yini? 13
Ngakho uba lina elingababi likwazi ukupha abantwana
benu izipho ezinhle, kakhulu kangakanani uBaba
osezulwini ezabapha uMoya oNgcwele abacela kuye. 14
Wayesekhupha idimoni, elaliyisimungulu. Kwasekusithi,
seliphumile idimoni, wakhuluma oyisimungulu; amaxuku
asemangala. 15 Kodwa abanye babo bathi: Ukhupha
amadimoni ngoBhelezebhule inkosi yamadimoni. 16
Labanye bemlinga badinga kuye isibonakaliso esivela
ezulwini. 17 Kodwa yena eyazi imicabango yabo
wathi kubo: Wonke umbuso owehlukene umelene lawo
ngokwawo uyachitheka; njalo indlu emelene lendlu
iyadilika. 18 Njalo uba uSathane laye ehlukene emelane
laye ngokwakhe, umbuso wakhe uzakuma njani? Ngoba
lithi, ngikhupha amadimoni ngoBhelezebhule. 19 Njalo
uba mina ngikhupha amadimoni ngoBhelezebhule,

amadodana enu akhupha ngobani? Ngakho wona
azakuba ngabagwebi benu. 20 Kodwa uba ngikhupha
amadimoni ngomunwe kaNkulunkulu, isibili umbuso
kaNkulunkulu usufikile kini. 21 Uba isiqhwaga sihlomile
silinda owaso umuzi, impahla yaso isekuthuleni; 22 kodwa
nxa olamandla kulaso esisukela asinqobe, uyasemuka
izikhali zaso ebesithembele kuzo, abesesaba impango
yaso. 23 Ongelami umelene lami; longabuthi lami
uyachithiza. 24 Nxa umoya ongcolileyo esephumile
emuntwini, uyahamba adabule indawo ezomileyo, edinga
ukuphumula; kodwa engakutholi athi: Ngizabuyela
endlini yami engaphuma kuyo; 25 njalo esefikile ayifice
ithanyelwe njalo ilungisiwe. 26 Abesehamba azithathele
abanye omoya abayisikhombisa ababi kulaye uqobo,
bangene bahlale lapho; njalo ukucina kwalowomuntu
kube kubi kulokuqala. 27 Kwasekusithi ekhuluma
lezizinto, owesifazana othile exukwini waphakamisa
ilizwi, wathi kuye: Sibusisiwe isisu esakuthwalayo,
lamabele owawamunyayo. 28 Kodwa yena wathi: Kodwa
ikakhulu babusisiwe abalizwayo ilizwi likaNkulunkulu
balilondoloze. 29 Kwathi sekubuthene amaxuku
eminyene, waqala ukuthi: Lesi isizukulwana sibi;
sidinga isibonakaliso, kodwa kasiyikunikwa isibonakaliso,
ngaphandle kwesibonakaliso sikaJona umprofethi.
30 Ngoba njengalokhu uJona waba yisibonakaliso
kwabeNineve, leNdodana yomuntu izakuba njalo
kulesisizukulwana. 31 Indlovukazi yeningizimu izasukuma
ekugwetshweni kanye lamadoda alesisizukulwana,
iwalahle; ngoba yavela emikhawulweni yomhlaba
ukuzakuzwa inhlakanipho kaSolomoni, njalo khangelani,
omkhulu kuloSolomoni ulapha. 32 Amadoda eNineve
azasukuma ekugwetshweni kanye lalesisizukulwana,
asilahle; ngoba aphenduka ngokutshumayela kukaJona,
njalo khangelani, omkhulu kuloJona ulapha. 33 Futhi
kakho othi eselumathise isibane asibeke ekusithekeni,
loba ngaphansi kwesitsha, kodwa phezu kwesiqobane
sesibane, ukuze abangenayo babone ukukhanya. 34
Isibane somzimba yilihlo; ngakho nxa ilihlo lakho
liphilile, lomzimba wakho wonke ugcwele ukukhanya;
kodwa nxa lilibi, lomzimba wakho ulobumnyama. 35
Ngakho qaphela ukuthi ukukhanya okukuwe kungabi
ngumnyama. 36 Ngakho uba umzimba wakho wonke
ugcwele ukukhanya, ungelandawo emnyama, uzakhanya
wonke, njengesibane sikukhanyisa ngokukhanya. 37
Kwathi esakhuluma, umFarisi othile wamcela ukuthi
adle laye; wasengena wahlala ekudleni. 38 Kwathi
umFarisi ebona lokhu wamangala ukuthi kazange aqale
ageze phambi kokudla kwemini. 39 Yasisithi iNkosi
kuye: Khathesi lina baFarisi lihlambulula ingaphandle
yenkezo leyesitsha, kodwa ingaphakathi yenu igcwele
ukuphanga lobubi. 40 Zithutha, yena owenza ingaphandle
kayenzanga yini lengaphakathi? 41 Kodwa phanini zibe
yizipho zabayanga lezozinto ezingaphakathi; khangelani-
ke, konke kuzahlambuluka kini. 42 Kodwa maye kini
baFarisi! Ngoba lithela okwetshumi kwetshwayi leganga
leruwi, lakuyo yonke imibhida, njalo liseqa ukwehlulela
lothando lukaNkulunkulu; belifanele ukwenza lezizinto,
lingakuyekeli lalokhu. 43 Maye kini baFarisi! Ngoba
lithanda izihlalo zabahloniphekayo emasinagogeni,
lokubingelelwa emidangeni. 44 Maye kini, babhali
labaFarisi, bazenzisi! Ngoba lifanana lamangcwaba
angabonakaliyo, labantu abahamba phezu kwawo
bengawazi. 45 Omunye wezazumthetho wasephendula
wathi kuye: Mfundisi, ngokutsho lezizinto uyasithuka
lathi. 46 Kodwa wathi: Maye lakini zazumthetho! Ngoba
lethwesa abantu imithwalo enzima ukuthwalwa, kodwa
lina uqobo lwenu kaliyithinti leyomithwalo langomunye
weminwe yenu. 47 Maye kini! Ngoba lakha amangcwaba
abaprofethi, njalo oyihlo bababulala. 48 Ngalokhu-
ke lifakaza ukuthi livumelana lemisebenzi yaboyihlo;
ngoba bona bababulala, lina-ke liyawakha amangcwaba
abo. 49 Ngalokhu-ke inhlakanipho kaNkulunkulu
yathi: Ngizabathuma abaprofethi labaphostoli, labanye
babo bazababulala babaxotshe; 50 ukuze kubizwe
kulesisizukulwana igazi labaprofethi bonke elachithwa
kusukela ekusekelweni komhlaba, 51 kusukela egazini
likaAbela kuze kufike egazini likaZakariya owabulawa
phakathi laphakathi kwelathi lendlu kaNkulunkulu;
yebo, ngithi kini: Lizabizwa kulesisizukulwana. 52
Maye kini zazumthetho! Ngoba lisusile isihluthulelo
solwazi; kalingenanga lina uqobo lwenu, labangenayo
labavimbela. 53 Kwathi ekhuluma lezizinto kubo,
ababhali labaFarisi baqala ukumngxamela kakhulukazi,
lokumbuzisisa ngezinto ezinengi, 54 bemthiya, bedinga
ukubamba ulutho oluphuma emlonyeni wakhe, ukuze
bambeke icala.

12 Kusenjalo sezibuthene izigidi zexuku, baze
banyathelana, waqala ukukhuluma labafundi
bakhe kuqala: Lina xwayani imvubelo yabaFarisi,
eyikuzenzisa. 2 Njalo kakukho okumbomboziweyo,
okungayikwembulwa, lokufihliweyo, okungayikwaziwa. 3
Ngakho loba yini eliyikhuluma emnyameni izazwakala
ekukhanyeni; lelikukhulume endlebeni ezindlini zensitha
kuzamenyezelwa phezu kwezindlu. 4 Njalo ngithi
kini bangane bami: Lingabesabi ababulala umzimba,
njalo emva kwalokho bengelakho ukwenza olunye
ulutho. 5 Kodwa ngizalitshengisa elifanele ukumesaba:
Mesabeni lowo othi esebulele abe lamandla okuphosela
esihogweni; yebo, ngithi kini: Mesabeni yena.
(Geenna g1067) 6 Kazithengiswa yini intaka ezinhlanu
ngendibilitshi ezimbili? Kakukhohlakali lanye yazo phambi
kukaNkulunkulu. 7 Kanti lenwele zekhanda lenu zibaliwe
zonke. Ngakho lingesabi; liyazedlula intaka ezinengi. 8
Njalo ngithi kini: Wonke loba ngubani ongivuma phambi
kwabantu, iNdodana yomuntu layo izamvuma phambi
kwengilosi zikaNkulunkulu; 9 kodwa ongiphika phambi
kwabantu uzaphikwa phambi kwengilosi zikaNkulunkulu.
10 Laye wonke okhuluma ilizwi elimelana leNdodana

yomuntu, uzathethelelwa; kodwa lowo ohlambaza
uMoya oNgcwele kayikuthethelelwa. 11 Njalo nxa
belisa emasinagogeni lakubabusi leziphathamandla,
lingakhathazeki ukuthi lizaphendula njani kumbe
liphenduleni, kumbe lizakhulumani; 12 ngoba uMoya
oNgcwele uzalifundisa ngalelohola izinto elifanele
ukuzikhuluma. 13 Futhi omunye wexuku wathi kuye:
Mfundisi, akutshele umfowethu abelane lami ilifa. 14
Kodwa wathi kuye: Ndoda, ngubani ongimise ukuthi
ngibe ngumahluleli loba umehlukanisi phezu kwenu? 15
Wasesithi kubo: Nanzelelani liqaphele ubuhwaba, ngoba
impilo yomuntu kayikho ebunengini bezinto alazo. 16
Wasebatshela umfanekiso, esithi: Insimu yomuntu othile
onothileyo yathela kakhulu; 17 wasenakana ngaphakathi
kwakhe, esithi: Ngizakwenza njani, ngoba kangilandawo
lapho engingabuthela khona izithelo zami? 18 Wasesithi:
Ngizakwenza lokhu; ngizadiliza iziphala zami, ngakhe
ezinkulu, ngibuthele khona izilimo zami zonke lempahla
yami, 19 besengisithi kumphefumulo wami: Mphefumulo,
ulempahla ezinengi ezibekelwe iminyaka eminengi;
phumula, udle, unathe, uthokoze. 20 Kodwa uNkulunkulu
wathi kuye: Siphukuphuku, ngalobubusuku umphefumulo
wakho uzabizwa kuwe; pho izinto ozilungisileyo zizakuba
ngezikabani? 21 Kunjalo-ke kozibekela inotho, kodwa
enganothanga kuNkulunkulu. 22 Wasesithi kubafundi
bakhe: Ngakho ngithi kini: Lingakhathaleli impilo yenu,
ukuthi lizakudlani; loba umzimba, ukuthi lizakwembathani.
23 Impilo yedlula ukudla, lomzimba isembatho. 24
Qaphelisisani amawabayi, ukuthi kawahlanyeli, njalo
kawavuni, kawalasiphala loba isilulu, kanti uNkulunkulu
uyawondla; lina lizedlula kangakanani inyoni? 25
Njalo nguwuphi kini ongathi ngokuphiseka engezelele
ingalo ibenye ebudeni bakhe? 26 Ngakho nxa
lingelamandla okwenza into encinyane, liphisekelani
ngokunye? 27 Qaphelisani imiduze ukuthi ikhula njani;
kayitshikatshiki, kayiphothi, kodwa ngithi kini: LoSolomoni
ebucwazicwazini bakhe bonke wayengembathiswanga
njengomunye wayo. 28 Njalo uba uNkulunkulu
esembathisa ngokunjalo utshani obukhona lamuhla
egangeni, kuthi kusasa buphoswa eziko, uzalembathisa
ngokukhulu kangakanani, lina abokholo oluncinyane?
29 Lani-ke lingadingi elizakudla lelizakunatha; njalo
lingakhathazeki. 30 Ngoba konke lokhu izizwe zomhlaba
ziyakudinga; kodwa uYihlo uyazi ukuthi liyaziswela
lezizinto. 31 Kodwa dingani umbuso kaNkulunkulu, njalo
zonke lezizinto zizakwengezelelwa kini. 32 Lingesabi,
mhlambi omncinyane; ngoba kuyikuthanda kukaYihlo
ukulinika umbuso. 33 Thengisani impahla zenu liphe
izipho. Lizenzele imixhaka engagugiyo, impahla eligugu
engapheliyo emazulwini, lapho okungasondeli isela
khona, lenundu engoni khona; 34 ngoba lapho okukhona
impahla yenu eligugu, izakuba khona lapho lenhliziyo
yenu. 35 Inkalo zenu kazihlale zibotshiwe, lezibane
zenu zibhebha; 36 lani libe njengabantu abalindele
inkosi yabo, lapho izabuya ivela emtshadweni, ukuze,
nxa ifika iqoqoda, bahle bayivulele. 37 Zibusisiwe
lezozinceku, okuzakuthi inkosi nxa ifika izifice zilindile;
ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Izabhinca, izihlalise ekudleni,
isondele izisebenzele. 38 Njalo nxa ifika ngomlindo
wesibili, kumbe ifika ngomlindo wesithathu, futhi izifice
zinjalo, zibusisiwe lezozinceku. 39 Kodwa yazini lokhu,
ukuthi uba umninindlu ebelazi ihola isela elizafika
ngalo, ubezalinda, futhi ubengayikuvuma ukuthi indlu
yakhe ifohlelwe. 40 Ngakho lani-ke hlalani lilungile;
ngoba ngehola elingalicabangeliyo iNdodana yomuntu
izafika. 41 UPetro wasesithi kuye: Nkosi, uwutshela thina
lumfanekiso, kumbe labo bonke yini? 42 INkosi yasisithi:
Pho ngubani umphathi wezinceku othembekileyo
lohlakaniphileyo, inkosi ezambeka phezu kwabendlu
yayo, ukuze abanike isabelo sabo sokudla ngesikhathi
esifaneleyo? 43 Ibusisiwe leyonceku, okuzakuthi inkosi
yayo nxa ifika iyifice isenza njalo. 44 Ngiqinisile
ngithi kini: Izayibeka phezu kwakho konke elakho.
45 Kodwa nxa leyonceku isithi enhliziyweni yayo:
Inkosi yami iphuzile ukubuya; njalo ibisiqala ukutshaya
izinceku lezincekukazi, lokudla lokunatha lokudakwa, 46
inkosi yaleyonceku izafika ngosuku engayilindele ngalo,
langehola engalaziyo; izayiquma phakathi, izanika isabelo
sayo lalabo abangathembekanga. 47 Laleyonceku
ebisazi intando yenkosi yayo, kodwa ingalungiselanga
njalo ingenzanga ngokwentando yayo, izatshaywa
imivimvinya eminengi. 48 Kodwa leyo ebingayazi,
yenza okufanele ukutshaywa, izatshaywa imivimvinya
emilutshwana. Laye wonke ophiwe okunengi, kuzadingwa
okunengi kuye; lalowo ophathiswe okunengi, kuzabizwa
kuye okungaphezulu. 49 Ngize ukuphosela umlilo
emhlabeni, futhi kuyini engikufisayo nxa usubasiwe? 50
Kodwa ngilobhabhathizo engizabhabhathizwa ngalo,
futhi ngicindezelwe kangakanani luze lupheleliswe. 51
Licabanga ukuthi ngize ukunika ukuthula emhlabeni yini?
Hatshi bo, ngithi kini, kodwa kulalokhu ukwehlukana.
52 Ngoba kusukela khathesi abahlanu endlini yinye
bazakwehlukana, abathathu bamelane lababili, lababili
bamelane labathathu, 53 bazakwehlukana, uyise amelane
lendodana, lendodana imelane loyise; unina amelane
lendodakazi, lendodakazi imelane lonina; uninazala
amelane lomalokazana wakhe, lomalokazana amelane
loninazala. 54 Wasesithi lemaxukwini: Nxa libona iyezi
lisukuma entshonalanga, lihle lithi: Izulu liyabuya; futhi
kube njalo. 55 Njalo nxa libona umoya weningizimu
uphephetha, lithi: Lizatshisa; besekusenzakala. 56
Bazenzisi! Liyakwazi ukuhlola umumo wesibhakabhaka
lowomhlaba; kodwa lesisikhathi kungani lingasihloli? 57
Pho, kungani ukuthi lingahluleli lani lina uqobo lwenu
okulungileyo? 58 Ngoba nxa usiya lomangalelene laye
kumantshi, endleleni yenza ubungcono ukuthi ukhululwe
kuye; hlezi akudonsele kumahluleli, lomahluleli akunikele
epholiseni, lepholisa likuphosele entolongweni. 59

Ngithi kuwe, kawusoze waphuma khona, uze ubhadale
lenhlamvu encane yemali yokucina.

13 Njalo ngalesosikhathi kwaba khona abathile
abamtshela ngamaGalili, igazi lawo uPilatu
alixubanisa lemihlatshelo yawo. **2** UJesu wasephendula
wathi kubo: Licabanga ukuthi amaGalili la ayeyizoni
yini kulawo wonke amaGalili, ngoba ahlupheka izinto
ezinje? **3** Hatshi bo, ngithi kini: Kodwa uba lingaphenduki,
lizabhubha ngokunjalo lonke. **4** Lalabo abalitshumi
lesificaminwembili, owawela phezu kwabo umphotshongo
eSilowama wababulala, licabanga ukuthi bona babebabi
yini kulabantu bonke ababehlala eJerusalema? **5** Hatshi
bo, ngithi kini: Kodwa uba lingaphenduki, lizabhubha
ngokunjalo lonke. **6** Wasekhuluma lumfanekiso
wathi: Umuntu othile wayelomkhiwa owawuhlanyelwe
esivinini sakhe; wafika edinga isithelo kuwo, kodwa
kasitholanga. **7** Wasesithi kuso isisebenzi sesivini:
Khangela, sekuyiminyaka emithathu ngisiza ngidinga
isithelo emkhiweni, kodwa ngingasitholi; ugamule; yini
ukuthi wone ngitsho umhlabathi? **8** Sasesiphendula
sathi kuye: Nkosi, ake uwuyekele langalumnyaka,
ngize ngigebhe ngiwugombolozele, ngithele umquba;
9 njalo uba uthela isithelo, kuhle; kodwa uba
kungenjalo, emva kwalokho uzawugamula. **10** Futhi
wayefundisa kwelinye lamasinagoge ngesabatha; **11**
njalo khangela, kwakukhona owesifazana owayelomoya
wobuthakathaka iminyaka elitshumi leyisificaminwembili,
esegogekile, wayengezelulamise ngokupheleleyo. **12**
Kwathi uJesu embona wambizela kuye, wathi kuye:
Mama, ukhululwe ebuthakathakeni bakho. **13** Wasebeka
izandla phezu kwakhe; njalo wahle welulanyiswa,
wadumisa uNkulunkulu. **14** Kodwa umphathi wesinagoge,
ethukuthele ngoba uJesu esilise ngesabatha, waphendula
wathi exukwini: Zikhona insuku eziyisithupha okufanele
ukusetshenzwa ngazo; ngakho wozani ngazo lisiliswe,
kodwa kungabi ngosuku lwesabatha. **15** Ngakho
iNkosi yamphendula, yathi: Mzenzisi, ngulowo lalowo
wenu kayikhululi yini inkabi yakhe kumbe ubabhemi
esibayeni ngesabatha, ayikhokhele ayeyinathisa? **16**
Lalo, oyindodakazi kaAbrahama, uSathane obembophile,
khangela, iminyaka elitshumi leyisificaminwembili,
kakufanele yini ukuthi akhululwe kulesisibopho ngosuku
lwesabatha? **17** Kwathi esitsho lezizinto, bayangeka
bonke ababephikisana laye; lexuku lonke lathokoza
ngezinto zonke ezilodumo ezenziwe nguye. **18**
Wasesithi: Umbuso kaNkulunkulu unjengani? Futhi
ngizawufananisa lani? **19** Unjengohlamvu lwemasitedi,
umuntu aluthatha waluphosa esivandeni sakhe;
lwaselumila, lwaba yisihlahla esikhulu, lenyoni zezulu
zakhele engatsheni zaso. **20** Wasebuya wathi:
Ngizawufananisa lani umbuso kaNkulunkulu? **21**
Unjengemvubelo, ayithathayo owesifazana wayifaka
ezilinganisweni ezintathu zempuphu, kwaze kwabila
konke. **22** Wasehamba edabula imizi lemizana efundisa,
ejonge ukuya eJerusalema. **23** Omunye wasesithi kuye:
Nkosi, balutshwana yini abasindiswayo? Wasesithi kubo:
24 Zamani kakhulu ukungena ngesango elincinyane;
ngoba abanengi, ngithi kini, bazadinga ukungena, kodwa
bazakwehluleka. **25** Emva kokuthi umninindlu esesukume
wavala umnyango, beseliqala ukuma ngaphandle
liqoqode emnyango, lisithi: Nkosi, Nkosi, sivulele; yena-
ke aphendule athi kini: Kangilazi, lapho elivela khona; **26**
lapho lizaqala ukuthi: Sadla sanatha phambi kwakho, njalo
wawufundisa emigwaqweni yakithi. **27** Kodwa uzakuthi:
Ngithi kini: Kangilazi lapho elivela khona; sukani kimi lina
lonke benzi bokubi. **28** Lapho kuzakuba khona ukukhala
lokugedla amazinyo, nxa selibona uAbrahama loIsaka
loJakobe labaprofethi bonke embusweni kaNkulunkulu,
kodwa lina lilahlelwe ngaphandle. **29** Futhi bazakuza
bevela empumalanga lentshonalanga, njalo enyakatho
leningizimu, bahlale embusweni kaNkulunkulu. **30** Njalo
khangelani, bakhona abokucina abazakuba ngabokuqala,
njalo bakhona abokuqala abazakuba ngabokucina.
31 Ngelanga elifananayo kwafika abaFarisi abathile,
bathi kuye: Phuma usuke lapha, ngoba uHerodi ufuna
ukukubulala. **32** Wasesithi kubo: Hambani lilitshele
lelokhanka: Khangela, ngiyakhupha amadimoni ngenza
izelapho lamuhla lakusasa, langelesithathu ngipheleliswe.
33 Kodwa kumele ukuthi ngihambe lamuhla lakusasa
langomhlomunye; ngoba kakwenzeki ukuthi umprofethi
abulawelwe ngaphandle kweJerusalema. **34** Jerusalema,
Jerusalema, wena obulala abaprofethi, lobakhanda
ngamatshe labo abathunywe kuwe! Bengithanda
kangakanani ukubuthela ndawonye abantwana bakho,
njengesikhukhukazi sibuthela amatsiyane aso ngaphansi
kwempiko, kodwa kalivumanga. **35** Khangelani, indlu
yenu itshiywe kini ilunxiwa; njalo ngiqinisile ngithi kini:
Kalisoze langibona kuze kufike ukuthi lithi: Ubusisiwe
ozayo ebizweni leNkosi.

14 Kwasekusithi ekungeneni kwakhe ngesabatha
endlini yomunye wabakhulu kubaFarisi ukuthi
adle isinkwa, bona basebemqaphela. **2** Njalo
khangela, kwakukhona umuntu othile phambi kwakhe
owayelombizankulu. **3** UJesu wasephendula wakhuluma
lezazumthetho labaFarisi, wathi: Kuvunyelwe yini
ukusilisa ngesabatha? **4** Kodwa bathula. Wasembamba
wamsilisa wamyekela ukuthi ahambe. **5** Wasebaphendula
esithi: Nguwuphi kini ongathi elobabhemi kumbe inkabi
yakhe ewele emgodini, futhi angahle ayikhuphe ngosuku
lwesabatha? **6** Abasazange babuyisele impendulo
kuye ngalezizinto. **7** Wasekhuluma umfanekiso kubo
abanxusiweyo, ebona ukuthi bakhetha njani izihlalo
zabahloniphekayo, wathi kubo: **8** Nxa unxusiwe ngumuntu
emtshadweni, ungahlali esihlalweni sabahloniphekayo;
hlezi kukhona omkhulu kulawe onxusiweyo nguye, **9** futhi
okunxusileyo wena laye eze athi kuwe: Mxekele lo; khona
uzaqala ukuhlala endaweni esekucineni usulenhloni.

10 Kodwa nxa unxusiwe, hamba uhlale endaweni
esekucineni; ukuze, nxa efika okunxusileyo, athi kuwe:
Mngane, yenyukela ngaphezulu; khona kuzakuba ludumo
kuwe phambi kwabo abahlezi ekudleni lawe. 11 Ngoba
wonke oziphakamisayo uzathotshiswa, lozithobayo
uzaphakanyiswa. 12 Wasesithi lakulowo owayemnxusile:
Nxa usenza ukudla kwemini loba ukudla kwantambama,
unganxusi abangane bakho, loba abafowenu, loba
izihlobo zakho, loba omakhelwane abanothileyo; hlezi
labo babuye bakunxuse, futhi ukwenananiswa kwenziwe
kuwe. 13 Kodwa nxa usenza idili, nxusa abayanga, izilima,
iziqhuli, iziphofu; 14 njalo uzabusiswa, ngoba abalalutho
lokukwenanisa; ngoba uzakwenaniselwa ekuvukeni
kwabalungileyo. 15 Kwathi omunye kwababehlezi laye
ekudleni esezwile lezizinto wathi kuye: Ubusisiwe lowo
ozakudla isinkwa embusweni kaNkulunkulu. 16 Kodwa
wathi kuye: Umuntu othile wenza ukudla kwantambama
okukhulu, wanxusa abanengi. 17 Ngesikhathi sokudla
kwantambama wasethuma inceku yakhe ukuthi ithi
kwabanxusiweyo: Wozani, ngoba sekulungisiwe konke.
18 Kodwa bonke baqala omunye lomunye ukuzixolisela.
Owokuqala wathi kuye: Ngithenge insimu, ngimele
ukuhamba ngiyeyibona; ngiyakuncenga, akungixolisele.
19 Lomunye wathi: Sengithenge izipane ezinhlanu
zenkabi, ngiya ukuzilinga; ngiyakuncenga, akungixolisele.
20 Lomunye wathi: Sengithethe umfazi, ngakho ngingeze
ngeza. 21 Isibuyile leyonceku yayibikela lezizinto inkosi
yayo. Wasethukuthela umninindlu wathi encekwini yakhe:
Phuma ngokuphangisa uye emigwaqweni lendleleni
zomuzi, ulethe abayanga lezilima leziqhuli leziphofu
ubangenise lapha. 22 Inceku yasisithi: Nkosi, sekwenziwe
njengokulaya kwakho, njalo indawo isesekhona. 23
Yasisithi inkosi encekwini: Phuma uye ezindleleni
lezintangweni ubacindezele bangene, ukuze igcwaliswe
indlu yami. 24 Ngoba ngithi kini: Kakho kulamadoda
ayenxusiwe ozakuzwa ukudla kwami kwantambama. 25
Kwakuhamba laye amaxuku amanengi; wasetshibilika
wathi kuwo: 26 Uba umuntu esiza kimi, futhi engazondi
uyise, lonina, lomkakhe, labantwana, labafowabo,
labodadewabo, yebo ngitsho leyakhe impilo, angebe
ngumfundi wami. 27 Njalo loba ngubani ongathwali
isiphambano sakhe angilandele, angebe ngumfundi
wami. 28 Ngoba nguwuphi kini, othi efuna ukwakha
umphotshongo, ongaqali ahlale phansi, abale indleko,
ukuthi ulakho yini okokuqedisa? 29 Ukuze hlezi,
kuthi esebekile isisekelo kodwa angabi lamandla
okuqeda, bonke abakubonayo baqale ukumhleka, 30
besithi: Lumuntu waqala ukwakha, kodwa kabanga
lamandla okuqeda. 31 Loba yiyiphi inkosi ezakuya
empini imelene lenye inkosi engaqali ihlale phansi
inakane ngokuthi ilamandla yini ngenkulungwane
ezilitshumi okuhlangabezana laleyo eza ilenkulungwane
ezingamatshumi amabili ukumelana layo? 32 Kodwa uba
kungenjalo, ingathi isekhatshana leyo, ithume amanxusa
icele okokuthula. 33 Ngakho kunjalo wonke kini ongadeli
konke alakho, angeke aba ngumfundi wami. 34 Itshwayi
lihle; kodwa uba itshwayi seliduma, lizavuselelwa ngani?
35 Kalifanele lamhlabathi ledundulu lomquba; kodwa
liyalahlwa ngaphandle. Olendlebe zokuzwa, akezwe.

15 Kwasekusondela kuye bonke abathelisi lezoni,
ukumuzwa. 2 AbaFarisi lababhali basebesola
besithi: Lo wemukela izoni, adle lazo. 3 Wasebatshela
lumfanekiso, esithi: 4 Nguwuphi umuntu kini ongathi
elezimvu ezilikhulu, abeselahlekelwa ngenye yazo,
ongazitshiyi ezingamatshumi ayisificamunwemunye
lasificamunwemunye egangeni, alandele elahlekileyo,
aze ayithole? 5 Njalo athi eseyitholile ayetshate ethokoza.
6 Esefikile ekhaya, abizele ndawonye abangane
labomakhelwane, esithi kubo: Thokozani lami, ngoba
ngithole imvu yami ebilahlekile. 7 Ngithi kini: Ngokunjalo
kuzakuba khona intokozo ezulwini ngesoni esisodwa
esiphendukayo, kulabalungileyo abangamatshumi
ayisificamunwemunye lasificamunwemunye, abangasweli
ukuphenduka. 8 Loba nguwuphi umfazi othi elenhlamvu
zesiliva ezilitshumi, uba elahlekelwa luhlamvu olulodwa
lwesiliva, angalumathisi isibane, athanyele indlu,
adingisise aze aluthole? 9 Njalo nxa eselutholile
ubizela ndawonye abangane labomakhelwane, athi:
Thokozani lami, ngoba sengilutholile uhlamvu lwesiliva
ebengilahlekelwe yilo. 10 Ngokunjalo, ngithi kini, ikhona
intokozo phambi kwezingilosi zikaNkulunkulu ngesoni
esisodwa esiphendukayo. 11 Wasesithi: Umuntu othile
wayelamadodana amabili; 12 encinyane yawo yasisithi
kuyise: Baba, nginika isabelo sempahla esiqondene lami.
Wasewehlukanisela impahla. 13 Njalo kungelansuku
ezinengi emva kwalokhu indodana encinyane yabutha
konke yasuka yahamba yaya elizweni elikhatshana, njalo
lapho yachitha khona impahla yayo, iphila okobuhlanya.
14 Yathi isichithile konke, kwavela indlala enkulu
kulelolizwe, yona yasiqala ukuswela. 15 Yasisuka
yazihlanganisa lesinye sezakhamizi zalelolizwe; njalo
sayithuma emasimini aso ukuze yeluse izingulube. 16
Yasifisa ukugcwalisa isisu sayo ngamakhasi ingulube
eziwadlayo; njalo kwakungelamuntu oyinika ulutho. 17
Kwathi ingqondo yayo isibuyile yathi: Zingaki izisebenzi
zikababa eziqhatshiweyo ezilezinkwa ezinengi kakhulu,
kanti mina ngiyafa yindlala; 18 ngizasukuma ngiye
kubaba, ngithi kuye: Baba, ngonile ezulwini, laphambi
kwakho; 19 njalo kangisafanelanga ukubizwa ngithiwe
ngiyindodana yakho; ngenza ngibe njengomunye
wezisebenzi zakho eziqhatshiweyo. 20 Yasisukuma
yaya kuyise. Kodwa kuthe isesekhatshana, uyise
wayibona, waba lesihelo, wagijima wawela entanyeni
yayo, wayanga. 21 Indodana yasisithi kuye: Baba,
ngonile ezulwini laphambi kwakho, futhi kangisafanelanga
ukubizwa ngokuthi ngiyindodana yakho. 22 Kodwa uyise
wathi ezincekwini zakhe: Khuphani lilethe isembatho
esihle kakhulu liyigqokise, lifake indandatho esandleni

sayo, lamanyathela enyaweni zayo; **23** lilethe ithole
elinonisiweyo lilihlabe, njalo sidle sithokoze; **24** ngoba
indodana yami le ibifile, isibuye yaphila; ibilahlekile,
itholiwe; basebeqala ukuthokoza. **25** Kodwa indodana
yakhe endala yayisensimini; yathi isiza isondela endlini,
yezwa ukuhlabelela lokusina. **26** Yasibizela kuyo
omunye wezinceku, yabuza ukuthi zitshoni lezizinto. **27**
Yasisithi kuyo: Umfowenu ufikile; loyihlo uhlabile ithole
elinonisiweyo, ngoba ememukele ephila. **28** Kodwa
yathukuthela, ayizange ifune ukungena; ngakho uyise
waphuma wayincenga. **29** Kodwa yaphendula yathi
kuyise: Khangela, iminyaka engaka ngikusebenzela,
kangizange ngeqe umlayo wakho, kodwa kawuzange
unginike lazinyane lembuzi, ukuze ngijabule kanye
labangane bami. **30** Kodwa kuthe isifikile lindodana
yakho eyachitha impahla yakho lezifebe, wayihlabela
ithole elinonisiweyo. **31** Wasesithi kuyo: Ndodana, wena
uhlezi ulami, futhi konke okungokwami kungokwakho.
32 Kodwa bekufanele ukujabula lokuthokoza; ngoba
umfowenu lo owayefile, usebuye waphila; wayelahlekile,
utholiwe.

16 Wasekhuluma futhi kubafundi bakhe esithi:
Kwakukhona umuntu othile onothileyo,
owayelomphathi; lalo wayemangalelwe kuye njengochitha
impahla yakhe. **2** Wasembiza wathi kuye: Kuyini lokhu
engikuzwayo ngawe? Landisa ngobuphathi bakho;
ngoba ungebe usaba ngumphathi. **3** Umphathi wasesithi
ngaphakathi kwakhe: Ngizakwenzani, lokhu inkosi
yami isingemuka ubuphathi? Kangilamandla okugebha,
ngilenhloni zokuphanza. **4** Ngiyakwazi engizakwenza,
ukuze nxa sengikhutshiwe ebuphathini, bangemukele
ezindlini zabo. **5** Wasebabizela kuye ngamunye
abalemilandu enkosini yakhe, wathi kowokuqala:
Ulomlandu ongakanani enkosini yami? **6** Wasesithi
yena: Izilinganiso ezilikhulu zamagcobo. Wasesithi
kuye: Thatha incwadi yakho, uhlale phansi ubhale
masinya amatshumi amahlanu. **7** Wasesithi komunye:
Wena-ke ulomlandu ongakanani? Wasesithi: Izilinganiso
ezilikhulu zamabele. Wasesithi kuye: Thatha incwadi
yakho, ubhale amatshumi ayisificaminwembili. **8** Inkosi
yasimbabaza umphathi ongalunganga ngokuthi wenze
ngokuhlakanipha; ngoba abantwana balesisikhathi
bahlakaniphile esizukulwaneni sabo kulabantwana
bokukhanya. **(aiōn g165)** **9** Lami ngithi kini: Zenzeleni lina
abangane ngoMamona ongalunganga, ukuze kuthi, nxa
selehlulekile, balemukele ezindlini eziphakade. **(aiōnios
g166)** **10** Othembekileyo kokuncinyanyana uthembekile
lakokukhulu, longathembekanga kokuncinyanyana
kathembekanga lakokukhulu. **11** Ngakho uba
lingathembekanga kuMamona ongalunganga,
ngubani ozaliphathisa into eqotho? **12** Futhi uba
lingathembekanga kokomunye, ngubani ozalinika
okungokwenu? **13** Kayikho inceku engakhonza
amakhosi amabili; ngoba izazonda enye, ibisithanda
enye; kumbe izabambelela kwenye, kodwa ibisidelela
enye. Lingekhonze uNkulunkulu loMamona. **14**
Njalo labaFarisi ababethanda imali bazizwa zonke
lezizinto, basebemklolodela. **15** Kodwa wathi kubo:
Lina yini elizilungisisayo phambi kwabantu, kodwa
uNkulunkulu uyazazi inhliziyo zenu; ngoba lokho
okuphakanyiswayo phakathi kwabantu kuyisinengiso
phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **16** Umlayo labaprofethi kukhona
kuze kube nguJohane; kusukela lapho ivangeli lombuso
kaNkulunkulu liyatshunyayelwa, njalo wonke uyafohlela
kuwo. **17** Kodwa kulula ukuthi kudlule izulu lomhlaba,
kulokuthi kuwe ichatshana elilodwa lomlayo. **18** Wonke
owala umkakhe athathe omunye uyafeba; njalo wonke
othatha owaliwe yindoda uyafeba. **19** Kwakukhona
umuntu othile onothileyo, owayegqoka eziyibubende
lamalembu acolekileyo kakhulu, ephila ngokuthokoza
etamasa insuku zonke. **20** Kwakukhona futhi umyanga
othile othiwa nguLazaro, owayebekiwe esangweni lakhe
egcwele izilonda, **21** wafisa ukusuthiswa ngemvuthuluka
eziwayo etafuleni lesinothi; kanti lezinja zazisiza
zikhothe izilonda zakhe. **22** Kwasekusithi ongumyanga
wafa, wathwalelwa zingilosi esifubeni sikaAbrahama;
lesinothi laso safa, sangcwatshwa. **23** Sisesihogweni
saphakamisa amehlo aso, sisebuhlungwini, sabona
uAbrahama ekhatshana, loLazaro esesifubeni sakhe.
(Hadēs g86) **24** Sona sasesimemeza sisithi: Baba
Abrahama, ngihawukela, uthume uLazaro, ukuze
acwilise isihloko somunwe wakhe emanzini, apholise
ulimi lwami; ngoba ngiyahlupheka kakhulu kulelilangabi.
25 Kodwa uAbrahama wathi: Ndodana, khumbula ukuthi
wemukela okuhle kwakho empilweni yakho, loLazaro
ngokunjalo okubi; kodwa khathesi uyaduduzwa, njalo
wena uyahlupheka. **26** Langaphezu kwakho konke lokhu,
kubekiwe phakathi kwethu lani igebe elikhulu, ukuze
kuthi abafuna ukuchapha besuka ngapha beze ngakini
bangekwenze, labangapho bangechaphele ngakithi.
27 Sasesisithi: Ngakho ngiyakuncenga, baba, ukuthi
umthume endlini kababa, **28** ngoba ngilabafowethu
abahlanu, ukuze abaxwayise, hlezi labo beze kulindawo
yokuhlupheka. **29** UAbrahama wathi: BaloMozisi
labaprofethi; kabezwe bona. **30** Sona sasesisithi: Hatshi
bo, baba Abrahama; kodwa uba omunye kwabafileyo
esiya kubo, bazaphenduka. **31** Kodwa wathi kuso: Uba
bengalaleli uMozisi labaprofethi, bangeke bavunyiswe
lakho, loba kuvuka omunye kwabafileyo.

17 Wasesithi kubafundi: Kakungeke kwenzeke ukuthi
kungaveli izikhubekiso; kodwa maye kulowo ezivela
ngaye! **2** Kungaba ngcono kuye ukuthi ilitshe lokuchola
elikhulu ligaxwe entanyeni yakhe, abesephoselwa
olwandle, kulokuthi akhubekise abe munye kulaba
abancinyane. **3** Zinanzeleleni lina. Njalo nxa umfowenu
ekona, mkhuze; futhi nxa ephenduka, mthethelele. **4** Njalo
loba ekona kuze kube kasikhombisa ngosuku, abesebuya
kuwe kasikhombisa ngosuku, esithi: Ngiyaphenduka;

uzamthethelela. 5 Abaphostoli basebesithi eNkosini:
Yandisa kithi ukholo. 6 INkosi yasisithi: Uba lilokholo
olungangohlamvu lwemasitedi, belingatsho kulesisihlahla
somabhulosi ukuthi: Quphuka, ugxumekeke olwandle;
futhi besizalilalela. 7 Kodwa nguwuphi kini olenceku
elimayo kumbe eyelusayo, ohle athi kiyo ingena
ivela ensimini: Sondela, uhlale ekudleni? 8 Kodwa
kazukutsho yini kuyo ukuthi: Lungisa engingakudla,
uzibhince ungincedise, ngize ngidle nginathe; njalo
emva kwalokhu udle unathe wena? 9 Uyayibonga
yini leyonceku, ngoba yenze izinto ezilayiweyo?
Angicabangi. 10 Kunjalo-ke lani, nxa selikwenzile
konke elikulayiweyo, kalibokuthi: Sizinceku ezingasizi
lutho, ngoba senze lokhu ebesifanele ukukwenza.
11 Kwasekusithi esahamba esiya eJerusalema, yena
wadabula phakathi laphakathi kweSamariya leGalili.
12 Esangena emzaneni othile, amadoda alitshumi
alobulephero amhlangabeza, ema khatshana; 13 wona
asephakamisa ilizwi, esithi: Jesu, Nkosi, sihawukele! 14
Futhi kuthe ewabona wathi kuwo: Hambani liyeziveza
kubapristi. Kwasekusithi ekusukeni kwawo, ahlanjululwa.
15 Futhi omunye wawo, esebonile ukuthi usilisiwe,
wabuyela, edumisa uNkulunkulu ngelizwi elikhulu; 16
wasesiwa ngobuso enyaweni zakhe, embonga; njalo
yena wayengumSamariya. 17 Kodwa uJesu waphendula
wathi: Kakuhlanjululwanga yini abalitshumi? Bangaphi
pho abayisificamunwemunye? 18 Akuficakalanga
ababuya ukunika uNkulunkulu udumo, ngaphandle
kwalo owezizweni. 19 Wasesithi kuye: Sukuma
uhambe; ukholo lwakho lukusindisile. 20 Kwathi ebuzwa
ngabaFarisi, ukuthi umbuso kaNkulunkulu uzakuza nini,
wasebaphendula wathi: Umbuso kaNkulunkulu kawuzi
ngokukhanyayo; 21 njalo kabayikutsho ukuthi: Khangelani
nanku, kumbe: Khangelani nankuya. Ngoba khangelani,
umbuso kaNkulunkulu uphakathi kwenu. 22 Wasesithi
kubafundi: Kuzafika insuku lapho elizafisa ukubona
lube lunye lwezinsuku zeNdodana yomuntu, kodwa
kaliyikulubona. 23 Njalo bazakuthi kini: Khangelani nangu,
kumbe: Khangelani nanguya; lingayi, njalo lingalandeli.
24 Ngoba njengombane ophazimayo ukhanyisa kusukela
kokunye ukucina ngaphansi kwezulu kusiya kokunye
ukucina ngaphansi kwezulu, izakuba njalo leNdodana
yomuntu osukwini lwayo. 25 Kodwa kuqala imele
ihlupheke izinto ezinengi njalo ilahlwe yilesisizukulwana.
26 Futhi njengoba kwenzeka ensukwini zikaNowa,
kuzakuba njalo lensukwini zeNdodana yomuntu. 27
Babesidla, benatha, bethatha, besendiswa, kwaze kwaba
lusuku uNowa angena ngalo emkhunjini, kwasekufika
uzamcolo, wababhubhisa bonke. 28 Ngokufananayo
futhi njengoba kwenzeka ensukwini zikaLothi; babesidla,
benatha, bethenga, bethengisa, behlanyela, besakha;
29 kodwa ngosuku uLothi aphuma ngalo eSodoma,
kwana umlilo lesibabule kuvela ezulwini, kwababhubhisa
bonke; 30 kuzakuba njalo ngosuku ezakwembulwa
ngalo iNdodana yomuntu. 31 Ngalolosuku, lowo
ophezu kophahla lwendlu, lempahla zakhe zisendlini,
angehli ukuyazithatha; losensimini ngokunjalo angabuyeli
ezintweni ezisemuva. 32 Khumbulani umkaLothi.
33 Loba ngubani odinga ukusindisa impilo yakhe
izamlahlekela; kodwa loba ngubani olahlekelwa yiyo
uzayilondoloza. 34 Ngithi kini: Ngalobobusuku kuzakuba
khona ababili embhedeni munye; omunye uzasuswa,
lomunye atshiywe. 35 Kuzakuba khona abesifazana
ababili bechola ndawonye; omunye uzasuswa, lomunye
atshiywe. 36 Kuzakuba khona ababili ensimini; omunye
uzasuswa, lomunye atshiywe. 37 Basebephendula bathi
kuye: Ngaphi, Nkosi? Wasesithi kubo: Lapho okukhona
isidumbu, kulapho amanqe azabuthana khona.

18 Wasebatshela lomfanekiso esenzela ukuthi
bafanele ukukhuleka isikhathi sonke, njalo
bengadinwa, 2 wathi: Kwakukhona emzini othile
umahluleli othile, owayengesabi uNkulunkulu, njalo
engahloniphi muntu; 3 kwakukhona futhi kulowomuzi
umfelokazi othile, njalo wayefika kuye, esithi:
Ngiphindiselele esitheni sami. 4 Kodwa kavumanga
okwesikhathi; kodwa emva kwalezizinto wathi
ngaphakathi kwakhe: Lanxa ngingamesabi uNkulunkulu,
ngingahloniphi muntu, 5 kodwa ngoba lumfelokazi
engikhathaza, ngizamphindiselela, hlezi angaze
ekucineni angidinise. 6 INkosi yasisithi: Zwanini
umahluleli ongalunganga akutshoyo. 7 Kanti
uNkulunkulu kayikwenza impindiselo yabakhethiweyo
bakhe abakhalayo kuye emini lebusuku, lanxa ebekezela
ngabo? 8 Ngiyalitshela ukuthi uzahle enze impindiselo
yabo. Kodwa-ke nxa iNdodana yomuntu ifika, izathola
ukholo yini emhlabeni? 9 Wasekhuluma lumfanekiso
lakwabathile ababezithemba ukuthi balungile, futhi
bedelela abanye, wathi: 10 Abantu ababili benyukela
ethempelini ukuyakhuleka; omunye engumFarisi,
lomunye engumthelisi. 11 UmFarisi wema wazikhulekela
kanje wathi: Nkulunkulu, ngiyakubonga ukuthi
kanginjengabanye abantu, abaphangi, abangalunganga,
izifebe, loba lanjengalumthelisi. 12 Ngizila ukudla
kabili ngeviki, nginikela okwetshumi kwakho konke
engikuzuzayo. 13 Kodwa umthelisi emi khatshana
wayengathandi lokuphakamisela amehlo ezulwini,
kodwa watshaya isifuba sakhe, esithi: Nkulunkulu,
ngihawukele mina soni. 14 Ngithi kini: Lo wehlela
endlini yakhe elungisisiwe kulalowayana; ngoba wonke
oziphakamisayo uzathotshiswa, kodwa ozithobayo
uzaphakanyiswa. 15 Basebeletha kuye lensane, ukuze
azibambe; kodwa abafundi bekubona babakhuza.
16 Kodwa uJesu wazibizela kuye wathi: Vumelani
abantwana abancane beze kimi, lingabenqabeli, ngoba
umbuso kaNkulunkulu ungowabanje. 17 Ngiqinisile ngithi
kini: Loba ngubani ongemukeli umbuso kaNkulunkulu
njengomntwana omncane, kasoze angene kuwo. 18

Umbusi othile wasembuza, esithi: Mfundisi olungileyo,
ngenzeni ukuze ngidle ilifa lempilo elaphakade? **(aiōnios**
g166) **19** Kodwa uJesu wathi kuye: Ungibizelani
ngokuthi olungileyo? Kakho olungileyo, ngaphandle
koyedwa, uNkulunkulu. **20** Uyayazi imilayo ethi: Ungafebi,
ungabulali, ungebi, ungafakazi amanga, hlonipha uyihlo
lonyoko. **21** Yena wasesithi: Konke lokhu ngikugcinile
kusukela ebutsheni bami. **22** Kodwa uJesu esizwa
lezizinto wathi kuye: Usaswele ulutho olulodwa; thengisa
konke olakho, wabele abayanga, njalo uzakuba lempahla
eligugu ezulwini; njalo uze lapha ungilandele. **23** Kodwa
yena esizwa lezizinto wadana kakhulu; ngoba wayenothile
kakhulu. **24** Kwathi uJesu ebona ukuthi usedane
kakhulu wathi: Abalenotho bazangena ngokulukhuni
kangakanani embusweni kaNkulunkulu. **25** Ngoba kulula
ukuthi ikamela lingene ngentunja yenalithi, kulokuthi
umuntu onothileyo angene embusweni kaNkulunkulu.
26 Abakuzwayo basebesithi: Pho kungasindiswa bani?
27 Kodwa yena wathi: Izinto ezingenzekiyo ebantwini
ziyenzeka kuNkulunkulu. **28** UPetro wasesithi: Khangela,
thina sitshiye konke, sakulandela. **29** Wasesithi kubo:
Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Kakho umuntu otshiye indlu,
kumbe abazali, kumbe abafowabo, kumbe umkakhe,
kumbe abantwana, ngenxa yombuso kaNkulunkulu, **30**
ongayikwemukela okuphindwe kanengi kulesisikhathi,
lesikhathini esizayo impilo elaphakade. **(aiōn g165, aiōnios**
g166) **31** Wasezithathela abalitshumi lambili, wathi
kubo: Khangelani, senyukela eJerusalema, futhi konke
okulotshiweyo ngabaprofethi ngeNdodana yomuntu
kuzagcwaliseka. **32** Ngoba izanikelwa kwabezizwe,
iyangiswe, ithukwe, ikhafulelwe ngamathe, **33** bayitshaye
ngesiswepu bayibulale; njalo ngosuku lwesithathu
izabuya ivuke. **34** Kodwa bona kabaqedisisanga
lutho ngalezizinto, lalinkulumo yayifihlakele kubo, njalo
kabaziqedisisanga izinto ezazitshiwo. **35** Kwasekusithi
esesondela eJeriko, isiphofu esithile sasihlezi eceleni
kwendlela siphanza; **36** sathi sisizwa ixuku lisedlula,
sabuza ukuthi kuyini lokho. **37** Basebesitshela bathi:
UJesu weNazaretha uyedlula. **38** Sasesimemeza, sisithi:
Jesu, Ndodana kaDavida, ngihawukela! **39** Ababehamba
phambili basebesikhuza ukuthi sithule; kodwa samemeza
kakhulukazi, sisithi: Ndodana kaDavida, ngihawukele!
40 UJesu wema-ke walaya ukuthi silethwe kuye;
sathi sesisondele wasibuza, **41** esithi: Ufuna ukuthi
ngikwenzeleni? Sasesisithi: Nkosi, ukuthi ngibuye
ngibone. **42** UJesu wasesithi kuso: Buya ubone! Ukholo
lwakho lukusindisile. **43** Njalo sahle sabuya sabona,
samlandela, sidumisa uNkulunkulu; labantu bonke
bekubona badumisa uNkulunkulu.

19 Wathi uJesu engena, wadabula eJeriko. **2**
Njalo khangela, kwakukhona indoda eyayithiwa
nguZakewu ngebizo; owayeyinduna yabathelisi, njalo
wayenothile; **3** wadinga ukubona uJesu ukuthi
ungubani, kodwa kazange enelise ngenxa yexuku, ngoba
wayelesithombo esifitshane. **4** Wasegijimela phambili
wakhwela emkhiweni wesikhamore ukuze ambone;
ngoba wayezadlula ngaleyondlela. **5** Kwathi uJesu
efika kuleyondawo, wakhangela phezulu wambona,
wathi kuye: Zakewu, phangisa wehle; ngoba lamuhla
ngimele ukuhlala endlini yakho. **6** Wasephangisa wehla,
wamemukela ethokoza. **7** Futhi bonke bekubona basola,
besithi: Ungene wethekelela indoda eyisoni. **8** Kodwa
uZakewu wema wathi eNkosini: Khangela, ingxenye
yempahla yami, Nkosi, ngiyipha abayanga; kuthi uba
ngimthathele umuntu ulutho ngobuqili, ngilubuyisela
luphindwe kane. **9** UJesu wasesithi kuye: Lamuhla
usindiso lufikile kulindlu, ngoba laye uyindodana
kaAbrahama. **10** Ngoba iNdodana yomuntu ize ukudinga
lokusindisa okulahlekileyo. **11** Kwathi besizwa lezizinto,
wengezelela watsho umfanekiso, ngoba wayeseduze
leJerusalema, langoba babecabanga ukuthi umbuso
kaNkulunkulu uzahle ubonakaliswe. **12** Wasesithi-ke:
Umuntu othile oyisikhulu waya elizweni elikhatshana,
ukuzemukelela umbuso, aphinde abuye. **13** Wasebiza
inceku zakhe ezilitshumi, wazinika impondo ezilitshumi,
wathi kuzo: Sebenzani ngemali ngize ngibuye. **14**
Kodwa izakhamizi zakhe zamzonda, zathuma amanxusa
emva kwakhe, zisithi: Kasithandi ukuthi lo asibuse. **15**
Kwasekusithi esebuyile esewemukele umbuso, wathi
azibizelwe kuye lezozinceku, ayezinike imali, ukuze
azi ukuthi yileyo laleyo izuzeni ngokuthengiselana. **16**
Kweza-ke eyokuqala, yathi: Nkosi, impondo yakho izuze
impondo ezilitshumi. **17** Wasesithi kuyo: Kuhle, nceku
elungileyo; lokhu uthembekile kokuncinyanyana, woba
lamandla phezu kwemizi elitshumi. **18** Kwasekusiza
eyesibili, yathi: Nkosi, impondo yakho yenze impondo
ezinhlanu. **19** Wasesithi lakuyo: Lawe woba phezu
kwemizi emihlanu. **20** Kwasekusiza enye, isithi: Nkosi,
khangela impondo yakho, engayibeka elenjini; **21** ngoba
bengikwesaba, ngoba ungumuntu olukhuni; uthatha lokho
ongakubekanga, futhi uvune lokho ongakuhlanyelanga.
22 Wasesithi kuyo: Ngizakugweba ngokuvela emlonyeni
wakho, nceku embi. Ubusazi ukuthi mina ngingumuntu
olukhuni, othatha lokho engingakubekanga, futhi avune
lokho engingakuhlanyelanga; **23** ngakho kungani
ungafakanga imali yami ebhanga, kuthi-ke mina ekufikeni
kwami ngiyithathe kanye lenzuzo? **24** Wasesithi kulabo
ababemi khona: Memukeni impondo, liyinike lowo
olempondo ezilitshumi. **25** Kodwa bathi kuye: Nkosi,
lowo ulempondo ezilitshumi. **26** Ngoba ngithi kini: Wonke
olakho uzaphiwa; kodwa lowo ongelakho, uzakwemukwa
lalokho alakho. **27** Kodwa lezozitha zami, ebezingathandi
ukuthi ngizibuse, zileth eni lapha, lizibulale phambi
kwami. **28** Esetshilo lezizinto, wahamba phambili,
esenyukela eJerusalema. **29** Kwasekusithi esondela
eBetfage leBethani entabeni okuthiwa ngeyeMihlwathi,
wathuma ababili kubafundi bakhe, **30** esithi: Hambani
liye emzaneni okhangelene lani; lizakuthi lingena kuwo

lifice ithole likababhemi libotshiwe, okungazanga kuhlale
kulo muntu; lilikhulule lililethe. **31** Uba umuntu elibuza
esithi: Lilikhululelani? Lizakutsho njalo kuye ukuthi:
INkosi iyaliswela. **32** Ababethunyiwe bahamba-ke bafica
kunjengoba ebatshelile. **33** Kuthe besalikhulula ithole,
abaninilo bathi kubo: Lilikhululelani ithole? **34** Bona
basebesithi: INkosi iyaliswela. **35** Basebeliletha kuJesu;
baphosela izembatho zabo phezu kwethole likababhemi,
bamkhweza uJesu kulo. **36** Kwathi ehamba, bendlala
izembatho zabo phansi endleleni. **37** Kwathi khathesi
esesondela ekwehleni kwentaba yeMihlwathi, ixuku lonke
labafundi laqala ukuthokoza lokudumisa uNkulunkulu
ngelizwi elikhulu ngayo yonke imisebenzi yamandla
eliyibonileyo, **38** lisithi: Ibusisiwe inkosi ezayo ebizweni
leNkosi; ukuthula ezulwini, lenkazimulo kweliphezulu.
39 Labanye babaFarisi ababesexukwini bathi kuye:
Mfundisi, khuza abafundi bakho. **40** Wasephendula
wathi kubo: Ngithi kini, uba bethula laba, amatshe
azamemeza. **41** Kwathi esondela, ewubona umuzi,
wawukhalela, **42** esithi: Kungathi ngabe wazile lawe,
ngitsho ngalolusuku lwakho, izinto zokuthula kwakho;
kodwa-ke khathesi zifihlakele emehlweni akho. **43**
Ngoba insuku zizakwehlela phezu kwakho, lapho
izitha zakho zizakwakhela umthangala zikugombolozele,
zikuzingelezele, zikuvimbele inhlangothi zonke, **44**
zikudilizele phansi wena labantwana bakho abaphakathi
kwakho, zingatshiyi ilitshe phezu kwelitshe phakathi
kwakho; ngoba ungasazanga isikhathi sokuhanjelwa
kwakho. **45** Wasengena ethempelini, waqala ukuxotsha
abathengisayo kulo, labathengayo, **46** esithi kubo:
Kulotshiwe ukuthi: Indlu yami yindlu yomkhuleko; kodwa
lina liyenze ubhalu lwabaphangi. **47** Njalo wayefundisa
ethempelini insuku zonke; kodwa abapristi abakhulu
lababhali lenduna zabantu badinga ukumbulala; **48**
kodwa kabatholanga abangakwenza, ngoba abantu
bonke banamathela kuye bemlalela.

20 Kwasekusithi ngolunye lwalezonsuku, efundisa
abantu ethempelini etshumayela ivangeli, bamfikela
abapristi abakhulu lababhali kanye labadala, **2**
basebekhuluma laye, besithi: Sitshele, ukuthi izinto
lezi uzenza ngaliphi igunya, kumbe ngubani okunike
leligunya? **3** Wasephendula wathi kubo: Lami ngizalibuza
umbuzo ube munye, njalo lingitshele: **4** Ubhabhathizo
lukaJohane lwavela ezulwini, kumbe ebantwini? **5**
Basebezindlisana, besithi: Uba sisithi: Ezulwini; uzakuthi:
Kungani-ke lingamkholwanga? **6** Kodwa uba sisithi:
Ebantwini; abantu bonke bazasikhanda ngamatshe;
ngoba baleqiniso lokuthi uJohane wayengumprofethi.
7 Basebephendula ngokuthi kabazi lapho olwavela
khona. **8** UJesu wasesithi kubo: Lami kangilitsheli
ukuthi ngenza lezizinto ngaliphi igunya. **9** Waseqala
ukutshela abantu lumfanekiso, esithi: Umuntu othile
wahlanyela isivini, wasiqhatshisa kubalimi, waya
kwelinye ilizwe okwesikhathi eside; **10** kwathi
ngesikhathi esifaneleyo wathuma inceku kubalimi, ukuze
bayinike okwesithelo sesivini; kodwa abalimi bayitshaya
bayithumeza ize. **11** Wasethuma njalo enye inceku;
layo bayitshaya bayiyangisa, bayithumeza ize. **12**
Wasephinda ethuma leyesithathu; layo leyo bayilimaza
bayiphosela ngaphandle. **13** Umninisivini wasesithi:
Ngizakwenza njani? Ngizathuma indodana yami
ethandekayo; mhlawumbe bebona yona bazayihlonipha.
14 Kodwa abalimi beyibona bazindlisana, besithi: Le
yindlalifa; wozani, siyibulale, ukuze ilifa libe ngelethu.
15 Bayiphosela ngaphandle kwesivini, bayibulala.
Kambe uzakwenzani kubo umninisivini? **16** Uzakuza,
ababhubhise labobalimi, anikele isivini kwabanye.
Bekuzwa basebesithi: Akungabinjalo! **17** Kodwa
wabakhangela wathi: Pho kuyini lokhu okulotshiweyo,
okuthi: Ilitshe abakhi abalalayo, yilo eseliyinhloko
yengonsi? **18** Wonke owela phezu kwalelolitshe,
uzaphahlazwa; kodwa loba ngubani eliwela phezu
kwakhe, lizamchoboza. **19** Abapristi abakhulu lababhali
basebedinga ukumbamba ngezandla ngalelohola, kodwa
besaba abantu; ngoba baqedisisa ukuthi wayekhuluma
lumfanekiso emelane labo. **20** Basebemqaphela, bethuma
inhloli, ezazitshaya ezilungileyo, ukuze bambambe
ekukhulumeni, ukuze bamnikele egunyeni lemandleni
ombusi. **21** Bambuza-ke, besithi: Mfundisi, siyazi
ukuthi wena ukhuluma ufundise ngokuqondileyo,
kawemukeli buso, kodwa ufundisa indlela kaNkulunkulu
ngeqiniso. **22** Sivunyelwe yini ukuthela kuKesari, kumbe
hatshi? **23** Kodwa wabubona ubuqili babo, wathi
kubo: Lingilingelani? **24** Ngitshengisani udenariyo;
ulomfanekiso lombhalo kabani? Basebephendula besithi:
OkaKesari. **25** Wasesithi kubo: Ngakho nikani
uKesari okukaKesari, loNkulunkulu okukaNkulunkulu.
26 Basebesehluleka ukumbamba ngelizwi lakhe
phambi kwabantu; basebemangaliswa yimpendulo
yakhe, bathula. **27** Kwasekusiza kuye abathile
babaSadusi, abaphika besithi kakukho ukuvuka
kwabafileyo, bambuza, **28** besithi: Mfundisi,
uMozisi wasibhalela ukuthi: Uba kusifa umfowabo
womuntu elomkakhe, lo abesesifa engelamntwana,
umfowabo kamthathe umfazi, abesemvusela inzalo
umfowabo. **29** Ngakho kwakulezelamani eziyisikhombisa;
owokuqala wasethatha umfazi, wafa engelamntwana;
30 lowesibili wamthatha umfazi, laye lo wafa
engelamntwana; **31** lowesithathu wamthatha. Kwaba
njalo-ke lakwabayisikhombisa; abatshiyanga abantwana,
bafa. **32** Ekucineni kwabo bonke kwafa lomfazi. **33**
Ngakho ekuvukeni kwabafileyo, uzafika abe ngumkabani
kubo? Ngoba abayisikhombisa babelaye engumkabo.
34 UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo: Abantwana
balumhlaba bayathatha, bendiswe; **(aiōn g165)** **35**
kodwa labo okuzathiwa bafanele ukuzuza lowomhlaba
lokuvuka kwabafileyo kabathathani, kabendiswa; **(aiōn
g165)** **36** ngoba bengelakuphinda bafe; ngoba

banjengezingilosi, njalo bangabantwana bakaNkulunkulu,
bengabantwana bokuvuka. 37 Kodwa ukuthi abafileyo
bayavuswa, loMozisi wakutshengisa esihlahleni, lapho
eyibiza iNkosi ngokuthi nguNkulunkulu kaAbrahama
loNkulunkulu kaIsaka loNkulunkulu kaJakobe. 38 Futhi
kayisuye uNkulunkulu wabafileyo, kodwa owabaphilayo;
ngoba bonke baphilela yena. 39 Abathile bababhali
basebephendula bathi: Mfundisi, ukhulume kuhle. 40
Njalo kababanga lesibindi sokuphinda bambuze ulutho. 41
Wasesithi kubo: Batsho njani ukuthi uKristu uyiNdodana
kaDavida? 42 Ngoba uDavida uqobo lwakhe uthi
encwadini yeziHlabelelo: INkosi yathi eNkosini yami:
Hlala ngakwesokunene sami, 43 ngize ngenze izitha
zakho zibe yisenabelo senyawo zakho. 44 Ngakho
uDavida umbiza ngokuthi yiNkosi, pho uyindodana
yakhe njani? 45 Kwathi besalalele abantu bonke, wathi
kubafundi bakhe: 46 Xwayani ababhali abathanda
ukuhamba bembethe izembatho ezinde, njalo bethanda
ukubingelelwa emidangeni, lezihlalo eziqakathekileyo
emasinagogeni, lezihlalo zabahloniphekayo ezilayelweni;
47 abadla izindlu zabafelokazi, bekhuleka isikhathi
eside ngokuzenzisa. Laba bazakwemukela ukulahlwa
okukhulu.

21 Wathi ephakamisa amehlo wabona abanothileyo
bephosela iminikelo yabo esitsheni somnikelo.
2 Wabona lomfelokazi othile ongumyanga ephosela
khona inhlamvana ezincane ezimbili zemali. 3 Wathi:
Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Lumfelokazi ongumyanga uphosele
okwedlula okwabo bonke; 4 ngoba bonke laba baphosele
kokunengi kwabo eminikelweni kaNkulunkulu, kodwa
yena ebuyangeni bakhe uphosele konke alakho abephila
ngakho. 5 Abanye besakhuluma ngethempeli, ukuthi
liceciswe ngamatshe amahle langezipho, wathi: 6
Lezizinto elizibonayo, kuzafika insuku okungayikutshiywa
ngazo ilitshe phezu kwelitshe, elingayikudilizelwa
phansi. 7 Basebembuza, besithi: Mfundisi, pho
lezizinto zizakuba nini? Lesibonakaliso siyini, lapho
sekuzakwenzeka lezizinto? 8 Wasesithi: Qaphelani
ukuthi lingaduhiswa; ngoba abanengi bazakuza ebizweni
lami, besithi: Nginguye; futhi: Isikhathi sesisondele.
Ngakho lingabalandeli. 9 Njalo nxa lisizwa ngezimpi
langeziphithiphithi, lingethuki; ngoba lezizinto zimele
ukuthi zenzeke kuqala, kodwa ukuphela kakuhle
kufike. 10 Wasesithi kubo: Isizwe sizavukela isizwe,
lombuso uvukele umbuso; 11 njalo kuzakuba khona
ukuzamazama komhlaba okukhulu indawo ngendawo
lezindlala labomatshayabhuqe bezifo; kube khona lezinto
ezesabekayo lezibonakaliso ezinkulu ezivela ezulwini.
12 Kodwa ngaphambi kwakho konke lokhu bazalibamba
ngezandla zabo, balizingele, balinikele emasinagogeni
lezintolongweni, balise phambi kwamakhosi lababusi,
ngenxa yebizo lami. 13 Njalo lokhu kuzaphenduka
kini kube yibufakazi. 14 Ngakho kubekeni enhliziyweni
zenu ukuthi linganakani ngaphambili ngelizakuphendula;
15 ngoba mina ngizalinika umlomo lenhlakanipho,
abangekuphike, bamelane lakho, bonke abayizitha zenu.
16 Njalo lizanikelwa langabazali labafowenu lezihlobo
labangane, njalo bazabulala abanye benu. 17 Njalo
lizazondwa yibo bonke ngenxa yebizo lami. 18 Kodwa
kakuyikulahleka ngitsho unwele lwekhanda lenu. 19
Ekubekezeleni kwenu zuzani imiphefumulo yenu. 20
Kodwa nxa libona iJerusalema ihanqwe ngamabutho,
yazini-ke ukuthi sekusondele ukuchitheka kwayo. 21
Ngalesosikhathi abaseJudiya kababalekele ezintabeni;
labaphakathi kwayo baphume; labasemaphandleni
bangangeni kuyo. 22 Ngoba lezi zinsuku zempindiselo,
ukuze kugcwaliseke zonke izinto ezilotshiweyo.
23 Kodwa maye kwabakhulelweyo labamunyisayo
ngalezonsuku! Ngoba kuzakuba khona ukuhlupheka
okukhulu emhlabeni, lolaka kulesisizwe. 24 Njalo
bazakuwa ngobukhali benkemba, bathunjelwe ezizweni
zonke; leJerusalema inyathelelwe phansi ngabezizwe,
kuze kugcwaliseke izikhathi zabezizwe. 25 Kuzakuba
khona izibonakaliso elangeni lenyangeni lezinkanyezini;
lemhlabeni usizi lwezizwe ngokudideka; kudume ulwandle
lamagagasi, 26 abantu baphele amandla ngenxa
yokwesaba langokulindela lokho okuzayo emhlabeni;
ngoba amandla amazulu azazanyazanyiswa. 27
Khona-ke bezayibona iNdodana yomuntu isiza eyezini
ilamandla lenkazimulo enkulu. 28 Njalo nxa kuqala
ukwenzeka lezizinto, manini liqonde njalo liphakamise
amakhanda enu; ngoba kusondele ukukhululwa kwenu.
29 Wasebatshela umfanekiso: Khangelani umkhiwa lazo
zonke izihlahla; 30 nxa sezihluma, liyazibonela lani likwazi
ukuthi ihlobo selisondele. 31 Ngokunjalo lani, nxa libona
lezizinto zisenzeka, yazini ukuthi umbuso kaNkulunkulu
useduze. 32 Ngiqinisile ngithi kini: Lesisizukulwana
asisoze sidlule, kuze kwenzeke zonke izinto. 33
Kuzadlula izulu lomhlaba, kodwa amazwi ami kawasoze
adlule. 34 Njalo ziqapheleni, ukuthi inhliziyo zenu
zingasindwa ngenxa yokuminza lokudakwa lokuphisekela
izinto zalokhukusila, lalolosuku lulifikele linganangelele;
35 ngoba luzafika njengomjibila phezu kwabo bonke
abahlezi ebusweni bomhlaba wonke. 36 Ngakho
lindani ngezikhathi zonke likhulekele ukuthi lifanele
ukuphepha zonke lezizinto ezizakwenzeka, lokuma
phambi kweNdodana yomuntu. 37 Njalo wayefundisa
ethempelini emini; kodwa ebusuku wayephuma ayehlala
entabeni ethiwa ngeyeMihlwathi. 38 Lekuseni kakhulu
abantu bonke babesiza kuye ethempelini ukumuzwa.

22 Kwasekusondela umkhosi wesinkwa
esingelamvubelo, othiwa liphasika. 2 Abapristi
abakhulu lababhali basebedinga ukuthi bangambulala
njani; ngoba babesesaba abantu. 3 USathane wasengena
kuJudasi othiwa nguIskariyothi, owayengowenani
labalitshumi lambili. 4 Wasesuka wayakhuluma labapristi
abakhulu lezinduna ngokuthi angamnikela njani kubo. 5

Basebethokoza, basebevumelana ukumnika imali. **6** Wasevuma, njalo wadinga ithuba elihle lokumnikela
kubo lingekho ixuku. **7** Lwaselufika usuku lwesinkwa
esingelamvubelo, okwakumele kuhlatshwe ngalo
iphasika. **8** Wasethuma uPetro loJohane, esithi: Hambani
liyesilungisela iphasika, ukuze sidle. **9** Basebesithi
kuye: Uthanda ukuthi silungise ngaphi? **10** Wasesithi
kubo: Khangelani, kuzakuthi selingenile emzini, umuntu
uzahlangana lani ethwele imbiza yamanzi; limlandele
endlini azangena kuyo. **11** Beselisithi kumninindlu:
Uthi uMfundisi kuwe: Ingaphi indlu yezihambi, lapho
engingadlela khona iphasika labafundi bami? **12** Yena-
ke uzalitshengisa indlu enkulu ephezulu eyendlelweyo;
lilungise khona. **13** Bahamba-ke bafica njengokutsho
kwakhe kubo; basebelungisa iphasika. **14** Kwathi selifikile
ihola, wahlala phansi, labaphostoli abalitshumi lambili
belaye. **15** Wasesithi kubo: Ngokunxwanela nginxwanele
ukudla lani leliphasika ngingakahlupheki; **16** ngoba
ngithi kini: Kangisoze ngidle futhi kulo, lize ligcwaliseke
embusweni kaNkulunkulu. **17** Wasethatha inkezo,
esebongile wathi: Thathani lokhu, beselisabelana; **18**
ngoba ngithi kini: Kangisoze nginathe okwesithelo sevini,
kuze kufike umbuso kaNkulunkulu. **19** Wasethatha
isinkwa, esebongile wasihlephuna, wabanika, esithi:
Lokhu kungumzimba wami, owanikelelwa lina; lokhu
kwenzeni ukungikhumbula. **20** Ngokunjalo lenkezo
emva kokudla, esithi: Inkezo le iyisivumelwano esitsha
egazini lami, elichithelwa lina. **21** Kodwa khangelani,
isandla songinikelayo silami etafuleni. **22** Ngoba
isibili iNdodana yomuntu ihamba njengokumisiweyo;
kodwa maye kulowomuntu enikelwa nguye! **23** Bona
basebeqala ukubuzana ukuthi kambe ngubani kubo
ozakwenza lokho. **24** Kwavela lokuphikisana phakathi
kwabo okokuthi nguwuphi kubo ongathiwa ngomkhulu.
25 Wasesithi kubo: Amakhosi abezizwe azibusa
ngobulukhuni, leziphathamandla zazo zithiwa ngabasizi.
26 Kodwa lina kakungabi njalo; kodwa omkhulu
phakathi kwenu kabe njengomncinyane, longumkhokheli
njengosebenzayo. **27** Ngoba nguwuphi omkhulu, lowo
ohleziyo ekudleni kumbe lowo osebenzayo? Kayisilowo
yini ohlezi ekudleni? Kodwa mina ngiphakathi kwenu
njengaye osebenzayo. **28** Lina-ke liyibo ababehlezi
lami ezilingweni zami; **29** njalo mina ngilimisele
umbuso, njengoba uBaba engimisele, **30** ukuthi
lidle linathe etafuleni lami embusweni wami, lihlale
ezihlalweni zobukhosi, lisehlulela izizwe ezilitshumi
lambili zakoIsrayeli. **31** INkosi yasisithi: Simoni, Simoni,
khangela, uSathane ulifunisisile, ukuze alihlungule
njengamabele; **32** kodwa mina ngikukhulekele, ukuze
ukholo lwakho lungapheli; wena-ke nxa usuphendukile
uqinise abazalwane bakho. **33** Kodwa wathi kuye:
Nkosi, lentolongweni lekufeni ngilungele ukuya khona
lawe. **34** Kodwa yena wathi: Ngiyakutshela, Petro,
iqhude kaliyikukhala lamuhla, ungakaphiki kathathu
ukuthi uyangazi. **35** Wasesithi kubo: Mhla ngilithuma
lingelamxhaka lesikhwama lamanyathela, laswela yini
ulutho? Basebesithi: Kasiswelanga lutho. **36** Wasesithi
kubo: Kodwa khathesi lowo olomxhaka kawuthathe,
ngokunjalo lesikhwama; lalowo ongelakho, athengise
isembatho sakhe, athenge inkemba. **37** Ngoba ngithi
kini, kusamele kugcwaliseke kimi lokhu okulotshiweyo,
ukuthi: Wabalwa kanye lezoni; ngoba lalezizinto
eziqondane lami zilesiphetho. **38** Basebesithi: Nkosi,
khangela, nanzi inkemba ezimbili. Wasesithi kubo:
Kwanele. **39** Wasephuma waya entabeni yeMihlwathi
njengokwejwayela; labafundi bakhe bamlandela. **40**
Esefikile kuleyondawo, wathi kubo: Khulekani ukuthi
lingangeni ekulingweni. **41** Yena wasemonyuka kubo
okungaba libanga lokuphosa ilitshe, waguqa phansi
ngamadolo wakhuleka, **42** esithi: Baba, uba uthanda,
susa linkezo kimi; kodwa-ke kungenziwa intando
yami, kodwa eyakho. **43** Kwabonakala kuye ingilosi
evela ezulwini imqinisa. **44** Esesesizini olunzima,
wakhuleka kakhulu. Njalo izithukuthuku zakhe zaba
njengamathonsi egazi zawela emhlabathini. **45**
Esesukumile emkhulekweni, weza kubafundi bakhe,
wabafica belele ngenxa yokudabuka, **46** wasesithi
kubo: Lilaleleni? Vukani likhuleke, ukuze lingangeni
ekulingweni. **47** Kwathi esakhuluma, khangela, ixuku,
lalowo okuthiwa nguJudasi, omunye wabalitshumi
lambili, ehamba phambi kwabo, wasesondela kuJesu
ukumanga. **48** Kodwa uJesu wathi kuye: Judasi,
uyayinikela yini iNdodana yomuntu ngokuyanga? **49**
Kwathi labo ababengakuye sebebona okuzakwenzeka
bathi kuye: Nkosi, sigadle yini ngenkemba? **50** Omunye
wabo wasegadla inceku yompristi omkhulu, waquma
indlebe yayo yokunene. **51** Kodwa uJesu waphendula
wathi: Yekelani kuze kube yilokhu. Wasethinta indlebe
yayo, wayisilisa. **52** UJesu wasesithi kubapristi
abakhulu lezinduna zethempeli labadala ababeze kuye:
Liphume njengokuyamelana lomphangi yini lilezinkemba
lezinduku? **53** Nxa bengilani insuku ngensuku
ethempelini, kalelulanga izandla ukumelana lami; kodwa
leli lihola lenu, lamandla obumnyama. **54** Sebembambile
bamqhuba, bamusa endlini yompristi omkhulu. UPetro
waselandela ekhatshana. **55** Sebebasile umlilo phakathi
kweguma, sebehlezi phansi ndawonye, uPetro wahlala
phakathi kwabo. **56** Kodwa incekukazi ethile imbona
ehlezi emlilweni, yamjolozela, yathi: Lumuntu laye ube
laye. **57** Kodwa wamphika, wathi: Mama, kangimazi.
58 Emva kwesikhatshana omunye wasembona wathi:
Lawe ungomunye wabo. Kodwa uPetro wathi: Ndoda,
kangisuye. **59** Sekungaba kwedlule ihola elilodwa,
omunye waqinisa, esithi: Isibili laye ube laye; ngoba
futhi ungumGalili. **60** Kodwa uPetro wathi: Ndoda,
kangazi ukuthi uthini. Njalo khonokho esakhuluma
lakhala iqhude. **61** INkosi yasiphenduka yamkhangela
uPetro. UPetro waselikhumbula ilizwi leNkosi, ukuthi

yakhuluma njani kuye isithi: Iqhude lingakakhali,
uzangiphika kathathu. 62 UPetro wasephuma phandle
wakhala kabuhlungu. 63 Lamadoda ayembambile uJesu
amklolodela, amtshaya. 64 Amembesa, amtshaya ubuso,
asembuza, esithi: Profetha! Ngubani okutshayileyo? 65
Akhuluma lezinye izinto ezinengi kuye ehlambaza. 66
Kwathi sekusile, abadala babantu babuthana, labapristi
abakhulu lababhali, basebemusa emphakathini wabo,
bathi: 67 Uba unguKristu, sitshele. Wasesithi kubo: Uba
ngilitshela, kalisoze likholwe; 68 njalo uba lami ngilibuza,
kalisoze lingiphendule, loba lingikhulule. 69 Kusukela
khathesi iNdodana yomuntu izahlala ngakwesokunene
samandla kaNkulunkulu. 70 Basebesithi bonke: Kanti
uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu? Wasesithi kubo: Kutsho
lina ukuthi ngiyiyo. 71 Basebesithi: Pho sisafunelani
ubufakazi? Ngoba sesizizwele uqobo lwethu emlonyeni
wakhe.

23 Kwasekusukuma ixuku labo lonke, lamusa kuPilatu.
2 Baqala ukummangalela, besithi: Simficile lo
eduhisa isizwe, esalela ukuthela kuKesari, esithi
nguye onguKristu iNkosi. 3 UPilatu wasembuza,
wathi: Wena uyiNkosi yamaJuda yini? Wasemphendula
wathi: Uyatsho wena. 4 Wasesithi uPilatu kubapristi
abakhulu lemaxukwini: Kangitholi cala kulumuntu. 5
Kodwa baqinisa, besithi: Udunga abantu, efundisa
kuyo yonke iJudiya, eqala eGalili kuze kufike lapha.
6 Lapho uPilatu esizwa kuthiwa iGalili wabuza
ukuthi lumuntu ungumGalili yini. 7 Kwathi esezwile
ukuthi ungowombuso kaHerodi, wamthumela kuHerodi,
owayekhona laye eJerusalema ngalezonsuku. 8
Kwathi uHerodi embona uJesu wathokoza kakhulu;
ngoba wayekade ethanda ukumbona, ngoba wayezwile
okunengi ngaye; wayethemba ukuthi uzabona
isibonakaliso esithile sisenziwa nguye. 9 Wambuza
ngamazwi amanengi; kodwa yena kamphendulanga
lutho. 10 Abapristi abakhulu lababhali babemi,
bemmangalela ngamandla. 11 UHerodi lamabutho akhe
bamyangisa, bamklolodela, basebemgqokisa isembatho
esikhazimulayo, bambuyisela kuPilatu. 12 Ngalolosuku
uHerodi kanye loPilatu baba ngabangane omunye
komunye; ngoba ngaphambi kwalokhu babelobutha
phakathi kwabo. 13 UPilatu wasebizela ndawonye
abapristi abakhulu lababusi labantu, 14 wathi kubo:
Limlethile kimi lumuntu, ngokungathi ungoduhisa
abantu; njalo khangelani, mina ngimhlolile phambi
kwenu, kangitholanga cala kulumuntu ngalezozinto
elimmangalela ngazo; 15 hatshi ngitsho loHerodi;
ngoba ngilithumeze kuye, njalo khangelani, kakulalutho
olufanele ukufa olwenziwe nguye. 16 Ngakho
ngizamtshaya ngimkhulule. 17 Kwakufanele ukuthi
abakhululele abe munye ngomkhosi. 18 Bamemeza
bonke kanyekanye besithi: Msuse lo, usikhululele
uBarabasi 19 (owayephoselwe entolongweni ngenxa
yomvukela othile owenzeka phakathi komuzi langenxa
yokubulala). 20 Ngakho uPilatu wabuya wakhuluma labo,
efuna ukumkhulula uJesu. 21 Kodwa bamemeza, besithi:
Bethela, mbethele! 22 Wasesithi kubo ngokwesithathu:
Ngoba lo enze bubi bani? Kangitholanga kuye icala
afanele ukufa ngalo; ngakho ngizamtshaya ngimkhulule.
23 Kodwa baqinisa ngamazwi amakhulu, befuna
ukuthi abethelwe; lamazwi abo lawabapristi abakhulu
aphumelela. 24 UPilatu wasequma ukuthi kwenziwe
isicelo sabo. 25 Wasebakhululela lowo ababemcelile
owayephoselwe entolongweni ngenxa yomvukela
lokubulala; kodwa uJesu wamnikela entandweni
yabo. 26 Kwathi sebemqhuba, bababamba uSimoni
othile umKurene owayevela emaphandleni, bamethesa
isiphambano, ukuthi asithwale ngemva kukaJesu. 27
Laselimlandela ixuku elikhulu labantu, labesifazana labo
ababekhala bemlilela. 28 Kodwa uJesu ephendukela
kubo wathi: Madodakazi eJerusalema, lingangikhaleli
mina, kodwa zikhaleleni lina labantwana benu, 29
ngoba khangelani, ziyeza insuku abazakutsho ngazo
ukuthi: Zibusisiwe inyumba, lezizalo ezingazalanga,
lamabele angamunyisanga. 30 Khona bezaqalisa
ukuthi ezintabeni: Welani phezu kwethu; lemaqaqeni:
Sisibekeleni. 31 Ngoba uba besenza lezizinto
esihlahleni esimanzi, kuzakwenzakalani kwesomileyo?
32 Kwaqhutshwa labanye abenzi bobubi ababili,
ukuthi babulawe kanye laye. 33 Sebefikile endaweni
ethiwa luKhakhayi, bambethela khona, labenzi bobubi,
omunye ngakwesokunene, lomunye ngakwesokhohlo.
34 UJesu wasesithi: Baba, bathethelele; ngoba
kabakwazi abakwenzayo. Njalo babelana izembatho
zakhe, benza inkatho yokuphosa. 35 Labantu bema
babukela. Lababusi kanye labo bamklolodela, besithi:
Wasindisa abanye, kazisindise yena, uba yena
enguKristu, okhethiweyo kaNkulunkulu. 36 Labebutho
bamklolodela, beza kuye bamnika iviniga, 37 besithi:
Uba wena uyiNkosi yamaJuda, zisindise wena. 38
Kwakukhona lombhalo ngaphezu kwakhe kulotshiwe
ngamabala esiGriki langesiRoma langesiHebheru othi:
LO UYINKOSI YAMAJUDA. 39 Lomunye wabenzi
bobubi ababelengisiwe wamthuka, esithi: Uba wena
unguKristu, zisindise wena lathi. 40 Kodwa omunye
waphendula emkhuza, esithi: Wena kawumesabi yini
uNkulunkulu, lokhu lawe ukulokhukulahlwa? 41 Thina
kambe kusilungele, ngoba semukela okulingene ukwenza
kwethu; kodwa lo kenzanga lutho olungafanelanga.
42 Wasesithi kuJesu: Ungikhumbule, Nkosi, lapha
ufika embusweni wakho. 43 UJesu wasesithi kuye:
Ngiqinisile ngithi kuwe: Lamuhla uzakuba lami eParadise.
44 Kwakungaba lihola lesithupha, kwaba khona
ubumnyama phezu komhlaba wonke kwaze kwaba lihola
lesificamunwemunye, 45 futhi ilanga lalifiphaziwe, leveyili
lethempeli ladatshulwa phakathi. 46 UJesu wasememeza
ngelizwi elikhulu esithi: Baba, ezandleni zakho ngibeka
umoya wami; esetshilo lokhu waphefumula okokucina.

47 Kwathi induna yekhulu isibonile okwenzekileyo,
yamdumisa uNkulunkulu, isithi: Isibili lumuntu ubelungile.
48 Lamaxuku wonke ayebuthene ukubukela lokho,
sebebonile izinto ezenzekileyo, babuyela betshaya
izifuba zabo. 49 Bonke abazana laye, labesifazana
ababemlandela bevela eGalili, bema khatshana, bebona
lezizinto. 50 Njalo khangela, indoda ethiwa nguJosefa,
ilunga lomphakathi, indoda elungileyo eqotho; 51
yena wayengavumelananga lecebo lesenzo sabo;
wayevela eArimathiya umuzi wamaJuda, laye ngokwakhe
wayelindele umbuso kaNkulunkulu; 52 lowo waya kuPilatu
wacela isidumbu sikaJesu. 53 Wasesethula wasigoqela
ngelembu elicolekileyo, wasibeka engcwabeni elaligujwe
edwaleni, lapho okwakungazanga kubekwe khona
umuntu. 54 Kwakulusuku lwamalungiselelo, lesabatha
laselisondela. 55 Labesifazana, ababeze laye bevela
eGalili, balandela, balibona ingcwaba, lokuthi isidumbu
sibekwe njani. 56 Basebebuyela emuva balungisa
amakha lamagcobo. Ngesabatha basebephumula
njengokomlayo.

24 Kodwa ngosuku lokuqala lweviki, emadabukakusa,
baya engcwabeni, bephethe amakha
ababewalungisile, labanye ababelabo. 2 Bafica ilitshe
ligiqiwe lasuswa engcwabeni. 3 Kuthe bengena
kabasitholanga isidumbu seNkosi uJesu. 4 Kwasekusithi
bedidekile kakhulu ngalokhu, futhi khangela, amadoda
amabili ema labo embethe izembatho ezicwazimulayo;
5 njalo besesaba, bakhothamisa ubuso emhlabathini,
athi kubo: Lidingelani ophilayo kwabafileyo? 6 Kakho
lapha, kodwa uvukile; khumbulani ukuthi wakhuluma
njani kini, eseseGalili, 7 esithi: INdodana yomuntu imele
ukunikelwa ezandleni zabantu abayizoni, ibethelwe,
ibuye ivuke ngosuku lwesithathu. 8 Basebewakhumbula
amazwi akhe. 9 Sebebuyile bevela engcwabeni,
babika konke lokhu kwabalitshumi lanye lakubo bonke
abanye. 10 KwakunguMariya Magadalena loJowana
loMariya unina kaJakobe, labanye ababekanye labo,
abatshela abaphostoli lezizinto. 11 Kodwa amazwi
abo akhanya kubo njengokukhuluma okuyize, futhi
kabaze bawakholwa. 12 Kodwa uPetro wasukuma
wagijimela engcwabeni, wakhothama walunguza wabona
amalembu acolekileyo ebekiwe ewodwa; wasuka,
emangele ngaphakathi kwakhe ngokwenzekileyo.
13 Futhi khangela, ngalona lolosuku ababili babo
babehamba besiya emzaneni, obizo lawo yiEmawusi,
ongamastadiyu angamatshumi ayisithupha kusukela
eJerusalema. 14 Njalo bona babekhulumisana
ngazo zonke lezizinto ezenzekileyo. 15 Kwasekusithi
bekhulumisana bebuzana, uJesu uqobo wasondela
wahamba kanye labo, 16 kodwa amehlo abo ayebanjiwe
ukuze bangamazi. 17 Wasesithi kubo: Ngamazwi
bani la elikhulumisana ngawo lihamba, lidanile? 18
Omunye, obizo lakhe linguKleyopha, wasephendula
wathi kuye: Wena nguwe wedwa isihambi eJerusalema,
njalo awazi yini izinto ezenzekileyo phakathi kwayo
kulezinsuku? 19 Wasesithi kubo: Yizinto bani?
Basebesithi kuye: Ezimayelana loJesu weNazaretha,
obeyindoda umprofethi olamandla ngesenzo langelizwi
phambi kukaNkulunkulu labantu bonke; 20 lokuthi
abapristi abakhulu lababusi bethu bamnikela njani
ekulahlweni kokufa, bambethela. 21 Kodwa thina
besithemba ukuthi nguye obezakhulula ulsrayeli. Kodwa-
ke phezu kwakho konke lokhu lamuhla lusuku lwesithathu
selokhu lezizinto zenzakele. 22 Kodwa njalo abesifazana
abathile abangakithi basimangalisile, ababesengcwabeni
ekuseni kakhulu; 23 kuthe bengasitholi isidumbu sakhe,
babuya besithi babone lombono wezingilosi, ezithe
uyaphila. 24 Labathile abebelathi baya engcwabeni,
bafica kunjalo njengokutsho kwabesifazana labo;
kodwa yena kabambonanga. 25 Yena wasesithi kubo:
O lina elingelakuqedisisa elilenhliziyo ezivilaphela
ukukholwa konke lokho abaprofethi abakutshoyo! 26
UKristu ubengamele yini ukuthi ahlupheke ngalezizinto,
abesengena ebukhosini bakhe? 27 Njalo esukela
kuMozisi lakubo bonke abaprofethi, wabachasisela
emibhalweni yonke izinto eziqondene laye. 28
Basebesondela emzaneni ababesiya kuwo; yena
wasesenza angathi uyedlula. 29 Kodwa bamcindezela,
besithi: Hlala lathi, ngoba sekuzakuhlwa, lelanga
selitshonile. Wangena-ke ukuze ahlale labo. 30
Kwasekusithi ehlezi ekudleni labo, wathatha isinkwa
wasibusisa, wasihlephuna wabanika. 31 Amehlo
abo asevuleka, basebemazi; wasenyamalala esuka
emehlweni abo. 32 Basebekhulumisana besithi: Kambe
inhliziyo zethu bezingavuthi yini phakathi kwethu, lapho
ekhuluma lathi endleleni, lalapho esivulela imibhalo? 33
Basebesukuma ngalelohola, babuyela eJerusalema,
bafica abalitshumi lanye bebuthene ndawonye lalabo
ababelabo, 34 besithi: Isibili iNkosi ivukile, ibonwe
nguSimoni. 35 Basebelandisa okwenzekileyo endleleni,
lokuthi yaziwa njani yibo ekuhlephuneni isinkwa. 36
Besakhuluma lezizinto, uJesu uqobo wema phakathi
kwabo, wathi kubo: Ukuthula kakube kini. 37 Kodwa
batshaywa luvalo besaba becabanga ukuthi babona
umoya. 38 Wasesithi kubo: Likhathazekelani, njalo
kuvukelani imicabango enhliziyweni zenu? 39 Khangelani
izandla zami lenyawo zami, ukuthi yimi uqobo;
ngibambani libone, ngoba umoya kawulanyama
lamathambo, njengoba lingibona ngilakho. 40 Esekutshilo
lokho wabatshengisa izandla lenyawo zakhe. 41 Kodwa
belokhu bengakholwa ngenxa yentokozo bemangala,
wathi kubo: Lilalo ulutho lokudla lapha yini? 42 Bamnika
iqatha lenhlanzi eyosiweyo, lohlanga lwenyosi. 43
Wasekuthatha wakudla phambi kwabo. 44 Wasesithi
kubo: Yila amazwi, engawakhuluma kini ngiseselani
okuthi, kumele ukuthi kugcwaliseke konke okwabhalwa
ngami emlayweni kaMozisi labaprofethi leziHlabelelo. 45
Wasevula ingqondo yabo, ukuze baqedisise imibhalo;

46 wasesithi kubo: Kulotshiwe kanje, njalo uKristu
kumele ahlupheke kanje, njalo avuke kwabafileyo
ngosuku lwesithathu, **47** njalo kutshunyayelwe ebizweni
lakhe ukuphenduka lothethelelo lwezono ezizweni
zonke, kuqalwa eJerusalema. **48** Lina-ke lingabafakazi
balezizinto. **49** Futhi khangelani, mina ngiyathumela
kini isithembiso sikaBaba; kodwa lina hlalani emzini
weJerusalema, lize lembathiswe amandla avela phezulu.
50 Wasebakhokhela ephuma phandle baze bafika
eBethani; ephakamisa izandla zakhe wababusisa.
51 Kwasekusithi esababusisa, wehlukana labo,
wenyukiselwa ezulwini. **52** Basebemkhonza, babuyela
eJerusalema belentokozo enkulu; **53** baqhubeka
besethempelini, bebonga bedumisa uNkulunkulu.
Ameni.

UJohane

1 Ekuqaleni wayekhona uLizwi, njalo uLizwi
wayeloNkulunkulu, njalo uLizwi wayenguNkulunkulu.
2 Yena lo wayeloNkulunkulu ekuqaleni. **3** Zonke izinto
zenziwa ngaye, njalo ngaphandle kwakhe kakulalutho
lolulodwa olwenziwayo lolo olwenziweyo. **4** Impilo
yayikuye, njalo impilo yayiyikukhanya kwabantu, **5**
lokukhanya kukhanya emnyameni, kodwa ubumnyama
kabukwemukelanga. **6** Kwavela umuntu ethunywe
nguNkulunkulu, obizo lakhe linguJohane; **7** yena
lo wezela ubufakazi, ukuze afakaze ngokukhanya,
ukuze bonke bakholwe ngaye. **8** Yena wayengayisikho
ukukhanya, kodwa ukuze afakaze ngokukhanya. **9**
Kwakuyikukhanya okuqotho, okukhanyisa wonke umuntu
oza emhlabeni. **10** Wayekhona emhlabeni, njalo umhlaba
wenziwa ngaye, kodwa umhlaba kawumazanga. **11**
Weza kokwakhe, kodwa abakhe kabamemukelanga. **12**
Kodwa bonke abamemukelayo, wabapha amandla okuthi
babe ngabantwana bakaNkulunkulu, labo abakholwa
ebizweni lakhe; **13** abazalwa kungeyisikho ngegazi,
langentando yenyama, langentando yendoda, kodwa
nguNkulunkulu. **14** ULizwi wasesiba yinyama, wahlala
phakathi kwethu, njalo sabona inkazimulo yakhe,
inkazimulo injengeyozelwe yedwa kaYise, egcwele
umusa leqiniso. **15** UJohane wafakaza ngaye, wamemeza
wathi: Nguye lo ebengisitsho ngaye ukuthi: Lowo ozayo
emva kwami uphambi kwami; ngoba wayekhona kuqala
kulami. **16** Lekugcwaleni kwakhe thina semukele sonke,
futhi umusa ngomusa; **17** ngoba umlayo wanikwa
ngoMozisi, umusa leqiniso kweza ngoJesu Kristu. **18**
Kakho owake wabona uNkulunkulu; iNdodana ezelwe
yodwa, esesifubeni sikaYise, yiyo emvezileyo. **19** Njalo
lobu yibufakazi bukaJohane, mhla amaJuda ethuma
abapristi lamaLevi bevela eJerusalema ukuze bambuze
ukuthi: Wena ungubani? **20** Wasevuma, kaphikanga;
futhi wavuma wathi: Kangisuye uKristu mina. **21**
Bambuza futhi bathi: Kuyini pho? Wena unguElija yini?
Wasesithi: Kangisuye. Wena ungulowomProfethi yini?
Wasephendula wathi: Hatshi. **22** Basebesithi kuye:
Ungubani? Ukuze sibaphe impendulo abasithumileyo;
uthini ngawe? **23** Wathi: Mina ngiyilizwi lomemezayo
enkangala: Lungisani indlela yeNkosi, njengoba
uIsaya umprofethi watsho. **24** Lalabo ababethunyiwe
babevela kubaFarisi. **25** Basebembuza, bathi kuye:
Ubhabhathizelani pho, uba wena ungeyisuye uKristu,
loElija, lalowomProfethi? **26** UJohane wabaphendula,
wathi: Mina ngibhabhathiza ngamanzi; kodwa phakathi
kwenu kumi, lina elingamaziyo; **27** nguye ozayo
emva kwami, ophambi kwami, engingafanele mina
ukuthukulula umchilo wenyathela lakhe. **28** Lezizinto
zenzeka eBethabara ngaphetsheya kweJordani, lapho
uJohane ayebhabhathiza khona. **29** Kusisa uJohane
wabona uJesu esiza kuye, wathi: Khangelani iWundlu
likaNkulunkulu, elisusa isono somhlaba. **30** Nguye
lo mina ebengilitshela ngaye ukuthi: Emva kwami
kuza indoda, eyayikhona phambi kwami, ngoba
yayikhona kuqala kulami. **31** Lami bengingamazi; kodwa
ukuze abonakaliswe kuIsrayeli, ngalokho mina ngizile
ngibhabhathiza ngamanzi. **32** UJohane wasefakaza,
esithi: Ngibonile uMoya esehla ezulwini njengejuba,
wahlala phezu kwakhe. **33** Lami bengingamazi; kodwa
owangithumayo ukubhabhathiza ngamanzi, yena wathi
kimi: Lowo ozabona uMoya esehlela phezu kwakhe ahlale
kuye, nguye obhabhathiza ngoMoya oNgcwele. **34** Mina
ngibonile, ngafakaza ukuthi lo uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu.
35 Kusisa futhi uJohane wayemi, lababili kubafundi
bakhe; **36** wasekhangela uJesu ehambahamba, wathi:
Khangelani iWundlu likaNkulunkulu. **37** Abafundi ababili
bamuzwa ekhuluma, basebemlandela uJesu. **38**
Kwathi uJesu enyemukula ebabona belandela, wathi
kubo: Lidingani? Basebesithi kuye: Rabi, (okuyikuthi
ngokuphendulelwa, Mfundisi) uhlala ngaphi? **39** Wathi
kubo: Wozani libone. Beza babona lapho ayehlala
khona; bahlala laye ngalolosuku; kwakungaba lihola
letshumi. **40** UAndreya umfowabo kaSimoni Petro
wayengomunye wababili ababekuzwe ngoJohane
bamlandela. **41** Yena wathola kuqala umfowabo uqobo
uSimoni, wathi kuye: Simtholile uMesiya, okuphendulelwa
ngokuthi, uKristu. **42** Wasemletha kuJesu. UJesu
esemkhangele wathi: Wena unguSimoni indodana
kaJona; uzathiwa nguKefasi, okuphendulelwa ngokuthi
uPetro. **43** Kusisa uJesu wayefuna ukusuka aye
eGalili, wathola uFiliphu, wathi kuye: Ngilandela. **44**
UFiliphu-ke wayengoweBhethisayida, emzini wakibo
kaAndreya loPetro. **45** UFiliphu wathola uNathaniyeli,
wathi kuye: Simtholile lowo abhala ngaye uMozisi
emlayweni labaprofethi, uJesu weNazaretha, indodana
kaJosefa. **46** UNathaniyeli wasesithi kuye: Kambe
kungavela okuhle eNazaretha? UFiliphu wathi kuye:
Woza ubone. **47** UJesu wabona uNathaniyeli esiza kuye,
wathi ngaye: Khangelani umIsrayeli uqobo, okungekho
nkohliso kuye. **48** UNathaniyeli wathi kuye: Ungazela
ngaphi? UJesu waphendula wathi kuye: UFiliphu
engakakubizi, ungaphansi komkhiwa, ngakubona. **49**
UNathaniyeli waphendula wathi kuye: Rabi, wena
uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu, wena uyiNkosi kaIsrayeli. **50**
UJesu waphendula wathi kuye: Uyakholwa ngoba ngithe
kuwe, bengikubona ungaphansi komkhiwa. Uzabona
izinto ezinkulu kulalezi. **51** Wasesithi kuye: Ngiqinisile,
ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: Kusukela khathesi lizabona izulu
livulekile, lengilosi zikaNkulunkulu zisenyuka zisehla
phezu kweNdodana yomuntu.

2 Kwathi ngosuku lwesithathu kwaba khona umtshado
eKana yeGalili; lonina kaJesu wayekhona lapho;
2 njalo uJesu laye wayenxusiwe labafundi bakhe
emtshadweni. **3** Kwathi iwayini selisweleka, unina
kaJesu wathi kuye: Kabalalo iwayini. **4** UJesu wathi

kuye: Mama, ngilani lawe? Ihola lami kalikafiki. **5** Unina wathi kuzinceku: Yenzani loba yikuphi azalitshela khona. **6** Kwakukhona lapho imbiza zamanzi ezamatshe zimiswe njengokokuhlambulula kwamaJuda, inye ingena amaphoco amabili kumbe amathathu. **7** UJesu wathi kuzo: Gcwalisani imbiza zamanzi ngamanzi. Zasezizigcwalisa zathi kliki. **8** Wasesithi kuzo: Khanini khathesi, lise kumphathi wokudla. Zasezikusa. **9** Umphathi wokudla esizwa amanzi asebe liwayini, engazi ukuthi livela ngaphi (kodwa inceku ezaziwakhile amanzi zazisazi), umphathi wokudla wabiza umyeni, **10** wasesithi kuye: Wonke umuntu uletha iwayini elimnandi kuqala, kuthi lapho sebenathile kakhulu, abeseletha elibi; wena ugcinile iwayini elimnandi kwaze kwaba khathesi. **11** Lokho kuyikuqala kwezibonakaliso uJesu akwenza eKana yeGalili wabonakalisa inkazimulo yakhe; labafundi bakhe bakholwa kuye. **12** Emva kwalokho wehlela eKapenawume, yena, lonina, labafowabo, labafundi bakhe; njalo bahlala khona kungeyisikho okwensuku ezinengi. **13** Iphasika lamaJuda laselisondele, uJesu wasesenyukela eJerusalema. **14** Wafica ethempelini labo abathengisa inkabi lezimvu lamajuba, labantshintshi bemali behlezi. **15** Esenze isiswepu sezintambo wabaxotsha bonke ethempelini, izimvu kanye lenkabi; wachitha imali yabantshintshisayo, wagenqula amatafula; **16** wasesithi kwabathengisa amajuba: Susani lezizinto lapha; lingenzi indlu kaBaba indlu yokuthengisela. **17** Abafundi bakhe basebekhumbula ukuthi kulotshiwe ukuthi: Ukutshisekela indlu yakho kungidlile. **18** Ngakho amaJuda aphendula athi kuye: Usitshengisa isibonakaliso bani, sokuthi wenze lezizinto? **19** UJesu waphendula wathi kuwo: Dilizani lelithempeli, njalo ngensuku ezintathu ngizalivusa. **20** AmaJuda asesithi: Okweminyaka engamatshumi amane lesithupha lelithempeli lakhiwa, wena-ke uzalivusa ngensuku ezintathu yini? **21** Kodwa yena wayekhuluma ngethempeli lomzimba wakhe. **22** Ngakho, kwathi esevukile kwabafileyo, abafundi bakhe bakhumbula ukuthi wayekutshilo lokhu kubo; bakholwa umbhalo, lelizwi ayelitshilo uJesu. **23** Njalo kwathi eseJerusalema ngephasika, emkhosini, abanengi bakholwa ebizweni lakhe, bebona izibonakaliso zakhe azenzayo; **24** kodwa uJesu ngokwakhe kazinikelanga yena kubo, ngoba yena wayebazi bonke, **25** langenxa yokuthi wayengasweli ukuthi loba ngubani afakaze ngomuntu; ngoba yena wayekwazi okusemuntwini.

3 Kwakukhona-ke umuntu wakubaFarisi, nguNikodima ibizo lakhe, isikhulu samaJuda; **2** lo weza kuJesu ebusuku, wathi kuye: Rabi, siyazi ukuthi ungumfundisi ovela kuNkulunkulu; ngoba kakho ongenza lezizibonakaliso ozenzayo wena, uba uNkulunkulu engelaye. **3** UJesu waphendula wathi kuye: Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kuwe: Ngaphandle kokuthi umuntu azalwe ngokutsha, angewubone umbuso kaNkulunkulu. **4** UNikodima wathi kuye: Umuntu angazalwa njani esemdala? Angangena yini ngokwesibili esiswini sikanina azalwe? **5** UJesu waphendula wathi: Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kuwe: Uba umuntu engazalwanga ngamanzi langoMoya, angengene embusweni kaNkulunkulu. **6** Lokho okuzelwe yinyama kuyinyama; lalokho okuzelwe nguMoya kungumoya. **7** Ungamangali ukuthi ngithe kuwe: Kufanele ukuthi lizalwe ngokutsha. **8** Umoya uphephethela lapho othanda khona, uyawuzwa umdumo wawo, kodwa kawazi lapho ovela khona lalapho oya khona; unjalo wonke ozelwe nguMoya. **9** UNikodima waphendula wathi kuye: Lezizinto zingenzeka njani? **10** UJesu waphendula wathi kuye: Wena ungumfundisi wakoIsrayeli, kodwa kawuzazi lezizinto yini? **11** Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kuwe: Sikhuluma esikwaziyo, sifakaze esikubonileyo; kodwa kalibemukeli ubufakazi bethu. **12** Nxa ngilitshelile izinto zomhlaba njalo lingakholwa, lizakholwa njani, uba ngilitshela izinto zezulwini? **13** Njalo kakho owake wenyukela ezulwini, ngaphandle kowehla ezulwini, iNdodana yomuntu esezulwini. **14** Futhi njengoba uMozisi waphakamisa inyoka enkangala, ngokunjalo iNdodana yomuntu imele ukuphakanyiswa; **15** ukuze wonke okholwa kuyo angabhubhi, kodwa abe lempilo elaphakade. **(aiōnios g166)** **16** Ngoba uNkulunkulu wawuthanda umhlaba ngokunjalo, ngakho wanika iNdodana yakhe ezelwe yodwa, ukuze wonke okholwa kuyo angabhubhi, kodwa abe lempilo elaphakade. **(aiōnios g166)** **17** Ngoba uNkulunkulu kayithumanga iNdodana yakhe emhlabeni ukuthi iwulahle umhlaba, kodwa ukuze umhlaba usindiswe ngayo. **18** Okholwa kiyo kalahlwa; kodwa ongakholwayo uselahliwe, ngoba engakholwanga ebizweni leNdodana kaNkulunkulu ezelwe yodwa. **19** Ukulahlwa kuyilokhu, ukuthi ukukhanya kufikile emhlabeni, kodwa abantu bathanda ubumnyama kulokukhanya; ngoba imisebenzi yabo yayimibi. **20** Ngoba wonke owenza okubi uzonda ukukhanya, njalo kezi ekukhanyeni, ukuze imisebenzi yakhe ingasolwa. **21** Kodwa owenza iqiniso uyeza ekukhanyeni, ukuze imisebenzi yakhe ibonakale, ukuthi yenziwe kuNkulunkulu. **22** Emva kwalezizinto uJesu weza elizweni leJudiya labafundi bakhe; njalo wahlala khona kanye labo njalo wabhabhathiza. **23** UJohane laye wayebhabhathiza eEnoni eduze leSalima, ngoba kwakulamanzi amanengi khona; njalo babesiza bebhabhathizwa. **24** Ngoba uJohane wayengakaphoselwa entolongweni. **25** Kwasekusiba khona ukuphikisana phakathi kwabafundi bakaJohane lamaJuda ngokuhlambulula. **26** Basebesiza kuJohane bathi kuye: Rabi, lowo owawulaye ngaphetsheya kweJordani, owamfakazelayo, khangela yena uyabhabhathiza, njalo bayeza kuye bonke. **27** UJohane waphendula wathi: Umuntu angemukele ulutho, ngaphandle kokuthi alunikwe luvela ezulwini. **28** Lina ngokwenu liyangifakazela ukuthi ngathi: Kangisuye uKristu mina, kodwa ukuthi ngithunyiwe ngaphambi

kwakhe. **29** Olomakoti ungumyeni; kodwa umngane
womyeni, omiyo emuzwa, uthokoza ngentokozo ngelizwi
lomyeni; ngakho lintokozo yami isiphelele. **30** Umele
ukukhula yena, kodwa mina nginciphe. **31** Ovela phezulu
uphezu kwakho konke. Ovela emhlabeni, ungowomhlaba,
njalo ukhuluma okomhlaba; ovela ezulwini uphezu
kwakho konke. **32** Lalokho akubonileyo lakuzwileyo,
ufakaza khona; kodwa kakho owemukela ubufakazi
bakhe. **33** Owemukele ubufakazi bakhe uphawulile
ukuthi uNkulunkulu uqinisile. **34** Ngoba lowo uNkulunkulu
amthumileyo, ukhuluma amazwi kaNkulunkulu; ngoba
uNkulunkulu umnika uMoya kungeyisikho ngesilinganiso.
35 UYise uyayithanda iNdodana, njalo unikele izinto zonke
esandleni sayo. **36** Yena okholwa eNdodaneni ulempilo
elaphakade; kodwa yena ongakholwayo eNdodaneni,
kayikubona impilo, kodwa ulaka lukaNkulunkulu luhlezi
phezu kwakhe. **(aiōnios g166)**

4 Kwathi-ke iNkosi isisazi ukuthi abaFarisi sebezwile
ukuthi uJesu wenza wabhabhathiza abafundi
abanengi kuloJohane, **2** lanxa uJesu ngokwakhe
wayengabhabhathizi, kodwa abafundi bakhe, **3** wasuka
eJudiya, wasuka waya futhi eGalili. **4** Kodwa kwakumele
ukuthi adabule eSamariya. **5** Wafika-ke emzini
weSamariya okuthiwa yiSikari, eduze lesiqinti uJakobe
asinika indodana yakhe uJosefa; **6** lomthombo kaJakobe
wawulapho. Ngakho uJesu ekhathele ngohambo wahlala
ngokunjalo emthonjeni. Kwakungaba lihola lesithupha.
7 Kwafika owesifazana evela eSamariya ukuzakukha
amanzi; uJesu wathi kuye: Nginathisa. **8** (Ngoba
abafundi bakhe babehambile baya emzini, ukuze
bathenge ukudla.) **9** Ngakho owesifazana umSamariya
wathi kuye: Kungani wena ungumJuda ucela ukunatha
kimi, owesifazana ongumSamariya? Ngoba amaJuda
awalabudlelwano lamaSamariya. **10** UJesu waphendula
wathi kuye: Aluba ubusazi isipho sikaNkulunkulu, lokuthi
ungubani othi kuwe: Nginathisa; ubuzacela kuye, njalo
ubezakunika amanzi aphilayo. **11** Owesifazana wathi
kuye: Nkosi, kawulalutho lokukha, lomgodi uyatshona;
uwathethe ngaphi pho amanzi aphilayo? **12** Wena
umkhulu yini kulobaba wethu uJakobe, owasinika umgodi,
wanatha kuwo yena, labantwana bakhe, lemihlambi
yakhe? **13** UJesu waphendula wathi kuye: Wonke onatha
lamanzi, uzakoma futhi; **14** kodwa loba ngubani onatha
amanzi mina engizamnika wona, kasoze ome kuze kube
laphakade; kodwa amanzi engizamnika wona azakuba
ngumthombo wamanzi phakathi kwakhe ogobhozela
empilweni elaphakade. **(aiōn g165, aiōnios g166)** **15**
Owesifazana wathi kuye: Nkosi, ngipha lawomanzi,
ukuze ngingomi, ngingabe ngiseza lapha ukukha. **16**
UJesu wathi kuye: Hamba, ubize umkakho, uze lapha.
17 Owesifazana waphendula wathi: Kangilandoda. UJesu
wathi kuye: Utsho kuhle ukuthi: Kangilandoda; **18**
ngoba usuke waba lamadoda amahlanu, le olayo
khathesi kayisiyo indoda yakho; lokhu ukutsho uqinisile.
19 Owesifazana wathi kuye: Nkosi, ngiyabona ukuthi
wena ungumprofethi. **20** Obaba bethu babekhonza
kulintaba; kodwa lina lithi iseJerusalema indawo lapho
okufanele umuntu akhonze khona. **21** UJesu wathi
kuye: Mama, kholwa kimi, ukuthi ihola liyeza, lapho
elizakhonza uBaba kungeyisikho kulintaba, kumbe
eJerusalema. **22** Lina likhonza elingakwaziyo; thina
sikhonza esikwaziyo; ngoba usindiso luvela kumaJuda.
23 Kodwa ihola liyeza njalo seliyilo, lapho abakhonzi
abaqotho bazakhonza uBaba ngomoya langeqiniso;
ngoba-ke uBaba udinga abanjalo abamkhonzayo. **24**
UNkulunkulu unguMoya; lalabo abamkhonzayo, bafanele
ukukhonza ngomoya langeqiniso. **25** Owesifazana
wathi kuye: Ngiyazi ukuthi uMesiya uyeza okuthiwa
nguKristu; nxa lo esefikile, uzasitshela konke. **26** UJesu
wathi kuye: Mina nginguye, okhuluma lawe. **27** Kwathi
ngalesosikhathi bafika abafundi bakhe, bamangala
ukuthi wayekhuluma lowesifazana; kodwa kakho owathi:
Udingani? Kumbe: Ukhulumelani laye? **28** Ngakho
owesifazana wasetshiya inkonxa yakhe, wasesuka waya
emzini, wathi ebantwini: **29** Wozani, libone umuntu,
ongitshele konke engakwenzayo; kambe kayisuye yini
uKristu lo? **30** Ngakho baphuma emzini, beza kuye. **31**
Kusenjalo abafundi bamncenga besithi: Rabi, dlana. **32**
Kodwa wathi kubo: Mina ngilokudla engikudlayo lina
elingakwaziyo. **33** Basebekhulumisana abafundi besithi:
Kambe ukhona omlethele ukudla? **34** UJesu wathi kubo:
Ukudla kwami kuyikuthi ngenze intando yongithumileyo,
lokuthi ngiqede umsebenzi wakhe. **35** Kalitsho yini
ukuthi: Kuseselenyanga ezine ukuthi kufike ukuvuna?
Khangelani, ngithi kini: Phakamisani amehlo enu, libone
amasimu, ngoba asehle emhlophe elungele isivuno. **36**
Njalo ovunayo wemukela umvuzo, njalo abuthe isithelo
empilweni elaphakade; ukuze bobabili ohlanyelayo
lovunayo bathokoze bendawonye. **(aiōnios g166)** **37** Ngoba
kulokhu ilizwi liqinisile elokuthi: Omunye ngohlanyelayo,
lomunye ngovunayo. **38** Mina ngalithuma ukuvuna lokho
elingakusebenzelanga; abanye basebenzile, lina-ke
selingenile emsebenzini wabo. **39** Njalo amaSamariya
amanengi akulowomuzi akholwa kuye ngenxa yelizwi
lowesifazana, owafakaza esithi: Ungitshele konke
engikwenzileyo. **40** Kwathi esefikile kuye amaSamariya,
amncenga ukuthi ahlale lawo; wasehlala khona insuku
ezimbili. **41** Abanengi bengezelelwa bakholwa ngenxa
yelizwi lakhe. **42** Basebesithi kowesifazana: Kasisakholwa
ngenxa yokutsho kwakho; ngoba sesizizwele thina, siyazi
ukuthi oqotho lo unguMsindisi womhlaba, uKristu. **43**
Kwathi emva kwensuku ezimbili wasuka lapho, waya
eGalili; **44** ngoba uJesu ngokwakhe wafakaza ukuthi
umprofethi kaladumo elizweni lakibo. **45** Wathi esefikile
eGalili, amaGalili amemukela, ebonile konke akwenzayo
eJerusalema emkhosini; ngoba lawo ayeyile emkhosini.
46 UJesu wafika-ke futhi eKana yeGalili, lapho enza khona
amanzi aba liwayini. Kwakukhona othile owesikhosini,

ondodana yakhe yayigula eKapenawume. **47** Esezwile
ukuthi uJesu usefikile eGalili evela eJudiya, waya kuye,
wamncenga ukuthi ehle, asilise indodana yakhe, ngoba
yayisizaphela. **48** Ngakho uJesu wathi kuye: Ngaphandle
kokuthi libone izibonakaliso lezimangaliso, kalisoze
likholwe. **49** Owesikhosini wathi kuye: Nkosi, yehla
engakafi umntanami. **50** UJesu wathi kuye: Hamba;
indodana yakho iyaphila. Umuntu wasekholwa ilizwi
uJesu alikhuluma laye, wasuka wahamba. **51** Kwathi
esesehla, inceku zakhe zamhlangabeza, zabika zathi:
Umntanakho uyaphila. **52** Wasezibuza ihola aqale
ngalo ukuba ngcono. Zasezisithi kuye: Izolo ngehola
lesikhombisa uqhuqho lumyekele. **53** Ngakho uyise
wazi ukuthi kwakungalelohola uJesu athi ngalo kuye:
Indodana yakho iyaphila; wasekholwa yena lendlu yakhe
yonke. **54** UJesu waphinda wakwenza lokhu kwaba
yisibonakaliso sesibili, efikile eGalili evela eJudiya.

5 Emva kwalezizinto kwaba khona umkhosi wamaJuda;
uJesu wasesenyukela eJerusalema. **2** Kwakukhona-
ke lapho eJerusalema eduze lesango lezimvu
ichibi, elithiwa ngesiHebheru iBethesda, lilamakhulusi
amahlanu. **3** Kwakulele kuwo ixuku elikhulu
labagulayo, eleziphofu, eleziqhuli, elabatshwabheneyo,
belindele ukuzanyanzanyiswa kwamanzi. **4** Ngoba
ingilosi yayisehlela echibini ngezikhathi ezithile,
izamazamise amanzi; kuthi lowo ongene kuqala emva
kokuzanyazanyiswa kwamanzi, asiliswe, loba yisiphi isifo
ebesimbambile. **5** Njalo kwakukhona lapho umuntu othile
owayelesifo okweminyaka engamatshumi amathathu
leyisificaminwembili. **6** Kwathi uJesu embona elele, esazi
ukuthi ulesikhathi eside enjalo, wathi kuye: Uyafuna
ukuthi uphile yini? **7** Ogulayo wamphendula wathi:
Nkosi, kangilamuntu wokungifaka echibini, nxa amanzi
ezanyazanyiswa; kuthi nxa ngizayo mina, kwehle omunye
phambi kwami. **8** UJesu wathi kuye: Sukuma, uthathe
icansi lakho, uhambe. **9** Lowomuntu wahle waphila,
wathatha icansi lakhe wahamba. Njalo kwakulisabatha
mhlalokho. **10** Ngakho amaJuda athi kosilisiweyo:
Kulisabatha; ngakho kawuvunyelwa ukuthwala icansi.
11 Wawaphendula wathi: Ongiphilisileyo, yena uthe
kimi: Thatha icansi lakho uhambe. **12** Ngakho
ambuza: Ngubani umuntu othe kuwe: Thatha icansi
lakho uhambe? **13** Kodwa osilisiweyo wayengamazi
ukuthi ungubani; ngoba uJesu wayesesithele, ngoba
kukhona ixuku kuleyondawo. **14** Emva kwalezizinto
uJesu wamfica ethempelini, wasesithi kuye: Khangela
usuphilile; ungabe usona futhi, hlezi kwehle kuwe
okunye okubi kulalokhu. **15** Umuntu wasuka, watshela
amaJuda ukuthi nguJesu owayemenze waphila. **16** Njalo
ngenxa yalokhu amaJuda amzingela uJesu, asedinga
ukumbulala, ngoba wenza lezizinto ngesabatha. **17**
Kodwa uJesu wawaphendula wathi: UBaba uyasebenza
kuze kube lamuhla, lami ngiyasebenza. **18** Ngenxa
yalokhu-ke amaJuda adinga kakhulu ukumbulala, ngoba
wayengephulanga isabatha kuphela, kodwa wabuya
wathi uNkulunkulu unguYise wakhe, ezenza olingana
loNkulunkulu. **19** UJesu wasephendula wathi kubo:
Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: INdodana ingenze
lutho ngokwayo, ngaphandle kwalokho ebona uYise
ekwenza; ngoba loba yini yena ayenzayo, leNdodana
iyenza lezizinto ngokunjalo. **20** Ngoba uYise uyayithanda
iNdodana, uyayitshengisa konke akwenzayo yena;
njalo uzayitshengisa imisebenzi emikhulu kulale, ukuze
lina limangale. **21** Ngoba njengalokhu uYise evusa
abafileyo abaphilise, kunjalo-ke leNdodana iyabaphilisa
labo ethandaukubaphilisa. **22** Ngoba loYise kahluleli
muntu, kodwa unike iNdodana konke ukwahlulela;
23 ukuze bonke badumise iNdodana, njengalokhu
bedumisa uYise. Ongayidumisiyo iNdodana, kamdumisi
uYise oyithumileyo. **24** Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi
kini: Olizwayo ilizwi lami, akholwe kuye ongithumileyo,
ulempilo elaphakade; njalo kangeni ekulahlweni, kodwa
usedlule ekufeni waya empilweni. **(aiōnios g166)** **25**
Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: Ihola liyeza, njalo
selikhona, lapho abafileyo bezalizwa ilizwi leNdodana
kaNkulunkulu, lalabo abalizwileyo bazaphila. **26** Ngoba
njengoba uYise elempilo ngokwakhe, kunjalo uyinikile
layo iNdodana ukuthi ibe lempilo ngokwayo; **27** njalo
uyiphile amandla lawokwahlulela, ngoba iyiNdodana
yomuntu. **28** Lingamangali ngalokhu; ngoba ihola
liyeza, lapho bonke abasemangcwabeni bazalizwa ilizwi
layo, **29** babesebephuma, labo abenze okulungileyo,
ekuvukeni kwempilo; lalabo abenze okubi, ekuvukeni
kokulahlwa. **30** Mina ngingenze lutho ngokwami;
njengokuzwa kwami, ngiyahlulela; njalo ukwahlulela
kwami kulungile; ngoba kangidingi intando yami, kodwa
intando kaBaba ongithumileyo. **31** Aluba ngizifakazela
mina, ubufakazi bami abusiloqiniso. **32** Ukhona omunye
ongifakazelayo mina, njalo ngiyazi ukuthi ubufakazi
abufakaza ngami buliqiniso. **33** Lina lathumela kuJohane,
walifakazela iqiniso. **34** Kodwa mina kangibemukeli
ubufakazi obuvela emuntwini, kodwa ngitsho lezizinto
ukuze lina lisindiswe. **35** Yena wayeyisibane esivuthayo
lesikhanyayo, lani lavuma ukuthokoza okwesikhatshana
ekukhanyeni kwakhe. **36** Kodwa mina ngilobufakazi
obukhulu kulobukaJohane; ngoba imisebenzi uBaba
anginike yona ukuze ngiyiqede, yonale imisebenzi mina
engiyenzayo, iyangifakazela ukuthi uBaba ungithumile. **37**
Laye uBaba ongithumileyo, yena ungifakazele. Kalikaze
lilizwe ilizwi lakhe lanini, lesimo sakhe kalikaze lisibone,
38 njalo kalilalizwi lakhe elihlala phakathi kwenu, ngoba
amthumileyo yena, lowo lina kalimkholwa. **39** Hlolani
imibhalo, ngoba lina licabanga ukuthi lilempilo elaphakade
kiyo, njalo yiyo engifakazelayo; **(aiōnios g166)** **40** kodwa
kalivumi ukuza kimi, ukuze libe lempilo. **41** Angemukeli
udumo ebantwini; **42** kodwa ngiyalazi lina, ukuthi kalilalo
uthando lukaNkulunkulu phakathi kwenu. **43** Mina ngizile
ebizweni likaBaba, kodwa kalingemukeli; uba omunye

esiza ngelakhe ibizo, lizamemukela yena. **44** Lingakholwa
njani lina, nxa lisemukela udumo omunye komunye,
kodwa lingaludingi udumo oluvela kuNkulunkulu oyedwa?
45 Lingacabangi ukuthi mina ngizalimangalela kuBaba;
ukhona olimangalelayo, uMozisi, elithemba kuye lina.
46 Ngoba uba belikholwa uMozisi, belizakholwa mina;
ngoba yena wabhala ngami. **47** Kodwa uba lingakholwa
imibhalo yakhe, lizakholwa njani amazwi ami?

6 Emva kwalezizinto uJesu wasuka waya ngaphetsheya
kolwandle lweGalili, lweTiberiyasi. **2** Laselimlandela
ixuku elikhulu, ngoba babebone izibonakaliso zakhe
azenza kulabo abagulayo. **3** UJesu wasesenyukela
entabeni, wahlala phansi khona labafundi bakhe.
4 Iphasika, umkhosi wamaJuda, laselisondele. **5**
Kwathi uJesu ephakamisa amehlo, wasebona ixuku
elikhulu lisiza kuye, wathi kuFiliphu: Sizathenga ngaphi
izinkwa, ukuze laba badle? **6** Njalo watsho lokhu
emhlola, ngoba yena wayekwazi azakwenza. **7**
UFiliphu wamphendula wathi: Izinkwa zabodenariyo
abangamakhulu amabili zingebanele, ukuthi wonke
ngamunye wabo azuze ingcosana. **8** Omunye wabafundi
bakhe, uAndreya umfowabo kaSimoni Petro, wathi
kuye: **9** Kukhona umfanyana lapha, olezinkwa ezinhlanu
zebhali lenhlanzana ezimbili; kodwa ziyini kwabanengi
kangaka? **10** Kodwa uJesu wathi: Hlalisani abantu
phansi. Kwakukhona utshani obunengi kuleyondawo.
Ngakho amadoda ahlala phansi inani lawo lalingaba
zinkulungwane ezinhlanu. **11** UJesu wasezithatha
izinkwa, esebongile wazinika abafundi, labafundi
kulabo ababehlezi phansi; ngokunjalo lenhlanzana
ngangokufuna kwabo. **12** Bathi sebesuthi, wathi
kubafundi bakhe: Buthani imvuthu eziseleyo, ukuze
kungachitheki lutho. **13** Basebebutha, bagcwalisa izitsha
ezilitshumi lambili ngemvuthu zezinkwa ezinhlanu zebhali,
ezasalayo kulabo abadlayo. **14** Kwathi lababantu bebona
isimangaliso asenzileyo uJesu, bathi: Ngeqiniso lo
nguye umProfethi omele ukuza emhlabeni. **15** Kwathi
uJesu esazi ukuthi bazakuza bambambe ngamandla,
ukumbeka abe yinkosi, wabuyela futhi entabeni yena
eyedwa. **16** Sekuhlwile, abafundi bakhe behlela
elwandle, **17** sebengenile emkhunjini, beza ngaphetsheya
kolwandle ukuya eKapenawume. Kwasekumnyama,
uJesu wayengafikanga kubo. **18** Lwaseluvuka ulwandle
ngoba umoya olamandla wawuvunguza. **19** Sebegwedlile
amastadiyu angaba ngamatshumi amabili lanhlanu
kumbe amatshumi amathathu, babona uJesu ehamba
phezu kolwandle, esondela emkhunjini; basebesethuka.
20 Kodwa wathi kubo: Yimi, lingesabi. **21** Basebevuma
ukumemukela emkhunjini; njalo wahle wafika umkhumbi
elizweni ababesiya kilo. **22** Kusisa ixuku elalimi
ngaphetsheya kolwandle, libona ukuthi kwakungela
lamunye umkolo lapho ngaphandle kwalowo ababengene
kuwo abafundi bakhe, lokuthi uJesu wayengangenanga
emkolweni labafundi bakhe, kodwa abafundi bakhe
babehambe bodwa, **23** kodwa eminye imikolo evela
eTiberiyasi yafika eduze lendawo lapho ababedle khona
isinkwa, emva kokuthi iNkosi isibongile; **24** ngakho
ixuku selibonile ukuthi uJesu wayengekho lapho loba
abafundi bakhe, bangena labo emikhunjini, bafika
eKapenawume, bedinga uJesu. **25** Bathi sebemtholile
ngaphetsheya kolwandle, bathi kuye: Rabi, ufike nini
lapha? **26** UJesu wabaphendula wathi: Ngiqinisile,
ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: Liyangidinga, kungeyisikho ukuthi
labona izibonakaliso, kodwa ngoba ladla izinkwa lasutha.
27 Lingasebenzeli ukudla okuphelayo, kodwa ukudla
okuhlala kuze kube yimpilo elaphakade, ezalinika
khona iNdodana yomuntu; ngoba yena uNkulunkulu
uYise umphawulile. **(aiōnios g166)** **28** Basebesithi kuye:
Sizakwenzani, ukuze senze imisebenzi kaNkulunkulu?
29 UJesu waphendula wathi kubo: Lo ngumsebenzi
kaNkulunkulu, ukuze likholwe kulowo yena amthumileyo.
30 Ngakho bathi kuye: Pho wena wenza isibonakaliso
bani, ukuze sibone sikholwe kuwe? Usebenzani? **31**
Obaba bethu badla imana enkangala, njengokulotshiweyo
ukuthi: Wabanika isinkwa esivela ezulwini ukuthi badle.
32 UJesu wasesithi kubo: Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi
kini: UMozisi kalinikanga isinkwa esivela ezulwini; kodwa
uBaba ulinika isinkwa soqobo esivela ezulwini. **33**
Ngoba isinkwa sikaNkulunkulu singuye owehla evela
ezulwini esinika impilo emhlabeni. **34** Basebesithi
kuye: Nkosi, sinike lesosinkwa njalonjalo. **35** UJesu
wasesithi kubo: Mina ngiyisinkwa sempilo; lowo oza
kimi, kasoze alambe; lalowo okholwa kimi, kasoze ome
lakanye. **36** Kodwa ngithe kini: Lani lingibonile, kodwa
kalikholwa. **37** Bonke uBaba anginika bona bazakuza
kimi; lozayo kimi angisoze ngimxotshele phandle. **38**
Ngoba ngehlile ezulwini, hatshi ukuthi ngenze intando
yami, kodwa intando yalowo ongithumileyo. **39** Lalokhu
kuyintando kaBaba ongithumileyo, ukuze konke anginike
khona, ngingalahlekelwa lutho kikho, kodwa ngikuvuse
ngosuku lokucina. **40** Lalokhu kuyintando yongithumileyo,
ukuthi wonke obona iNdodana njalo akholwe kuyo, abe
lempilo elaphakade, njalo mina ngizamvusa ngosuku
lokucina. **(aiōnios g166)** **41** Ngalokho amaJuda akhonona
ngaye, ngoba wathi: Mina ngiyisinkwa esehla sivela
ezulwini. **42** Athi-ke: Lo kayisuye yini uJesu indodana
kaJosefa, uyise lonina thina esibaziyo? Pho yena
utsho njani, ukuthi: Ngehle ngivela ezulwini? **43** UJesu
wasephendula wathi kuwo: Lingakhononi phakathi
kwenu. **44** Kakho ongeza kimi, ngaphandle kokuthi
uBaba ongithumileyo amdonse, njalo mina ngizamvusa
ngosuku lokucina. **45** Kulotshiwe kubaprofethiukuthi:
Njalo bonke bazafundiswa nguNkulunkulu. Ngakho
wonke ozwileyo ngoBaba wafunda, uyeza kimi. **46**
Kayisikho ukuthi ukhona obone uBaba, ngaphandle
kwakhe ovela kuNkulunkulu, yena umbonile uBaba.
47 Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: Okholwayo kimi,
ulempilo elaphakade. **(aiōnios g166)** **48** Mina ngiyisinkwa

sempilo. **49** Oyihlo badla imana enkangala, futhi bafa; **50**
lesi yisinkwa esehla sivela ezulwini, ukuze umuntu adle
okwaso angafi. **51** Mina ngiyisinkwa esiphilayo, esehla
sivela ezulwini; uba umuntu esidla lesisinkwa, uzaphila
ephakadeni. Njalo lesinkwa mina engizasinika, siyinyama
yami, mina engizayinikela impilo yomhlaba. **(aiōn g165)**
52 AmaJuda asephikisana esithi: Lo angasinika njani
inyama yakhe siyidle? **53** Ngakho uJesu wathi kuwo:
Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: Ngaphandle kokuthi
lidle inyama yeNdodana yomuntu linathe igazi layo,
kalilampilo phakathi kwenu. **54** Odla inyama yami anathe
igazi lami, ulempilo elaphakade, njalo mina ngizamvusa
ngosuku lokucina. **(aiōnios g166)** **55** Ngoba inyama yami
iyikudla oqotho, legazi lami lingokunathwayo oqotho.
56 Odla inyama yami anathe igazi lami, uhlala kimi,
lami kuye. **57** Njengalokhu uBaba ophilayo engithumile,
lami ngiphila ngoBaba; ngakho ongidlayo, laye uzaphila
ngami. **58** Lesi yisinkwa esehla sivela ezulwini;
akunjengaboyihlo abadla imana, sebafa; odla lesisinkwa,
uzaphila okulaphakade. **(aiōn g165)** **59** Watsho lezizinto
esinagogeni efundisa eKapenawume. **60** Kwathi abanengi
kubafundi bakhe besizwa bathi: Lilukhuni lelilizwi; ngubani
ongalizwa? **61** Kodwa uJesu esazi phakathi kwakhe
ukuthi abafundi bakhe bayasola ngalokhu, wathi kubo:
Lokhu kuyalikhuba yini? **62** Pho, lizathini uba libona
iNdodana yomuntu isenyukela lapho eyayikhona kuqala?
63 KunguMoya ophilisayo, inyama kayisizi lutho; amazwi
mina engiwakhuluma kini, angumoya njalo ayimpilo.
64 Kodwa bakhona abanye kini abangakholwayo.
Ngoba uJesu wayekwazi kusukela ekuqaleni, ukuthi
ngobani abangakholwayo, lokuthi ngubani ozamnikela.
65 Wasesithi: Kungenxa yalokhu ngithe kini: Kakho
ongeza kimi, ngaphandle kokuthi ekunikwe nguBaba. **66**
Kusukela lapho abanengi babafundi bakhe babuyela
emuva, kababe besahamba laye. **67** UJesu wasesithi
kwabalitshumi lambili: Lani lithanda ukuzihambela
yini? **68** USimoni Petro wasemphendula wathi: Nkosi,
sizakuya kubani? Amazwi empilo elaphakade akuwe,
(aiōnios g166) **69** njalo thina siyakholwa, sesisazi ukuthi
wena unguKristu iNdodana kaNkulunkulu ophilayo. **70**
UJesu wabaphendula wathi: Mina kangilikhethanga
yini lina abalitshumi lambili, kodwa omunye wenu
ungudiyabhola? **71** Wayekhuluma ngoJudasi Iskariyothi
kaSimoni; ngoba nguye owayezamnikela, engomunye
wabalitshumi lambili.

7 Njalo emva kwalezizinto uJesu wayehamba eGalili;
ngoba wayengathandi ukuhamba eJudiya, ngenxa
yokuthi amaJuda ayedinga ukumbulala. **2** Wawusondele
umkhosi wamaJuda wokwakha amadumba. **3** Ngakho
abafowabo bathi kuye: Suka lapha, uye eJudiya,
ukuze labafundi bakho babone imisebenzi yakho
oyenzayo. **4** Ngoba kakho owenza ulutho ensitha,
kodwa yena ngokwakhe edinga ukuba sobala. Uba
uzenza lezizinto, ziveze wena emhlabeni. **5** Ngoba
labafowabo babengakholwa kuye. **6** Ngakho uJesu wathi
kubo: Isikhathi sami kasikafiki, kodwa esenu isikhathi
sihlala silungile. **7** Ungelizonde umhlaba lina; kodwa
uyangizonda, ngoba mina ngifakaza ngawo, ukuthi
imisebenzi yawo mibi. **8** Yenyukelani lina emkhosini
lo; mina angikenyukeli kulumkhosi, ngoba isikhathi
sami kasikagcwaliseki. **9** Esetshilo lezizinto kubo,
wahlala eGalili. **10** Kodwa sebenyukile abafowabo, laye
wasesenyukela emkhosini, kungeyisikho obala, kodwa
kungathi kusensitha. **11** AmaJuda asemdinga emkhosini,
athi: Ungaphi yena? **12** Kwakukhona ukukhonona
okukhulu ngaye phakathi kwamaxuku; abanye bathi:
Ulungile. Kodwa abanye bathi: Hatshi, kodwa uyaliduhisa
ixuku. **13** Loba kunjalo kwakungekho muntu owakhuluma
obala ngaye ngokwesaba amaJuda. **14** Kuthe
sekuphakathi komkhosi, uJesu wenyukela ethempelini,
wafundisa. **15** AmaJuda asemangala athi: Lo uyazi
njani imibhalo, engafundanga? **16** UJesu wawaphendula
wathi: Imfundiso yami kayisiyo eyami kodwa ngeyalowo
ongithumileyo. **17** Uba umuntu ethanda ukwenza
intando yakhe, uzakwazi ngemfundiso, ukuthi ivela
kuNkulunkulu, kumbe ngizikhulumela mina ngokwami.
18 Ozikhulumela ngokwakhe, uzidingela udumo lwakhe;
kodwa odinga udumo lwalowo omthumileyo, lowo
uqinisile, njalo kakukho ukungalungi kuye. **19** Kalinikanga
yini uMozisi umlayo, kanti kakho kini ogcina umlayo?
Lidingelani ukungibulala? **20** Ixuku laphendula lathi:
Uledimoni; ngubani odinga ukukubulala? **21** UJesu
waphendula wathi kubo: Ngenze umsebenzi owodwa,
njalo lonke liyamangala. **22** Ngakho uMozisi walinika
ukusoka (kungeyisikho ukuthi kwavela kuMozisi, kodwa
kubobaba), njalo liyamsoka umuntu langesabatha. **23**
Uba ngesabatha umuntu esemukela ukusoka, ukuze
kungephulwa umlayo kaMozisi, lingithukuthelela ngoba
ngaphilisa umuntu ngokupheleleyo ngesabatha yini? **24**
Lingahluleli ngokubona, kodwa yahlulelani ukwahlulela
okuqondileyo. **25** Abanye kwabeJerusalema basebesithi:
Lo kayisuye yini abadinga ukumbulala? **26** Kodwa
khangela ukhuluma obala, kodwa kabatsho lutho kuye.
Kungaba yikuthi ababusi sebesazi oqotho ukuthi lo
unguKristu uqobo yini? **27** Kodwa lo siyazi lapho avela
khona; kodwa uKristu nxa efika, kakho ozakwazi lapho
avela khona. **28** Ngakho uJesu efundisa ethempelini
wamemeza wathi: Lami liyangazi, liyakwazi lalapho
engivela khona; njalo kangizizelanga ngokwami, kodwa
ongithumileyo uqinisile, elingamaziyo lina. **29** Kodwa
ngiyamazi mina, ngoba ngivela kuye, njalo yena
ungithumile. **30** Ngakho badinga ukumbamba, kodwa
kakubanga khona owabeka isandla phezu kwakhe,
ngoba ihola lakhe lalingakafiki. **31** Kodwa abanengi
bexuku bakholwa kuye, bathi: Nxa uKristu esefikile,
uzakwenza yini izibonakaliso ezinengi kulalezi azenzileyo
lo? **32** AbaFarisi bezwa ixuku likhonona lezizinto ngaye;
abapristi abakhulu labaFarisi basebethuma abancedisi

ukuze bambambe. 33 UJesu wasesithi kubo: Ngiselani
okwesikhatshana, besengihamba ngiye kongithumileyo.
34 Lizangidinga, lingangitholi, lalapho mina engikhona,
lina lingeze leza. 35 Ngakho amaJuda akhulumisana
athi: Uzakuya ngaphi lo ukuthi thina singayikumthola?
Kayikuya yini kwabahlakazekileyo bamaGriki, afundise
amaGriki? 36 Yilizwi bani leli alitshoyo elokuthi:
Lizangidinga, aliyikungithola; lelokuthi: Lapho engikhona
mina, lina lingeze leza? 37 Kwathi ngosuku lokucina
olukhulu lomkhosi uJesu wema wamemeza, esithi: Uba
ekhona owomileyo, keze kimi anathe. 38 Okholwa
kimi, njengokutsho kombhalo, kuzageleza kuphuma
esiswini sakhe imifula yamanzi aphilayo. 39 Lalokhu
wakutsho ngoMoya ababezamemukela abakholwa kuye;
ngoba uMoya oNgcwele wayengakafiki, lokhu uJesu
wayengakadunyiswa. 40 Ngakho abanengi bexuku
besizwa lelilizwi bathi: Oqotho lo ungulowomProfethi. 41
Abanye bathi: Lo unguKristu. Kodwa abanye bathi: Kambe
uKristu uzavela eGalili? 42 Kawutsho yini umbhalo ukuthi
uKristu uzavela enzalweni kaDavida, leBhethelehema,
emzaneni lapho uDavida ayekhona? 43 Ngakho kwaba
khona ukwehlukana ngaye phakathi kwexuku. 44 Abanye
babo bafuna ukumbamba, kodwa kakubanga khona
owambeka izandla. 45 Khona abancedisi baya kubapristi
abakhulu lakubaFarisi; bona basebesithi kubo: Kungani
lingamlethanga? 46 Abancedisi baphendula bathi:
Kakuzange kukhulume umuntu kanje, njengalumuntu.
47 AbaFarisi basebebaphendula bathi: Lani seliduhisiwe
yini? 48 Ukhona yini kubabusi kumbe kubaFarisi
okholwe kuye? 49 Kodwa lelixuku elingawaziyo umlayo
liqalekisiwe. 50 UNikodima, lowo oweza kuye ebusuku,
owayengomunye wabo, wathi kubo: 51 Kanti umlayo
wakithi uyamgweba umuntu, ngaphandle kokuthi umuzwe
kuqala ukwazi akwenzayo? 52 Baphendula bathi
kuye: Kanti lawe ungoweGalili? Hlolisisa ubone ukuthi
kakuvukanga umprofethi eGalili. 53 Ngulowo lalowo
wasesuka waya ekhaya.

8 Kodwa uJesu waya entabeni yeMihlwathi. 2 Kwathi
ekuseni kakhulu wabuya weza ethempelini, isizwe
sonke sasesisiza kuye; wasehlala phansi wabafundisa.
3 Ababhali labaFarisi basebeletha kuye owesifazana
owayebanjwe efeba, bammisa phakathi, 4 bathi
kuye: Mfundisi, lo owesifazana ubanjwe eseqotsheni
lokuphinga; 5 lemlayweni uMozisi wasilaya ukuthi abanje
bakhandwe ngamatshe; ngakho wena uthini? 6 Kodwa
batsho lokhu bemlinga, ukuze bazuze okokummangalela
ngakho. Kodwa uJesu ekhothamela phansi, wabhala
emhlabathini ngomunwe, wenza angathi kabezwa.
7 Kwathi bephikelela ukumbuza, walulama wathi
kubo: Ongelasono phakathi kwenu, kaqale ukumjikijela
ngelitshe. 8 Wasebuya ekhothamela phansi wabhala
emhlabathini. 9 Kodwa bona, bekuzwa, balahlwa yisazela
sabo, baphuma ngamunye ngamunye kuqala komdala
kwaze kwaba kowokucina; uJesu wasesala yedwa,
lowesifazana emi phakathi. 10 UJesu waseselulama,
engaboni muntu ngaphandle kowesifazana, wathi kuye:
Mama, bangaphi labo abakumangalelayo? Kakho
okulahlayo yini? 11 Wasesithi: Kakho, Nkosi. UJesu
wasesithi kuye: Lami kangikulahli; hamba ungabe
usona futhi. 12 Ngakho uJesu wakhuluma labo futhi
wathi: Mina ngiyikukhanya komhlaba; ongilandelayo,
kasoze ahambe emnyameni, kodwa uzakuba lokukhanya
kwempilo. 13 Ngakho abaFarisi bathi kuye: Wena
uyazifakazela; ubufakazi bakho kabulaqiniso. 14 UJesu
waphendula wathi kubo: Lanxa ngizifakazela mina,
buqinisile ubufakazi bami; ngoba ngiyazi ukuthi ngivela
ngaphi, lokuthi ngiya ngaphi; kodwa lina kalazi ukuthi
ngivela ngaphi, lokuthi ngiya ngaphi. 15 Lina lahlulela
ngokwenyama; mina kangahluleli muntu. 16 Kodwa uba
lami ngisahlulela, ukwahlulela kwami kuqinisile; ngoba
kangingedwa, kodwa yimi loBaba ongithumileyo. 17 Njalo
emlayweni wenu kulotshiwe ukuthi ubufakazi babantu
ababili bungobuqinisileyo. 18 Mina ngingozifakazelayo,
loBaba ongithumileyo ufakaza ngami. 19 Ngakho
bathi kuye: Ungaphi uYihlo? UJesu waphendula wathi:
Kalingazi mina, loba uBaba. Uba belingazi mina, laye
uBaba belizamazi. 20 UJesu wakhuluma la amazwi
ngasesitsheni somnikelo, efundisa ethempelini; futhi
kakho owambambayo, ngoba ihola lakhe lalingakafiki. 21
Ngakho uJesu wathi kubo futhi: Ngiyahamba mina, njalo
lizangidinga, njalo lizafela esonweni senu; lapho engiya
khona mina, lingeze leza lina. 22 Ngakho amaJuda
athi: Uzazibulala yini? Ngoba uthi: Lapho engiya khona
mina, lingeze leza khona lina. 23 Wasesithi kuwo: Lina
livela phansi, mina ngivela phezulu; lina lingabomhlaba
lo, mina kangisuye owalumhlaba. 24 Ngakho ngithe
kini, lizafela ezonweni zenu; ngoba uba lingakholwa
ukuthi nginguye, lizafela ezonweni zenu. 25 Ngakho
athi kuye: Wena ungubani? UJesu wasesithi kuwo:
Lokho engalitshela khona futhi ekuqaleni. 26 Ngilezinto
ezinengi engilokuzikhuluma ngani lokwahlulela ngazo;
kodwa ongithumileyo uqinisile, lezinto engizizwe kuye
lezi ngizikhuluma emhlabeni. 27 Kawaqedisisanga
ukuthi ukhuluma lawo ngoYise. 28 Ngakho uJesu
wathi kuwo: Nxa seliyiphakamisile iNdodana yomuntu,
khona lizakwazi ukuthi nginguye, njalo kangizenzeli lutho
ngokwami, kodwa ngikhuluma lezizinto njengalokhu
uBaba engifundisile; 29 njalo yena ongithumileyo ulami;
uBaba kangitshiyanga ngedwa, ngoba mina ngihlala
ngisenza lezizinto ezimthokozisayo yena. 30 Esakhuluma
lezizinto abanengi bakholwa kuye. 31 Ngakho uJesu
wathi kumaJuda akholwe kuye: Uba lina lihlala elizwini
lami, lingabafundi bami oqotho; 32 lizalazi iqiniso,
leqiniso lizalikhululula. 33 Amphendula athi: Siyinzalo
kaAbrahama, kasizanga sibe yizigqili zamuntu; wena
utsho njani ukuthi: Lizakuba ngabakhululekileyo? 34
UJesu wawaphendula wathi: Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile,
ngithi kini: Wonke owenza isono uyisigqili sesono. 35

Njalo isigqili kasihlali phakade ekhaya; indodana ihlala
phakade. **(aiōn g165)** **36** Ngakho uba iNdodana ilikhulula,
lizakuba ngabakhululekileyo oqotho. **37** Ngiyazi ukuthi
liyinzalo kaAbrahama; kodwa lidinga ukungibulala, ngoba
ilizwi lami kalilandawo kini. **38** Mina ngikhuluma lokho
engikubonileyo kuBaba; lani-ke lenza lokho elikubonileyo
kuyihlo. **39** Aphendula athi kuye: Ubaba wethu
nguAbrahama. UJesu wathi kuwo: Uba belingabantwana
bakaAbrahama, belizakwenza imisebenzi kaAbrahama.
40 Kodwa khathesi lidinga ukungibulala, umuntu olitshele
iqiniso, engilizwe kuNkulunkulu; lokho uAbrahama
kakwenzanga. **41** Lina lenza imisebenzi kayihlo. Ngakho
athi kuye: Kasizalwanga ngobufebe thina; siloBaba
munye, uNkulunkulu. **42** UJesu wathi kuwo: Uba
uNkulunkulu ubenguYihlo, belizangithanda; ngoba mina
ngiphume ngivela kuNkulunkulu; ngoba kangizizelanga
ngokwami, kodwa yena ungithumile. **43** Kungani
lingaqedisisi inkulumo yami? Ngoba lingeke lilizwe
ilizwi lami. **44** Lina lingabakayihlo udiyabhola, lithanda
ukwenza inkanuko zikayihlo. Yena wayengumbulali
kusukela ekuqaleni, njalo kemi eqinisweni, ngoba
iqiniso kalikho kuye. Nxa eqamba amanga, ukhuluma
ngokwakhe; ngoba engumqambimanga loyise wawo.
45 Mina-ke ngoba ngikhuluma iqiniso, kalingikholwa.
46 Nguwuphi kini ongilahla ngesono? Njalo uba
ngilitshela iqiniso, lina kalingikholwa ngani? **47** Yena
ongokaNkulunkulu uyawezwa amazwi kaNkulunkulu;
kungakho lina lingezwa, ngoba kalisibo abakaNkulunkulu.
48 Ngakho amaJuda aphendula athi kuye: Kasitsho kuhle
yini thina ukuthi wena ungumSamariya, lokuthi uledimoni?
49 UJesu waphendula wathi: Mina kangiladimoni, kodwa
ngiyadumisa uBaba; kodwa lina liyangigcona. **50**
Mina-ke kangizidingeli udumo lwami; ukhona odingayo
lowahlulelayo. **51** Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini:
Uba umuntu elondoloza ilizwi lami, kasoze abone
ukufa laphakade. **(aiōn g165)** **52** Ngakho amaJuda athi
kuye: Khathesi sesisazi ukuthi uledimoni; uAbrahama
wafa, labaprofethi, kodwa wena uthi: Uba umuntu
elondoloza ilizwi lami, kasoze ezwe ukufa laphakade.
(aiōn g165) **53** Wena umkhulu yini kulobaba wethu
uAbrahama, owafayo? Labaprofethi bafa; uzenza bani
wena? **54** UJesu waphendula wathi: Uba ngizidumisa
mina, udumo lwami luyize; nguBaba ongidumisayo,
elitsho ngaye lina ukuthi unguNkulunkulu wenu, **55** njalo
kalimazanga; kodwa mina ngiyamazi, njalo uba ngisithi
kangimazi, ngizakuba ngumqambi wamanga njengani;
kodwa ngiyamazi, ngiyalilondoloza ilizwi lakhe. **56** Uyihlo
uAbrahama wajabula kakhulu ukubona usuku lwami, njalo
walubona wathokoza. **57** Ngakho amaJuda athi kuye:
Kawukabi leminyaka engamatshumi amahlanu, njalo
wena wambona uAbrahama yini? **58** UJesu wathi kuwo:
Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: UAbrahama engakabi
khona, mina ngikhona. **59** Asedobha amatshe ukuze
amjikijele; kodwa uJesu wacatsha, waphuma ethempelini,
edabula phakathi kwawo; wadlula ngokunjalo.

9 Wathi esedlula wabona umuntu oyisiphofu kusukela
ekuzalweni. **2** Abafundi bakhe basebembuza bathi:
Rabi, ngubani owonayo, lo kumbe abazali bakhe, aze
azalwe eyisiphofu? **3** UJesu waphendula wathi: Konanga
lo loba abazali bakhe; kodwa ukuze kubonakaliswe
imisebenzi kaNkulunkulu kuye. **4** Kufanele ngisebenze
imisebenzi yongithumileyo kusesemini; ubusuku buyeza,
lapho okungekho olakho ukusebenza khona. **5**
Ngisekhona emhlabeni, ngiyikukhanya komhlaba. **6**
Esetshilo lezizinto, wakhafulela emhlabathini, wenza
udaka ngamathe, waninda loludaka emehlweni esiphofu,
7 wasesithi kuso: Hamba uyegeza echibini leSilowama
(okuphendulelwa ngokuthi, oThunyiweyo). Ngakho
sahamba sageza, sabuya sesibona. **8** Ngakho
abakhelene laso lalabo ababesibonile ngaphambili
ukuthi sasiyisiphofu, bathi: Kayisuye yini lo owayehlezi
ephanza? **9** Abanye bathi: Lo nguye; kodwa abanye
bathi: Unjengaye. Yena wathi: Nginguye. **10** Ngakho
bathi kuye: Avulwe njani amehlo akho? **11** Yena
waphendula wathi: Umuntu othiwa nguJesu wenze
udaka, waninda amehlo ami, wathi kimi: Hamba
uye echibini leSilowama, ugeze. Njalo ngahamba
ngageza, ngabuye ngabona. **12** Ngakho bathi kuye:
Ungaphi yena? Wathi: Kangazi. **13** Basebemletha
kubaFarisi, lowo owayekade eyisiphofu. **14** Njalo
kwakulisabatha mhla uJesu esenza udaka, evula amehlo
akhe. **15** AbaFarisi labo basebembuza futhi, ukuthi
wemukele njani ukubona. Wasesithi kubo: Ufake udaka
emehlweni ami, ngasengigeza, sengibona. **16** Ngakho
abanye babaFarisi bathi: Lumuntu kaveli kuNkulunkulu,
ngoba kagcini isabatha. Abanye bathi: Umuntu oyisoni
angazenza njani izibonakaliso ezinje? Kwasekusiba
khona ukwehlukana phakathi kwabo. **17** Baphinda
bathi kuso isiphofu: Wena uthini ngaye, lokhu evule
amehlo akho? Wasesithi: Ungumprofethi. **18** AmaJuda-ke
kawakholwanga ngaye, ukuthi wayeyisiphofu usemukele
ukubona, aze abiza abazali bakhe osebuye wabona,
19 asebabuza athi: Lo uyindodana yenu, lina elithi
yazalwa iyisiphofu yini? Pho isibona njani khathesi?
20 Abazali bakhe bawaphendula bathi: Siyazi ukuthi lo
uyindodana yethu, lokuthi wazalwa eyisiphofu; **21** kodwa
ukuthi ubona njani khathesi, kasikwazi; kumbe ngubani
ovule amehlo akhe, thina kasikwazi; yena usekhulile;
mbuzeni, uzazikhulumela yena. **22** Abazali bakhe batsho
lezizinto, ngoba besesaba amaJuda; ngoba amaJuda
ayesevumelene ngokuthi, uba loba engubani ovuma
ukuthi unguKristu, kakhutshwe esinagogeni. **23** Kungakho
abazali bakhe bathi: Usekhulile, mbuzeni. **24** Ambiza-
ke ngokwesibili lowomuntu owayeyisiphofu, athi kuye:
Phana uNkulunkulu udumo; thina siyazi ukuthi lowomuntu
uyisoni. **25** Yena wasephendula esithi: Loba eyisoni
kangazi, kunye engikwaziyo, ukuthi bengiyisiphofu,

khathesi sengibona. **26** Asesithi kuye futhi: Wenzeni
kuwe? Uwavule njani amehlo akho? **27** Wawaphendula
wathi: Sengilitshelile, kodwa kalizwanga, lifunelani
ukuzwa futhi? Liyafisa lani ukuba ngabafundi bakhe
yini? **28** Ngakho amthuka, esithi: Nguwe ongumfundi
wakhe; kodwa thina singabafundi bakaMozisi. **29**
Thina siyazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu wakhuluma loMozisi;
kodwa lo kasimazi lapho avela khona. **30** Umuntu
waphendula wathi kuwo: Ngoba kulokhu kuyisimanga
ukuthi lina kalimazi lapho avela khona, kanti uvule amehlo
ami. **31** Njalo siyazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu kazizwa izoni;
kodwa uba umuntu engokhonza uNkulunkulu, esenza
intando yakhe, uyamuzwa lowo. **32** Loba nini kakukaze
kuzwakale ukuthi kukhona owavula amehlo owazalwa
eyisiphofu. **(aiōn g165)** **33** Uba lo ubengaveli kuNkulunkulu,
ubengebe lamandla okwenza ulutho. **34** Aphendula
athi kuye: Wena wazalelwa esonweni ngokupheleleyo,
njalo wena uyasifundisa yini? Asemxotshela phandle.
35 UJesu wezwa ukuthi amxotshele phandle; kwathi
esemficile, wathi kuye: Wena uyakholwa yini eNdodaneni
kaNkulunkulu? **36** Yena waphendula wathi: Ingubani,
Nkosi, ukuze ngikholwe kuyo? **37** UJesu wasesithi
kuye: Lawe usuyibonile, njalo okhuluma lawe uyiyo. **38**
Wasesithi: Nkosi, ngiyakholwa; wasemkhonza. **39** UJesu
wasesithi: Mina ngizele ukwahlulela kulumhlaba, ukuze
abangaboniyo babone, lalabo ababonayo babe yiziphofu.
40 Lalabo kubaFarisi ababelaye bezwa lezizinto, bathi
kuye: Lathi siyiziphofu yini? **41** UJesu wathi kubo: Uba
beliyiziphofu, ngabe kalilasono. Kodwa khathesi lithi:
Siyabona; ngakho isono senu simi.

10 Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: Ongangeni
ngesango esibayeni sezimvu, kodwa akhwele
kwenye indawo, lowo ulisela lomphangi; **2** kodwa ongena
ngesango ungumelusi wezimvu. **3** Umlindi wesango
uyamvulela, lezimvu ziyalizwa ilizwi lakhe, njalo uyazibiza
ezakhe izimvu ngamabizo, azikhokhelele phandle. **4** Nxa
esezikhuphile ezakhe izimvu, uhamba phambi kwazo;
lezimvu zimlandele, ngoba ziyalazi ilizwi lakhe. **5** Kodwa
owemzini kazisoze zimlandele, kodwa zizambalekela;
ngoba kazilazi ilizwi labemzini. **6** UJesu wakhuluma
lumfanekiso kubo; kodwa bona kabaqedisisanga ukuthi
ziyini izinto azitshoyo kubo. **7** Ngakho uJesu waphinda
wathi kubo: Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: Mina
ngilisango lezimvu; **8** bonke abake bafika phambi kwami
bangamasela labaphangi; kodwa izimvu kazibezwanga. **9**
Mina ngilisango; uba umuntu engena ngami, uzasindiswa,
angene aphume, athole idlelo. **10** Isela kalizi ngaphandle
kokuzakweba lokubulala lokubhubhisa; mina ngizile
ukuze babe lempilo, babe layo iphuphume. **11** Mina
ngingumelusi olungileyo. Umelusi olungileyo uzibekela
phansi izimvu impilo yakhe. **12** Kodwa oqhatshiweyo,
engesuye umelusi, izimvu zingesizo ezakhe, ubona impisi
isiza, atshiye izimvu, abaleke; kuthi impisi izibambe,
izichithachithe izimvu. **13** Oqhatshiweyo uyabaleka-
ke, ngoba engoqhatshiweyo, njalo engazikhathaleli
izimvu. **14** Mina ngingumelusi olungileyo, ngiyazazi
ezami, ngiyaziwa ngezami, **15** njengalokhu uBaba
engazi, lami ngiyamazi uBaba; ngizibekela phansi izimvu
impilo yami. **16** Njalo ngilezinye izimvu, ezingesizo
zalesisibaya; lazo kumele ngizilethe, njalo zizakuzwa
ilizwi lami; njalo kube mhlambi munye, melusi munye.
17 Ngenxa yalokhu uBaba uyangithanda, ngoba mina
ngibeka phansi impilo yami, ukuze ngibuye ngiyithathe.
18 Kakho ongemuka yona, kodwa mina ngiyibeka
phansi ngokwami. Ngilamandla okuyibeka phansi, njalo
ngilamandla okubuya ngiyithathe. Lumlayo ngiwemukele
kuBaba. **19** Ngakho kwaba khona futhi ukwehlukana
phakathi kwamaJuda ngenxa yalamazwi. **20** Labanengi
bawo bathi: Uledimoni futhi uyahlanya; limlalelelani? **21**
Amanye athi: Lamazwi kawasiwo wongenwe lidimoni;
kambe idimoni lingavula amehlo eziphofu yini? **22**
Kwakukhona umkhosi wokuvuselela eJerusalema,
kwakusebusika; **23** uJesu wasehambahamba ethempelini
ekhulusini likaSolomoni. **24** AmaJuda asemhanqa, athi
kuye: Koze kube nini usilibazisa? Uba wena unguKristu,
sitshele ngokucacileyo. **25** UJesu wawaphendula wathi:
Ngalitshela, kodwa kalikholwanga; imisebenzi mina
engiyenza ebizweni likaBaba, yiyo engifakazelayo; **26**
kodwa lina kalikholwa; ngoba kalisibo abezimvu zami,
njengokutsho kwami kini. **27** Izimvu zami ziyalizwa ilizwi
lami, lami ngiyazazi, futhi ziyangilandela; **28** njalo mina
ngizinika impilo elaphakade; futhi kazisoze zabhubha
laphakade, njalo kungekho ozazihluthuna esandleni
sami. **(aiōn g165, aiōnios g166)** **29** UBaba ozinike mina,
mkhulu kulabo bonke; kungekho njalo ongazihluthuna
esandleni sikaBaba. **30** Mina loBaba simunye. **31** Ngakho
amaJuda aphinda athatha amatshe ukuze amkhande
ngawo. **32** UJesu wawaphendula wathi: Ngilitshengise
imisebenzi eminengi emihle evela kuBaba; yiwuphi
umsebenzi kuyo elingikhandela wona ngamatshe? **33**
AmaJuda amphendula athi: Kasikukhandi ngamatshe
ngenxa yomsebenzi omuhle, kodwa ngenxa yenhlamba,
langokuthi wena ungumuntu uzenza uNkulunkulu. **34**
UJesu wawaphendula wathi: Kakulotshiwe yini emlayweni
wenu ukuthi: Mina ngathi: Lingonkulunkulu? **35** Uba
wababiza bona ngokuthi ngonkulunkulu, eleza kubo ilizwi
likaNkulunkulu, njalo umbhalo ungephulwe, **36** lowo
uBaba amehlukanisileyo wamthuma emhlabeni, kanti
lina lithi: Uyahlambaza, ngoba ngithe: NgiyiNdodana
kaNkulunkulu? **37** Uba ngingenzi imisebenzi kaBaba,
kalingakholwa kimi. **38** Kodwa uba ngiyenza, lanxa
lingakholwa kimi, kholwani imisebenzi; ukuze lazi likholwe
ukuthi uBaba ukimi, lami ngikuye. **39** Ngakho adinga
futhi ukumbamba; kodwa waphunyuka esandleni sabo.
40 Wasebuya wasuka waya ngaphetsheya kweJordani
kundawo lapho uJohane ayebhabhathiza khona kuqala;
wasehlala khona. **41** Labanengi beza kuye, bathi:

UJohane kenzanga sibonakaliso; kodwa konke uJohane
akutsho ngalo, kwakuliqiniso. 42 Abanengi basebekholwa
kuye lapho.

11 Kwakukhona-ke othile owayegula othiwa
nguLazaro weBethani, emzaneni kaMariya loMarta
udadewabo. 2 Kwakunguye uMariya owagcoba
iNkosi ngamagcobo, wesula inyawo zayo ngenwele
zakhe, omnewabo uLazaro wayegula. 3 Ngakho
odadewabo bathumela kuye besithi: Nkosi, khangela
lowo omthandayo uyagula. 4 UJesu esezwile wathi:
Lokhu ukugula kakusikho okokufa, kodwa kungokodumo
lukaNkulunkulu ukuze iNdodana kaNkulunkulu idunyiswe
ngakho. 5 UJesu wayebathanda-ke oMarta lodadewabo
loLazaro. 6 Ngakho esezwile ukuthi uyagula, wasehlala
insuku ezimbili endaweni lapho ayekhona. 7 Emva
kwalokhu wasesithi kubafundi: Asiphinde siye eJudiya. 8
Abafundi bathi kuye: Rabi, amaJuda asanda ukudinga
ukukukhanda ngamatshe, njalo uya khona futhi yini? 9
UJesu waphendula wathi: Kawakho amahola alitshumi
lambili emini yini? Nxa umuntu ehamba emini, kakhubeki,
ngoba uyabona ukukhanya kwalumhlaba. 10 Kodwa
uba umuntu ehamba ebusuku, uyakhubeka, ngoba
ukukhanya kakukho kuye. 11 Wakhuluma lezizinto,
emva kwalokhu wasesithi kubo: Umngane wethu
uLazaro uselele; kodwa ngiyahamba ukuze ngimvuse
ebuthongweni. 12 Ngakho abafundi bakhe bathi kuye:
Nkosi, uba elele, uzaphila. 13 Kodwa uJesu wakhuluma
ngokufa kwakhe; kodwa bona bacabanga ukuthi
wakhuluma ngokuphumula kobuthongo. 14 Ngakho
uJesu wasebatshela ngokucacileyo: ULazaro ufile. 15
Njalo ngiyathokoza ngenxa yenu ukuthi bengingekho
lapho, ukuze likholwe; kodwa asiye kuye. 16 Ngakho
uTomasi, othiwa nguDidimusi, wathi kubafundi kanye
laye: Asihambeni lathi, ukuze sife kanye laye. 17 Kwathi
esefika uJesu, wamfica eselensuku ezine engcwabeni.
18 LeBethani yayiseduze leJerusalema, okungaba
ngamastadiyu alitshumi lanhlanu ukusuka lapho; 19
labanengi kumaJuda babefikile kuMarta loMariya, ukuze
babaduduze ngomnewabo. 20 Ngakho uMarta, esezwile
ukuthi uJesu uyeza, wayamhlangabeza; kodwa uMariya
wahlala endlini. 21 UMarta wasesithi kuJesu: Nkosi,
aluba ubukhona lapha, umnewethu ngabe kafanga; 22
kodwa lakhathesi ngiyazi ukuthi loba yini ongayicela
kuNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu uzakunika yona. 23 UJesu
wathi kuye: Umnewenu uzabuya avuke. 24 UMarta wathi
kuye: Ngiyazi ukuthi uzabuya avuke ekuvukeni ngosuku
lokucina. 25 UJesu wathi kuye: Mina ngiyikuvuka
lempilo; okholwa kimi, loba esefile, uzaphila; 26 njalo
wonke ophilayo ekholwa kimi, kasoze afe laphakade.
Uyakukholwa lokhu yini? (aiōn g165) 27 Wathi kuye:
Yebo, Nkosi; mina ngiyakholwa ukuthi wena unguKristu,
iNdodana kaNkulunkulu, obezakuza emhlabeni. 28
Esetshilo lokhu uMarta wasuka, wayabiza udadewabo
uMariya ensitha, wathi: UMfundisi ulapha uyakubiza.
29 Yena-ke esezwile lokhu, wahle wasukuma waya
kuye. 30 Kodwa uJesu wayengakafiki emzaneni, kodwa
wayesendaweni lapho uMarta amhlangabeza khona. 31
Ngakho amaJuda ayesendlini laye emduduza, ebona
uMariya ukuthi wasukuma ngokuphangisa ephuma,
amlandela, esithi: Uya engcwabeni, ukuze akhale
khona. 32 Kwathi uMariya, esefike lapho uJesu akhona,
embona, wawela enyaweni zakhe, esithi kuye: Nkosi,
ngabe ubukhona lapha, umnewethu ngabe kafanga.
33 Ngakho uJesu wathi embona ekhala, lamaJuda
afika laye ekhala, wabubula emoyeni, wazikhathaza,
34 wathi: Limbeke ngaphi? Bathi kuye: Nkosi, woza
ubone. 35 UJesu walila. 36 Ngakho amaJuda athi:
Khangelani ukuthi ubemthanda njani. 37 Kodwa amanye
awo athi: Lo, owavula amehlo esiphofu, ubengekwenze
yini ukuthi lalo angafi? 38 Ngakho uJesu ebubula futhi
phakathi kwakhe wafika engcwabeni. Njalo lalilubhalu,
lelitshe libekwe phezu kwalo. 39 UJesu wathi: Susani
ilitshe. UMarta udadewabo wofileyo wathi kuye: Nkosi,
usenuka; ngoba uselensuku ezine. 40 UJesu wathi kuye:
Kangitshongo yini kuwe, ukuthi uba ukholwa, uzabona
inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu? 41 Balisusa-ke ilitshe, lapho
okwakulele khona ofileyo. UJesu wasephakamisela
amehlo akhe phezulu, wathi: Baba, ngiyakubonga
ngoba wena ungizwile. 42 Kodwa mina bengisazi
ukuthi uyangizwa njalonjalo; kodwa ngenxa yexuku
elingiphahlileyo ngitshilo lokhu, ukuze bakholwe ukuthi
ungithumile. 43 Esetshilo lezizinto, wamemeza ngelizwi
elikhulu wathi: Lazaro, phuma! 44 Wasephuma owayefile,
ebotshiwe inyawo lezandla ngamalembu okuthandela
isidumbu, lobuso bakhe bugoqelwe ngeqhiye. UJesu
wathi kubo: Mthukululeni, limyekele ahambe. 45
Ngakho abanengi kumaJuda, ababeze kuMariya
bebona izinto azenzileyo uJesu, bakholwa kuye. 46
Kodwa abanye babo baya kubaFarisi, babatshela
izinto azenzileyo uJesu. 47 Ngakho abapristi abakhulu
labaFarisi baqoqa umphakathi, bathi: Sizakwenzani?
Ngoba umuntu lo wenza izibonakaliso ezinengi; 48 uba
simyekele njalo, bonke bazakholwa kuye; amaRoma
asezakuza athathe lindawo lesizwe sakithi. 49 Kodwa
omunye wabo, uKayafasi, owayengumpristi omkhulu
ngalowomnyaka, wathi kubo: Kalazi lutho lina, 50
futhi kalinakani ukuthi kusilungele ukuthi umuntu
oyedwa afele abantu, lokuthi isizwe sonke singabhubhi.
51 Kodwa kazitsholongo lokhu ngokwakhe, kodwa
engumpristi omkhulu ngalowomnyaka, waprofetha ukuthi
uJesu uzafela lesosizwe, 52 njalo kungabi yisizwe
kuphela, kodwa ukuze abuthele ndawonye labantwana
bakaNkulunkulu abahlakazekileyo babe munye. 53
Ngakho kusukela kulolosuku benza ndawonye icebo
ukuze bambulale. 54 Ngakho uJesu kabesahamba
obala phakathi kwamaJuda, kodwa wasuka lapho
waya elizweni eliseduze lenkangala, emzini othiwa

yiEfrayimi, wasehlala khona labafundi bakhe. **55**
Laselisondele iphasika lamaJuda; labanengi abavela
emaphandleni benyukela eJerusalema lingakafiki
iphasika, ukuze bazihlambulule. **56** Ngakho bamdinga
uJesu, bekhulumisana bemi ethempelini besithi:
Licabangani? Lithi isibili kayikuza emkhosini yini? **57**
Kodwa bonke abapristi abakhulu labaFarisi babekhuphe
umlayo wokuthi uba ekhona owaziyo lapho akhona,
akubike ukuze bambambe.

12 Kwathi kuselensuku eziyisithupha lingakafiki
iphasika, uJesu wafika eBethani, lapho
okwakuloLazaro khona owayefile, ayemvuse kwabafileyo.
2 Basebemenzela ukudla kwantambama lapho, loMarta
wayesebenza; njalo uLazaro wayengomunye walabo
ababehlezi ekudleni laye. **3** UMariya wasethatha
iphawundi yamagcobo awenadi uqobo adulayo, wagcoba
inyawo zikaJesu, wesula inyawo zakhe ngenwele
zakhe; lendlu yagcwala iphunga lamagcobo. **4**
Ngakho omunye wabafundi bakhe, uJudasi Iskariyothi
kaSimoni, owayezamnikela, wathi: **5** Kungani amafutha
la engathengiswanga ngabodenariyo abangamakhulu
amathathu, kwasekunikwa abayanga? **6** Wakutsho-
ke lokhu, kungeyisikho ukuthi ekhathalele abayanga,
kodwa ngoba wayelisela, wayelesikhwama, ethwala
okwakufakwa phakathi kwaso. **7** UJesu wasesithi:
Myekeleni; uwalondolozele usuku lokungcwatshwa
kwami. **8** Ngoba abayanga lihlala lilabo, kodwa mina
kalihlali lilami. **9** Ngakho ixuku elikhulu lamaJuda lakwazi
ukuthi ulapho; laselisiza kungesikuthi ngenxa kaJesu
kuphela, kodwa lokuthi babone loLazaro, ayemvuse
kwabafileyo. **10** Abapristi abakhulu basebesenza icebo
lokuthi babulale loLazaro; **11** ngoba ngenxa yakhe
amaJuda amanengi asuka, akholwa kuJesu. **12** Kusisa
ixuku elikhulu elalizile emkhosini, lezwa ukuthi uJesu
uyeza eJerusalema, **13** bathatha ingatsha zezihlahla
zelala, baphuma ukuyamhlangabeza, bamemeza besithi:
Hosana! Ubusisiwe ozayo ebizweni leNkosi, iNkosi
kaIsrayeli. **14** UJesu wasefica ithole likababhemi, wahlala
phezu kwalo, njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: **15** Ungesabi,
ndodakazi yeSiyoni; khangela, inkosi yakho iyeza,
ihlezi phezu kwethole likababhemi. **16** Kodwa abafundi
bakhe kabaqedisisanga lezizinto ekuqaleni; kodwa
uJesu esedunyisiwe, basebekhumbula ukuthi lezizinto
zazilotshiwe ngaye, lokuthi babezenzile lezizinto kuye.
17 Ngakho ixuku elalilaye lapho ebiza uLazaro ukuthi
aphume engcwabeni, emvusa kwabafileyo, lafakaza. **18**
Ngenxa yalokhu ixuku laphuma futhi ukuyamhlangabeza,
ngoba lezwa ukuthi wenze lesisibonakaliso. **19** Ngakho
abaFarisi bakhulumisana besithi: Liyabona ukuthi
kalisizi lutho; khangelani umhlaba uyamlandela. **20**
Kwakukhona amaGriki phakathi kwalabo ababenyukelele
ukukhonza emkhosini; **21** wona-ke eza kuFiliphu
oweBhethisayida yeGalili, basebemcela besithi: Nkosi,
sithanda ukubona uJesu. **22** UFiliphu weza watshela
uAndreya; uAndreya loFiliphu basebetshela uJesu
futhi. **23** UJesu wasebaphendula esithi: Ihola selifikile
lokuthi iNdodana yomuntu idunyiswe. **24** Ngiqinisile,
ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: Ngaphandle kokuthi uhlamvu
lwebele luwele emhlabathini lufe, lona luhlala lulodwa;
kodwa aluba lusifa, luthela isithelo sande. **25** Yena
othanda impilo yakhe uyalahlekelwa yiyo; lozonda
impilo yakhe kulumhlaba uzayilondoloza kuze kube
yimpilo engulaphakade. **(aiōnios g166)** **26** Uba umuntu
engisebenzela, kangilandele; lalapho engikhona mina,
lenceku yami izakuba khona. Futhi uba umuntu
engisebenzela, uBaba uzamhlonipha. **27** Khathesi
umphefumulo wami ukhathazekile; sengizathini? Baba,
ngisindise kulelihola. Kodwa ngenxa yalokhu ngifikile
kulelihola. **28** Baba, dumisa ibizo lakho. Kwasekusiza
ilizwi livela ezulwini lisithi: Sengilidumisile, ngizaphinda
ngilidumise. **29** Ngakho ixuku elalimi khona lisizwa lathi
kube lomdumo. Abanye bathi: Ingilosi ikhulume laye.
30 UJesu waphendula wathi: Lelilizwi kalizanga ngenxa
yami, kodwa ngenxa yenu. **31** Khathesi kulesigwebo
salumhlaba; khathesi umbusi walumhlaba uzaxotshelwa
phandle. **32** Mina-ke nxa ngiphakanyiswa emhlabeni,
ngizadonsela bonke kimi. **33** Watsho-ke lokhu etshengisa
uhlobo lokufa ayezakufa ngalo. **34** Ixuku lamphendula
lathi: Thina sezwa emlayweni ukuthi uKristu uhlala
phakade; njalo ungatsho njani ukuthi: INdodana yomuntu
imele ukuphakanyiswa? Ingubani le iNdodana yomuntu?
(aiōn g165) **35** UJesu wasesithi kubo: Kuseyisikhatshana
ukukhanya lilakho. Hambani liselokukhanya, hlezi
umnyama ulehlule; njalo ohamba emnyameni kazi
lapho aya khona. **36** Liselokukhanya, kholwani kukho
ukukhanya, ukuze libe ngabantwana bokukhanya. UJesu
wakhuluma lezizinto, wasuka, wabacatshela. **37** Lanxa
wayenze izibonakaliso ezinengi kangaka phambi kwabo,
kabakholwanga kuye; **38** ukuze ligcwaliseke ilizwi
likaIsaya umprofethi, alikhulumayo elokuthi: Nkosi,
ngubani okholwe intshumayelo yethu? Lengalo yeNkosi
yembulelwa bani? **39** Ngakho babengelakho ukukholwa,
ngoba uIsaya wabuya wathi: **40** Uphumputhekisile
amehlo abo, wayenza lukhuni inhliziyo yabo; ukuze
bangaboni ngamehlo abo, baqedisise ngenhliziyo,
baphenduke, besengibasilisa. **41** UIsaya wakhuluma
lezizinto, lapho ebona inkazimulo yakhe, wakhuluma
ngaye. **42** Loba kunjalo-ke labanengi bababusi bakholwa
kuye; kodwa ngenxa yabaFarisi kabavumanga, ukuze
bangakhutshwa esinagogeni; **43** ngoba bathanda
udumo lwabantu kulodumo lukaNkulunkulu. **44** UJesu
wasememeza esithi: Okholwa kimi, kakholwa kimi,
kodwa kuye ongithumileyo; **45** njalo obona mina, ubona
ongithumileyo. **46** Mina ngizile ngiyikukhanya emhlabeni,
ukuze wonke okholwa kimi, angahlali emnyameni. **47**
Njalo uba ekhona owezwayo amazwi ami angakholwa,
mina kangimgwebi; ngoba kangizanga ukuthi ngigwebe

umhlaba, kodwa ukuze ngisindise umhlaba. **48** Yena
ongalayo engawemukeli amazwi ami, ulaye omgwebayo;
ilizwi esengilikhulumile, lona lizamgweba ngosuku
lokucina. **49** Ngoba mina kangizikhulumelanga ngokwami;
kodwa uBaba ongithumileyo, nguye onginike umlayo,
wokuthi ngizathini lokuthi ngizakhulumani. **50** Njalo
ngiyazi ukuthi umlayo wakhe uyimpilo elaphakade;
ngakho izinto mina engizikhulumayo, njengokutsho
kukaBaba kimi, ngokunjalo ngiyakhuluma. **(aiōnios g166)**

13 Kwathi ungakafiki umkhosi wephasika, uJesu
esazi ukuthi ihola lakhe laselifikile ukuthi
asuke kulumhlaba aye kuYise, esebathandile abakhe
abasemhlabeni, wabathanda kwaze kwaba sekupheleni.
2 Ukudla kwantambama sekwenziwe, udiyabhola
esekufakile enhliziyweni kaJudasi Iskariyothi, kaSimoni,
ukuthi amnikele, **3** uJesu ekwazi ukuthi uYise
unikele izinto zonke ezandleni zakhe, lokuthi wavela
kuNkulunkulu njalo uya kuNkulunkulu, **4** wasukuma
ekudleni kwantambama, wakhupha izembatho zakhe,
wathatha ilembu wazithandela ngalo. **5** Emva kwalokhu
wathela amanzi emganwini, waqala ukugezisa inyawo
zabafundi, lokuzesula ngelembu ayezithandele ngalo.
6 Wasefika kuSimoni Petro; yena wasesithi kuye:
Nkosi, wena ugezisa inyawo zami yini? **7** UJesu
waphendula wathi kuye: Engikwenzayo mina, kawukwazi
khathesi, kodwa uzakwazi emva kwalezizinto. **8** UPetro
wathi kuye: Kawusoze ugezise inyawo zami kuze
kube laphakade. UJesu wamphendula wathi: Uba
ngingakugezisi, kawulasabelo lami. **(aiōn g165)** **9** USimoni
Petro wathi kuye: Nkosi, kakungabi zinyawo zami
zodwa, kodwa lezandla lekhanda. **10** UJesu wathi kuye:
Ogezisiweyo kasweli lutho ngaphandle kokugeziswa
inyawo, kodwa uhlambulukile ngokupheleleyo; lina-
ke lihlambulukile, kodwa-ke kakusini lonke. **11** Ngoba
wayemazi lowo owayezamnikela; ngenxa yalokhu wathi:
Kalihlambulukanga lonke. **12** Esegezisile inyawo zabo,
wathatha izembatho zakhe, wabuya wahlala phansi,
wathi kubo: Liyakwazi yini engikwenze kini? **13** Lina
lingibiza lithi: Mfundisi, lokuthi Nkosi; likutsho kuhle,
ngoba ngiyikho. **14** Ngakho uba mina, iNkosi loMfundisi,
ngigezise inyawo zenu, lani-ke lifanele ukugezisana
inyawo. **15** Ngoba ngilinikile isibonelo, ukuze lenze lani
njengoba mina ngenzile kini. **16** Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile,
ngithi kini: Inceku kayinkulu kulenkosi yayo, lothunyiweyo
kamkhulu kulomthumileyo. **17** Uba lisazi lezizinto,
libusisiwe uba lizenza. **18** Kangikhulumi ngani lonke; mina
ngiyabazi engibakhethileyo; kodwa ukuze kugcwaliseke
umbhalo othi: Odla lami isinkwa ungiphakamisele
isithende sakhe. **19** Sengilitshela kusukela khathesi
kungakenzeki, ukuze, nxa sekusenzeka, likholwe
ukuthi nginguye. **20** Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini:
Owemukela loba ngubani engimthumileyo, wemukela
mina; lowemukela mina, wemukela ongithumileyo.
21 UJesu esetshilo lezizinto wakhathazeka emoyeni,
wafakaza wathi: Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini, omunye
wenu uzanginikela. **22** Ngakho abafundi bakhangelana,
bengaqondi ukuthi ukhuluma ngobani. **23** Kwakweyeme
esifubeni sikaJesu omunye wabafundi bakhe, uJesu
ayemthanda; **24** ngakho uSimoni Petro wamqhweba
ukubuza ukuthi ngubani akhuluma ngaye. **25** Yena-
ke eqamela esifubeni sikaJesu, wathi kuye: Nkosi,
ngubani? **26** UJesu waphendula wathi: Ngulowo mina
engizamnika ucezu sengilutshebile. Kwathi eselutshebile
ucezu, walunika uJudasi Iskariyothi kaSimoni. **27**
Futhi emva kocezu, uSathane wasengena kuye. UJesu
wasesithi kuye: Okwenzayo, kwenze masinyane. **28**
Kodwa kakho kwababehlezi ekudleni owayekwazi ukuthi
ukutsholoni kuye. **29** Ngoba abanye bacabanga ukuthi,
njengoba uJudasi wayelesikhwama, uJesu wathi kuye:
Thenga esikuswelayo emkhosini; loba ukuthi kanike
abayanga okunye. **30** Lowo wathi eselwemukele
ucezu, wahle waphuma; kwakusebusuku. **31** Ngakho
kwathi esephumile, uJesu wathi: Khathesi iNdodana
yomuntu idunyisiwe, loNkulunkulu udunyisiwe kuyo.
32 Uba uNkulunkulu edunyiswe kuyo, loNkulunkulu
uzayidumisa kuye ngokwakhe, njalo uzahle ayidumise.
33 Bantwanyana, ngiselani isikhatshana. Lizangidinga,
futhi njengalokhu ngatsho kumaJuda ukuthi: Lapho mina
engiya khona, lingeze leza lina; ngitsho lakini khathesi. **34**
Ngilinika umlayo omutsha, ukuthi lithandane; njengalokhu
ngilithandile, lani-ke lithandane. **35** Ngalokhu bonke
bazakwazi ukuthi lingabafundi bami, uba lilothando
omunye komunye. **36** USimoni Petro wathi kuye:
Nkosi, uya ngaphi? UJesu wamphendula wathi:
Lapho engiya khona, ungengilandele khathesi, kodwa
uzangilandela emva kwalokhu. **37** UPetro wathi kuye:
Nkosi, ngingekulandele khathesi ngani? Impilo yami
ngizayibekela wena phansi. **38** UJesu wamphendula
wathi: Impilo yakho uzayibekela mina phansi yini?
Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kuwe: Iqhude kalisoze
likhale uze ungiphike kathathu.

14 Inhliziyo yenu kayingakhathazeki; liyakholwa
kuNkulunkulu, kholwani lakimi. **2** Ekhaya likaBaba
kukhona izindlu ezinengi; kodwa uba kwakungenjalo,
ngabe ngalitshela. Ngiyahamba ukuyalilungisela indawo.
3 Njalo nxa ngihamba ngisiyalilungisela indawo,
ngizabuya futhi ngilemukele kimi; ukuze kuthi lapho
mina engikhona, libe khona lani. **4** Lalapho mina engiya
khona liyakwazi, lendlela liyayazi. **5** UTomasi wathi
kuye: Nkosi, kasikwazi lapho oya khona; pho, singayazi
njani indlela? **6** UJesu wathi kuye: Mina ngiyindlela,
leqiniso, lempilo; kakho oza kuBaba, kodwa ngami.
7 Uba belingazile, belizamazi loBaba; njalo kusukela
khathesi liyamazi, selimbonile. **8** UFiliphu wathi kuye:
Nkosi, sitshengise uYihlo, njalo kusanele. **9** UJesu wathi
kuye: Sengilani isikhathi eside kangaka, kawukangazi,

Filiphu? Yena obone mina, ubone uBaba; njalo utsho
njani ukuthi: Sitshengise uYihlo? **10** Kawukholwa
yini ukuthi mina ngikuBaba, loBaba ukimi? Amazwi
mina engiwakhuluma kini, kangizikhulumeli ngokwami;
kodwa uBaba ohlezi kimi, yena wenza imisebenzi.
11 Ngikholwani ukuthi mina ngikuBaba, loBaba ukimi;
njalo uba kungenjalo, ngikholwani ngenxa yemisebenzi
ngokwayo. **12** Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: Okholwa
kimi, imisebenzi engiyenzayo uzayenza laye, lemikhulu
kulale uzayenza; ngoba mina ngiya kuBaba. **13** Njalo loba
yini eliyicelayo ngebizo lami, le ngizayenza, ukuze uYise
adunyiswe eNdodaneni. **14** Uba licela loba yini ebizweni
lami, mina ngizayenza. **15** Uba lingithanda, londolozani
imilayo yami. **16** Lami ngizacela kuBaba, laye uzalinika
omunye uMduduzi, ukuze ahlale lani laphakade, **(aiōn
g165)** **17** uMoya weqiniso, ongememukele umhlaba, ngoba
ungamboni, ungamazi. Kodwa lina liyamazi, ngoba uhlala
lani, njalo uzakuba kini. **18** Kangiyikulitshiya lizintandane;
ngizakuza kini. **19** Kube kanti okwesikhatshana, lomhlaba
kawusayikungibona, kodwa lina lizangibona; ngoba
mina ngiyaphila, lani lizaphila. **20** Ngalolosuku lina
lizakwazi ukuthi mina ngikuBaba, lani likimi, lami ngikini.
21 Olemilayo yami ayilondoloze, nguye ongithandayo;
njalo yena ongithandayo, uzathandwa nguBaba; lami
ngizamthanda, ngizazibonakalisa kuye. **22** UJudasi,
ongesuye uIskariyothi, wathi kuye: Nkosi, kungani
uzazibonakalisa kithi, kodwa kungeyisikho kumhlaba? **23**
UJesu waphendula wathi kuye: Uba umuntu engithanda,
uzalondoloza ilizwi lami, loBaba uzamthanda, njalo
sizakuza kuye, sihlale laye. **24** Yena ongangithandiyo,
kawalondolozi amazwi ami; lelizwi elilizwayo kayisilo
elami, kodwa ngelikaBaba ongithumileyo. **25** Lezizinto
ngizikhulumile kini ngihlezi lani. **26** Kodwa uMduduzi,
uMoya oyiNgcwele, uBaba azamthuma ebizweni lami,
yena uzalifundisa zonke izinto, njalo alikhumbuze
konke engakutshoyo kini. **27** Ukuthula ngikutshiya
kini, ukuthula kwami ngilinika khona; kungeyisikho
njengoba umhlaba unika, mina ngiyalinika. Inhliziyo
yenu kayingakhathazwa, ingesabi. **28** Lizwile ukuthi
mina ngithe kini: Ngiyahamba njalo ngizabuya kini.
Uba belingithanda, belizathokoza, ngoba ngithe: Ngiya
kuBaba; ngoba uBaba mkhulu kulami. **29** Njalo khathesi
ngilitshelile kungakenzeki; ukuze, lapho sekusenzeka,
likholwe. **30** Kangisayikukhuluma okunengi lani; ngoba
umbusi walumhlaba uyeza, kodwa kalalutho kimi;
31 kodwa ukuze umhlaba wazi ukuthi ngiyamthanda
uBaba, lokuthi njengoba uBaba engilayile, ngenze njalo.
Sukumani, sisuke lapha.

15 Mina ngilivini eliqotho, njalo uBaba ungumlimi.
2 Lonke ugatsha olukimi olungatheliyo isithelo,
uyalususa; lalo lonke oluthela isithelo, uyaluthena, ukuze
lwengeze ukuthela. **3** Selihlambululekile lina ngelizwi
engilikhulume kini. **4** Hlalani kimi, lami kini. Njengalokhu
ugatsha lungethele isithelo ngokwalo, uba lungahlali
evinini, ngokunjalo lani lingeke, uba lingahlali kimi. **5**
Mina ngilivini, lina lizingatsha. Lowo ohlala kimi, lami
kuye, yena uyathela isithelo sande; ngoba ngaphandle
kwami lingenze lutho. **6** Uba umuntu engahlali kimi,
ulahlelwa phandle njengogatsha, abe esebuna, bazibuthe
baziphose emlilweni, zitshiswe. **7** Uba lihlala kimi, lamazwi
ami ehlala kini, lizacela elikuthandayo, lizakwenzelwa.
8 UBaba uyadunyiswa ngalokhu, ukuthi lithele isithelo
sande; njalo lizakuba ngabafundi bami. **9** Njengalokhu
uBaba engithandile, lami ngilithandile; hlalani ethandweni
lwami. **10** Uba lilondoloza imilayo yami, lizahlala
ethandweni lwami; njengalokhu mina ngilondoloze imilayo
kaBaba, njalo ngihlala ethandweni lwakhe. **11** Lezizinto
ngizikhulume kini, ukuze intokozo yami ihlale kini, njalo
intokozo yenu igcwale. **12** Lo ngumlayo wami, ukuthi
lithandane, njengalokhu ngilithandile. **13** Kakho olothando
olukhulu kulalolu, lokuthi umuntu ababekele phansi
abangane bakhe impilo yakhe. **14** Lina lingabangane
bami, uba lisenza loba yini mina engililaya yona. **15**
Kangisalibizi ngokuthi lizinceku, ngoba inceku kayikwazi
ukuthi inkosi yayo yenzani; kodwa sengilibize ngokuthi
lingabangane, ngoba konke engikuzwileyo kuBaba
ngilazise khona. **16** Kalingikhethanga lina, kodwa mina
ngilikhethile, njalo ngilimisile, ukuze lina lihambe lithele
isithelo, lesithelo senu sihlale; ukuze loba yini eliyicela
kuBaba ngebizo lami, alinike. **17** Ngililaya lezizinto,
ukuze lithandane. **18** Uba umhlaba ulizonda, yazini
ukuthi wangizonda mina ngaphambi kwenu. **19** Uba
belingabomhlaba, umhlaba ubuzathanda abawo; kodwa
ngoba lingeyisibo abomhlaba, kodwa ngalikhetha mina
emhlabeni, ngakho umhlaba uyalizonda. **20** Khumbulani
ilizwi mina engalitsho kini: Inceku kayinkulu kulenkosi
yayo. Uba bengizingele mina, bazalizingela lani; uba
belondoloza ilizwi lami, bazalondoloza lelenu. **21** Kodwa
bazakwenza konke lokhu ngenxa yebizo lami, ngoba
bengamazi ongithumileyo. **22** Uba bengingafikanga
ngakhuluma labo, ngabe kabalasono; kodwa khathesi
kabalazaba ngesono sabo. **23** Ongizondayo, uzonda
loBaba. **24** Uba bengingenzanga phakathi kwabo
imisebenzi kungekho omunye owayenzayo, ngabe
kabalasono; kodwa khathesi sebeyibonile sebezonde
sonke mina loBaba. **25** Kodwa ukuze ligcwaliseke ilizwi
elilotshiweyo emlayweni wabo elokuthi: Bangizonda
kungelasizatho. **26** Kodwa nxa esefikile uMduduzi,
engizamthuma mina kini evela kuBaba, uMoya weqiniso,
ophuma kuBaba, lo uzangifakazela; **27** lani futhi
lizafakaza, ngoba belilami kusukela ekuqaleni.

16 Lezizinto ngizikhulume kini, ukuze lingakhubeki.
2 Bazalikhupha emasinagogeni; yebo isikhathi
siyeza, lapho wonke olibulalayo ezacabanga ukuthi
wenzela uNkulunkulu inkonzo. **3** Lalezizinto bazazenza
kini, ngoba bengamazanga uBaba loba mina. **4**

Kodwa ngikhulume lezizinto kini, ukuze lapho sesifikile
isikhathi, lizikhumbule ukuthi mina ngalitshela. Kodwa
lezizinto kangizikhulumanga kini kwasekuqaleni, ngoba
bengilani. 5 Kodwa khathesi ngiyahamba ngiya
kongithumileyo, kanti kakho kini ongibuza ukuthi: Uya
ngaphi? 6 Kodwa ngoba ngikhulume lezizinto kini, usizi
lugcwalise inhliziyo yenu. 7 Kodwa mina ngilitshela
iqiniso: Kulilungele ukuthi mina ngihambe; ngoba nxa
ngingahambi, uMduduzi kayikuza kini; kodwa nxa
ngihamba, ngizamthuma kini. 8 Njalo nxa esefikile
yena uzaqinisekisa umhlaba ngesono langokulunga
langesigwebo; 9 ngesono, ngoba kabakholwa kimi; 10
langokulunga, ngoba ngiya kuBaba, kalisayikungibona; 11
langesigwebo, ngoba umbusi walumhlaba usegwetshiwe.
12 Ngiseselezinto ezinengi engingalitshela zona, kodwa
lingezithwale khathesi; 13 kodwa nxa yena esefikile,
uMoya weqiniso, uzalikhokhelela eqinisweni lonke;
ngoba kayikuzikhulumela ngokwakhe, kodwa loba yini
ayizwayo uzayikhuluma, alibikele izinto ezizayo. 14
Yena uzangidumisa, ngoba uzathatha okungokwami,
alibikele khona. 15 Konke uBaba alakho, kungokwami;
yikho-ke ngisithi uzathatha okungokwami, alibikele
khona. 16 Okwesikhatshana futhi kaliyikungibona,
kubuye kube yisikhatshana libe selingibona, ngoba
mina ngiya kuBaba. 17 Ngakho abanye kubafundi
bakhe bakhulumisana besithi: Kuyini lokho akutsho
kithi: Okwesikhatshana, futhi kaliyikungibona, kubuye
kube yisikhatshana libe selingibona; lokuthi: Ngoba mina
ngiya kuBaba? 18 Basebesithi: Kuyini lokhu akutshoyo
ukuthi: Okwesikhatshana? Kasazi ukuthi utshoni. 19
UJesu wayesesazi ukuthi babethanda ukumbuza,
wasesithi kubo: Liyabuzana ngalokho yini, ukuthi
ngithe: Okwesikhatshana futhi kaliyikungibona, kubuye
kube yisikhatshana libe selingibona? 20 Ngiqinisile,
ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: Lina lizakhala lilile, kodwa umhlaba
uzathokoza; futhi lizakuba losizi lina, kodwa usizi lwenu
luzaphendulwa lube yintokozo. 21 Owesifazana nxa
ebeletha ulobuhlungu, ngoba ihola lakhe selifikile; kodwa
nxa esebelethe usane, kasakhumbuli ubuhlungu, ngenxa
yentokozo yokuthi kuzelwe umuntu emhlabeni. 22 Ngakho
lani-ke lilosizi khathesi; kodwa ngizabuya ngilibone,
lenhliziyo yenu ithokoze, njalo kakho ongalemuka
intokozo yenu. 23 Langalolosuku kaliyikungibuza
lutho. Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile, ngithi kini: Loba kuyini
elizakucela kuBaba ebizweni lami uzalinika. 24 Kuze
kube khathesi kalicelanga lutho ebizweni lami; celani,
lizakwemukeliswa, ukuze intokozo yenu igcwale. 25
Ngikhulume izinto lezi kini ngemifanekiso; kodwa isikhathi
siyeza lapho ngingasayikukhuluma kini ngemifanekiso,
kodwa ngizalitshela ngoBaba ngokucacileyo. 26
Ngalolosuku lizacela ebizweni lami; njalo kangitsho kini
ukuthi ngizalicelela mina kuBaba; 27 ngoba uBaba uqobo
uyalithanda, ngoba lina lingithandile, likholiwe ukuthi
mina ngiphume kuNkulunkulu. 28 Ngiphume kuBaba,
njalo ngeza emhlabeni; ngiyasuka futhi emhlabeni, ngiya
kuBaba. 29 Abafundi bakhe bathi kuye: Khangela khathesi
ukhuluma ngokucacileyo, njalo kawukhulumi lamfanekiso.
30 Khathesi siyazi ukuthi uyazi izinto zonke, njalo
kawudingi ukuthi umuntu akubuze; ngalokhu siyakholwa
ukuthi uphume kuNkulunkulu. 31 UJesu wabaphendula
wathi: Selikholwa yini? 32 Khangelani, ihola liyeza, yebo
selifikile, elokuthi lihlakazeke ngulowo lalowo aye kubo,
lingitshiye ngingedwa; kanti kangingedwa, ngoba uBaba
ulami. 33 Ngikhulume lezizinto kini, ukuze libe lokuthula
kimi. Emhlabeni lizakuba lenhlupheko; kodwa manini
isibindi, mina ngiwunqobile umhlaba.

17 UJesu wakhuluma lezizinto, waphakamisela
amehlo akhe ezulwini, wathi: Baba, ihola selifikile;
dumisa iNdodana yakho, ukuze layo iNdodana yakho
ikudumise; 2 njengoba uyinikile amandla phezu kwayo
yonke inyama, ukuze bonke obanike yona, ibanike
impilo elaphakade. **(aiōnios g166)** 3 Lalokhu yimpilo
elaphakade, ukuthi bazi wena uNkulunkulu wedwa
weqiniso, loJesu Kristu omthumileyo. **(aiōnios g166)** 4
Mina ngikudumisile emhlabeni; ngiwuqedile umsebenzi
obunginike wona ukuthi ngiwenze; 5 khathesi-ke
ngidumise wena, Baba, ngilawe uqobo ngenkazimulo
engangilayo kanye lawe ungakabi khona umhlaba. 6
Ngilibonakalisile ibizo lakho ebantwini onginike bona
bevela emhlabeni; babengabakho, njalo wanginika bona;
balilondolozile ilizwi lakho. 7 Khathesi sebesazi ukuthi
konke, loba yikuphi onginike khona, kuvela kuwe;
8 ngoba amazwi onginike wona, ngibanikile wona;
bawemukela, njalo bayazi ngeqiniso ukuthi ngiphuma
kuwe, bakholiwe ukuthi ungithumile wena. 9 Mina
ngiyabakhulekela bona; kangikhulekeli umhlaba, kodwa
labo onginike bona, ngoba bangabakho; 10 njalo konke
okwami kungokwakho, lokwakho kungokwami; njalo
ngidunyisiwe kubo. 11 Njalo kangisekho emhlabeni,
kodwa basemhlabeni bona, njalo mina ngiyeza kuwe.
Baba oNgcwele, balondoloze ebizweni lakho labo
onginike bona, ukuze babe munye, njengathi. 12 Lapho
ngiselabo emhlabeni, mina ngabalondoloza ebizweni
lakho; labo onginike bona ngibalindile, njalo kakho
kubo olahlekileyo, ngaphandle kwendodana yokulahlwa,
ukuze kugcwaliseke umbhalo. 13 Kodwa khathesi
ngiza kuwe, njalo lezizinto ngizikhuluma emhlabeni,
ukuze babe lentokozo yami igcwalisekile kubo. 14 Mina
ngibanikile ilizwi lakho, lomhlaba ubazondile, ngoba
bengeyisibo abomhlaba, njengoba mina ngingesuye
owomhlaba. 15 Kangiceli ukuthi ubasuse emhlabeni,
kodwa ukuze ubalondoloze kokubi. 16 Kabasibo
abomhlaba, njengalokhu mina ngingesuye owomhlaba.
17 Bangcwelise eqinisweni lakho; ilizwi lakho liliqiniso. 18
Njengalokhu wangithuma emhlabeni, lami ngibathumile
emhlabeni. 19 Njalo mina ngizehlukanisela bona, ukuze
labo behlukaniswe eqinisweni. 20 Njalo kangiceleli laba
bodwa, kodwa lalabo abazakholwa kimi ngelizwi labo;

21 ukuze bonke babe munye; njengalokhu wena, Baba,
ukimi, lami ngikuwe, ukuze labo babe munye kithi;
ukuze umhlaba ukholwe ukuthi wena ungithumile. 22
Lenkazimulo mina onginike yona, ngibanikile bona, ukuze
babe munye, njengathi simunye. 23 Mina ngikubo, lawe
ukimi, ukuze bapheleliswe babe munye, lokuze umhlaba
wazi ukuthi wena ungithumile, lokuthi ubathandile,
njengalokhu ungithandile. 24 Baba, labo onginike bona,
ngithanda ukuthi lapho mina engikhona, labo babe
lami; ukuze babone inkazimulo yami, onginike yona,
ngoba wangithanda kungakasekelwa umhlaba. 25 Baba
olungileyo, ngitsho umhlaba kawukwazanga, kodwa
mina ngikwazile, lalaba bayazi ukuthi wena ungithumile;
26 njalo ngibazisile ibizo lakho, njalo ngizabazisa lona;
ukuze uthando ongithande ngalo lube kubo, lami kubo.

18 UJesu esekhulumile lezizinto waphuma kanye
labafundi bakhewaya ngaphetsheya kwesifudlana
iKidroni, lapho okwakukhona isivande, angena kuso yena
labafundi bakhe. 2 Njalo uJudasi laye, owamnikelayo,
wayeyazi lindawo; ngoba uJesu wayebuthana khona
labafundi bakhe kanengi. 3 Ngakho uJudasi,
esethethe isigaba samabutho, labancedisi abavela
kubapristi abakhulu labaFarisi, waya khona belezibane
lamalambi lezikhali. 4 Kwathi uJesu, ekwazi konke
okwakuzamehlela, waphuma wathi kubo: Lidinga bani?
5 Bamphendula bathi: UJesu weNazaretha. UJesu
wathi kubo: Mina nginguye. LoJudasi owamnikelayo
laye wayemi labo. 6 Ngakho kuthe esithi kubo:
Mina nginguye; bahlehla nyovane, bawela phansi. 7
Wasephinda wababuza wathi: Lidinga bani? Basebesithi:
UJesu weNazaretha. 8 UJesu waphendula wathi:
Ngilitshelile ukuthi mina nginguye; ngakho uba lidinga
mina, yekelani laba bahambe; 9 ukuze ligcwaliseke
ilizwi ayelikhulumile elokuthi: Kulabo owanginika bona,
angilahlekelwanga lamunye wabo. 10 Kwathi uSimoni
Petro elenkemba wayihwatsha, wagadla inceku yompristi
omkhulu, waquma indlebe yayo yokunene. Lebizo
lenceku lalinguMalikusi. 11 UJesu wasesithi kuPetro:
Faka inkemba yakho esikhwameni; inkezo uBaba
anginike yona, kangiyikuyinatha yini? 12 Ngakho isigaba
samabutho lenduna labancedisi bamaJuda bambamba
uJesu, bambopha, 13 basebemusa kuqala kuAnasi;
ngoba wayenguyisezala kaKayafasi, owayengumpristi
omkhulu ngalowomnyaka. 14 Kwakunguye uKayafasi
owayecebise amaJuda, ukuthi kwakulungile ukuthi
umuntu oyedwa afele isizwe. 15 USimoni Petro
wasemlandela uJesu, lomunye umfundi. Lalowomfundi
wayesaziwa ngumpristi omkhulu, wangena loJesu
egumeni lompristi omkhulu; 16 kodwa uPetro
wayemi ngaphandle emnyango. Wasephuma lowomfundi
omunye owayesaziwa ngumpristi omkhulu, wasekhuluma
lomlindisangokazi, wamngenisa uPetro. 17 Incekukazi
encane engumlindisango yasisithi kuPetro: Kawusuye
lawe omunye wabafundi balumuntu yini? Yena wathi:
Kangisuye. 18 Njalo izinceku labancedisi babemi bebase
umlilo wamalahle, ngoba kwakumakhaza, njalo besotha;
uPetro laye wayemi labo esotha. 19 Umpristi omkhulu
wasembuza uJesu ngabafundi bakhe, langemfundiso
yakhe. 20 UJesu wamphendula wathi: Mina ngikhulume
obala emhlabeni; ngezikhathi zonke mina bengifundisa
esinagogeni lethempelini, lapho amaJuda abuthana
khona ngesikhathi sonke, njalo kangikhulumanga lutho
ensitha. 21 Ubuzelani kimi? Buza labo abakuzwayo
lokho engakukhuluma labo; khangela, bona bayazazi
izinto mina engazitshoyo. 22 Kwathi esetshilo lezizinto,
omunye wabancedisi owayemi khona wamwakala uJesu,
esithi: Kanti uphendula njalo umpristi omkhulu? 23
UJesu wamphendula wathi: Uba ngikhulume kubi,
fakaza ngobubi; kodwa uba kuhle, ungitshayelani? 24
UAnasi wasemthuma ebotshiwe kuKayafasi umpristi
omkhulu. 25 Kodwa uSimoni Petro wayemi esotha;
basebesithi kuye: Kawusuye lawe omunye wabafundi
bakhe yini? Waphika yena, wathi: Kangisuye. 26 Omunye
wezinceku zompristi omkhulu, oyisinini somuntu uPetro
aquma indlebe yakhe, wathi: Mina kangikubonanga yini
esivandeni ulaye? 27 UPetro wasebuya ephika; njalo lahle
lakhala iqhude. 28 Basebemkhupha uJesu kuKayafasi
bamusa endlini yombusi; njalo kwakusekuseni, kodwa
kabangenanga bona endlini yombusi, ukuze bangangcoli,
kodwa ukuze badle iphasika. 29 Ngakho uPilatu
waphumela kubo, wathi: Limbeka cala bani lumuntu?
30 Basebephendula bathi kuye: Uba lo ubengesuye
owenza okubi, ngabe kasimnikelanga kuwe. 31 UPilatu
wasesithi kubo: Mthatheni lina, limahlulele njengomlayo
wakini. Ngakho amaJuda athi kuye: Kakuvunyelwa
kithi ukubulala umuntu; 32 ukuze kugcwaliseke
ilizwi uJesu alikhulumayo, ukutshengisa uhlobo lokufa
ayezakufa ngalo. 33 Ngakho uPilatu wabuye wangena
endlini yombusi, wambiza uJesu, wathi kuye: Wena
uyiNkosi yamaJuda yini? 34 UJesu wamphendula
wathi: Uyazitsholo lokhu wena yini, kumbe abanye
bakutshelile ngami? 35 UPilatu waphendula wathi: Kanti
ngingumJuda mina? Isizwe sakini labapristi abakhulu
bakunikele kimi; wenzeni? 36 UJesu waphendula wathi:
Umbuso wami kawusiwo walumhlaba; uba umbuso wami
ubungowalumhlaba, inceku zami bezizakulwa, ukuze
nginganikelwa kumaJuda; kodwa khathesi umbuso wami
kawusiwo owalapha. 37 UPilatu wasesithi kuye: Ngakho
uyinkosi yini? UJesu waphendula wathi: Uyatsho wena,
ukuthi mina ngiyinkosi. Mina ngazalelwa lokhu, njalo
ngizele lokhu emhlabeni, ukuze ngifakazele iqiniso.
Wonke oweqiniso uyalizwa ilizwi lami. 38 UPilatu
wathi kuye: Liyini iqiniso? Kwathi esetshilo lokhu,
wabuya waphumela kumaJuda, wathi kuwo: Mina
kangitholi lacala kuye. 39 Kodwa lilomkhuba, wokuthi
ngilikhululele omunye ngephasika; ngakho liyathanda
ukuthi ngilikhululele iNkosi yamaJuda yini? 40 Wonke

asememeza futhi, athi: Hatshi lo, kodwa uBarabasi;
kodwa uBarabasi wayengumphangi.

19 Ngakho uPilatu wamthatha uJesu, wamtshaya
ngesiswepu. **2** Labebutho beluka umqhele
wameva bawubeka ekhanda lakhe, bamgqokisa
isembatho esiyibubende, **3** basebesithi: Bayethe, Nkosi
yamaJuda! Basebemtshaya ngempama. **4** UPilatu
wasebuya waphumela phandle, wathi kubo: Khangelani,
ngiyamkhuphela phandle kini, ukuze lazi ukuthi kangitholi
lacala kuye. **5** UJesu wasephumela phandle, ethwele
umqhele wameva embethe isembatho esiyibubende.
UPilatu wasesithi kubo: Khangelani lumuntu! **6** Kwathi
abapristi abakhulu labancedisi bembona, bamemeza
bathi: Bethela, bethela! UPilatu wathi kubo: Mthatheni lina,
limbethele; ngoba mina kangitholi cala kuye. **7** AmaJuda
amphendula athi: Silomlayo thina, langokomlayo wethu
ufanele ukufa, ngoba uzenze iNdodana kaNkulunkulu.
8 Kwathi uPilatu esizwa lelolizwi, wesaba kakhulu, **9**
wangena futhi endlini yombusi, wathi kuJesu: Uvela
ngaphi wena? Kodwa uJesu kamnikanga mpendulo.
10 Khona uPilatu wathi kuye: Kawukhulumi lami yini?
Kawazi yini ukuthi ngilamandla okukubethela, njalo
ngilamandla okukukhulula? **11** UJesu wamphendula
wathi: Ungeke ube lamandla phezu kwami, uba
ungawanikwanga evela phezulu; ngakho onginikele
kuwe ulesono esikhulu. **12** Kusukela lapho uPilatu
wadinga ukumkhulula. Kodwa amaJuda amemeza athi:
Uba ukhulula lo, kawusuye umngane kaKesari; wonke
ozenza inkosi, uphikisana loKesari. **13** Kwathi uPilatu
esizwa lelilizwi wamkhuphela phandle uJesu, wahlala
phansi esihlalweni sokwahlulela, endaweni ebizwa
ngokuthi Gandelwe ngaMatshe, kodwa ngesiHebheru
yiGabatha; **14** njalo kwakungamalungiselelo ephasika,
njalo kwakungaba lihola lesithupha; wasesithi kumaJuda:
Khangelani inkosi yenu! **15** Kodwa amemeza athi:
Susa, susa, mbethele! UPilatu wathi kuwo: Ngibethele
yini inkosi yenu? Abapristi abakhulu baphendula
bathi: Kasilankosi ngaphandle kukaKesari. **16** Ngakho
wasemnikela kubo, ukuze abethelwe. Basebemthatha
uJesu bamqhuba. **17** Kwathi ethwele isiphambano sakhe
waphuma waya endaweni ethiwa yiNdawo yokhakhayi,
ethiwa ngesiHebheru yiGolgotha; **18** lapho abambethela
khona, labanye ababili kanye laye, ngapha langapha,
loJesu ephakathi. **19** UPilatu wasebhala lesaziso,
wasiphanyeka esiphambanweni; njalo kwakubhalwe
ukuthi: UJESU UMNAZARETHA INKOSI YAMAJUDA.
20 Lalesisaziso abanengi bamaJuda basifunda, ngoba
indawo lapho uJesu ayebethelwe khona yayiseduze
lomuzi; njalo kwakubhalwe ngesiHebheru, ngesiGriki,
langesiRoma. **21** Abapristi abakhulu bamaJuda
basebesithi kuPilatu: Ungabhali ukuthi: INkosi yamaJuda;
kodwa ukuthi lo wathi: NgiyiNkosi yamaJuda. **22**
UPilatu waphendula wathi: Engikubhalileyo, ngikubhalile.
23 Kwathi abebutho, sebembethele uJesu, bathatha
izembatho zakhe, basebezenza izabelo ezine,
ngulowo lalowo owebutho waba lesabelo, lesigqoko;
kodwa isigqoko sasingelamthungo, selukiwe sonke
kusukela phezulu. **24** Ngakho bakhulumisana besithi:
Kasingasidabuli, kodwa asisenzele inkatho, ukuthi
sizakuba ngesikabani; ukuze kugcwaliseke umbhalo othi:
Babelana izembatho zami, benza inkatho yokuphosa
ngesigqoko sami. Azenza-ke lezizinto amabutho. **25**
Kwakumi esiphambanweni sikaJesu unina, lodadewabo
kanina, uMariyaumkaKlophasi, loMariya Magadalena.
26 Ngakho uJesu ebona unina, lomfundi amthandayo
emi khona, wathi kunina: Mama, khangela indodana
yakho. **27** Emva kwalokho wathi kumfundi: Khangela
unyoko. Kusukela ngalelohola lowomfundi wamthatha
wamusa kwakhe. **28** Emva kwalokhu uJesu ekwazi
ukuthi konke kwasekuphelile, ukuze kugcwaliseke
umbhalo, wathi: Ngomile. **29** Kwakubekwe isitsha
sigcwele iviniga; basebegcwalisa uzipho ngeviniga,
baluhloma kuhisope, balusa emlonyeni wakhe. **30**
Kwathi-ke uJesu elemukele iviniga, wathi: Kuphelile;
wasekhothamisa ikhanda, wanikela umoya. **31**
Ngakho amaJuda, ngoba kwakungamalungiselelo, ukuze
izidumbu zingahlali esiphambanweni ngesabatha (ngoba
lolosuku lwesabatha lwalulukhulu), acela uPilatu ukuthi
yephulwe imilenze yabo, njalo basuswe. **32** Ngakho
abebutho beza, bephula imilenze yowokuqala leyomunye
ababebethelwe laye; **33** kodwa sebefika kuJesu,
kwathi bebona ukuthi wayesefile, kabayephulanga
imilenze yakhe; **34** kodwa omunye webutho wamgwaza
ngomkhonto ehlangothini, njalo kwahle kwaphuma
igazi lamanzi. **35** Yena owabonayo ufakazile, njalo
ubufakazi bakhe buqinisile, yena-ke uyazi ukuthi
ukhuluma okuliqiniso, ukuze lina likholwe. **36** Ngoba
lezizinto zenzeka ukuze kugcwaliseke umbhalo othi:
Kakuyikwephulwa thambo lakhe. **37** Njalo lomunye
umbhalo uthi: Bazamkhangela abamgwazileyo. **38**
Kwathi emva kwalezizinto uJosefa weArimathiya,
owayengumfundi kaJesu, kodwa ngasese ngenxa
yokwesaba amaJuda, wacela kuPilatu ukuthi asuse
isidumbu sikaJesu; futhi uPilatu wavuma. Ngakho
weza wasisusa isidumbu sikaJesu. **39** Kwasekusiza
loNikodima, owafika kuJesu kuqala ebusuku, ephethe
inhlanganiso yemure lenhlaba engaba amaphawundi
alikhulu. **40** Basebesithatha isidumbu sikaJesu,
basibopha ngamalembu acolekileyo kanye lamakha,
njengomkhuba wamaJuda wokungcwaba. **41** Njalo
kwakukhona kuleyondawo ayebethelwe khona isivande,
lesivandeni kwakulengcwaba elitsha, okwakungazange
kubekwe muntu kulo. **42** Basebembeka lapho uJesu
ngenxa yamalungiselelo amaJuda, ngoba ingcwaba
laliseduze.

20 Kwathi ngolokuqala lweviki uMariya Magadalena
wafika engcwabeni ekuseni kakhulu,

kusesemnyama, wabona ilitshe lisusiwe engcwabeni.
2 Ngakho wagijima weza kuSimoni Petro lakomunye
umfundi uJesu ayemthanda, wathi kubo: Bayisusile
iNkosi engcwabeni, njalo kasazi lapho abayibeke khona.
3 Ngakho uPetro waphuma lomunye umfundi, bafika
engcwabeni. 4 Basebegijima bobabili kanyekanye;
omunye umfundi wasegijima phambili ngesiqubu
kuloPetro, wafika kuqala engcwabeni. 5 Kwathi
ekhothama elunguza wabona amalembu acolekileyo
endlelwe, kodwa kangenanga. 6 USimoni Petro wasefika
emlandela, wangena engcwabeni, wabona amalembu
acolekileyo endlelwe, 7 lelembu lobuso elalisekhanda
lakhe, lingabekwanga lamalembu acolekileyo, kodwa
lendluliwe lisendaweni yalo lodwa. 8 Ngakho wasengena
laye omunye umfundi owayefike kuqala engcwabeni,
wabona, wakholwa; 9 ngoba babengakaqedisisi
umbhalo, ukuthi ubemele ukuvuka kwabafileyo. 10
Basebesuka futhi abafundi baya kubo. 11 Kodwa uMariya
wema engcwabeni phandle ekhala; kwathi esakhala,
wakhothama walunguza engcwabeni, 12 wasebona
ingilosi ezimbili zembethe ezimhlophe zihlezi, enye
ingasekhanda, lenye ingasenyaweni, lapho isidumbu
sikaJesu ebesilele khona. 13 Zona zasezisithi kuye:
Mama, ukhalelani? Wathi kuzo: Ngoba bayithethe
iNkosi yami, njalo kangazi lapho abayibeke khona.
14 Kwathi esetshilo lezizinto watshibilika, wabona
uJesu emi, kodwa wayengazi ukuthi nguJesu. 15
UJesu wathi kuye: Mama, ukhalelani? Udinga bani?
Yena ecabanga ukuthi ngumphathi wesivande, wathi
kuye: Nkosi, uba wena umsusile, ngitshele lapho
ombeke khona, mina-ke ngizamthatha. 16 UJesu
wathi kuye: Mariya! Yena watshibilika wathi kuye:
Raboni! okuyikuthi: Mfundisi. 17 UJesu wathi kuye:
Ungangibambi, ngoba kangikenyukeli kuBaba; kodwa
yana kubafowethu, uthi kubo: Ngiyenyukela kuBaba
loYihlo, lakuNkulunkulu wami loNkulunkulu wenu. 18
UMariya Magadalena weza wababikela abafundi ukuthi
uyibonile iNkosi, njalo imtshele lezizinto. 19 Kwathi
kusihlwa ngalolosuku, olokuqala lweviki, leminyango
ivaliwe lapho abafundi ababehlangene khona, ngenxa
yokwesaba amaJuda, uJesu wafika wema phakathi,
wathi kubo: Ukuthula kakube kini. 20 Njalo esetshilo
lokhu wabatshengisa izandla zakhe lohlangothi lwakhe.
Ngakho abafundi bathokoza beyibona iNkosi. 21
UJesu wasebuya esithi kubo: Ukuthula kakube kini;
njengoba uBaba engithumile, lami ngiyalithuma. 22
Kwathi esetshilo lokhu waphephetha phezu kwabo wathi
kubo: Yemukelani uMoya oNgcwele. 23 Loba ngobani
elithethelela izono zabo, bathethelelwe; loba ngobani
elibamba ezabo, zibanjiwe. 24 Kodwa uTomasi, omunye
wabalitshumi lambili, othiwa nguDidimusi, wayengekho
labo mhla uJesu efika. 25 Ngakho abanye abafundi
bathi kuye: Siyibonile iNkosi. Kodwa yena wathi kubo:
Uba ngingaboni ezandleni zayo amanxeba ezipikili, njalo
ngifake umunwe wami enxebeni lezipikili, njalo ngibeke
izandla zami ehlangothini lwayo, kangisoze ngikholwe.
26 Njalo emva kwensuku eziyisificaminwembili abafundi
bakhe babephakathi futhi, loTomasi elabo. UJesu
wafika, iminyango ivaliwe, wema phakathi wathi:
Ukuthula kakube kini. 27 Wasesithi kuTomasi: Letha
umunwe wakho lapha, ubone izandla zami; njalo letha
isandla sakho, usifake ehlangothini lwami; njalo ungabi
ngongakholwayo, kodwa okholwayo. 28 UTomasi
wasephendula, wathi kuye: Nkosi yami loNkulunkulu
wami! 29 UJesu wathi kuye: Ngoba usungibonile,
Tomasi, ukholiwe; babusisiwe abangabonanga, kanti
bakholiwe. 30 Njalo uJesu wazenza lezinye izibonakaliso
ezinengi phambi kwabafundi bakhe, ezingalotshwanga
kulolugwalo. 31 Kodwa lezi zilotshiwe, ukuze likholwe
ukuthi uJesu unguKristu iNdodana kaNkulunkulu, njalo
ukuze lithi, likholwa, libe lempilo ebizweni lakhe.

21 Emva kwalezizinto uJesu wabuya wazibonakalisa
kubafundi elwandle lweTiberiyasi; njalo
wazibonakalisa ngalindlela. 2 Babendawonye oSimoni
Petro, loTomasi othiwa nguDidimusi, loNathaniyeli
oweKana yeGalili, lamadodana kaZebediya, labanye
ababili babafundi bakhe. 3 USimoni Petro wathi
kubo: Ngiyagola inhlanzi. Bathi kuye: Lathi sizahamba
lawe. Basebephuma bahle bangena emkhunjini,
kodwa ngalobobusuku kababambanga lutho. 4 Kwathi
sekusemadabukakusa uJesu wema ekhunjini; kodwa
abafundi babengazi ukuthi nguJesu. 5 Ngakho uJesu
wathi kubo: Bantwana, lilokudla yini? Bamphendula
bathi: Hatshi. 6 Wasesithi kubo: Phosani imbule
ehlangothini lokunene lomkhumbi, njalo lizathola.
Basebephosa, njalo babengaselakho ukulidonsa ngenxa
yobunengi benhlanzi. 7 Ngakho lowomfundi uJesu
ayemthanda wathi kuPetro: YiNkosi. USimoni Petro,
esezwile ukuthi yiNkosi, wagqoka isembatho (ngoba
wayenqunu), waseziphosela olwandle. 8 Kodwa
abanye abafundi beza ngomkolo, bedonsa imbule
lenhlanzi, ngoba babengekhatshana lomhlabathi, kodwa
kungaba zingalo ezingamakhulu amabili. 9 Kwathi
sebekhuphukele emhlabathini, babona umlilo wamalahle
khona, lenhlanzi zibekwe phezu kwawo, lesinkwa.
10 UJesu wathi kubo: Lethani ezinye zezinhlanzi
elisanda kuzibamba. 11 USimoni Petro wasekhwela,
wahudulela imbule emhlabathini, ligcwele inhlanzi
ezinkulu, ikhulu lamatshumi amahlanu lantathu; njalo
lanxa zazinengi kangaka, imbule kalidabukanga.
12 UJesu wathi kubo: Wozani lidle. Kodwa kakho
kubafundi owaba lesibindi sokumbuza ukuthi: Ungubani
wena? besazi ukuthi yiNkosi. 13 UJesu wasesiza,
wathatha isinkwa, wabanika, lenhlanzi ngokufananayo.
14 Lokhu sekungokwesithathu uJesu ebonakaliswa
kubafundi, esevukile kwabafileyo. 15 Sebedlile, uJesu
wathi kuSimoni Petro: Simoni kaJona, uyangithanda
kulalaba yini? Wathi kuye: Yebo Nkosi; wena uyazi

ukuthi ngiyakuthanda. Wathi kuye: Phana amawundlu
ami ukudla. **16** Wabuya wathi kuye ngokwesibili:
Simoni kaJona, uyangithanda yini? Wathi kuye: Yebo
Nkosi, wena uyazi ukuthi ngiyakuthanda. Wathi kuye:
Yelusa izimvu zami. **17** Wathi kuye ngokwesithathu:
Simoni kaJona, uyangithanda yini? UPetro wadabuka
ngoba wathi kuye ngokwesithathu: Uyangithanda yini?
Wasesithi kuye: Nkosi, wena uyakwazi konke; wena
uyakwazi ukuthi ngiyakuthanda. UJesu wathi kuye:
Phana izimvu zami ukudla. **18** Ngiqinisile, ngiqinisile,
ngithi kuwe: Usemutsha, wawuzibhinca, uhamba lapho
othanda khona; kodwa nxa usumdala, uzakwelula
izandla zakho, omunye abesekubopha, akuse lapho
ongathandi khona. **19** Lalokhu wakutsho, etshengisa
indlela yokufa ayezadumisa uNkulunkulu ngayo.
Esetshilo lokhu wathi kuye: Ngilandela. **20** UPetro
etshibilika wabona umfundi uJesu amthandayo elandela,
yena futhi owayeyeme esifubeni sakhe ekudleni
kwantambama wathi: Nkosi, ngubani ozakunikela? **21**
Kwathi uPetro embona wathi kuJesu: Nkosi, lo-ke? **22**
UJesu wathi kuye: Uba ngithanda ukuthi ahlale ngize
ngifike, ulani lakho? Ngilandela wena. **23** Ngakho lelilizwi
laphumela kubazalwane, ukuthi lowomfundi kayikufa;
kanti uJesu katshongo kuye ukuthi kayikufa; kodwa
wathi: Uba ngithanda ukuthi ahlale ngize ngifike, ulani
lakho? **24** Nguye lowomfundi ofakaza ngalezizinto,
lozibhalileyo; njalo siyazi ukuthi ubufakazi bakhe
buliqiniso. **25** Njalo zikhona lezinye izinto ezinengi uJesu
azenzayo, uba bezilotshiwe zonke ngazinye, ngicabanga
ukuthi lomhlaba lawo ubungebe lendawo yezingwalo
ezilotshiweyo. Ameni.

Imisebenzi

1 Ukulandisa kokuqala ngakwenza, Teyofilu, ngakho
konke uJesu aqala kokubili ukukwenza lokukufundisa,
2 kwaze kwaba lusuku akhutshulwa ngalo, esebalayile
ngoMoya oNgcwele abaphostoli ayebakhethile; **3**
wazibonakalisa futhi kubo ephilile emva kokuhlupheka
kwakhe ngobufakazi obunengi obuqinisekileyo, wabonwa
yibo okwensuku ezingamatshumi amane, ekhuluma
ngezinto ezimayelana lombuso kaNkulunkulu. **4** Kwathi
ehlangene labo, wabalaya ukuthi bangasuki eJerusalema,
kodwa balindele isithembiso sikaBaba, elasizwa ngami;
5 ngoba ngeqiniso uJohane wabhabhathiza ngamanzi,
kodwa lina lizabhabhathizwa ngoMoya oNgcwele
kungakadluli insuku ezinengi. **6** Kwathi sebebuthene
bambuza bathi: Nkosi, uzabuyisela umbuso kuIsrayeli
kulesisikhathi yini? **7** Wasesithi kubo: Kakusikho
okwenu ukwazi izikhathi kumbe imizuzu ayimisileyo
uBaba ngawakhe amandla; **8** kodwa lizakwemukela
amandla, esefikile phezu kwenu uMoya oNgcwele;
njalo libe ngabafakazi bami eJerusalema kanye
layo yonke iJudiya leSamariya, njalo kuze kube
semkhawulweni womhlaba. **9** Kwathi esetshilo lezizinto,
wakhutshulwa bekhangele, leyezi lamsusa emehlweni
abo. **10** Bathi besajolozele ezulwini, esenyuka, njalo
khangela, amadoda amabili ema labo elezembatho
ezimhlophe, **11** njalo athi: Madoda maGalili, limeleni
lijolozele ezulwini? UJesu lo, osuswe kini wenyukiselwa
ezulwini, uzabuya ngokunjalo ngendlela elimbone
esiya ngayo ezulwini. **12** Basebebuyela eJerusalema
bevela entabeni ethiwa ngeyoMhlwathi, eseduze
leJerusalema, ummango wohambo lwesabatha. **13**
Kwathi sebengenile, benyukela endlini ephezulu, lapho
ababehlala khona, uPetro loJakobe loJohane loAndreya,
uFiliphu loTomasi, uBartolomewu loMathewu, uJakobe
kaAlfewu loSimoni umZelothi, loJudasi kaJakobe. **14**
Bonke laba baphikelela bengqondonye emkhulekweni
lekuncengeni, kanye labesifazana loMariya unina kaJesu,
njalo labafowabo. **15** Kwathi ngalezonsuku uPetro
wasukuma phakathi kwabafundi, kwakulexuku labantu
ndawonye elalingaba likhulu lamatshumi amabili, wathi:
16 Madoda bazalwane, kwakumele ukuthi lumbhalo
ugcwaliswe, uMoya oyiNgcwele awukhuluma ngaphambili
ngomlomo kaDavida ngoJudasi, owayengumkhokheli
walabo abambambayo uJesu, **17** ngoba wayebalwe
kanye lathi, njalo wemukela isabelo salinkonzo. **18**
Lo-ke wathenga isiqinti ngomvuzo wobubi, wawa
ngekhanda waqhekezeka phakathi, lemibilini yakhe yonke
yachitheka. **19** Njalo kwaziwa yibo bonke abakhileyo
eJerusalema, saze sabizwa lesosiqinti ngolimi lwakibo
ngokuthi iAkeldama, okuyikuthi iSiqinti segazi. **20**
Ngoba kulotshiwe egwalweni lweziHlabelelo ukuthi:
Umuzi wakhe kawube lunxiwa, njalo kungabi khona
ohlala kuwo; lokuthi: Omunye kathathe ubuphathi
bakhe. **21** Ngakho kumele ukuthi kulawomadoda
ayehamba lathi kuso sonke isikhathi lapho iNkosi uJesu
yayingena njalo iphuma phakathi kwethu, **22** kusukela
ebhabhathizweni lukaJohane, kwaze kwaba lusuku
akhutshulwa ngalo kithi, omunye wabo kabe ngumfakazi
kanye lathi wokuvuka kwakhe. **23** Basebemisa ababili,
uJosefa othiwa nguBarsaba, othiwa futhi nguJustusi,
loMathiyasi. **24** Basebekhuleka besithi: Wena Nkosi,
wena owaziyo inhliziyo zabo bonke, tshengisa kulaba
ababili oyedwa, omkhethileyo, **25** ukwemukela isabelo
kulinkonzo lobuphostoli, uJudasi aphambuka kuso, ukuthi
aye endaweni engeyakhe. **26** Basebebapha inkatho
yabo; lenkatho yadla uMathiyasi, wasebalwa kanye
labaphostoli abalitshumi lanye.

2 Kwathi selugcwalisekile usuku lwePentekoste,
babendawonye bengqondonye bonke. **2**
Kwahle kwezwakala-ke umdumo ovela ezulwini
onjengowokuvunguza komoya olamandla, njalo
wagcwalisa indlu yonke ababehlezi kuyo, **3**
kwasekubonakala kubo inlimi ezehlukanisiweyo kungathi
ngezomlilo, zasezihlala phezu kwalowo lalowo wabo.
4 Basebegcwaliswa bonke ngoMoya oNgcwele,
baqala ukukhuluma ngezinye indimi, njengalokhu
uMoya wabanika ukuphumisela. **5** Kwakuhlala-ke
eJerusalema amaJuda, amadoda aqotho, avela
kuso sonke isizwe salezo ezingaphansi kwezulu. **6**
Kwathi sekulalo umdumo, ixuku labuthana ndawonye
lasanganiseka, ngoba ngulowo lalowo wabezwa
bekhuluma ngolimi lwakibo. **7** Basebemangala kakhulu
bonke bababaza, bakhulumisana bathi: Khangelani,
bonke laba abakhulumayo kayisibo abeGalili yini? **8**
Kungani, pho, thina sibezwa ngamunye wabo ngolimi
lwakithi esazalwa lalo? **9** AmaPathiya lamaMede
lamaElamu, labahlali beMesopotamiya, labeJudiya
labeKaphadosiya, abePontusi labeAsiya, **10** abeFrigiya
labePamfiliya, abeGibhithe labengxenye zeLibiya eduze
leKurene, lezihambi ezingamaRoma, kokubili amaJuda
labaphendukela kumaJuda, **11** amaKrete lamaArabhiya,
siyabezwa bekhuluma ngendimi zakithi imisebenzi
emikhulu kaNkulunkulu. **12** Bonke basebemangala
kakhulu badideka, bakhulumisana besithi: Lokhu
kungaba yini? **13** Kodwa abanye bahleka usulu bathi:
Basuthi iwayini elitsha. **14** Kodwa uPetro emi labalitshumi
lanye, waphakamisa ilizwi lakhe, wasesithi kubo: Madoda
maJuda, lani lonke elihlala eJerusalema, kakwaziwe
kini lokhu, njalo lilalelisise amazwi ami. **15** Ngoba laba
kabadakwanga, njengoba lina licabanga; ngoba kulihola
lesithathu losuku; **16** kodwa lokhu yikho okwakhulunywa
ngumprofethi uJoweli: **17** Njalo kuzakuthi ensukwini
zokucina, utsho uNkulunkulu, ngizathulula okoMoya
wami phezu kwayo yonke inyama; lamadodana enu
lamadodakazi enu azaprofetha, lamajaha enu abone
imibono, labadala benu baphuphe amaphupho; **18**

njalo laphezu kwenceku zami laphezu kwencekukazi
zami ngalezonsuku ngizathulula okoMoya wami, njalo
zizaprofetha. 19 Njalo ngizaveza izimangaliso ezulwini
phezulu, lezibonakaliso emhlabeni phansi, igazi, lomlilo,
leyezi lentuthu; 20 ilanga lizaphendulwa umnyama,
lenyanga igazi, lungakafiki usuku lweNkosi olukhulu
loludumisekayo; 21 kuzakuthi, wonke obiza ibizo
leNkosi uzasindiswa. 22 Madoda maIsrayeli, zwanini
la amazwi: UJesu weNazaretha, umuntu ofakazelwe
nguNkulunkulu phambi kwenu ngemisebenzi yamandla
langezimangaliso langezibonakaliso, uNkulunkulu
azenza ngaye phakathi kwenu, njengalokhu lisazi lani
uqobo lwenu, 23 yena lo esenikelwe ngecebo elimisiweyo
langokwazi okuphambili kukaNkulunkulu lamthatha,
ngezandla zabangelamthetho lambethela lambulala;
24 yena uNkulunkulu wamvusa, esethukulule inhlungu
zokufa, ngoba kwakungelakwenzeka ukuthi abanjwe
yikho. 25 Ngoba uDavida uthi ngaye: Ngangibona iNkosi
phambi kwami njalonjalo; ngoba ingakwesokunene
sami, ukuze nginganyikinyeki; 26 ngakho inhliziyo yami
yajabula, lolimi lwami lwathokoza; ngitsho lenyama
yami izahlala ethembeni; 27 ngoba kawuyikutshiya
umphefumulo wami esihogweni, kawuyikunikela
oNgcwele wakho ukuthi abone ukubola. **(Hadēs g86)** 28
Wangazisa indlela zempilo; uzangigcwalisa ngenjabulo
ebusweni bakho. 29 Madoda bazalwane, ake ngikhulume
kini ngokusobala ngokhokho uDavida, ukuthi wafa njalo
wangcwatshwa, lengcwaba lakhe likhona kithi kuze
kube lamuhla. 30 Ngakho, yena engumprofethi, ekwazi
ukuthi uNkulunkulu wafunga ngesifungo kuye, ukuthi
esithelweni sokhalo lwakhe ngokwenyama uzavusa
uKristu, ukuze ahlale esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi, 31
ebonile ngaphambili wakhuluma ngokuvuka kukaKristu,
ukuthi umphefumulo wakhe kawutshiywanga esihogweni,
lenyama yakhe kayikubonanga ukubola. **(Hadēs g86)**
32 UJesu lo uNkulunkulu wamvusa, esingabafakazi
balokhu thina sonke. 33 Ngakho ephakanyiswe
ngakwesokunene sikaNkulunkulu, esemukele kuBaba
isithembiso sikaMoya oNgcwele, uthulule lokhu
elikubonayo lelikuzwayo khathesi. 34 Ngoba uDavida
kenyukelanga emazulwini, kodwa yena uqobo lwakhe
uthi: INkosi yathi eNkosini yami: Hlala ngakwesokunene
sami, 35 ngize ngenze izitha zakho zibe yisenabelo
senyawo zakho. 36 Ngakho indlu kaIsrayeli yonke
kayazi isibili, ukuthi uNkulunkulu umenzile kokubili
ukuba yiNkosi loKristu, uJesu lo elambethelayo lina. 37
Sebekuzwa lokhu bahlabeka enhliziyweni, basebesithi
kuPetro lakwabanye abaphostoli: Madoda bazalwane,
sizakwenzani? 38 UPetro wasesithi kubo: Phendukani,
libhabhathizwe lonke ngamunye wenu ebizweni likaJesu
Kristu ethethelelweni lwezono, njalo lizakwemukela isipho
sikaMoya oNgcwele. 39 Ngoba isithembiso ngesenu,
lesabantwana benu, lesabo bonke abakhatshana,
bonke iNkosi uNkulunkulu wethu ezababizela kuyo. 40
Langamanye amazwi amanengi wafakaza wakhuthaza
wathi: Zisindiseni kulesisizukulwana esiphambeneyo.
41 Ngakho abalemukelayo ilizwi lakhe ngokuthokoza
babhabhathizwa; njalo ngalolosuku kwengezelelwa
imiphefumulo engaba zinkulungwane ezintathu.
42 Basebephikelela ekufundiseni kwabaphostoli
lebudlelwaneni, lekuhlephuleni isinkwa lemikhulekweni.
43 Lokwesaba kwehlela phezu kwayo yonke
imiphefumulo; njalo kwenziwa ngabaphostoli izimangaliso
lezibonakaliso ezinengi. 44 Njalo bonke abakholwayo
babendawonye, babelezinto zonke bezihlanganyela, 45
basebethengisa izinto lempahla zabo, basebesabelana
bonke, njengokuswela komunye lomunye. 46
Insuku ngensuku basebephikelela nganhliziyonye
ethempelini, behlephula isinkwa izindlu ngezindlu,
besidla ndawonye ngentokozo langenhliziyo emhlophe,
47 bedumisa uNkulunkulu, bethandeka ebantwini bonke.
LeNkosi yengezelela ebandleni insuku ngensuku labo
abasindiswayo.

3 UPetro loJohane basebesenyukela bonke ethempelini
ngehola lomkhuleko elesificamunwemunye. 2
Kwasekuthwalwa indoda ethile eyayiyisiqhuli kusukela
esizalweni sikanina; ababeyibeka insuku ngensuku
esangweni lethempeli elithiwa eLihle, ukuthi icele
isipho kulabo abangenayo ethempelini. 3 Eyathi
ibona uPetro loJohane sebezangena ethempelini,
yacela isipho. 4 UPetro waseyijolozela eloJohane,
wathi: Sikhangele! 5 Yasibananzelela, ilindele ukuthi
izakwemukela ulutho kubo. 6 UPetro wasesithi:
Isiliva legolide kangilakho; kodwa lokho engilakho,
ngikunika khona; ebizweni likaJesu Kristu umNazaretha,
sukuma uhambe. 7 Waseyibamba ngesandla sokunene
wayisukumisa; njalo kwahle kwaqiniswa inyawo lenqagala
zayo. 8 Yasisithi lothu yema yasihamba, yangena
labo ethempelini, ihamba iseqa idumisa uNkulunkulu.
9 Njalo bonke abantu bayibona ihamba, idumisa
uNkulunkulu; 10 basebeyazi ukuthi yiyo eyayihlalela
isipho esangweni eLihle lethempeli; basebegcwala
ukumangala lokusanganiseka ngalokho okwenzeka
kuyo. 11 Kwathi isiqhuli esasisilisiwe sibambelele
kuPetro loJohane, bonke abantu bagijimela kubo
ndawonye ekhulusini elithiwa elikaSolomoni, bemangala
kakhulu. 12 Kwathi uPetro ekubona lokho waphendula
ebantwini wathi: Madoda maIsrayeli, limangalelani
ngalokhu, kumbe lisijolozelelani, ngokungathi ngawethu
amandla kumbe ukulunga simenze ukuthi lo ahambe?
13 UNkulunkulu kaAbrahama lokaIsaka lokaJakobe,
uNkulunkulu wabobaba bethu, uyidumisile iNdodana
yakhe uJesu; elayinikelayo lina, layiphika phambi kobuso
bukaPilatu, yena esequme ukuyikhulula. 14 Kodwa
lina lamphika oNgcwele loLungileyo, lacela ukuthi
liphiwe indoda engumbulali, 15 labulala uMqali wempilo;
amvusayo uNkulunkulu kwabafileyo, esingabafakazi

bakho thina. **16** Njalo ngokholo ebizweni lakhe, lo
elimbonayo lelimaziyo ibizo lakhe limqinisile; lokholo
olungaye lumnike lokhukusila okupheleleyo phambi
kwenu lonke. **17** Njalo khathesi, bazalwane, ngiyazi
ukuthi lakwenza ngokungazi, njengababusi benu futhi.
18 Kodwa uNkulunkulu wagcwalisa ngokunjalo lokhu
akukhuluma phambili ngomlomo wabaprofethi bakhe
bonke, ukuthi uKristu uzahlupheka. **19** Ngakho
phendukani libuye futhi, ukuze kwesulwe izono
zenu, ukuze kufike izikhathi zokukhudumala ezivela
ebusweni beNkosi, **20** njalo ithume lo owamenyezelwa
kini phambili, uJesu Kristu; **21** okumele ukuthi
izulu limemukele kuze kufike izikhathi zokubuyisela
konke, uNkulunkulu akutshoyo ngomlomo wabo bonke
abaprofethi bakhe abangcwele endulo. **(aiōn g165)** **22**
Ngoba uMozisi wathi kubobaba: INkosi uNkulunkulu wenu
izalivusela umprofethi kubazalwane benu onjengami;
yena lizamlalela kukho konke azakukhuluma kini. **23**
Njalo kuzakuthi, wonke umphefumulo, loba ngubani
ongayikumlalela lowomprofethi, uzachithwa ebantwini.
24 Njalo labaprofethi bonke, kusukela kuSamuweli
labalandelayo, bonke abakhulumayo, bamemezela
phambili lezinsuku. **25** Lina lingabantwana babaprofethi,
labesivumelwano uNkulunkulu asenza labobaba bethu,
esithi kuAbrahama: Langenzalo yakho zizabusiswa
zonke izizukulwana zomhlaba. **26** UNkulunkulu,
eseyivusile iNdodana yakhe uJesu, wayithuma kini
kuqala ukulibusisa, ngokuliphendula ngulowo lalowo
ebubini bakhe.

4 Kwathi besakhuluma ebantwini, abapristi lenduna
yethempeli labaSadusi babafikela, **2** benengekile
ngoba babefundisa abantu, njalo betshumayela ukuvuka
kwabafileyo ngoJesu. **3** Babadumela ngezandla,
babafaka esitokisini kwaze kwaba kusisa; ngoba
kwasekuhlwile. **4** Kodwa abanengi abalizwayo ilizwi
bakholwa; lenani lamadoda lalingaba zinkulungwane
ezinhlanu. **5** Kwasekusithi kusisa kwabuthana ababusi
labadala lababhali babo eJerusalema, **6** loAnasi umpristi
omkhulu, loKayafasi, loJohane, loAleksandro, labo
bonke abendlu yompristi omkhulu. **7** Sebebamise
phakathi, babuza: Lokhu lina likwenze ngawaphi amandla
kumbe ngaliphi ibizo? **8** Khona uPetro egcwaliswe
nguMoya oNgcwele wathi kubo: Babusi babantu labadala
bakoIsrayeli, **9** nxa thina sibuzwa lamuhla ngomsebenzi
omuhle emuntwini obuthakathaka emzimbeni, ukuthi
yena usiliswe ngani; **10** kakwaziwe yini lonke laso
sonke isizwe sakoIsrayeli, ukuthi ngebizo likaJesu
Kristu umNazaretha, lina elambethelayo, uNkulunkulu
owamvusayo kwabafileyo, ngaye lo umi lapha phambi
kwenu esesilile. **11** Yena lo uyilitshe elaliwa yini abakhi,
eseliyinhloko yengonsi. **12** Njalo kalukho usindiso
komunye; ngoba kalikho lelinye ibizo ngaphansi kwezulu
elinikiweyo phakathi kwabantu, esimele sisindiswe
ngalo. **13** Kwathi bebona isibindi sikaPetro loJohane,
njalo besazi ukuthi babengabantu abangafundanga
njalo bengabantu nje, bamangala, njalo babazi ukuthi
babeloJesu, **14** kodwa bebona umuntu osilisiweyo emi
labo, babengelakuphika lutho. **15** Kodwa sebebalayile
ukuthi baphume phandle emphakathini, bacebisana
bodwa, **16** besithi: Sizabenzani lababantu? Ngoba
ukuthi isibonakaliso esidumisekayo senziwa yibo,
kusobala kubo bonke abahlezi eJerusalema, njalo
singekuphike; **17** kodwa ukuze kungabe kusanda
phakathi kwabantu, asibaqonqosele ukuthi bangabe
besakhuluma lamuntu ngalelibizo. **18** Basebebabiza,
babalaya ukuthi bangakhulumi lakanye njalo bangafundisi
ngebizo likaJesu. **19** Kodwa uPetro loJohane
babaphendula bathi: Yehlukanisani ukuthi kulungile
phambi kukaNkulunkulu ukulalela lina kuloNkulunkulu.
20 Ngoba thina kasilakuyekela ukukhuluma izinto
esizibonileyo lesizizwileyo. **21** Kwathi sebebaqonqosele
futhi, babayekela bahamba; bengatholi lutho lokuthi
bangabajezisa njani, ngenxa yabantu, ngoba bonke
badumisa uNkulunkulu ngalokho okwenzakeleyo. **22**
Ngoba umuntu wayeleminyaka edlula amatshumi amane
esenziwa kuye lesisibonakaliso seselapho. **23** Kwathi
sebeyekelwe basuka baya kwabakibo, bababikela
konke abapristi abakhulu labadala abakutshiloyo
kubo. **24** Kwathi bona sebezwile baphakamisela
ilizwi nganhliziyonye kuNkulunkulu, bathi: Nkosi, wena
unguNkulunkulu owenza izulu lomhlaba lolwandle
lakho konke okukukho; **25** owathi ngomlomo wenceku
yakho uDavida: Kungani abezizwe bexokozela, labantu
banakane okuyize? **26** Amakhosi omhlaba ema, lababusi
bahlangana ndawonye ukumelana leNkosi, lokumelana
loGcotshiweyo wayo; **27** ngoba isibili bahlangana
ndawonye bemelane leNdodana yakho engcwele uJesu,
owayigcobayo, bonke uHerodi loPontiyusi Pilatu, kanye
labezizwe labantu bakoIsrayeli, **28** ukwenza konke isandla
sakho lecebo lakho elakumisa phambili ukuthi kwenzeke.
29 Njalo ngalesisikhathi, Nkosi, khangela ukusonga
kwabo, unike izinceku zakho ukuthi zikhulume ilizwi
lakho ngesibindi sonke, **30** ngokuthi welule isandla sakho
ukusilisa, lokuthi kwenziwe izibonakaliso lezimangaliso
ngebizo leNdodana yakho engcwele uJesu. **31** Kwathi
sebekhulekile kwazanyazanyiswa indawo ababebuthene
kuyo, basebegcwaliswa bonke ngoMoya oNgcwele,
basebekhuluma ilizwi likaNkulunkulu ngesibindi. **32**
Lexuku labakholwayo lalinhliziyonye lomoya munye; njalo
kungekho oyedwa owathi ezintweni alazo ngezakhe,
kodwa bahlanganyela izinto zonke. **33** Langamandla
amakhulu abaphostoli baveza ubufakazi bokuvuka
kweNkosi uJesu, lomusa omkhulu waba phezu kwabo
bonke. **34** Ngoba kwakungekho futhi oswelayo phakathi
kwabo; ngoba bonke ababengabanikazi bemihlaba
kumbe izindlu, bathengisa baletha intengo zalokho
okuthengisiweyo, **35** bayibeka enyaweni zabaphostoli;
njalo kwabelwa ngulowo lalowo njengokuswela kwakhe.

36 Kwathi uJose owabizwa ngabaphostoli ngokuthi
nguBarnabasi, okuyikuthi ngokuphendulelwa, indodana
yenduduzo, umLevi, umKuprosi ngokuzalwa, 37 elesiqinti,
wasithengisa, waletha imali, wayibeka enyaweni
zabaphostoli.

5 Kodwa indoda ethile uAnaniya ngebizo, loSafira
umkakhe, bathengisa impahla, 2 yagodla entengweni,
lomkakhe ekwazi, yaletha ingxenye ethile yayibeka
enyaweni zabaphostoli. 3 Kodwa uPetro wathi:
Ananiya, kungani uSathane egcwalise inhliziyo yakho,
uqambe amanga kuMoya oyiNgcwele, njalo ugodle
entengweni yesiqinti? 4 Sisekhona besingesiso
esakho, sesithengisiwe besingekho emandleni akho
yini? Kungani ukuthi ubeke lesisenzo enhliziyweni
yakho? Kawuqambanga amanga ebantwini kodwa
kuNkulunkulu. 5 Kwathi uAnaniya esizwa lamazwi,
wawela phansi waphela; lokwesaba okukhulu kwehlela
phezu kwabo bonke abazizwayo lezizinto. 6 Lamajaha
asuka amgoqela asemthwalela ngaphandle amngcwaba.
7 Kwasekusithi sekungaba ngamahola amathathu
kwedlule, lomkakhe wangena engakwazi okwenzakeleyo.
8 UPetro wasemphendula wathi: Ngitshele ukuthi
isiqinti lisithengise ngokungaka. Wasesithi: Yebo,
ngokungaka. 9 UPetro wasesithi kuye: Kungani
ukuthi livumelane ukulinga uMoya weNkosi? Khangela,
inyawo zabangcwabe indoda yakho zisemnyango,
lawe bazakuthwalela ngaphandle. 10 Njalo wahle
wawela phansi enyaweni zakhe, wasephela; lamajaha
engena amfica esefile, asemthwalela ngaphandle
amngcwaba eduze kwendoda yakhe. 11 Lokwesaba
okukhulu kwehlela phezu kwebandla lonke, lakubo
bonke abazizwayo lezizinto. 12 Njalo ngezandla
zabaphostoli kwenziwa izibonakaliso lezimangaliso
ezinengi ebantwini; babenhliziyonye bonke ekhulusini
likaSolomoni. 13 Kodwa kwabanye kwakungekho
olesibindi sokuzihlanganisa labo, kodwa abantu
babebahlonipha kakhulu; 14 njalo abakholwayo
bengezelelwa banda eNkosini, amaxuku womabili
amadoda labesifazana; 15 baze bathwalela phandle
emigwaqweni abagulayo, basebebabeka ezinhlakeni
lemacansini, ukuze kuthi lapho uPetro esiza ngitsho
isithunzi sibasibekele abanye babo. 16 Njalo lamaxuku
avela emizini ezingelezeleyo babuthana ndawonye
eJerusalema, beletha abagulayo labahlutshwa ngomoya
abangcolileyo, basiliswa bonke. 17 Kwasekusukuma
umpristi omkhulu labo bonke ababelaye abangabehlelo
labaSadusi, bagcwala umona, 18 babadumela
abaphostoli ngezandla zabo, basebebafaka esitokisini
sabantu. 19 Kodwa ebusuku ingilosi yeNkosi
yavula iminyango yentolongo yabakhupha yathi: 20
Hambani, njalo lime likhulume ethempelini ebantwini
wonke amazwi alimpilo. 21 Kwathi sebezwile,
bangena ethempelini emadabukakusa, bafundisa.
Kodwa kwasekufika umpristi omkhulu lalabo ababelaye,
babizela ndawonye umphakathi labo bonke abadala
babantwana bakoIsrayeli, bathumela entolongweni
ukubaletha. 22 Kodwa kwathi abancedisi befika
kababaficanga entolongweni; babuyela emuva babika,
23 besithi: Intolongo siyifice ivaliwe konke kuqinile,
labalindi bemi phandle phambi kweminyango; kodwa
sesivulile, phakathi kasificanga muntu. 24 Njalo
kwathi umpristi lenduna yethempeli labapristi abakhulu
bezwe lamazwi, badideka kakhulu ngabo, ukuthi lokhu
kuzakuba yini. 25 Kwasekufika omunye wabatshela
wathi: Khangelani, amadoda ebeliwafake entolongweni
ami ethempelini afundisa abantu. 26 Yasihamba
induna labancedisi babaletha, kungeyisikho ngamandla,
ngoba babesesaba abantu, ukuze bangakhandwa
ngamatshe. 27 Sebebalethile babamisa phambi
komphakathi. Umpristi omkhulu wasebabuza, 28 esithi:
Kasililayisisanga yini ukuthi lingafundisi ngalelibizo?
Kodwa khangelani seligcwalise iJerusalema ngemfundiso
yenu, liqonde ukwehlisela igazi lalumuntu phezu kwethu.
29 Kodwa uPetro labaphostoli baphendula bathi: Kumele
ukulalela uNkulunkulu kulabantu. 30 UNkulunkulu
wabobaba bethu wamvusa uJesu, elambulala lina,
limphanyeka esihlahleni. 31 Yena lo, uNkulunkulu
wamphakamisa ngesandla sakhe sokunene, abe
nguMkhokheli loMsindisi, ukunika uIsrayeli ukuphenduka
lothethelelo lwezono. 32 Njalo thina singabafakazi
bakhe balezizinto, njalo loMoya oyiNgcwele, uNkulunkulu
amnike labo abamlalelayo. 33 Kwathi sebezwile
lokhu bathukuthela kakhulu, benza icebo lokubabulala.
34 Kwasekusukuma umFarisi othile emphakathini,
uGamaliyeli ngebizo, umfundisi womlayo, ohlonitshwa
yibo bonke abantu, walaya ukuthi bakhuphele phandle
abaphostoli okwesikhatshana. 35 Wasesithi kubo:
Madoda maIsrayeli, ziqapheleni mayelana lalababantu,
elizakwenza. 36 Ngoba ngaphambi kwalezinsuku
kwasuka uTewuda, esithi yena ngokwakhe ungumuntu,
lahlanganyela laye inani lamadoda angaba ngamakhulu
amane; wabulawa, labo bonke ababemlalela bachitheka
baphela. 37 Emva kwakhe kwasuka uJudasi umGalili
ensukwini zokubalwa, wadonsela abantu abanengi
ngemva kwakhe; laye wabhubha, lalabo bonke
ababemlalela bachitheka. 38 Njalo khathesi ngithi kini:
Dedani kulababantu, libayekele; ngoba uba lelicebo
kumbe lumsebenzi ungowabantu, uzachitheka; 39 kodwa
uba ungokaNkulunkulu, lingeke lawuchitha, hlezi lificwe
ngitsho lingabalwayo loNkulunkulu. 40 Basebemlalela;
sebebabizele kubo abaphostoli babatshaya, babalaya
ukuthi bangakhulumi ngebizo likaJesu, basebebakhululula.
41 Ngakho basuka ebusweni bomphakathi, bethokoza
ukuthi kwakubafanele ukudunyazwa ngenxa yebizo
lakhe. 42 Njalo insuku zonke, ethempelini lakundlu
ngendlu, kabayekelanga ukufundisa lokutshumayela
uJesu Kristu.

6 Kwathi ngalezonsuku, abafundi sebandile, kwavela
ukusola kwamaHelenisiti ngamaHebheru, ngoba
abafelokazi babo babengananzwa ekwabelweni
kwensuku ngensuku. **2** Abalitshumi lambili basebebizela
kubo ixuku labafundi, bathi: Kakulunganga ukuthi thina
sitshiye ilizwi likaNkulunkulu, sisebenze ematafuleni.
3 Ngakho, bazalwane, khangelani phakathi kwenu
amadoda ayisikhombisa alobufakazi obuhle, agcwele
uMoya oNgcwele lenhlakanipho, esingawamisa phezu
kwale inswelo. **4** Kodwa thina sizaphikelela emkhulekweni
lemsebenzini welizwi. **5** Lalelilizwi lalithokozisa lonke
ixuku; basebekhetha uStefane, indoda egcwele ukholo
loMoya oNgcwele, loFiliphu, loProkoro, loNikanori,
loTimoni, loParmena, loNikola owaphendukela kumaJuda
evela eAntiyoki, **6** ababamisa phambi kwabaphostoli;
sebekhulekile babeka izandla phezu kwabo. **7**
Lelizwi likaNkulunkulu landa, lenani labafundi lakhula
kakhulu sibili eJerusalema, lexuku elikhulu labapristi
lalalela ukholo. **8** Kwathi uStefane egcwele ukholo
lamandla wenza izimangaliso lezibonakaliso ezinkulu
phakathi kwabantu. **9** Kwasekusukuma abanye
abesinagoge elithiwa ngelabaKhululwa, labeKurene
labeAleksandriya, lakulabo abavela eKilikhiya leAsiya,
baphikisana loStefane. **10** Kodwa babengelamandla
okumelana lenhlakanipho loMoya ayekhuluma ngawo.
11 Basebefumbathisa amadoda athi: Simzwile ekhuluma
amazwi ayinhlamba amelana loMozisi loNkulunkulu. **12**
Basebevusa abantu labadala lababhali, basebemfikela
bambamba, bamletha emphakathini, **13** basebemisa
abafakazi bamanga abathi: Lumuntu kayekeli
ukukhuluma amazwi ayinhlamba amelene lalindawo
engcwele langomlayo; **14** ngoba simzwile esithi, uJesu
lo weNazaretha uzadiliza lindawo, aphendule lemikhuba
uMozisi asinika yona. **15** Bonke ababehlezi emphakathini
basebemjolozela, babona ubuso bakhe bungathi yibuso
bengilosi.

7 Umpristi omkhulu wasesithi: Kambe lezizinto zinjalo?
2 Wasesithi: Madoda, bazalwane labobaba, lalelani.
UNkulunkulu wenkazimulo wabonakala kubaba wethu
uAbrahama eseMesopotamiya, engakahlali eHarani,
3 wasesithi kuye: Phuma elizweni lakini lezihlotsheni
zakho, uze elizweni engizakutshengisa lona. **4**
Wasesuka elizweni lamaKhaladiya wahlala eHarani;
kwathi esuka lapho, emva kokufa kukayise, wamsusa
wamhlalisa kulelilizwe elihlezi kilo lina khathesi;
5 kodwa kamnikanga ilifa kilo, hatshi lanyathela;
kodwa wathembisa ukumnika lona libe ngelakhe,
lelenzalo yakhe emva kwakhe, engakabi lamntwana.
6 UNkulunkulu wasekhuluma kanje esithi inzalo
yakhe izakuba yisihambi elizweni lemzini, bazayenza
isigqili bazayiphatha kubi, iminyaka engamakhulu
amane; **7** kodwa lesosizwe, abazakuba yizigqili
kuso, ngizasigweba mina, kutsho uNkulunkulu; njalo
emva kwalezizinto bazaphuma, bangikhonze kulindawo.
8 Wasemnika isivumelwano sokusoka; ngokunjalo
wazala uIsaka, wamsoka ngosuku lwesificaminwembili;
loIsaka wazala uJakobe, loJakobe okhokho abalitshumi
lambili. **9** Okhokho basebesiba lomona bathengisa
uJosefa eGibhithe; kodwa uNkulunkulu wayelaye, **10**
wasemkhulula kuzo zonke inhlupheko zakhe, wamnika
umusa lenhlakanipho phambi kukaFaro inkosi yeGibhithe;
wasembeka ukuba ngumbusi phezu kweGibhithe
lowendlu yakhe yonke. **11** Kwasekufika indlala elizweni
lonke leGibhithe leleKhanani, lokuhlupheka okukhulu;
labobaba bethu kabatholanga ukudla. **12** Kodwa
uJakobe esezwile ukuthi kukhona amabele eGibhithe,
wathuma obaba bethu okokuqala. **13** Kwathi ngokwesibili
uJosefa waziswa kubafowabo, labakibo kaJosefa
babonakaliswa kuFaro. **14** UJosefa wasethumela
wabizela kuye uyise uJakobe, lalo lonke usendo
lwakhe, kulemiphefumulo engamatshumi ayisikhombisa
lanhlanu. **15** UJakobe wasesehlela eGibhithe, wasesifa
yena labobaba bethu; **16** basebethwalelwa eShikemi,
balaliswa engcwabeni uAbrahama ayelithenge ngentengo
yemali kumadodana kaHamori weShikemi. **17**
Kwathi sesisondele isikhathi sesithembiso uNkulunkulu
ayesifunge kuAbrahama, bakhula abantu banda
eGibhithe, **18** kwaze kwavela enye inkosi, eyayingamazi
uJosefa. **19** Yona yasiphatha ngobuqili isizukulu
sakithi, yabahlupha obaba bethu, ukubalahlisa insane
zabo, ukuze zingaphili. **20** Ngalesosikhathi kwazalwa
uMozisi, waba muhle kuNkulunkulu; owondliwa endlini
kayise inyanga ezintathu. **21** Eselahliwe, indodakazi
kaFaro yamdobha, yazondlela yena ukuthi abe
yindodana. **22** Njalo uMozisi wafundiswa kuyo
yonke inhlakanipho yamaGibhithe; wasesiba lamandla
ngamazwi langemisebenzi. **23** Kwathi eselesikhathi
seminyaka engamatshumi amane agcweleyo, kwafika
enhliziyweni yakhe ukuthi ahambele abafowabo
abantwana bakoIsrayeli. **24** Kwathi ebona omunye
ephathwa kubi, wamvikela wamphindisela ohlutshwayo,
watshaya umGibhithe; **25** njalo wayethemba ukuthi
abafowabo bazaqedisisa ukuthi uNkulunkulu ubanika
inkululeko ngesandla sakhe; kodwa kabaqedisisanga.
26 Njalo ngosuku olulandelayo wazibonakalisa kubo
ababesilwa, wabalamula ngamandla, esithi: Madoda,
lingabazalwane; liphathanelani kubi? **27** Kodwa
lowo owayemona umakhelwane wamsunduza, esithi:
Ubekwe ngubani ukuba ngumbusi lomahluleli phezu
kwethu? **28** Usufuna ukungibulala yini, njengoba ubulele
umGibhithe izolo? **29** Ngalelilizwi uMozisi wasebaleka,
waba ngowemzini elizweni leMadiyani, lapho azala
khona amadodana amabili. **30** Kwathi sekugcwaliseke
iminyaka engamatshumi amane, kwabonakala kuye
enkangala yentaba iSinayi ingilosi yeNkosi phakathi
kwelangabi lomlilo esihlahleni. **31** Kwathi uMozisi
esebonile wamangala ngalowombono; esasondela ukuthi
akhangelisise, ilizwi leNkosi lafika kuye lisithi: **32** Mina

nginguNkulunkulu waboyihlo, uNkulunkulu kaAbrahama
loNkulunkulu kaIsaka loNkulunkulu kaJakobe. UMozisi
wasethuthumela, kazaba lesibindi sokukhangelisisa. 33
INkosi yasisithi kuye: Khulula amanyathela enyaweni
zakho; ngoba indawo omi kiyo ingumhlabathi ongcwele.
34 Ngikubonile lokukubona ukuhlutshwa kwabantu
bami abaseGibhithe, njalo ngizwile ukububula kwabo;
sengehlile ukuthi ngibakhulule; khathesi-ke woza,
ngizakuthuma eGibhithe. 35 UMozisi lo abamalayo
besithi: Ubekwe ngubani ukuba ngumbusi lomahluleli?
- nguye uNkulunkulu amthumayo ukuba ngumbusi
lomkhululi ngesandla sengilosi eyabonakala kuye
esihlahleni. 36 Yena wabakhupha, esenze izimangaliso
lezibonakaliso elizweni leGibhithe loLwandle oluBomvu,
lenkangala iminyaka engamatshumi amane. 37 Nguye
lowo uMozisi owathi kubantwana bakoIsrayeli: INkosi
uNkulunkulu wenu uzalivusela umprofethi kubazalwane
benu onjengami; lizamuzwa yena. 38 Nguye lowo
owayesebandleni enkangala, kanye lengilosi eyakhuluma
laye entabeni iSinayi kanye labobaba bethu; owemukela
amazwi aphilayo, ukuze asinike; 39 yena obaba bethu
abangavumanga ukumlalela, kodwa bamsunduzela
eceleni, basebebuyela eGibhithe ngenhliziyo zabo,
40 besithi kuAroni: Senzele onkulunkulu abazahamba
phambi kwethu; ngoba uMozisi lo, owasikhupha
elizweni iGibhithe, kasazi ukuthi wehlelwe yini. 41
Basebesenza ithole ngalezonsuku, baletha umhlatshelo
esithombeni, bajabula ngemisebenzi yezandla zabo.
42 Kodwa uNkulunkulu wafulathela, wabanikela
ukuthi bakhonze ibutho lezulu; njengokulotshiweyo
encwadini yabaprofethi ukuthi: Laletha kimi yini
imihlatshelo leminikelo iminyaka engamatshumi amane
enkangala, ndlu kaIsrayeli? 43 Njalo lathatha
ithabhanekele likaMoloki lenkanyezi kankulunkulu
wenu uRefani, imifanekiso elayenza ukuthi liyikhonze;
njalo ngizalithuthela ngaphambili kweBhabhiloni. 44
Obaba bethu babelalo ithabhanekele lobufakazi
enkangala, njengokulayela kwalowo owakhuluma
loMozisi, ukuthi alenze ngomfanekiso ayewubonile; 45
okwathi futhi obaba bethu abalandelayo sebelemukele
balingenisa kanye loJoshuwa empahleni yezizwe,
uNkulunkulu azixotsha phambi kobuso babobaba,
kwaze kwaba sensukwini zikaDavida; 46 owathola
umusa phambi kukaNkulunkulu, wacela ukutholela
uNkulunkulu kaJakobe ithabhanekele. 47 Kodwa
uSolomoni wamakhela indlu. 48 Kodwa oPhezukonke
kahlali ethempelini elenziwe ngezandla, njengokutsho
komprofethi ukuthi: 49 Izulu kimi liyisihlalo sobukhosi,
lomhlaba uyisenabelo senyawo zami; lizangakhela
indlu enjani, kutsho iNkosi; kumbe yiyiphi indawo yami
yokuphumula? 50 Isandla sami kasizenzanga yini zonke
lezizinto? 51 Lina ntamo zilukhuni njalo abangasokanga
enhliziyweni lendlebeni, lina limelana njalonjalo loMoya
oyiNgcwele; njengaboyihlo, linjalo lani. 52 Nguwuphi
owabaprofethi oyihlo abangamzingelanga? Basebebulala
labo abamemezela ngaphambili ngokuza koLungileyo,
yena lo lina khathesi eselabangabanikeli lababulali
bakhe; 53 elemukela umlayo ngokuhlela kwezingilosi,
kodwa kaliwulondolozanga. 54 Bathi sebezwile lezizinto,
bahlabeka enhliziyweni zabo, bamgedlela amazinyo.
55 Kodwa yena egcwele uMoya oNgcwele, wajolozela
ezulwini, wabona inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu, loJesu
emi ngakwesokunene sikaNkulunkulu, 56 wasesithi:
Khangelani, ngibona amazulu evulekile, leNdodana
yomuntu imi ngakwesokunene sikaNkulunkulu. 57
Kodwa bamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu, bavala indlebe
zabo, batheleka phezu kwakhe bengqondonye; 58
basebemkhuphela ngaphandle komuzi, bamkhanda
ngamatshe; labafakazi babeka phansi izembatho zabo
enyaweni zejaha elithiwa nguSawuli. 59 Bamkhanda
ngamatshe uStefane, ebiza esithi: Nkosi Jesu, yemukela
umoya wami. 60 Waseguqa ngamadolo, wamemeza
ngelizwi elikhulu esithi: Nkosi, ungababaleli lesisono.
Esetshilo lokhu walala.

8 Njalo uSawuli wayevumelana lokubulawa
kwakhe. Ngalolosuku kwasekusuka ukuzingelwa
okukhulu kwebandla elaliseJerusalema; bonke
basebehlakazeka emazweni eJudiya leSamariya,
ngaphandle kwabaphostoli. 2 Amadoda akholwayo
asembutha uStefane, amenzela isililo esikhulu. 3 Kodwa
uSawuli walichitha ibandla, engena izindlu ngezindlu,
ehudula amadoda labafazi ebafaka entolongweni. 4
Ngakho abahlakazekileyo badabula ilizwe, betshumayela
ilizwi. 5 UFiliphu wasesehlela emzini weSamariya,
watshumayela kubo uKristu. 6 Amaxuku aselalela
nganhliziyonye okwakhulunywa nguFiliphu, esizwa njalo
ebona izibonakaliso azenzayo. 7 Ngoba kwabanengi
ababelabomoya abangcolileyo, bememeza ngelizwi
elikhulu baphuma; labanengi ababome umhlubulo
lababeyiziqhuli basiliswa. 8 Kwaba khona intokozo
enkulu kulowomuzi. 9 Njalo indoda ethile, uSimoni
ngebizo, eyayikade isenza imilingo emzini isanganisa
isizwe saseSamariya, isithi ingumuntu omkhulu;
10 abayilalelayo bonke kusukela kwabancinyane
kuze kube kwabakhulu, besithi: Lo ungamandla
amakhulu kaNkulunkulu. 11 Basebemlalela, ngoba
wabasanganisa isikhathi eside ngemilingo. 12 Kodwa
kwathi sebekholwe uFiliphu etshumayela indaba ezinhle
zezinto ngombuso kaNkulunkulu langebizo likaJesu
Kristu, babhabhathizwa bonke amadoda labafazi. 13
LoSimoni laye wakholwa, njalo esebhabhathiziwe
wanamathela kuFiliphu; wasanganiseka, ebona
imisebenzi yamandla lezibonakaliso ezazisenziwa.
14 Kwathi ababaphostoli abaseJerusalema bezwe
ukuthi iSamariya ilemukele ilizwi likaNkulunkulu,
bathuma kubo uPetro loJohane; 15 abathi sebehlile
babakhulekela, ukuze bamemukele uMoya oNgcwele;
16 ngoba wayengakehleli lakoyedwa wabo, kodwa

babebhabhathizwe ebizweni leNkosi uJesu kuphela. **17** Basebebeka izandla phezu kwabo, basebesemukela uMoya oNgcwele. **18** Njalo uSimoni esebonile ukuthi ngokubekwa kwezandla zabaphostoli uyaphiwa uMoya oyiNgcwele, waletha imali kubo, **19** esithi: Ngiphani lami lawomandla, ukuze kuthi loba ngubani engibeka izandla zami phezu kwakhe, emukele uMoya oNgcwele. **20** Kodwa uPetro wathi kuye: Isiliva sakho kanye lawe kakube sekubhubheni, ngoba ucabanga ukuthi isipho sikaNkulunkulu singazuzwa ngemali. **21** Kawulasabelo lelifa kuloludaba. Ngoba inhliziyo yakho kayiqondanga phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **22** Ngakho phenduka kulobububi bakho, njalo ucele iNkosi, ukuthi uba kungenzeka uthethelelwe umnakano wenhliziyo yakho. **23** Ngoba ngibona ukuthi usenyongweni ebabayo njalo usekubotshweni yisono. **24** USimoni wasephendula esithi: Ngikhulekelani lina eNkosini, ukuze ngingehlelwa ngolunye lwalezizinto elizikhulumileyo. **25** Ngakho kuthe sebefakazile bekhulumile ilizwi leNkosi, babuyela eJerusalema, njalo betshumayela ivangeli emizaneni eminengi yamaSamariya. **26** Ingilosi yeNkosi yasikhuluma loFiliphu, yathi: Sukuma uye eningizimu endleleni eyehla isuka eJerusalema isiya eGaza; yona iyinkangala. **27** Wasesukuma ehamba; njalo khangela umuntu weEthiyophiya umthenwa induna enkulu kaKandake indlovukazi yamaEthiyophiya, eyayiphezu kwempahla yakhe eligugu yonke, eyayifikile eJerusalema ukukhonza, **28** yayisibuyela ihlezi enqoleni yayo, ibala kumprofethi uIsaya. **29** UMoya wasesithi kuFiliphu: Sondela uhambe lalinqola. **30** UFiliphu wasegijimela kuyo wayizwa ibala umprofethi uIsaya, wathi: Kambe uyaqedisisa yini lezizinto ozifundayo? **31** Yasisithi: Kambe ngingakwenelisa njani, ngaphandle kokuthi omunye angiqondise? Yasimcela uFiliphu ukuthi akhwele ahlale layo. **32** Lesehlukwana sombhalo eyayisifunda yilesi: Walethwa ekuhlatshweni njengemvu; lanjengewundlu lithule phambi komgundi walo, ngokunjalo kawuvuli umlomo wakhe. **33** Ekuthotshisweni kwakhe ukwahlulelwa kwakhe kwasuswa, njalo ngubani ongalandisa ngesizukulwana sakhe? Ngoba impilo yakhe iyasuswa emhlabeni. **34** Umthenwa wasephendula uFiliphu wathi: Ngiyakubuza, umprofethi ukhuluma lokhu ngobani? Ngaye ngokwakhe, kumbe ngomunye yini? **35** UFiliphu wasevula umlomo wakhe, eseqala kulowombhalo, watshumayela uJesu kuye. **36** Kwathi besahamba endleleni, bafika emanzini athile; lomthenwa wathi: Khangela, nanka amanzi; kuyini okungivimbela ukuthi ngibhabhathizwe? **37** UFiliphu wasesithi: Uba ukholwa ngenhliziyo yonke, kuvunyelwe. Wasephendula wathi: Ngiyakholwa ukuthi uJesu Kristu uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu. **38** Waselaya ukuthi inqola ime; basebesehlela emanzini bobabili, uFiliphu lomthenwa; wasembhabhathiza. **39** Kwathi sebekhuphukile emanzini, uMoya weNkosi wamhluthuna uFiliphu; njalo umthenwa kazabe esambona; wahambake ngendlela yakhe ethokoza. **40** Kodwa uFiliphu waficwa eAzotu; njalo edabula watshumayela ivangeli kuyo yonke imizi, waze wafika eKesariya.

9 Kwathi uSawuli, esaphefumula insongo lokubulala emelane labafundi beNkosi, waya kumpristi omkhulu, **2** wacela kuye incwadi zokuya eDamaseko kumasinagoge, ukuze kuthi uba ethola abanye baleyondlela, amadoda kanye labafazi, abalethe eJerusalema bebotshiwe. **3** Kwathi ekuhambeni, kwenzeka ukuthi esesondele eDamaseko; njalo kwahle kwamphazimela inhlangothi zonke ukukhanya okuvela ezulwini; **4** njalo ewela emhlabathini, wezwa ilizwi lisithi kuye: Sawuli, Sawuli, ungizingelelani? **5** Wasesithi: Ungubani, Nkosi? INkosi yasisithi: Mina nginguJesu omzingelayo; kulukhuni kuwe ukukhahlelana lezincijo. **6** Ethuthumela njalo emangala wathi: Nkosi, uthanda ukuthi ngenzeni? LeNkosi yathi kuye: Sukuma ungene emzini, njalo uzatshelwa lokho omele ukwenze. **7** Lamadoda ayehamba laye ayemi engelakukhuluma, esizwa ilizwi, kodwa engaboni muntu. **8** USawuli wasevuka emhlabathini; kwathi esevule amehlo akhe, kabonanga muntu. Basebembamba ngesandla, bamusa eDamaseko. **9** Wasesiba lensuku ezintathu engaboni, njalo engadli futhi enganathi. **10** Kwakukhona eDamaseko umfundi othile uAnaniya ngebizo; iNkosi yasisithi kuye ngombono: Ananiya! Wasesithi: Khangela ngilapha, Nkosi. **11** INkosi yasisithi kuye: Sukuma uye endleleni ethiwa iQondile, udinge endlini kaJudasi umuntu, uSawuli ngebizo, weTarsu; ngoba khangela uyakhuleka, **12** njalo ubonile ngombono umuntu, uAnaniya ngebizo, engena ebeka isandla phezu kwakhe, ukuze abuye abone. **13** Kodwa uAnaniya waphendula wathi: Nkosi, ngizwile ngabanengi ngalindoda, kungakanani okubi akwenzileyo kwabangcwele bakho eJerusalema; **14** lalapha ulamandla avela kubapristi abakhulu, okubopha bonke labo ababiza ibizo lakho. **15** Kodwa iNkosi yathi kuye: Hamba, ngoba lowo uyisitsha sami esikhethiweyo, ukuphatha ibizo lami phambi kwezizwe lamakhosi, labantwana bakoIsrayeli; **16** ngoba mina ngizamtshengisa ukuthi umele ukuhlupheka kangakanani ngenxa yebizo lami. **17** UAnaniya wasesuka wangena endlini, wabeka izandla zakhe phezu kwakhe esithi: Sawuli mzalwane, iNkosi ingithumile, uJesu obonakele kuwe endleleni oze ngayo, ukuze ubuye ubone njalo ugcwaliswe ngoMoya oNgcwele. **18** Kwahle kwawa emehlweni akhe kwangathi zinkwethu, wahle wabuye wabona, njalo esukuma wabhabhathizwa, **19** njalo esedlile wathola amandla. USawuli wasehlala labafundi ababeseDamaseko insuku ezithile. **20** Wahleke watshumayela uKristu emasinagogeni, ukuthi yena uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu. **21** Njalo bonke abezwayo basanganiseka bathi: Lo kayisuye yini owachitha eJerusalema labo ababiza lelibizo, lalapha uzele lokho ukuthi abaqhube bebotshiwe abase kubapristi abakhulu?

22 Kodwa uSawuli waqiniswa kakhulu, wasanganisa
amaJuda akhileyo eDamaseko, eqinisa ukuthi lo unguye
uKristu. 23 Kwathi sezigcwalisiwe insuku ezinengi,
amaJuda enza icebo ndawonye ukuthi ambulale;
24 kodwa iqhinga lawo laziwa nguSawuli. Aselinda
emasangweni emini lebusuku, ukuze ambulale; 25 kodwa
abafundi bamthatha ebusuku, bamehlisela emthangaleni
bemehlisa ngesilulu. 26 Kwathi uSawuli esefikile
eJerusalema, wazama ukuzihlanganisa labafundi; kodwa
bonke bamesaba, bengakholwa ukuthi ungumfundi. 27
Kodwa uBarnabasi wamthatha wamusa kubaphostoli,
wabalandisela ukuthi uyibone njani iNkosi endleleni,
lokuthi ikhulumile kuye, lokuthi eDamaseko ukhulume
njani ngesibindi ebizweni likaJesu. 28 Wasehlala
labo engena ephuma eJerusalema, 29 wasekhuluma
ngesibindi ngebizo leNkosi uJesu, wakhuluma njalo futhi
ephikisana lamaHelenisiti; kodwa bazama ukumbulala.
30 Kodwa abazalwane sebekwazi bamehlisela eKesariya,
bamthuma eTarsu. 31 Ngakho amabandla kuyo yonke
iJudiya leGalili leSamariya aba lokuthula, esakheka,
ehamba ekwesabeni iNkosi langenduduzo kaMoya
oNgcwele, anda. 32 Kwasekusithi uPetro edabula
indawo zonke wehlela lakwabangcwele abahlala eLida.
33 Wasefica khona umuntu othile uEneya ngebizo,
owayeselele ecansini iminyaka eyisificaminwembili,
ome umhlubulo. 34 UPetro wasesithi kuye: Eneya,
uJesu Kristu uyakusilisa; sukuma uzendlalele icansi.
Njalo wahle wasukuma. 35 Basebembona bonke
abakhileyo eLida leSaroni, abaphendukela eNkosini.
36 Kwakukhona eJopha umfundikazi othile, uTabitha
ngebizo, okungokuchasiswa kuthiwa nguDorkasi; lo
wayegcwele imisebenzi emihle lemisebenzi yomusa
ayenzayo. 37 Kwasekusithi kulezonsuku wagula wafa;
sebemgezisile bamlalisa endlini ephezulu. 38 Njalo
njengoba iLida yayiseduze leJopha, abafundi sebezwile
ukuthi uPetro wayekhona kuyo, bathuma amadoda
amabili kuye, bemncenga ukuthi angaphuzi ukuza kubo.
39 UPetro wasesukuma wahamba labo; okwathi esefikile
bamthatha bamusa endlini ephezulu, labafelokazi
bonke bema laye bekhala bemtshengisa izembatho
lezigqoko uDorkasi ayezenzile eselabo. 40 Kodwa
uPetro esebakhuphele phandle bonke eguqa ngamadolo
wakhuleka; esetshibilikela esidunjini, wathi: Tabitha, vuka!
Wasevula amehlo akhe; wabona uPetro, walulama. 41
Wamelulela isandla, wamsukumisa; esebize abangcwele
labafelokazi, wambeka phambi kwabo ephila. 42
Kwasekusaziwa kuyo yonke iJopha, labanengi bakholwa
eNkosini. 43 Kwenzeka ukuthi ahlale eJopha insuku
ezinengi loSimoni othile umtshuki wezikhumba.

10 Kwakukhona eKesariya indoda ethile ngebizo
nguKorneliyu, induna yekhulu yebutho elithiwa
ngeleIthaliya, 2 eqotho lemesabayo uNkulunkulu
kanye lendlu yayo yonke, eyenza imisebenzi yomusa
eminengi ebantwini, ikhuleka njalonjalo kuNkulunkulu;
3 yabona embonweni ngokucacileyo, ngokungaba
lihola lesificamunwemunye losuku, ingilosi kaNkulunkulu
ingena kuyo, yasisithi kuyo: Korneliyu! 4 Waseyijolozela
efikelwa yikwesaba wathi: Kuyini, Nkosi? Yasisithi
kuye: Imikhuleko yakho lezipho zakho kubayanga
kwenyuke kwaba yisikhumbuzo phambi kukaNkulunkulu.
5 Khathesi-ke thuma amadoda eJopha, ubize uSimoni
othiwa futhi nguPetro; 6 yena ungenisile kuSimoni
othile umtshuki wezikhumba, ondlu yakhe iselwandle;
yena uzakutshela ofanele ukwenze. 7 Kwathi
ingilosi ebikhuluma loKorneliyu isihambile, wabiza
ababili kwabendlu yakhe, lowebutho oqotho kulabo
ababemlinda, 8 njalo eselandisile konke kubo,
wabathuma eJopha. 9 Njalo kusisa bona besahamba
sebesondela emzini, uPetro wenyukela phezu kophahla
lwendlu ukuyakhuleka, okungaba lihola lesithupha;
10 waselamba kakhulu, wafuna ukudla; kwathi bona
besamlungisela, ukuhlehliswa kwengqondo kwamehlela,
11 wasebona izulu livulekile, lesitsha esithile sehlela
kuye, njengelembu elikhulu, libotshwe ngamasondo
amane, lisehliselwa emhlabeni; 12 okwakukhona kulo
izidalwa zonke ezilenyawo ezine zomhlaba lezeganga
lezihuquzelayo lenyoni zezulu. 13 Kwasekufika ilizwi
kuye lathi: Sukuma, Petro, hlaba udle. 14 Kodwa uPetro
wathi: Hatshi bo, Nkosi; ngoba kangizake ngidle loba yini
engahlambulukanga kumbe engcolileyo. 15 Ilizwi laphinda
ngokwesibili kuye: Izinto uNkulunkulu azihlambululileyo,
wena ungatsho ukuthi kazihlambulukanga. 16 Njalo
lokhu kwenzeka kwaze kwaba kathathu; lesitsha sabuya
saphakanyiselwa ezulwini. 17 Kwathi uPetro esadidekile
ngaphakathi kwakhe ukuthi ngabe uyini umbono
awubonileyo, njalo khangela, amadoda ayethunywe
evela kuKorneliyu, esebuzile indlu kaSimoni, ema
esangweni, 18 esememezile abuza ukuthi uSimoni,
othiwa futhi nguPetro, ungenisile lapha yini. 19
Kwathi uPetro esanakana ngombono, uMoya wathi
kuye: Khangela, amadoda amathathu ayakudinga. 20
Ngakho sukuma wehle, uhambe lawo, ungathandabuzi;
ngoba yimi engiwathumileyo. 21 UPetro wasesehlela
emadodeni avela kuKorneliyu ayethunywe kuye, wathi:
Khangelani, yimi elimdingayo; yisizatho bani elize
ngaso? 22 Basebesithi: UKorneliyu induna yekhulu,
indoda elungileyo lemesabayo uNkulunkulu, efakazelwa
yisizwe sonke samaJuda, walayelwa nguNkulunkulu
ngengilosi engcwele ukuthi akubizele endlini yakhe,
njalo ezwe amazwi kuwe. 23 Ngakho esebabizele
phakathi wabangenisa. Njalo kusisa uPetro waphuma
wahamba labo, labanye babazalwane ababeseJopha
bahamba laye. 24 Ngosuku olulandelayo basebengena
eKesariya. LoKorneliyu wayebalindele, esebizele
ndawonye izihlobo zakhe labangane abazwana laye. 25
Kwathi sekwenzakele ukuthi uPetro angene, uKorneliyu
wamhlangabeza, ewela enyaweni zakhe, wamkhonza.
26 Kodwa uPetro emphakamisa, wathi: Sukuma; lami

ngokwami ngingumuntu. 27 Njalo esakhuluma layo
wangena, wafica abanengi bebuthene, 28 wasesithi kubo:
Lina liyazi ukuthi kakuvunyelwa emuntwini ongumJuda
ukuhlangana kumbe ukuya emuntwini wesinye isizwe;
kodwa uNkulunkulu ungitshengisile ukuthi ngingabizi
muntu ngokuthi kahlambulukanga kumbe ungcolile;
29 ngakho-ke ngizile ngingaphikisanga nxa ngibizwa.
Ngakho ngiyabuza, ukuthi ungibizele sizatho bani?
30 UKorneliyu wasesithi: Ngensuku ezine ezidlulileyo
kuze kube yilelihola ngangizila ukudla, ngehola
lesificamunwemunye ngangikhuleka endlini yami; njalo
khangela, indoda yema phambi kwami yembethe
isembatho esikhazimulayo, 31 yasisithi: Korneliyu,
umkhuleko wakho uzwakele, lemisebenzi yakho yomusa
ikhunjulwe phambi kukaNkulunkulu. 32 Ngakho thumela
eJopha, ubusubiza uSimoni othiwa futhi nguPetro;
yena ungenisile endlini kaSimoni umtshuki wezikhumba
ngaselwandle; ozakuthi angabuya akutshele. 33
Ngakho ngahle ngathumela kuwe; njalo wena wenze
kuhle ukuthi ufike. Ngakho khathesi sesikhona sonke
phambi kukaNkulunkulu ukuze sizwe konke okulayelwe
nguNkulunkulu. 34 Kwathi uPetro evula umlomo,
wathi: Ngeqiniso ngiyaqedisisa ukuthi uNkulunkulu
kayisuye umkhangeli wobuso bomuntu; 35 kodwa
kuso sonke isizwe yena omesabayo lowenza ukulunga,
uyemukeleka kuye. 36 Ilizwi alithumela kubantwana
bakoIsrayeli, ngevangeli etshumayela ukuthula ngoJesu
Kristu (yena uyiNkosi yabo bonke). 37 Lina liyalazi
ilizwi elamenyezelwa eJudiya yonke, kusukela eGalili,
emva kobhabhathizo uJohane alutshumayelayo; 38
uJesu weNazaretha, ukuthi uNkulunkulu wamgcoba njani
ngoMoya oNgcwele langamandla, owabhoda esenza
okulungileyo njalo esilisa bonke labo abacindezelwe
ngudiyabhola, ngoba uNkulunkulu wayelaye. 39 Lathi
singabafakazi bezinto zonke azenzayo elizweni lamaJuda
leJerusalema; abambulala bamphanyeka esihlahleni.
40 Yena uNkulunkulu wamvusa ngosuku lwesithathu,
wasemnika ukuze abonakale, 41 kungeyisikho kubo
bonke abantu, kodwa kubafakazi ababekhethwe
ngaphambili nguNkulunkulu, kithi, esadla sanatha kanye
laye emva kokuvuka kwakhe kwabafileyo. 42 Wasesilaya
ukuthi sitshumayele ebantwini, sifakaze ukuthi nguye
omiswe nguNkulunkulu ukuba nguMehluli wabaphilayo
labafileyo. 43 Ngaye bonke abaprofethi bafakaza,
ukuthi wonke okholwa kuye uzakwemukela uthethelelo
lwezono ngebizo lakhe. 44 Kwathi uPetro esakhuluma
lawomazwi, uMoya oyiNgcwele wehlela phezu kwabo
bonke abalizwayo ilizwi. 45 Labokusoka abakholwayo
basanganiseka, bonke ababefike loPetro, ukuthi isipho
sikaMoya oNgcwele sathululelwa laphezu kwabezizwe;
46 ngoba babezwa bekhuluma ngendimi, bekhulisa
uNkulunkulu. Khona uPetro waphendula wathi: 47 Ukhona
yini ongala lamanzi, ukuthi laba bangabhabhathizwa,
abemukele uMoya oyiNgcwele lanjengathi? 48 Waselaya
ukuthi babhabhathizwe ebizweni leNkosi. Basebemcela
ukuthi ahlale insuku ezithile.

11 Abaphostoli labazalwane ababeseJudiya
basebesizwa ukuthi abezizwe labo balemukele
ilizwi likaNkulunkulu. 2 Kwathi uPetro esenyukele
eJerusalema, abokusoka baphikisana laye, 3 besithi:
Ungene emadodeni angasokanga, wadla lawo. 4 Kodwa
uPetro eqala wabalandisela ngokulandelana esithi: 5
Mina ngangisemzini weJopha ngikhuleka, ngasengibona
ekuhlehlisweni kwengqondo umbono, kwehla isitsha
esithile, sinjengelembu elikhulu sisehliswa ngamasondo
amane sivela ezulwini, sasesifika kimi; 6 okwathi
sengilikhangelisisile ngaqaphelisa, ngasengibona
inyamazana ezilenyawo ezine zomhlaba lezeganga
lezihuquzelayo lenyoni zezulu. 7 Ngasengisizwa ilizwi
lisithi kimi: Sukuma, Petro, hlaba udle. 8 Kodwa ngathi:
Hatshi bo Nkosi; ngoba loba yini engahlambulukanga
kumbe engcolileyo kayizake ingene emlonyeni wami. 9
Kodwa ilizwi langiphendula ngokwesibili livela ezulwini
lathi: Izinto uNkulunkulu azihlambululileyo, wena
ungatsho ukuthi kazihlambulukanga. 10 Lokhu-ke
kwenzeka kathathu, njalo konke kwabuye kwadonselwa
phezulu ezulwini. 11 Njalo khangela, ngasona lesosikhathi
amadoda amathathu ema phambi kwendlu engangikuyo,
ethunyiwe kimi evela eKesariya. 12 UMoya wasesithi
kimi ngihambe lawo, ngingathandabuzi; lalababazalwane
abayisithupha labo bahamba lami, sasesingena
endlini yendoda; 13 yasisibikela ukuthi yayibone
njani ingilosi imi endlini yayo, isithi kuyo: Thumela
amadoda eJopha, ubize uSimoni, othiwa nguPetro,
14 ozakutshela amazwi, ozasindiswa ngawo wena
lendlu yakho yonke. 15 Kwathi ngisaqala ukukhuluma,
uMoya oyiNgcwele wehlela phezu kwabo, lanjengakithi
ekuqaleni. 16 Ngakhumbula ilizwi leNkosi, ukuthi
yakhuluma njani isithi: Isibili uJohane wabhabhathiza
ngamanzi, kodwa lina lizabhabhathizwa ngoMoya
oNgcwele. 17 Ngakho nxa uNkulunkulu ebanikile
isipho esifananayo lanjengakithi, esakholwa eNkosini
uJesu Kristu, mina bengingubani ebengingavimbela
uNkulunkulu? 18 Njalo bathi sebezizwile lezizinto
bathula, bamdumisa uNkulunkulu, besithi: Ngakho-
ke uNkulunkulu unikile abezizwe labo ukuphendukela
empilweni. 19 Labo-ke abahlakazeka ngokuhlupheka
okwenzeka mayelana loStefane badabula baze bafika
eFenekiya leKuprosi leAntiyoki, bengalikhulumi ilizwi
lakoyedwa ngaphandle kumaJuda kuphela. 20 Kodwa
kwakukhona abanye kubo, amadoda amaKuprosi
lamaKurene, abathi sebefike eAntiyoki, bakhuluma
lamaHelenisiti, betshumayela indaba ezinhle zeNkosi
uJesu. 21 Lesandla seNkosi sasilabo; njalo inani elikhulu
lakholwa laphendukela eNkosini. 22 Zasezizwakala
indaba ngabo endlebeni zebandla elaliseJerusalema;
basebethuma uBarnabasi ukuthi adabule kuze kube
seAntiyoki; 23 kwathi esefikile esebona umusa

kaNkulunkulu wathokoza, wasebakhuthaza bonke ukuthi
babambelele eNkosini ngokuzimisela kwenhliziyo;
24 ngoba wayeyindoda elungileyo egcwele uMoya
oNgcwele lokholo; kwengezelelwa eNkosini ixuku
elikhulu. 25 UBarnabasi wasesiya eTarsu ukuze adinge
uSawuli, 26 kwathi esemtholile wamletha eAntiyoki.
Kwasekusithi umnyaka wonke behlangana ebandleni
bafundisa ixuku elikhulu; njalo abafundi baqala ukubizwa
ngokuthi ngamaKristu eAntiyoki. 27 Kwathi ngalezonsuku
kwafika eAntiyoki abaprofethi bevela eJerusalema. 28
Kwasekusukuma omunye wabo othiwa nguAgabusi,
watshengisa ngoMoya ukuthi kuzakuba khona indlala
enkulu emhlabeni wonke; eyaba khona futhi ngesikhathi
sikaKlawudiyosi Kesari. 29 Labafundi bazimisela ukuthi
ngulowo lalowo wabo athumele njengamandla alowo
lalowo okokusiza abazalwane abahlala eJudiya; 30
abakwenzayo-ke, bakuthumela kubadala ngesandla
sikaBarnabasi loSawuli.

12 Ngalesosikhathi uHerodi inkosi waseselula izandla
ukuthi ahluphe abanye bebandla. 2 Wasebulala
uJakobe umfowabo kaJohane ngenkemba. 3 Esebonile
ukuthi lokhu kuyawathokozisa amaJuda, waqhubeka
wabamba uPetro laye (njalo kwakuzinsuku zesinkwa
esingelamvubelo); 4 esembambile laye wamfaka
entolongweni, wamnikela kumaviyo amane alamabutho
amane ukuze amlinde, eqonde ukumusa ebantwini emva
kwephasika. 5 Ngakho uPetro wagcinwa entolongweni;
kodwa umkhuleko oqhubekayo wenziwa libandla ngaye
kuNkulunkulu. 6 Kwathi uHerodi esezamkhupha,
ngalobobusuku uPetro wayelele phakathi kwabebutho
ababili, ebotshwe ngamaketane amabili; labalindi phambi
komnyango babegcine intolongo. 7 Njalo khangela,
ingilosi yeNkosi yema, lokukhanya kwakhanyisa
ekamelweni; yasitshaya uPetro ehlangothini, yamvusa
isithi: Sukuma ngokuphangisa. Asesiwa amaketane akhe
ezandleni zakhe. 8 Ingilosi yasisithi kuye: Bhinca, ubophe
amanyathela akho. Wasesenza njalo. Yasisithi kuye:
Yembatha isembatho sakho, ungilandele. 9 Wasephuma
wayilandela; njalo wayengazi ukuthi kuliqiniso okwenziwa
yingilosi, kodwa wayecabanga ukuthi ubona umbono.
10 Njalo sebedlulile abalindi bokuqala labesibili, bafika
esangweni lensimbi, elokuya emzini, elabavulekela
ngokwalo; basebephuma bahamba umgwaqo waba
munye; njalo ingilosi yahle yamtshiya. 11 Kwathi uPetro,
eseqaqabukile, wathi: Khathesi sengisazi ngeqiniso
ukuthi iNkosi ithumile ingilosi yayo, yangikhulula esandleni
sikaHerodi lakukho konke okulindelwe yisizwe samaJuda.
12 Kwathi esenanzelele waya endlini kaMariya unina
kaJohane othiwa futhi nguMarko, lapho okwakuhlangene
khona abanengi bekhuleka. 13 Kwathi uPetro eseqoqodile
esivalweni sesango, incekukazi encane yeza ukulalela,
uRoda ngebizo, 14 kwathi isilazi ilizwi likaPetro,
kayivulanga isango ngenxa yentokozo, kodwa yagijima
yangena yabika ukuthi uPetro umi phambi kwesango.
15 Kodwa bathi kuyo: Uyahlanya. Kodwa yaqinisisa
ukuthi kunjalo. Basebesithi: Yingilosi yakhe. 16 Kodwa
uPetro waqhubeka eqoqoda; sebevulile bambona,
basanganiseka. 17 Wasebaqhweba ngesandla ukuze
bathule, wabalandisela ukuthi iNkosi imkhuphe njani
entolongweni, wathi: Bikelani uJakobe labazalwane
lezizinto. Wasephuma waya kwenye indawo. 18 Sekusile,
kwaba khona isiphithiphithi esingesincinyane phakathi
kwebutho, ukuthi wayesehlelwe yini uPetro. 19 Kwathi
uHerodi esemdingile engamtholi, wabuzisisa abalindi,
walaya ukuthi basuswe bayebulawa. Wasesuka eJudiya
wehlela eKesariya wahlala khona. 20 Njalo uHerodi
wayebathukuthelele abeTire labeSidoni; basebesiza
kuye bengqondonye; sebevumelene loBlastusi induna
yekamelo lokulala lenkosi, bacela ukuthula, ngoba
ilizwe labo lalifunzwa ngelenkosi. 21 Njalo ngosuku
olumisiweyo uHerodi wembatha isembatho sobukhosi,
wasehlala esihlalweni sokwahlulela, wenza inkulumo
kubo. 22 Abantu basebememeza besithi: Yilizwi
likaNkulunkulu njalo kayisilo elomuntu. 23 Njalo yahle
yamtshaya ingilosi yeNkosi, ngoba kanikanga udumo
kuNkulunkulu; wasedliwa zimpethu, waphela. 24 Kodwa
ilizwi likaNkulunkulu lakhula landa. 25 UBarnabasi
loSawuli basebebuya bevela eJerusalema, sebeqedile
inkonzo, babuya beloJohane laye othiwa futhi nguMarko.

13 Kwakukhona eAntiyoki ebandleni lapho abaprofethi
labafundisi abathile, uBarnabasi kanye loSimeyoni
othiwa nguNigeri, loLukiyu umKurene, loManayeni
owayondliwe kanye loHerodi umtetrarki, loSawuli.
2 Kwathi bekhonza iNkosi bezila ukudla, uMoya
oyiNgcwele wathi: Ngehlukaniselani oBarnabasi kanye
loSawuli emsebenzini engibabizele wona. 3 Sebezile
ukudla bakhuleka babeka izandla phezu kwabo,
babathuma. 4 Bona-ke sebethunyiwe nguMoya
oyiNgcwele, behlela eSelukiya, basuka lapho baya
eKuprosi ngomkhumbi. 5 Kwathi sebefikile eSalamisi,
batshumayela ilizwi likaNkulunkulu emasinagogeni
amaJuda; njalo babeloJohane umsizi. 6 Kwathi
sebedabule isihlenge bafika ePhafosi, bafica isanuse
esithile, umprofethi wamanga, umJuda, obizo lakhe
nguBarjesu, 7 owayelombusi uSergiyu Pawuli, indoda
ehlakaniphileyo. Lo wabizela kuye uBarnabasi loSawuli
edinga ukuzwa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu. 8 Kodwa
isanuse, uElimasi, ngoba liphendulelwa njalo ibizo
lakhe, waphikisana labo, edinga ukuphambula umbusi
ekholweni. 9 Kodwa uSawuli, onguPawuli futhi,
egcwele uMoya oNgcwele, njalo emjolozela 10 wathi:
O wena ogcwele inkohliso yonke lobuqili bonke,
ndodana kadiyabhola, sitha sakho konke ukulunga,
kawuyekeli ukuphambula indlela eziqondileyo zeNkosi
yini? 11 Njalo khathesi khangela, isandla seNkosi
siphezu kwakho, njalo uzakuba yisiphofu, ungaliboni
ilanga okwesikhathi. Kwahle kwamehlela ukufiphala
lobumnyama, wahamba ebhoda edinga abazamdonsa

ngesandla. 12 Ngalesosikhathi umbusi wabona
okwenziweyo wakholwa, edidwa yimfundiso yeNkosi.
13 UPawuli lababelaye basebesuka ngomkhumbi
ePhafosi bafika ePerga esePamfiliya. Kodwa uJohane
wehlukana labo wabuyela eJerusalema. 14 Kodwa bona
bedabula besuka ePerga, bafika eAntiyoki esePisidiya;
ngosuku lwesabatha basebengena esinagogeni, bahlala
phansi. 15 Kwathi sekufundwe umlayo labaprofethi,
abaphathi besinagoge bathumela kubo, besithi:
Madoda bazalwane, uba kulelizwi phakathi kwenu
lenkuthazo ebantwini, khulumani. 16 Kwathi uPawuli
esukuma, njalo eqhweba ngesandla, wathi: Madoda
maIsrayeli, lani elesaba uNkulunkulu, lalelani. 17
UNkulunkulu walesisizwe sakoIsrayeli wakhetha obaba
bethu, wabaphakamisa abantu bengabemzini elizweni
leGibhithe, wabakhupha kulo ngengalo ephakemeyo.
18 Wasebekezelela isimilo sabo okungaba yisikhathi
seminyaka engamatshumi amane enkangala. 19
Njalo esechithile izizwe eziyisikhombisa elizweni
leKhanani, wabehlukanisela ilizwe labo ngenkatho.
20 Lemva kwalezizinto, okungaba ngokweminyaka
engamakhulu amane lamatshumi amahlanu, wabanika
abahluleli kwaze kwaba nguSamuweli umprofethi.
21 Njalo kusukela lapho bacela inkosi; uNkulunkulu
wasebanika uSawuli indodana kaKishi, indoda yesizwe
sakoBhenjamini, okweminyaka engamatshumi amane.
22 Njalo esemkhuphile, wabavusela uDavida waba
yinkosi, afakaza langaye ngokuthi: Ngimtholile uDavida
kaJese, indoda ngokwenhliziyo yami, ezakwenza
intando yami yonke. 23 Enzalweni yalumuntu
njengesithembiso, uNkulunkulu uvusele uIsrayeli
uMsindisi uJesu; 24 engakafiki yena uJohane
wayesetshumayele kuqala ubhabhathizo lokuphenduka
kubo bonke abantu bakoIsrayeli. 25 UJohane esegcwalise
uhambo lwakhe, wathi: Licabanga ukuthi ngingubani?
Kangisuye mina; kodwa khangelani, emva kwami
uyeza, engingafanelanga ukukhulula amanyathela
enyawo zakhe. 26 Madoda bazalwane, bantwana
bohlanga lukaAbrahama, lalabo phakathi kwenu abesaba
uNkulunkulu, lithunyelwe kini ilizwi lalolusindiso. 27
Ngoba labo abahlala eJerusalema lababusi babo
kabamazanga lo, bawagcwalisa lamazwi abaprofethi
afundwayo isabatha ngesabatha, ngokumlahla; 28
njalo bengatholi lacala lokufa, bacela kuPilatu ukuthi
abulawe. 29 Kwathi sebeqedile konke okulotshiweyo
ngaye, bamethula esihlahleni, bamlalisa engcwabeni.
30 Kodwa uNkulunkulu wamvusa kwabafileyo; 31
owabonwa insuku ezinengi yilabo ababenyukele laye
ukuya eJerusalema besuka eGalili, abangabafakazi
bakhe ebantwini. 32 Lathi sitshumayela indaba ezinhle kini
zesithembiso esenziwa kubobaba, 33 ukuthi uNkulunkulu
usigcwalisile sona kithi, abantwana babo, emvusile uJesu,
njengoba kulotshiwe futhi kusihlabelelo sesibili ukuthi:
Wena uyiNdodana yami, lamuhla mina ngikuzele. 34
Njalo ngokuthi wamvusa kwabafileyo, engasayikubuyela
ekuboleni, wakhuluma kanje wathi: Ngizalinika izibusiso
ezingcwele lezithembekileyo zikaDavida. 35 Ngakho
njalo kwenye indawo uthi: Kawuyikunikela oNgcwele
wakho abone ukubola. 36 Ngoba uDavida, esekhonze
esakhe isizukulwana ngecebo likaNkulunkulu walala,
njalo walaliswa laboyise, wabona ukubola; 37 kodwa
lowo uNkulunkulu amvusayo, kakubonanga ukubola.
38 Ngakho kakwaziwe yini, madoda bazalwane, ukuthi
ngalowo kutshunyayelwa kini uthethelelo lwezono; 39
njalo kulo wonke okholwayo uyalungisiswa kukho konke
ebelingelungisiswe kukho ngomlayo kaMozisi. 40 Ngakho
qaphelani ukuthi kalehlelwa yilokhu okwakhulunywa
kubaprofethi, okokuthi: 41 Khangelani, zideleli, njalo
limangale, litshabalale; ngoba mina ngenza umsebenzi
ensukwini zenu, umsebenzi elingasoze lawukholwa,
nxa umuntu elilandisela. 42 Kwathi ekuphumeni
kwamaJuda esinagogeni, abezizwe bacela ukuthi
lamazwi akhulunywe kubo ngesabatha elilandelayo. 43
Kwathi abesinagoge sebephumile, abanengi kumaJuda
labakhonzayo abaphendukela kumaJuda balandela
uPawuli loBarnabasi; abakhuluma labo, bebancenga
ukuthi bahlale emuseni kaNkulunkulu. 44 Kwathi
ngesabatha elilandelayo babuthana kwaphose kwaba
ngumuzi wonke ukuzwa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu. 45
Kodwa amaJuda ebona amaxuku agcwaliswa ngomona,
aphikisa izinto ezakhulunywa nguPawuli, ephikisa
njalo ehlambaza. 46 Kodwa uPawuli loBarnabasi
bekhuluma ngesibindi bathi: Kwakudingeka ukuthi
ilizwi likaNkulunkulu likhulunywe kini kuqala; kodwa
njengoba lilinina, njalo lizigweba ukuthi alifanelanga impilo
elaphakade, khangelani, siphendukela kwabezizwe.
(aiōnios g166) 47 Ngoba iNkosi isilayile ngokunjalo
yathi: Ngikumisile ube yikukhanya kwabezizwe, ube
ngowosindiso kuze kube semkhawulweni womhlaba. 48
Kwathi abezizwe bekuzwa bathokoza, basebelidumisa
ilizwi leNkosi, basebekholwa bonke ababemiselwe
impilo elaphakade; **(aiōnios g166)** 49 lelizwi leNkosi
lasatshalaliswa elizweni lonke. 50 Kodwa amaJuda avusa
abesifazana abakhonzayo abadumileyo lezikhulu zomuzi,
avusela uPawuli loBarnabasi ukuzingelwa, abaxotsha
emikhawulweni yawo. 51 Kodwa babathintithela uthuli
lwenyawo zabo, bafika eIkoniyuma. 52 Njalo abafundi
bagcwaliswa ngentokozo loMoya oNgcwele.

14 Kwasekusithi eIkoniyuma, bangena ndawonye
esinagogeni lamaJuda, basebekhuluma njalo
kwaze kwakholwa ixuku elikhulu lamaJuda kanye
lamaGriki. 2 Kodwa amaJuda angakholwayo avusa
athela umoya omubi emiphefumulweni yabezizwe
ngabazalwane. 3 Ngakho bahlala isikhathi eside
bekhuluma ngesibindi beseNkosini eyafakazela ilizwi
lomusa wayo, njalo ibanika ukuthi kwenziwe izibonakaliso
lezimangaliso ngezandla zabo. 4 Kodwa ixuku
lomuzi lehlukaniswa phakathi; abanye basebesiba

lamaJuda, labanye baba labaphostoli. 5 Kwathi
sekulokuhlasela kwabezizwe lamaJuda kanye lababusi
babo, okokubaphatha kubi lokubakhanda ngamatshe, 6
sebekwazi, babalekela emizini yeLikawoniya, eListra
leDerbe, lelizweni elizingelezeleyo; 7 lakhona
batshumayela ivangeli. 8 Njalo eListra kwakuhlezi
indoda ethile engelamandla enyaweni zayo, eyisiqhuli
kusukela esizalweni sikanina, engazange ihambe. 9
Yona yamuzwa uPawuli ekhuluma; yena eyijolozela,
ebona ukuthi ilokholo lokuthi isindisiwe, 10 wathi
ngelizwi elikhulu: Sukuma, ume ngenyawo zakho
uqonde. Yasisukuma yathi lothu yahamba. 11 Kwathi
amaxuku, ebona uPawuli akwenzileyo, aphakamisa
amazwi awo esithi ngesiLikawoniya: Onkulunkulu behlele
kithi befanana labantu. 12 UBarnabasi basebembiza
ngokuthi nguZewusi, loPawuli ngokuthi nguHermesi,
ngoba yena wayengumkhokheli wokukhuluma. 13 Njalo
umpristi kaZewusi owayephambi komuzi wabo, waletha
izinkabi lemigaxo emasangweni, wafuna ukuhlaba
umnikelo ekanye lamaxuku. 14 Kodwa abaphostoli
uBarnabasi loPawuli besizwa, badabula izembatho zabo,
baphoseka exukwini, bememeza 15 besithi: Madoda,
lizenzelani lezizinto? Lathi singabantu abalemizwa
efanana leyenu, sitshumayela indaba ezinhle kini
ukuthi liphenduke kulezozinto eziyize liphendukele
kuNkulunkulu ophilayo, owenza izulu lomhlaba lolwandle
lakho konke okukukho; 16 owathi ezizukulwaneni
ezidlulileyo wayekela izizwe zonke zahamba ngendlela
zazo. 17 Loba kunjalo kayekelanga yena ukuthi angabi
lobufakazi, ukwenza okuhle esinika izulu livela ezulwini
lezikhathi zenala, egcwalisa inhliziyo zenu ngokudla
langenjabulo. 18 Njalo bekhuluma lezizinto, bawayekelisa
kalukhuni amaxuku ukuthi angabahlabeli. 19 Kodwa
kwafika amaJuda avela eAntiyoki leIkoniyuma, encenga
amaxuku, amkhanda uPawuli ngamatshe, amhudulela
ngaphandle komuzi, ecabanga ukuthi ufile. 20 Kodwa
kwathi abafundi bembuthanela, wasukuma wangena
emzini; kusisa wasuka loBarnabasi baya eDerbe. 21
Njalo sebetshumayele ivangeli kulowomuzi, sebezuzile
abafundi abanengi, babuyela eListra leIkoniyuma
leAntiyoki, 22 beqinisa imiphefumulo yabafundi,
bebakhuthaza ukuthi bahlale ekholweni, lokuthi simele
ukungena embusweni kaNkulunkulu ngezinhlupheko
ezinengi. 23 Kwathi sebebabekele abadala kulo lonke
ibandla, bakhuleka kanye lokuzila ukudla, babanikela
eNkosini, asebekholwe kiyo. 24 Basebedabula iPisidiya
baya ePamfiliya. 25 Sebekhulumile ilizwi ePerga,
behlela eAtaliya; 26 basuka lapho ngomkhumbi
baya eAntiyoki, besuka lapho ababenikelwe khona
emuseni kaNkulunkulu emsebenzini abasebewuqedile.
27 Kwathi sebefikile bahlanganisa ibandla, balandisa
konke uNkulunkulu ayekwenzile labo, lokuthi uvulele
abezizwe umnyango wokholo. 28 Basebehlala lapho
okwesikhathi esingesifitshane labafundi.

15 Kwasekusehla abathile bevela eJudiya, bafundisa
abazalwane ukuthi: Nxa lingasokwanga
ngokwesiko likaMozisi, lingesindiswe. 2 Ngakho kwathi
sekulokuphambana lokuphikisana okungekuncinyane
ngoPawuli loBarnabasi bemelane labo, bamisa ukuthi
uPawuli loBarnabasi labanye abathile kubo benyukele
kubaphostoli labadala eJerusalema, ngaloludaba. 3
Ngakho, kwathi sebephelekezelwe libandla, badabula
iFenekiya leSamariya, balandisa ngokuphenduka
kwabezizwe; benzela bonke abazalwane intokozo
enkulu. 4 Kwathi sebefikile eJerusalema, bemukelwa
libandla labaphostoli labadala, njalo balandisa ukuthi
zingakanani izinto uNkulunkulu ayezenze labo. 5
Kodwa kwasukuma abanye abakholwayo abangabehlelo
labaFarisi, besithi: Kufanele ukubasoka, lokubalaya
bagcine umlayo kaMozisi. 6 Kwasekubuthana
abaphostoli labadala ndawonye ukuze baluhlole
loludaba. 7 Kwathi sebephikisene kakhulu, uPetro
wasukuma wathi kubo: Madoda bazalwane, lina liyazi
ukuthi ensukwini zakuqala uNkulunkulu wakhetha
phakathi kwethu, ukuthi ngomlomo wami abezizwe
balizwe ilizwi levangeli, bakholwe. 8 Njalo uNkulunkulu
umazi wenhliziyo wabafakazela, ebanika uMoya
oyiNgcwele, lanjengathi; 9 futhi kehlukanisanga phakathi
kwethu labo, ehlambulula inhliziyo zabo ngokholo.
10 Pho-ke limlingelani uNkulunkulu, ngokubeka
ijogwe entanyeni yabafundi, obaba bethu kanye lathi
esingabanga lamandla okulithwala? 11 Kodwa sikholwa
ukuthi sisindiswa ngomusa weNkosi uJesu Kristu,
ngandlelanye labo. 12 Ixuku lonke laselithula; laselisizwa
uBarnabasi loPawuli belandisa ukuthi zingakanani
izibonakaliso lezimangaliso uNkulunkulu ayezenze
ngabo phakathi kwabezizwe. 13 Kwathi bona sebeqedile
ukukhuluma, uJakobe waphendula wathi: Madoda
bazalwane, ngilalelani: 14 USimeyoni uselandisile ukuthi
uNkulunkulu wahambela njani abezizwe ekuqaleni
ukuze azuzele ibizo lakhe abantu kubo. 15 Njalo
amazwi abaprofethi ayavumelana lalokhu, njengoba
kulotshiwe ukuthi: 16 Emva kwalezizinto ngizabuya,
ngilakhe futhi ithabhanekele likaDavida eliwileyo; njalo
ngizakwakha okudilikileyo kwalo, njalo ngilimise; 17
ukuze abaseleyo babantu bayidinge iNkosi, labezizwe
bonke ibizo lami elibizwa phezu kwabo, itsho iNkosi
eyenza lezizinto zonke. 18 Kwaziwa kuNkulunkulu
imisebenzi yonke yakhe kusukela ephakadeni. **(aiōn g165)**
19 Ngakho mina ngiquma ukuthi singabakhathazi labo
kwabezizwe abaphendukela kuNkulunkulu; 20 kodwa
sibabhalele ukuthi bazile amanyala ezithombe, lokufeba,
lokukhanyiweyo, legazi. 21 Ngoba uMozisi ulabo kusukela
ezizukulwaneni zendulo abamtshumayelayo umuzi
ngomuzi, efundwa emasinagogeni isabatha ngesabatha.
22 Kwasekubonakala kukuhle kubaphostoli lakubadala
kanye lebandla lonke, ukuthuma amadoda akhethiweyo
phakathi kwabo eAntiyoki loPawuli loBarnabasi; babe

ngoJudasi othiwa futhi nguBarsaba, loSilasi, amadoda
angabakhokheli phakathi kwabazalwane, 23 basebebhala
lokhu ngesandla sabo ukuthi: Abaphostoli labadala
labazalwane kubazalwane abangabezizwe eAntiyoki
leSiriya leKilikhiya, bayabingelela; 24 njengoba sizwile
ukuthi abathile abaphume kithi balikhathazile ngamazwi,
bedunga imiphefumulo yenu, besithi lisokwe lilonde
umthetho, bona esingabalayanga; 25 kwabonakala
kukuhle kithi singqondonye, ukuthi siwakhethe amadoda
siwathume kini, kanye labathandekayo bethu uBarnabasi
loPawuli, 26 abantu abanikele impilo yabo ngenxa
yebizo leNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu. 27 Ngakho
sithumile uJudasi loSilasi, abazakuthi labo ngelizwi
lomlomo balitshele izinto ezifananayo. 28 Ngoba
kwabonakala kukuhle kuMoya oNgcwele, lakithi,
ukuthi singalethesi umthwalo omkhulu, ngaphandle
kwalezizinto ezifunekayo: 29 Ukuthi lizile okuhlatshelwe
izithombe, legazi, lokukhanyiweyo, lokufeba; lezizinto
nxa lizazizila, lizabe lenze kuhle. Salani kuhle. 30 Ngakho
sebebakhululile beza eAntiyoki; futhi sebelihlanganisile
ixuku, balinika incwadi. 31 Kwathi sebefundile, bathokoza
ngenduduzo. 32 UJudasi kanye loSilasi, njengoba
labo babengabaprofethi, balaya abazalwane ngamazwi
amanengi, babaqinisa. 33 Sebehlale isikhathi, bayekelwa
basuka ngokuthula kubazalwane baya kubaphostoli,
34 kodwa kwabonakala kukuhle kuSilasi ukuthi asale
khona. 35 UPawuli loBarnabasi basebesala eAntiyoki,
befundisa betshumayela indaba ezinhle zelizwi leNkosi,
kanye labanye abanengi. 36 Emva kwensuku ezithile
uPawuli wasesithi kuBarnabasi: Ake sibuye sihambele
abazalwane bethu emizini yonke, lapho esatshumayela
khona ilizwi leNkosi, sibone ukuthi bahlezi njani. 37
UBarnabasi wasehlosa ukuthatha uJohane, othiwa
nguMarko, ahambe labo. 38 Kodwa uPawuli wacabanga
ukuthi kufanele ukuthi bangamthathi ahambe labo lowo
owabatshiya ePamfiliya, kaze aya labo emsebenzini. 39
Kwasekuvela ukuphikisana okukhulu, baze behlukana
phakathi; uBarnabasi wasethatha uMarko wahamba
laye ngomkhumbi, baya eKuprosi. 40 Kodwa uPawuli
wakhetha uSilasi wasuka wahamba, esenikelwe emuseni
kaNkulunkulu ngabazalwane. 41 Wasedabula iSiriya
leKilikhiya, eqinisa amabandla.

16 Wasefika eDerbe leListra; njalo khangela,
kwakukhona lapho umfundi othile, uTimothi
ngebizo, indodana yowesifazana othile ongumJudakazi
okholwayo, kodwa uyise wayengumGriki; 2
owayenconywa ngabazalwane eListra leIkoniyuma.
3 Lo uPawuli wathanda ukuthi aphume laye,
wasemthatha wamsoka, ngenxa yamaJuda ayekhona
kulezondawo; ngoba wonke ayemazi uyise, ukuthi
wayengumGriki. 4 Njalo bedabula imizi, babanika
izimiso ukuzilondoloza ezamiswa ngabaphostoli labadala
ababeseJerusalema. 5 Ngakho amabandla aqiniswa
ekholweni, njalo anda ngenani insuku ngensuku.
6 Sebedabule eFrigiya lelizwe leGalathiya, balelwa
nguMoya oNgcwele ukukhuluma ilizwi eAsiya, 7
sebefikile ngaseMisiya bazama ukuya eBithiniya;
kodwa uMoya kabavumelanga; 8 basebeyiceza
iMisiya behlela eTrowasi. 9 Kwasekubonakala umbono
kuPawuli ebusuku; indoda ethile umMakedoniya
yayimi, imncenga isithi: Chaphela eMakedoniya,
usisize. 10 Kwathi esewubonile umbono, sahle sazama
ukusuka siye eMakedoniya, siphetha sisithi iNkosi
isibizele ukutshumayela ivangeli kubo. 11 Ngakho
sasuka eTrowasi ngomkhumbi, saqonda eSamotrake,
langolulandelayo eNeyapholi, 12 sasuka lapho saya
eFiliphi, engumuzi wokuqala wesigaba seMakedoniya,
esibuswa ngelinye ilizwe; kulowomuzi sasesihlala insuku
ezithile. 13 Njalo ngosuku lwesabatha saphumela
ngaphandle komuzi eceleni komfula, lapho okwakufanele
kwenzelwe umkhuleko khona; sasesihlala phansi
sakhuluma labesifazana ababebuthene ndawonye. 14
Lowesifazana othile uLidiya ngebizo, ongumthengisikazi
wamalembu ayibubende owemzini weTiyathira, ekhonza
uNkulunkulu, wezwa, onhliziyo yakhe iNkosi yayivula,
ukuthi alalele okwakhulunywa nguPawuli. 15 Kuthe
esebhabhathiziwe, lendlu yakhe, wasincenga esithi: Uba
libonile ukuthi ngithembekile eNkosini, wozani endlini
yami, lihlale khona. Wasesicindezela. 16 Kwasekusithi
sisiya emkhulekweni, intombazana eyisigqili elomoya
wokuhlahlula yahlangana lathi, eyayizuzela amakhosi
ayo inzuzo enengi ngokuvumisa. 17 Lo walandela
uPawuli lathi, ememeza esithi: Lababantu bazinceku
zikaNkulunkulu oPhezukonke, ezisitshumayeza indlela
yosindiso. 18 Lalokhu yakwenza insuku ezinengi.
Kwathi uPawuli esenengiwe, watshibilika, wathi kumoya:
Ngiyakulaya ngebizo likaJesu Kristu ukuthi uphume
kuyo. Wasephuma ngalesosikhathi. 19 Amakhosi akhe
esebonile ukuthi ithemba lenzuzo yabo seliphumile,
abamba uPawuli loSilasi, abadonsela emdangeni
phambi kwababusi, 20 esebalethile ezinduneni athi:
Lababantu badunga umuzi wethu, bengamaJuda, 21
batshumayela imikhuba esingavunyelwa ukuyemukela
siyenze, singamaRoma. 22 Lexuku labelekelela, lenduna
zabadabulela izembatho zabo zalaya ukuthi babatshaye
ngenduku. 23 Sebebatshayile imivimvinya eminengi
babaphosela entolongweni, balaya umlindintolongo
ukuthi abalondoloze abaqinise; 24 yena, emukele umlayo
onjalo, wabaphosela entolongweni ephakathi, waseqinisa
inyawo zabo esigodweni. 25 Kwathi sekungaba
phakathi kobusuku uPawuli loSilasi babekhuleka
behlabela amahubo endumiso kuNkulunkulu, lezibotshwa
zazibezwa; 26 njalo kwahle kwaba khona ukuzamazama
komhlaba okukhulu, kwaze kwanyikinyeka izisekelo
zentolongo; kwahle kwavulwa iminyango yonke,
kwathukululwa izibopho zabo bonke. 27 Kwathi
umlindintolongo ephaphama, esebona iminyango
yentolongo ivulekile, wakhokha inkemba, ezimisele

ukuzibulala, ecabanga ukuthi izibotshwa zibalekile. **28** Kodwa uPawuli wamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu esithi: Ungazilimazi; ngoba silapha sonke. **29** Wasecela isibane waphoseka phakathi, njalo wasethuthumela wawela phansi phambi kukaPawuli loSilasi, **30** njalo esebakhuphela phandle wathi: Makhosi, kumele ngenzeni ukuze ngisindiswe? **31** Basebesithi: Kholwa eNkosini uJesu Kristu, njalo uzasindiswa wena lendlu yakho. **32** Basebekhuluma kuye ilizwi leNkosi, lakulabo bonke ababesendlini yakhe. **33** Wasebathatha ngalelohola lobusuku wabagezisa amanxeba, njalo wahle wabhabhathizwa yena labakhe bonke. **34** Wasebasa endlini yakhe wabeka itafula lokudla phambi kwabo, wasethokoza lendlu yakhe yonke, ekholwa kuNkulunkulu. **35** Kwathi sekusile, induna zathuma amapholisa zisithi: Khulula labobantu. **36** Umlindintolongo wasebikela uPawuli lamazwi esithi: Induna zithumele, ukuthi likhululwe; ngakho phumani khathesi lihambe ngokuthula. **37** Kodwa uPawuli wathi kuwo: Basitshayile obala singalahlwanga licala, singamaRoma, basebesiphosela entolongweni, njalo khathesi ngensitha sebesiphosela phandle yini? Hatshi bo! Kodwa kumele beze bona basikhuphe. **38** Amapholisa azibikela izinduna lamazwi; zasezisesaba zisizwa ukuthi bangamaRoma, **39** njalo zeza zabancenga, njalo zabakhupha zabacela ukuthi baphume emzini. **40** Basebephuma entolongweni bangena koLidiya; kwathi sebebabonile abazalwane, babaduduza, basuka bahamba.

17 Kwathi sebedabule iAmfipholi leApoloniya, bafika eThesalonika, lapho okwakukhona isinagoge lamaJuda; **2** njalo njengomkhuba kaPawuli wangena kuwo, wakhulumisana lawo ngokuvela emibhalweni okwamasabatha amathathu, **3** evula etshengisa ukuthi kwakufanele uKristu ahlupheke avuke kwabafileyo, lokuthi: UJesu lo, mina engimtshumayela kini, unguKristu. **4** Labanye babo bakholwa, bazihlanganisa loPawuli loSilasi, njalo ixuku elikhulu lamaGriki akhonzayo, lakwabesifazana abadumileyo abangabalutshwana. **5** Kodwa amaJuda angakholwayo aba lomona, athatha amanye amadoda amabi angamavila emdangeni, enza ixuku, adunga umuzi; ahlasela indlu kaJasoni, edinga ukubakhuphela ebantwini; **6** kwathi engabatholi, adonsela uJasoni labazalwane abathile kubaphathi bomuzi, ememeza esithi: Laba abayaluzelisa umhlaba, bona sebefikile lalapha, **7** uJasoni abemukeleyo; lalaba bonke benza okuphambene lemithetho kaKesari, besithi kukhona enye inkosi, enguJesu. **8** Asedunga ixuku labaphathi bomuzi besizwa lezizinto. **9** Kwathi sebethethe isibambiso kuJasoni lakwabanye, abakhulula. **10** Njalo abazalwane bahle basusa uPawuli loSilasi babathuma eBeriya ebusuku; okwathi sebefikile khona basuka baya esinagogeni lamaJuda. **11** Lawo ayelungile kulalawo aweThesalonika, emukela ilizwi ngokuvuma konke, ehlolisisa imibhalo insuku ngensuku, ukuthi zinjalo yini lezizinto. **12** Ngakho amanengi kuwo akholwa, lakwabesifazana abahloniphekayo abangamaGriki lakwabesilisa abangabalutshwana. **13** Kodwa kwathi amaJuda eThesalonika esekwazi ukuthi ilizwi likaNkulunkulu liyatshunyayelwa nguPawuli leBeriya, eza lakhona enyakazelisa amaxuku. **14** Njalo ngalesosikhathi abazalwane bahle bamthuma uPawuli kungathi uya elwandle; kodwa uSilasi loTimothi basala khona. **15** Lalabo ababephelekezela uPawuli, bamfikisa eAtene; sebemukele umlayezelo oya kuSilasi loTimothi, ukuthi beze kuye ngokuphangisa okukhulu, basuka bahamba. **16** Kwathi uPawuli esabalindele eAtene, umoya wakhe wakhathazeka phakathi kwakhe, ebona umuzi ugcwele izithombe. **17** Ngakho waphikisana lamaJuda esinagogeni labanye abakhonzayo, lasemdangeni insuku zonke lalabo ahlangana labo. **18** Labathile kuzo izazi zamaEpikuri lamaStoyiki baphikisana laye. Labanye bathi: Uwumane lolu lufuna ukuthini? Kodwa abanye bathi: Kungathi ungotshumayela onkulunkulu bezizweni; ngoba ngevangeli watshumayela kubo uJesu lokuvuka kwabafileyo. **19** Basebemthatha, bamusa eAreyopagu besithi: Singazi yini ukuthi iyini limfundiso entsha oyifundisayo? **20** Ngoba uletha indaba ezimangalisayo ezithile endlebeni zethu; ngakho sifisa ukwazi ukuthi lezizinto ziyini. **21** Ngoba bonke abeAtene lezethekeli ezihlala khona babechitha isikhathi kungeyisikho ngolutho olunye, ngaphandle kokutshela lokuzwa into entsha. **22** Kwathi uPawuli esima phakathi kweAreyopagu, wathi: Madoda maAtene, ngiyabona ukuthi ezintweni zonke kungathi lilenkolelo enkulu. **23** Ngoba ngithe ngidabula ngikhangela izinto zenu elizikhonzayo, ngasengifica ilathi elilotshwe ukuthi: KUNKULUNKULU ONGAZIWAYO. Lowo-ke elimkhonza lingamazi, nguye mina engimtshumayela kini. **24** UNkulunkulu owenza umhlaba lakho konke okukuwo, yena, oyiNkosi yezulu lomhlaba, kahlali emathempelini enziwe ngezandla, **25** futhi kakhonzwa ngezandla zabantu, njengoswela ulutho, ngoba yena uqobo lwakhe uyabapha bonke impilo lokuphefumula lazo zonke izinto; **26** njalo wazenza zonke izizwe zabantu zivela egazini linye, ukuthi zihlale ebusweni bonke bomhlaba, wazimisela izikhathi eziqunyiweyo ngaphambili lemingcele yokuhlala kwazo; **27** ukuze zidinge iNkosi, ukuthi mhlawumbe sibili zimuzwe zimthole, njalo kanti kakhatshana kulowo lalowo wethu. **28** Ngoba kuye siphila njalo sihamba futhi sikhona; njengoba lembongi ezithile zakini zithe: Ngoba futhi siyinzalo yakhe. **29** Ngakho lokhu siyinzalo kaNkulunkulu, kakufanele ukuthi sinakane ukuthi ubuNkulunkulu bunjengegolide kumbe isiliva loba ilitshe, okubazwe ngeminwe langokunakana kwabantu. **30** Ngakho izikhathi zokungazi uNkulunkulu kazinanzanga, kodwa khathesi uyalaya bonke abantu endaweni zonke ukuthi baphenduke; **31** ngoba umisile usuku, azakwahlulela ngalo umhlaba ngokulunga, ngendoda ayimisileyo,

waqinisa kubo bonke, ngokuyivusa kwabafileyo. **32** Kwathi besizwa ngokuvuka kwabafileyo, abanye bahleka usulu; kodwa abanye bathi: Sizaphinda sikuzwe ngalokhu. **33** Langokunjalo uPawuli waphuma phakathi kwabo. **34** Kodwa amadoda athile anamathela kuye, akholwa; phakathi kwawo kwakukhona loDiyonisiyu umAreyopagu, lowesifazana obizo lakhe nguDamari, labanye kanye labo.

18 Emva kwalezizinto uPawuli wasuka eAtene weza eKorinte. **2** Wasefica umJuda othile uAkwila ngebizo, owePontusi ngokuzalwa, owayesanda ukufika evela eIthaliya, loPrisila umkakhe (ngenxa yokulaya kukaKlawudiyosi kokuthi wonke amaJuda kawasuke eRoma), waya kubo; **3** njalo ngoba babelomsebenzi ofananayo, wahlala kubo wasebenza; ngoba babengabenzi bamathente ngomsebenzi. **4** Wasekhulumisana labo esinagogeni amasabatha wonke, wancenga amaJuda lamaGriki. **5** Kwathi uSilasi loTimothi sebehlile bevela eMakedoniya, uPawuli wacindezelwa nguMoya, efakaza kumaJuda ukuthi uJesu unguKristu. **6** Kwathi emelana laye ehlambaza, wathintitha izembatho, wathi kuwo: Igazi lenu kalibe phezu kwekhanda lenu; mina ngimsulwa; kusukela khathesi ngizakuya kwabezizwe. **7** Wasesuka lapho waya endlini yomunye obizo lakhe nguJustusi, okhonza uNkulunkulu, ondlu yakhe yayiseduze lesinagoge. **8** Kodwa uKrispusi umphathi wesinagoge wakholwa eNkosini lendlu yakhe yonke; labanengi kwabeKorinte balalela bakholwa babhabhathizwa. **9** INkosi yasisithi kuPawuli ebusuku ngombono: Ungesabi, kodwa khuluma njalo ungathuli; **10** ngoba mina ngilawe, njalo kakho ozakuhlasela ukukwenzela okubi; ngoba ngilabantu abanengi kulumuzi. **11** Njalo wahlala umnyaka lenyanga eziyisithupha, efundisa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu phakathi kwabo. **12** Kwathi uGaliyo engumbusi weAkaya, amaJuda amvukela uPawuli nganhliziyonye, amusa phambi kwesihlalo sokwahlulela, **13** esithi: Lo uncenga abantu ukuthi bakhonze uNkulunkulu ngokuphambene lomlayo. **14** Kodwa kwathi uPawuli esezavula umlomo, uGaliyo wathi kumaJuda: Ngakho uba bekulento engalunganga kumbe inkohliso embi, maJuda, ngesizatho bengizalibekezelela; **15** kodwa uba kuyikuphikisana ngelizwi lamabizo, lomlayo phakathi kwenu, ziboneleni lina; ngoba mina kangithandi ukuba ngumahluleli walezizinto. **16** Wasewaxotsha esihlalweni sokwahlulela. **17** Wonke amaGriki asebamba uSostenesi umphathi wesinagoge, amtshaya phambi kwesihlalo sokwahlulela. Njalo uGaliyo kaze azinanza lezizinto. **18** Kwathi uPawuli esahlezi insuku ezinengi, wavalelisa abazalwane, wasuka ngomkhumbi waya eSiriya, loPrisila loAkwila kanye laye, esephuce ikhanda eKenikreya, ngoba wayelesifungo. **19** Sebefikile eEfesu, wasebatshiya khona; kodwa yena engena esinagogeni wakhulumisana lamaJuda. **20** Sebemcelile ukuthi ahlale isikhathi esidanyana labo, kavumanga; **21** kodwa wabavalelisa esithi: Kufanele isibili ukuthi ngigcine eJerusalema umkhosi ozayo; kodwa ngizabuyela kini njalo, uba uNkulunkulu evuma. Wasuka eEfesu ngomkhumbi, **22** njalo esefikile eKesariya, wenyuka wabingelela ibandla; wehlela eAntiyoki. **23** Njalo esechithe isikhathi esithile, wasuka, wadabula ngokulandelana ilizwe leGalathiya leFrigiya, eqinisa bonke abafundi. **24** Njalo umJuda othile, uApolosi ngebizo, umAleksandriya ngokuzalwa, eyindoda eyisikhulumi, wafika eEfesu, elamandla emibhalweni. **25** Lo wayefundisiwe indlela yeNkosi, njalo evutha emoyeni wakhuluma wafundisa ngokukhuthala izinto ezimayelana leNkosi, esazi ubhabhathizo lukaJohane kuphela; **26** lo waseqala ukukhuluma ngesibindi esinagogeni. Kwathi sebemzwile uPrisila loAkwila, bamthathela kubo, bamchasisela indlela kaNkulunkulu ngokuqonda okukhulu. **27** Kwathi esethanda ukuchaphela eAkaya, abazalwane bemkhuthaza babhalela abafundi ukuthi bamemukele; okwathi esefikile wabasiza kakhulu abakholwa ngomusa; **28** ngoba waphikisa ngamandla wawehlula ngokupheleleyo obala amaJuda, etshengisa ngemibhalo ukuthi uKristu unguJesu.

19 Kwasekusithi, uApolosi eseseKorinte, uPawuli wafika eEfesu esedabule indawo eziphakemeyo; wasefica abafundi abathile **2** wathi kubo: Lamemukela yini uMoya oNgcwele mhla likholwayo? Basebesithi kuye: Kodwa kasizanga sizwe ngitsho ukuthi kukhona uMoya oNgcwele. **3** Wasesithi kubo: Pho labhabhathizelwa kukuphi? Basebesithi: Kubhabhathizo lukaJohane. **4** Kodwa uPawuli wathi: UJohane isibili wabhabhathiza ubhabhathizo lokuphenduka, etshela abantu ukuze bakholwe kulowo oweza emva kwakhe, okuyikuthi, kuKristu Jesu. **5** Lalabo abezwayo babhabhathizwa ebizweni leNkosi uJesu. **6** Wathi uPawuli esebeke izandla phezu kwabo, uMoya oyiNgcwele weza phezu kwabo; basebekhuluma ngendimi, baprofetha. **7** Njalo wonke amadoda ayengaba litshumi lambili. **8** Wasengena esinagogeni wakhuluma ngesibindi, inyanga ezintathu etshumayela eqinisekisa izinto ngombuso kaNkulunkulu. **9** Kodwa kwathi abanye besiba lukhuni bengakholwa, bekhuluma kubi ngaleyondlela phambi kwabantu, wasuka kubo wehlukanisa abafundi, insuku ngensuku etshumayela esikolo sothile uTiranu. **10** Lalokhu kwenzeka okweminyaka emibili, baze balizwa ilizwi leNkosi uJesu bonke abakhileyo eAsiya, amaJuda kanye lamaGriki. **11** UNkulunkulu wasesenza imisebenzi yamandla engejwayelekanga ngezandla zikaPawuli, **12** kwaze kwathi lakwabagulayo kwasiwa izifinyo kumbe amafasikoti okuvela emzimbeni wakhe, lezifo zasuka kubo, labomoya ababi baphuma kubo. **13** Kwathi abanye kumihambuma yamaJuda, izanuse, bazama ukubiza ibizo leNkosi uJesu kulabo ababelabomoya ababi, besithi: Siyalifungisa ngoJesu amtshumayelayo

uPawuli. 14 Njalo kwakukhona amadodana ayisikhombisa
athile kaSikeva umJuda umpristi omkhulu akwenzayo
lokho. 15 Kodwa umoya omubi waphendula wathi:
UJesu ngiyamazi, loPawuli ngiyazi ngaye; kodwa lina
lingobani? 16 Lowomuntu okwakukuye umoya omubi
waseseqela phezu kwabo, njalo wabehlula, wabanqoba,
baze babaleka kuleyondlu benqunu belimele. 17 Lokhu
kwasekusaziwa yibo bonke abakhileyo eEfesu amaJuda
kanye lamaGriki; lokwesaba kwasekubehlela bonke;
njalo lakhuliswa ibizo leNkosi uJesu. 18 Labanengi
balabo abakholwayo beza, bevuma, bememezela
izenzo zabo. 19 Labanengi balabo ababesenza
amasalamusi baletha ingwalo ndawonye bazitshisa
phambi kwabo bonke; basebebala intengo yazo,
bathola izinkulungwane ezingamatshumi amahlanu
zesiliva. 20 Ngokunjalo ilizwi leNkosi lakhula ngamandla
lanqoba. 21 Kwathi lezizinto seziphelile, uPawuli
wazimisela emoyeni, esedabule eMakedoniya leAkaya,
ukuya eJerusalema, esithi: Emva kokuba kwami
lapho, ngimele ukubona iRoma layo. 22 Esethume
eMakedoniya ababili balabo ababemsiza, uTimothi
loErastu, yena wahlala eAsiya okwesikhathi. 23 Kodwa
ngalesosikhathi kwasuka isiphithiphithi esingesincinyane
mayelana laleyondlela. 24 Ngoba umuntu othile
onguDemetriyu ngebizo, umkhandi wesiliva, owenza
amathempelana esiliva kaDiyana, waletha kuzingcwethi
inzuzo engencinyane; 25 owabaqoqayo bona, lezisebenzi
zezinto ezifananayo, wathi: Madoda, liyazi ukuthi inotho
yethu ivela kulumsebenzi. 26 Njalo liyabona liyezwa
ukuthi kungeyisikho eEfesu kuphela, kodwa phose kulo
lonke iAsiya, uPawuli lo uncengile njalo uphambule ixuku
elikhulu, esithi kayisibo onkulunkulu abenziwe ngezandla.
27 Njalo kayisikho lokhu kuphela ukuthi sisengozini yokuthi
lolugatsha lomsebenzi lufike ekutheni lungahlonitshwa,
kodwa lethempeli likankulunkulukazi omkhulu uDiyana
lizathiwa liyinto engesilutho, njalo lobukhulukazi bakhe
buzakwehliswa, elimkhonzayo yonke iAsiya lomhlaba
wonke. 28 Kwathi bekuzwa bagcwala intukuthelo,
bamemeza besithi: Mkhulu uDiyana wamaEfesu! 29 Njalo
umuzi wonke wagcwala isiphithiphithi; basebetheleka
kanyekanye endaweni yokudlalela, bahudula uGayusi
loAristako amaMakedoniya, abaphelekezeli bakaPawuli.
30 Kwathi uPawuli efuna ukungena exukwini, abafundi
kabamvumelanga. 31 Njalo labanye bababusi beAsiya,
ababengabangane bakhe, bathuma kuye, bemncenga
ukuthi angazinikeli endaweni yokudlalela. 32 Ngakho
abanye bamemeza okunye labanye okunye; ngoba
umhlangano wawusanganisekile, njalo inengi labo
lalingazi ukuthi libuthene lapho ngenxa yani. 33
Basebemusa phambili uAleksandro esuka exukwini,
ngoba amaJuda amqhubela phambili. UAleksandro
waseqhweba ngesandla, efuna ukuzivikela ebantwini. 34
Kodwa bathi sebekwazi ukuthi ungumJuda, kwaba lelizwi
elilodwa livela kubo bonke okungaba ngamahola amabili
limemeza lisithi: Mkhulu uDiyana wamaEfesu! 35 Njalo
kwathi umabhalane eselithulisile ixuku wathi: Madoda
eEfesu, kanti kukhona yini umuntu ongaziyo ukuthi umuzi
weEfesu ungumlondolozi wethempeli likankulunkulukazi
omkhulu uDiyana lowento eyawa ivela kuZewusi? 36
Ngakho njengoba lezizinto zingephikwe, kufanele lithule,
lingenzi lutho ngamawala. 37 Ngoba lilethe lamadoda,
angeyisibo abaphangi bamathempeli langahlambazi
unkulunkulukazi wenu. 38 Ngakho uba uDemetriyu
lezingcwethi kanye laye belodaba ngomuntu, amalanga
okuthonisa amacala ayagcinwa, bakhona lababusi;
kabamangalelane. 39 Kodwa uba lidinga ulutho ngezinye
izinto, kuzalungiswa emhlanganweni osemthethweni. 40
Ngoba futhi sisengozini yokumangalelwa ngomvukela
ngenxa yalamuhla, kungelambangela esingalandisa
ngayo ngalesisiphithiphithi. 41 Njalo esetshilo lokho,
wawuchitha umhlangano.

20 Kwathi sesiphelile isiyaluyalu, uPawuli wabizela
kuye abafundi, esebagonile, waphuma ukuthi
aye eMakedoniya. 2 Kwathi esedabule lezongxenye,
esebakhuthazile ngamazwi amanengi, wafika eGirisi,
3 kwathi esehlale khona inyanga ezintathu, selenziwe
iqhinga ngaye ngamaJuda esezasuka ngomkhumbi
ukuya eSiriya, wazimisela ukubuyela adabule
eMakedoniya. 4 Wasemphelekezela kwaze kwaba
seAsiya uSopatheri weBeriya; lowamaThesalonika,
uAristako loSekhundu, loGayusi weDerbe, loTimothi;
lamaAsiya, uTikiko loTrofimu. 5 Laba sebehambe
phambili basilindela eTrowasi. 6 Kodwa thina
sasuka ngomkhumbi eFiliphi emva kwensuku zesinkwa
esingelamvubelo, safika kubo eTrowasi ngensuku
ezinhlanu, lapho esahlala khona insuku eziyisikhombisa.
7 Kwathi ngosuku lokuqala lweviki, abafundi bebuthene
ukuhlephula isinkwa, uPawuli watshumayela kubo,
elungele ukusuka kusisa, waseselula ilizwi kwaze
kwaba phakathi kobusuku. 8 Njalo kwakukhona
izibane ezinengi endlini ephezulu ababebuthene
kiyo. 9 Kwakuhlezi ewindini ijaha elithile ngebizo
linguYutikusi, elajunywa yibuthongo obukhulu, uPawuli
esetshumayele isikhathi eside, selehlulwe yibuthongo
lawela phansi lisuka esitezi sesithathu, laselidojwa
lifile. 10 Kodwa uPawuli wehla waziphosela phezu
kwalo, elisingatha wathi: Lingakhathazeki; ngoba
umphefumulo walo ukhona kilo. 11 Esenyukile
njalo esehlephule isinkwa wadla, wakhuluma labo
isikhathi eside kwaze kwasa, ngokunjalo wahamba.
12 Basebemletha umfana ephila, basebeduduzwa
hatshi lakancane. 13 Kodwa thina, sesihambe
phambili ukuya emkhunjini, sasuka ngomkhumbi saya
eAsosi, lapho siqonde ukumkhweza uPawuli; ngoba
wayemisile ngokunjalo, yena ebezahamba ngenyawo.
14 Njalo esehlangene lathi eAsosi, samkhweza safika
eMithilene, 15 sasuka lapho ngomkhumbi, kusisa
safika maqondana leKiyosi; langomhlomunye sasondela

eSamosi; sasesihlala eTrogiliumu, ngolulandelayo
safika eMilethu. 16 Ngoba uPawuli wayezimisele
ukuyiceza iEfesu ngomkhumbi, ukuze angalibali eAsiya;
ngoba wayephanga, nxa kwakungenzeka kuye, ukuba
seJerusalema ngosuku lwePentekoste. 17 Kwathi
eseMilethu wathumela eEfesu wabizela kuye abadala
bebandla. 18 Kwathi sebefikile kuye, wathi kubo:
Liyazi lina, ukuthi kusukela osukwini lokuqala lokufika
kwami eAsiya, ngangihlezi njani isikhathi sonke phakathi
kwenu, 19 ngakhonza iNkosi ngokuthobeka konke
langezinyembezi ezinengi langezilingo ezangehlela
ngamaqhinga amaJuda; 20 ukuthi angigodlanga lutho
ngayo olusizayo, ukungatshumayeli kini lokungalifundisi
obala, lakuzindlu ngezindlu, 21 ngifakaza kumaJuda
kanye lakumaGriki ukuphendukela kuNkulunkulu, lokholo
ngakuyo iNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu. 22 Lakhathesi
khangelani, mina ngiya eJerusalema ngibotshwe
nguMoya, ngingakwazi okuzangehlela phakathi kwayo,
23 ngaphandle kokuthi uMoya oyiNgcwele uyafakaza
emizini yonke esithi izibopho lezinhlupheko zingilindele.
24 Kodwa angikhathaleli lutho lwalezizinto, lempilo yami
angiyenzi into eligugu kimi, ukuze ngiphelelise uhambo
lwami ngentokozo, lenkonzo engayemukela eNkosini
uJesu, eyokufakaza ivangeli elomusa kaNkulunkulu.
25 Njalo khathesi khangelani, mina ngiyazi ukuthi
kalisayikubona ubuso bami lina lonke, engihamba
phakathi kwenu ngitshumayela umbuso kaNkulunkulu.
26 Ngakho ngiyafakaza kini ngalolusuku lwalamuhla,
ukuthi mina ngimsulwa egazini labo bonke; 27 ngoba
kangigodlanga ukuthi ngilitshumayeze lonke icebo
likaNkulunkulu. 28 Ziqapheleni-ke lina lomhlambi wonke,
alibeke phakathi kwawo uMoya oyiNgcwele ukuthi
libe ngababonisi, bokwelusa ibandla likaNkulunkulu,
azithengele lona ngegazi lakhe uqobo. 29 Ngoba
mina ngiyazi lokhu, ukuthi emva kokuhamba kwami
kuzangena impisi eziphangayo phakathi kwenu,
zingawuyekeli umhlambi; 30 laphakathi kwenu ngokwenu
kuzavela amadoda ekhuluma izinto eziduhisayo,
ukuhugela abafundi ngemva kwawo. 31 Ngakho
lindani, likhumbule ukuthi okweminyaka emithathu
ebusuku lemini kangimanga ukuleluleka omunye
lomunye ngenyembezi. 32 Lakhathesi, bazalwane,
ngilinikela kuNkulunkulu laselizwini lomusa wakhe,
elilamandla okulakha, lokulipha ilifa phakathi kwabo
bonke abangcwelisiweyo. 33 Kangihawukelanga isiliva
kumbe igolide loba isembatho somuntu. 34 Lina-ke uqobo
lwenu liyazi ukuthi lezizandla zasebenzela inswelo zami
lezalabo ababelami. 35 Kukho konke ngilitshengisile,
ukuthi kumele ukuthi sisize ababuthakathaka sisebenza
ngokunjalo, sikhumbule amazwi eNkosi uJesu, ukuthi
yena wathi: Kubusisekile kakhulu ukupha kulokwemukela.
36 Njalo esetshilo lezizinto, waguqa ngamadolo akhe,
wakhuleka labo bonke. 37 Kwaba khona ukukhala
inyembezi kakhulu kwabo bonke; basebewela entanyeni
kaPawuli bamanga, 38 belosizi kakhulu ngelizwi
alitshoyo, elokuthi kabasayikubona ubuso bakhe.
Basebemphelekezela baya laye emkhunjini.

21 Kwasekusithi sisuka ngomkhumbi sesehlukene
labo, sahamba ngendlela eqondileyo safika
eKosi, langosuku olulandelayo eRodesi, sasuka
lapho saya ePathara; 2 sasesithola umkhumbi
ochaphela eFenekiya, sangena sahamba ngomkhumbi.
3 Kwathi sesiqhamuka eKuprosi, sasesiyitshiyela
ngakwesokhohlo, saya ngomkhumbi eSiriya, sehlikela
eTire; ngoba umkhumbi wawuzakwethulela khona
impahla. 4 Sesibatholile abafundi, sahlala khona insuku
eziyisikhombisa; bona bamtshela uPawuli ngoMoya,
ukuthi angenyukeli eJerusalema. 5 Kwathi sekwenzakele
ukuthi siqede insuku, sasuka sahamba, bonke
basiphelekezela kanye labomkabo labantwana kwaze
kwaba ngaphandle komuzi; njalo saguqa ngamadolo
ekhunjini sakhuleka, 6 sesivalelisene, sangena
emkhunjini, kodwa bona babuyela kubo. 7 Kodwa
thina, sesiqedile uhambo ngomkhumbi sisuka eTire,
safika ePetolemayi, sesibingelele abazalwane sahlala
labo usuku lwaba lunye. 8 Kusisa thina esasiloPawuli
sasuka safika eKesariya; sesingene endlini kaFiliphu
umvangeli, owayengomunye wabayisikhombisa, sahlala
laye. 9 Yena-ke wayelamadodakazi amane, intombi,
eziprofethayo. 10 Kwathi sesihlezi insuku ezinengi,
kwehla umprofethi othile uAgabusi ngebizo evela
eJudiya, 11 wasefika kithi, wathatha uzwezwe lukaPawuli,
wazibopha izandla kanye lenyawo esithi: Utsho lokho
uMoya oyiNgcwele: Indoda olungolwayo loluzwezwe,
amaJuda eJerusalema azayibopha kanje, njalo ayinikele
ezandleni zabezizwe. 12 Sesizizwile lezizinto, samncenga
thina kanye lalabo ababelapho, ukuthi angenyukeli
eJerusalema. 13 Kodwa uPawuli waphendula esithi:
Lenzani likhala lidabula inhliziyo yami? Ngoba mina
sengilungele, kungeyisikho ukubotshwa kuphela, kodwa
lokufa eJerusalema ngenxa yebizo leNkosi uJesu. 14
Kwathi engancengeki, sathula sathi: Kayenziwe intando
yeNkosi. 15 Emva kwalezinsuku sasesilungiselela,
senyukela eJerusalema. 16 Labathile babafundi
beKesariya basebehamba lathi, babuya lothile uMnasoni
umKuprosi, umfundi omdala, ebesizangenisa kuye. 17
Njalo sesifikile eJerusalema, abazalwane basemukela
ngokuthokoza. 18 Kusisa uPawuli wangena lathi
kuJakobe, labadala bonke babekhona. 19 Kwathi
esebabingelele, walandisa ngakunye ngakunye izinto
uNkulunkulu azenzileyo phakathi kwabezizwe ngenkonzo
yakhe. 20 Kwathi sebekuzwile, bayidumisa iNkosi;
bathi kuye: Uyabona, mzalwane, ukuthi zinengi
kangakanani izigidi zamaJuda akholwayo; futhi bonke
batshisekela umlayo; 21 njalo sebetsheliwe ngawe,
ukuthi ufundisa wonke amaJuda aphakathi kwabezizwe
ukuthi adele uMozisi, usithi angasoki abantwana,

lokuthi angahambi ngamasiko. 22 Pho-ke kuyini? Isibili
kufanele ukuthi ixuku libuthane; ngoba bazakuzwa ukuthi
usufikile. 23 Ngakho yenza lokhu esikutsho kuwe;
silamadoda amane abalesifungo phezu kwawo; 24
athathe kanye lawe, uzihlambulule kanye lawo, njalo
uhlawule indleko zawo, ukuze aphuce amakhanda,
njalo ukuze bakwazi bonke ukuthi kakulalutho kulokho
abakutshelwe ngawe, kodwa ukuthi lawe uhamba
ngokulondoloza umlayo. 25 Kodwa mayelana labezizwe
abakholwayo thina sesibhalile, saquma sathi bangagcini
lutho olunjalo, ngaphandle kokuthi kabazile okuhlatshelwe
izithombe, legazi, lokukhanyiweyo, lokufeba. 26
UPawuli wasewathatha amadoda, kusisa wahlanjululwa
kanye lawo wangena ethempelini, ukubika ukuphela
kwensuku zokuhlanjululwa, kwaze kwalethwa umnikelo
walowo lalowo wawo. 27 Kwathi sezizaphela insuku
eziyisikhombisa, amaJuda avela eAsiya ayembonile
ethempelini, avusa ixuku lonke, amdumela ngezandla,
28 amemeza athi: Madoda maIsrayeli, sizani! Nguye
lumuntu ofundisa bonke endaweni zonke okuphambene
lesizwe, lomlayo, lalindawo; futhi ungenisile lamaGriki
ethempelini, useyingcolisile lindawo engcwele. 29 Ngoba
ayebonile ngaphambili uTrofimu umEfesu emzini elaye,
amkhumbulela ukuthi uPawuli umngenisile ethempelini.
30 Lomuzi wonke wanyakazela, labantu bagijimela
ndawonye, bamdumela uPawuli bamhudulela ngaphandle
kwethempeli; leminyango yahle yavalwa. 31 Kuthe
besafuna ukumbulala, ilizwi lafika enduneni enkulu
yesigaba, ukuthi iJerusalema yonke iyaphithizela; 32
eyahle yathatha amabutho lezinduna zekhulu, yagijimela
kubo; kwathi sebebona induna enkulu lamabutho,
bayekela ukumtshaya uPawuli. 33 Induna enkulu
yasisondela, yambamba, yalaya ukuthi kabotshwe
ngamaketane amabili, yabuza ukuthi ungubani, lokuthi
wenzeni. 34 Abanye exukwini bememeza okunye
labanye okunye; kodwa ingelakulazi iqiniso ngenxa
yomsindo, yalaya ukuthi asiwe enkambeni yamabutho.
35 Kwathi esefikile ezikhwelweni, kwenzeka ukuthi
athwalwe ngamabutho ngenxa yokufutheka kwexuku;
36 ngoba ixuku labantu lalandela limemeza lisithi:
Msuseni! 37 Kwathi uPawuli esezangeniswa enkambeni
yamabutho wathi enduneni enkulu: Kuvunyelwe yini
ukuthi ngikhulume ulutho kuwe? Yona yasisithi: Uyasazi
isiGriki yini? 38 Kanti kawusuye yini lowomGibhithe
okwathi kungakafiki lezinsuku wenza umvukela,
wakhokhelela enkangala amadoda azinkulungwane
ezine angababulali? 39 Kodwa uPawuli wathi:
Mina ngingumuntu ongumJuda, weTarsu yeKilikhiya,
isakhamuzi somuzi ongadelelekanga; ngiyakuncenga,
ngivumela ngikhulume ebantwini. 40 Kwathi esemvumele,
uPawuli wema ezikhwelweni waqhweba abantu
ngesandla; sekuthe cwaka, wasekhuluma labo ngolimi
lwamaHebheru wathi:

22 Madoda, bazalwane, labobaba, zwanini
ukuziphendulela kwami khathesi kini. 2 Sebezwile
ukuthi ukhuluma labo ngolimi lwamaHebheru, bathula
kakhulu, wasesithi: 3 Mina ngiyindoda engumJuda,
eyazalelwa eTarsu yeKilikhiya, ngakhuliselwa kulumuzi
enyaweni zikaGamaliyeli, ngafundiswa ngokuqinileyo
umlayo wabobaba, ngitshisekela uNkulunkulu, njengani
lonke lamuhla; 4 eyazingela leyondlela kwaze
kwaba sekufeni, ngibabopha ngibanikela entolongweni
amadoda kanye labafazi, 5 njengoba lompristi omkhulu
engifakazela, lomphakathi wonke wabadala; engazuza
kubo incwadi eziya kubazalwane, ngaya eDamaseko,
ukuthi lababekhona lapho ngibalethe eJerusalema
bebotshiwe, ukuze bajeziswe. 6 Kwasekusithi
ngisahamba sengisondela eDamaseko, sekungaba
yimini enkulu, kwahle kwakhanya ukukhanya okukhulu
okuvela ezulwini kungizingelezela. 7 Ngasengiwela
phansi, ngasengisizwa ilizwi lisithi kimi: Sawuli,
Sawuli, ungizingelelani? 8 Mina ngasengiphendula
ngathi: Ungubani, Nkosi? Wasesithi kimi: NginguJesu
weNazaretha wena omzingelayo. 9 Lalabo ababelami
bakubona ukukhanya, njalo basebesesaba, kodwa
kabalizwanga ilizwi elakhuluma lami. 10 Ngasengisithi:
Ngenzeni, Nkosi? INkosi yasisithi kimi: Sukuma uye
eDamaseko; njalo uzatshelwa khona ngazo zonke izinto
ozimiselwe ukuthi uzenze. 11 Njengoba ngangingaboni
ngenxa yenkazimulo yalokhokukhanya, ngakhokhelwa
ngesandla yilabo ababelami, ngafika eDamaseko. 12
Njalo uAnaniya othile, indoda ekhuthele ekukhonzeni
ngokomlayo, owayefakazelwa yiwo wonke amaJuda
ahlala khona, 13 weza kimi wasesima phansi kwami
wathi kimi: Sawuli mzalwane, buya ubone. Njalo
mina ngalesosikhathi ngasengimbona. 14 Wasesithi:
UNkulunkulu wabobaba bethu ukumisile ngaphambili
ukuthi wazi intando yakhe, lokuthi ubone oLungileyo,
njalo uzwe ilizwi eliphuma emlonyeni wakhe, 15 ngoba
uzakuba ngumfakazi wakhe kubo bonke abantu, walokho
okubonileyo lokuzwileyo. 16 Khathesi-ke, usalindeleni?
Sukuma ubhabhathizwe uhlanjululwe ezonweni zakho,
ubize ibizo leNkosi. 17 Kwasekusithi kimi sengibuyele
eJerusalema, njalo ngikhuleka ethempelini, ngaba
lokuhlehla kwengqondo, 18 ngasengimbona wathi
kimi: Phangisa uphume ngesiqubu eJerusalema;
ngoba kabasoze bemukele ubufakazi bakho ngami.
19 Ngasengisithi: Nkosi, bayazi bona ukuthi mina
ngangibafaka entolongweni ngibatshaya emasinagogeni
wonke labo abakholwa kuwe; 20 njalo mhla kuchithwa
igazi likaStefane umfakazi wakho, mina uqobo ngangimi
khona ngivumelana lokufa kwakhe, njalo ngilondoloza
izembatho zalabo abambulalayo. 21 Wasesithi
kimi: Hamba, ngoba mina ngizakuthuma khatshana
kwabezizwe. 22 Bamlalela kwaze kwafika kulelolizwi,
baphakamisa ilizwi labo besithi: Msuseni onje emhlabeni,
ngoba kakufanele ukuthi aphile! 23 Kwathi besamemeza,

baphosa izembatho, baphosa uthuli emoyeni, **24** induna
enkulu yalaya ukuthi angeniswe enkambeni yamabutho,
yathi kahlolisiswe ngokutshaywa ngesiswepu, ukuze yazi
ukuthi kungasizatho bani bememeza ngokunjalo ngaye.
25 Kwathi sebemelulele phambili ngemichilo, uPawuli
wathi enduneni yekhulu eyayimi lapho: Kuvunyelwe
kini yini ukutshaya ngesiswepu umuntu ongumRoma
engalahlwanga licala? **26** Induna yekhulu isizwile
yasondela yatshela induna enkulu isithi: Nanzelela
osuzakwenza; ngoba lumuntu ungumRoma. **27** Induna
enkulu yasifika yathi kuye: Ngitshele, wena ungumRoma
yini? Yena wathi: Yebo. **28** Induna enkulu yasiphendula
yathi: Mina lelilungelo lokuba yisakhamuzi ngalizuza
ngemali enkulu. UPawuli wasesithi: Kodwa lami
ngazalwa lalo. **29** Ngakho labo abasebezamhlola bahle
basuka kuye. Lenduna enkulu layo yesaba, isisazi ukuthi
ungumRoma, lokuthi ibimbophile. **30** Kwathi kusisa ifuna
ukwazi iqiniso, ukuthi kungani emangalelwa ngamaJuda,
yamkhulula kuzibopho, yalaya ukuthi abapristi abakhulu
lomphakathi wabo wonke babuye, yamehlisa uPawuli
yammisa phambi kwabo.

23 UPawuli wasewujolozela umphakathi wathi:
Madoda bazalwane, mina ngihambile phambi
kukaNkulunkulu ngesazela sonke esihle, kuze kube
lamuhla. **2** Kodwa uAnaniya umpristi omkhulu walaya
labo ababemi phansi kwakhe ukuthi bamtshaye
umlomo. **3** UPawuli wasesithi kuye: UNkulunkulu
uzakutshaya, mduli oconjwe waba mhlophe; ngoba wena
uhlalele ukungahlulela ngomlayo, kanti ngokuphambene
lomlayo ulaya ukuthi ngitshaywe? **4** Lababemi lapho
bathi: Uyamthuka umpristi omkhulu kaNkulunkulu
yini? **5** UPawuli wasesithi: Bengingazi, bazalwane,
ukuthi ungumpristi omkhulu; ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi:
Ungakhulumi kubi ngombusi wesizwe sakini. **6**
Kwathi uPawuli esekwazi ukuthi enye ingxenye
yabo ingabaSadusi, lenye ingabaFarisi, wamemeza
emphakathini wathi: Madoda bazalwane, mina
ngingumFarisi, indodana yomFarisi; ngethemba
langokuvuka kwabafileyo mina ngiyahlulelwa. **7** Kwathi
esetshilo lokhu, kwavela ukuphikisana kwabaFarisi
labaSadusi, lexuku ladabuka phakathi; **8** ngoba
abaSadusi bathi kakukho ukuvuka kwabafileyo, loba
ingilosi, loba umoya; kodwa abaFarisi bayakuvuma
kokubili. **9** Kwasekuvela ukumemeza okukhulu; kwathi
ababhali behlelo labaFarisi basukuma baphika kakhulu
besithi: Kasitholi bubi kulumuntu; kodwa nxa umoya
kumbe ingilosi kukhulume laye, kasingalwi simelene
loNkulunkulu. **10** Kwathi sekuvele ukuphikisana okukhulu,
induna enkulu yesaba ukuthi uPawuli uzadatshulwa
yibo, yalaya amabutho ukuthi ahle amhluthule phakathi
kwabo, njalo abuyele laye enkambeni yamabutho. **11**
Njalo ngobusuku obulandelayo iNkosi yema phansi
kwakhe yathi: Mana isibindi Pawuli; ngoba njengalokhu
ufakaze izinto ngami eJerusalema, kunjalo-ke umele
ufakaze leRoma. **12** Kwathi sekusile, abanye bamaJuda
benza iqhinga, bazibopha ngesiqalekiso, besithi
kabayikudla lokunatha baze bambulale uPawuli. **13**
Njalo babengaphezu kwamatshumi amane abenza
lesisifungo ndawonye; **14** abaya kubapristi abakhulu
labadala bathi: Sizibophe ngesiqalekiso esikhulu, sokuthi
kasiyikudla lutho size simbulale uPawuli. **15** Ngakho
khathesi lina kanye lomphakathi yazisani induna enkulu,
ukuze imthume kini kusasa, ngokungathi lizazwisisa
okunengi ngendaba zakhe; thina-ke, engakasondeli,
sesilungele ukumbulala. **16** Kodwa indodana kadadewabo
kaPawuli yezwa ngokumcathamela, yeza yangena
enkambeni yamabutho, yamtshela uPawuli. **17** UPawuli
wasebizela kuye enye yezinduna zekhulu wathi: Sana
lelijaha enduneni enkulu; ngoba lilento elizayitshela
yona. **18** Yasilithatha-ke yalisa enduneni enkulu,
yasisithi: UPawuli isibotshwa ungibizele kuye wacela
ukuthi ngilethe lelijaha kuwe, lilento elizakutshela
yona. **19** Induna enkulu yasilithatha ngesandla,
yasibuyela eceleni bebodwa, yabuza: Kuyini ozongitshela
khona? **20** Laselisithi: AmaJuda avumelene ukucela
kuwe, ukuze wehlisele uPawuli emphakathini kusasa,
kungathi azahlolisisa ngcono ulutho ngaye. **21** Ngakho
wena ungavunyiswa yiwo; ngoba amadoda adlula
amatshumi amane kuwo amcathamele, azibophe
ngesiqalekiso ngokuthi angadli anganathi aze ambulale;
lakhathesi alungile elindele isithembiso sakho. **22**
Ngakho induna enkulu yasiliyekela ijaha lahamba,
ililaya isithi: Ungatsheli muntu ukuthi ungibikele
lezizinto. **23** Yasibizela kuyo induna zekhulu ezithile
ezimbili, yathi: Lungisani abebutho abangamakhulu
amabili ukuze bahambe baze bayefika eKesariya,
labagadi bamabhiza abangamatshumi ayisikhombisa,
labemikhonto abangamakhulu amabili, kusukela ngehola
lesithathu lobusuku; **24** lungisani lezinyamazana, ukuze
ligadise uPawuli limfikise ephephile kumbusi uFelike;
25 wabhala incwadi imumethe lokhu: **26** Klawudiyosi
Lisiya kumhlekazi umbusi uFelike ngiyabingelela. **27**
Lindoda ibibanjwe ngamaJuda, njalo ibisizabulawa
yiwo, ngafika lamabutho ngayophula, sengizwile ukuthi
ungumRoma. **28** Ngathi ngifuna ukuthi ngazi isizatho
ayimangalela ngaso, ngayehlisela emphakathini wawo;
29 engathi ngithola ukuthi imangalelwe ngemibuzo
yomlayo wawo, kodwa ingamangalelwanga ngalutho
olufanele ukufa loba izibopho. **30** Kwathi sekuvelile
kimi ukuthi kwasekuzakuba khona iqhinga ngalindoda
ngamaJuda, ngahle ngayithuma kuwe, ngibalayile futhi
abamangaleli ukuthi bakhulume izinto ababemelene
layo ngazo phambi kwakho. Sala kuhle. **31** Abebutho-
ke, njengokulaywa kwabo, bamthatha uPawuli, bamusa
eAntipatri ngobusuku. **32** Njalo kusisa, batshiya
abagadi bamabhiza ukuthi bahambe laye, babuyela
enkambeni yamabutho; **33** okwathi sebefikile eKesariya,
bamnika umbusi incwadi, bammisa loPawuli phambi

kwakhe. 34 Kwathi umbusi eseyifundile incwadi,
wasebuza ukuthi ungowawuphi umkhono; esezwile
ukuthi ungoweKilikhiya, 35 wathi: Ngizakuzwa, sebefikile
labamangaleli bakho. Waselaya ukuthi alondolozwe
endlini kaHerodi yokwahlulela.

24 Kwathi emva kwensuku ezinhlanu uAnaniya
umpristi omkhulu wehla labadala lomkhulumeli
othile uTertulo, abamangalela uPawuli kumbusi. 2
Kwathi esebiziwe, uTertulo waqala ukumcala esithi:
Ukuthula okukhulu sikuzuzile ngawe, lemisebenzi emihle
yenzakele kulesisizwe ngokunakekela kwakho, 3 ngazo
zonke indlela lakuzo zonke indawo siyakwemukela,
mhlekazi Felike, ngakho konke ukubonga. 4 Kodwa
ukuze ngingakubambeleli kakhulu, ngiyakuncenga
ukuthi ngomusa wakho usizwe ngokufitshane. 5
Ngoba lindoda siyifice iyinkathazo, njalo ingeyenza
umvukela phakathi kwamaJuda wonke emhlabeni jikelele,
lomkhokheliqembu wobubhazuka bamaNazaretha; 6
eyake yazama lokungcolisa ithempeli; esike sayibamba
sithanda ukuyehlulela ngokomlayo wethu, 7 kodwa
kwafika uLisiya induna enkulu wamthatha ngodlakela
olukhulu ezandleni zethu, 8 elaya abamangaleli bakhe
ukuthi beze kuwe; ongathi, ngokumbuzisisa wena uqobo,
ungaba lakho ukwazi kuye ngazo zonke izinto thina
esimmangalela ngazo. 9 LamaJuda lawo avuma, esithi
lezizinto zinjalo. 10 UPawuli wasephendula, umbusi
esemqhwebile ukuthi akhulume, wathi: Ngoba ngiyazi
ukuthi sekuyiminyaka eminengi ungumahluleli phezu
kwalesisizwe, ngiyaziphendulela ngesibindi esikhulu
ngezinto zami, 11 njengoba ungakubona ukuthi
kakukadluli insuku ezilitshumi lambili, lokhu ngenyukele
eJerusalema ukukhuleka; 12 njalo kabangificanga
ethempelini ngiphikisana lomuntu loba ngivusa
isiphithiphithi exukwini, loba emasinagogeni, loba emzini.
13 Futhi bangeke baqinise ngezinto abangimangalela
ngazo khathesi. 14 Kodwa ngiyavuma kuwe lokhu, ukuthi
ngendlela abayibiza ngokuthi yibubhazuka, ngokunjalo
ngiyamkhonza uNkulunkulu wabobaba, ngikholwa konke
okulotshiweyo emlayweni lakubaprofethi; 15 ngilethemba
kuNkulunkulu, abalilindeleyo labo uqobo lwabo, elokuthi
kuzakuba khona ukuvuka kwabafileyo, okwabalungileyo
kanye labangalunganga. 16 Njalo kulokho mina
ngiyazama, ukuthi ngibe lesazela esingelacala phambi
kukaNkulunkulu labantu isikhathi sonke. 17 Kwathi emva
kweminyaka eminengi ngafika ukuletha izipho zomusa
esizweni sakithi leminikelo; 18 ngikulezizinto amaJuda
athile avela eAsiya angifica ethempelini ngihlanjululwe,
kungekho ixuku loba isiphithiphithi; 19 afanele ukuba
khona lapha phambi kwakho angicale uba elolutho
ngami; 20 kumbe bona ngokwabo kabatsho, ukuthi
baficani okungalunganga kimi, mhla ngimi phambi
komphakathi, 21 ngaphandle kwalelolizwi elilodwa,
engalimemeza ngimi phakathi kwabo ngisithi: Ngokuvuka
kwabafileyo mina ngiyehlulelwa yini lamuhla. 22 Kwathi
uFelike wabadlulisela phambili, esezwile lezizinto esazi
ngokupheleleyo izinto ngaleyondlela, esithi: Nxa uLisiya
induna enkulu isiyehlile, ngizayihlolisisa indaba yenu;
23 waselaya induna yekhulu ukuthi agcinwe uPawuli,
lokuthi abe lenkululeko, njalo kungalelwa muntu wakibo
ukumncedisa kumbe ukuza kuye. 24 Kwathi emva
kwensuku ezithile, uFelike weza loDrusila umkakhe
engumJudakazi, wathumela ukubiza uPawuli, wamuzwa
mayelana lokholo kuKristu. 25 Kwathi esakhuluma
ngokulunga langokuzithiba langokwahlulela okuzayo,
uFelike watshaywa luvalo waphendula wathi: Hamba
okwakhathesi; nxa sengizuze ithuba elihle ngizakubizela
kimi; 26 njalo ngesikhathi esifananayo wayethemba
futhi ukuthi uzanikwa imali nguPawuli, ukuze amkhulule;
ngakho wayehlezi embizela kuye ekhuluma laye.
27 Kodwa sekugcwaliseke iminyaka emibili, uFelike
wemukela omlandelayo uPorkiyu uFestusi; uFelike efisa
ukuthokozisa amaJuda wamtshiya uPawuli ebotshiwe.

25 Ngakho kwathi uFestusi esengenile emkhonweni,
emva kwensuku ezintathu wenyukela eJerusalema
esuka eKesariya, 2 lompristi omkhulu lezikhulu
zamaJuda bammangalela uPawuli kuye, bemncenga,
3 bacela ukwenzelwa umusa omelane laye, ukuthi
amthume eJerusalema, becathamela ukumbulala
endleleni. 4 Kodwa uFestusi waphendula ngokuthi
uPawuli ugciniwe eKesariya, lokuthi laye ngokwakhe
uzakuya khona ngokuphangisa. 5 Wathi: Ngakho labo
abenelisayo phakathi kwenu kabehle kanye lami; uba
kukhona ulutho olubi ngaleyondoda, bayimangalele.
6 Kwathi esehlale phakathi kwabo insuku ezedlula
itshumi, wehlela eKesariya; kusisa wahlala esihlalweni
sokwahlulela walaya ukuthi uPawuli alethwe. 7
Kwathi esefikile, amaJuda ayehlile evela eJerusalema
ema emhanqile, embeka amacala amanengi lanzima
uPawuli, ayengelakuwaqinisa, 8 yena eziphendulela
wathi: Lemlayweni wamaJuda, lethempelini, lakuKesari
kangonanga lutho. 9 Kodwa uFestusi ethanda ukuthabisa
amaJuda, waphendula uPawuli wathi: Uyathanda
yini ukwenyukela eJerusalema, wahlulelwe khona
ngalezizinto phambi kwami? 10 Kodwa uPawuli wathi:
Ngimi phambi kwesihlalo sokwahlulela sikaKesari,
lapho okufanele ngahlulelwe khona; kangonanga lutho
kumaJuda, njengoba lawe usazi kuhle kakhulu. 11
Ngoba uba ngonile ngenze ulutho olufanele ukufa,
kangali ukufa; kodwa uba kungekho lutho lwezinto
abangimangalela ngazo, kakulamuntu onganginikela
kubo ngesihle. Ngilidlulisela kuKesari. 12 Khona uFestusi
esekhulume lomphakathi waphendula wathi: Ulidlulisele
kuKesari? KuKesari uzakuya. 13 Kwathi sekudlule insuku
ezithile, uAgripha inkosi loBernike bafika eKesariya,
ukuze babingelele uFestusi. 14 Kwathi sebehlezi khona
insuku ezinengi, uFestusi wayilandisela inkosi izindaba
zikaPawuli, esithi: Kukhona indoda ethile eyatshiywa
nguFelike iyisibotshwa, 15 kwathi ngiseJerusalema,

abapristi abakhulu labadala bamaJuda bammangalela,
becela isigwebo esimelene laye. **16** Engabaphendula
ngathi: Kakusiwo umkhuba wamaRoma ukumnikela
umuntu ekufeni, omangalelweyo labammangalelayo
bengalethwanga ubuso ngobuso, njalo azuze ithuba
lokuziphendulela ngecala. **17** Ngakho sebebuthene
lapha, kangizange ngiphuze; ngosuku olulandelayo
ngahlala esihlalweni sokwahlulela, ngalaya ukuthi indoda
ilethwe; **18** leyo abayimangalelayo sebemi kabavezanga
cala ngayo ngezinto mina ebengizicabangela, **19**
kodwa babelokuphikisana okuthile laye ngenkolo
yakibo, langothile uJesu owafayo, uPawuli othi ngaye
uyaphila. **20** Kuthe mina ngisadidekile ngombuzo
onje, ngathi, angathanda yini ukuya eJerusalema,
ayekwahlulelwa khona ngalezozinto. **21** Kodwa
kwathi uPawuli eselidlulisele phambili ukuthi agcinelwe
ukuhlolwa yinkosi enkulu, ngalaya ukuthi agcinwe, ngize
ngimthume kuKesari. **22** UAgripha wasesithi kuFestusi:
Lami bengithanda ukuthi ngimuzwe lumuntu. Yena
wathi: Kusasa uzamuzwa. **23** Ngakho kusisa, kwathi
uAgripha loBernike befika ngokuzibonakalisa okukhulu,
basebengena endlini yokwahlulela kanye lezinduna
ezinkulu lamadoda ayizikhulu zomuzi, uFestusi waselaya
ukuthi uPawuli alethwe. **24** UFestusi wasesithi: Nkosi
Agripha, lani lonke madoda elikhona lapha kanye lathi,
liyambona lo elangicela ngaye lonke ixuku lamaJuda
eJerusalema kanye lalapha, limemeza lisithi kasafanele
ukuphila. **25** Kodwa mina ngathola ukuthi kenzanga lutho
olufanele ukufa, lokuthi yena ngokwakhe eselidlulisele
enkosini enkulu, ngaquma ukumthuma. **26** Okungaye
kangilalutho oluqinileyo engingalubhalela inkosi. Ngakho
ngimlethile phambi kwenu, ikakhulu phambi kwakho,
nkosi Agripha, ukuze kuthi esehloliwe ngibe lakho
engingakubhala. **27** Ngoba ngibona kungaqondanga
ukuthuma isibotshwa, kungatshengiswanga lamacala
amelene laso.

26 UAgripha wasesithi kuPawuli: Uvunyelwe
ukuzikhulumela. UPawuli waseselula isandla,
waziphendulela wathi: **2** Kukho konke engimangalelwa
ngakho ngamaJuda, nkosi Agripha, ngizizwa
ngithokoza ukuthi sengingaziphendulela phambi kwakho
lamuhla; **3** ikakhulu ngikwazi uyisazi sawo wonke
amasiko lokuphikisana phakathi kwamaJuda; ngakho
ngiyakuncenga, ukuthi ungizwe ngesineke. **4** Ngakho
ukuhamba kwami konke kusukela ebutsheni, okwakuqala
esizweni sakithi eJerusalema, wonke amaJuda ayakwazi,
5 ayangazi phambili kusukela ekuqaleni, uba bethanda
ukufakaza, ukuthi ngendlela eqinileyo yehlelo lokukhonza
kwakithi ngaphila ngingumFarisi. **6** Lakhathesi
ngimi ngithonisiswa ngenxa yethemba lesithembiso
esenziwa nguNkulunkulu kubobaba, **7** ezithemba
ukufinyelela kuso izizwe zakithi ezilitshumi lambili,
zikhonza ngesineke ebusuku lemini; engimangalelwe
ngalelithemba, nkosi Agripha, ngamaJuda. **8** Kungani
kukhunjulwa ukuthi kuyinto engakholekiyo kini, nxa
uNkulunkulu evusa abafileyo? **9** Ngakho lami ngokwami
ngangicabanga ukuthi ngangifanele ukwenza izinto
ezinengi eziphambene lebizo likaJesu weNazaretha; **10**
lami engakwenza eJerusalema, njalo mina ngavalela
abanengi kwabangcwele entolongweni, sengemukele
amandla avela kubapristi abakhulu; lalapho bebulawa
ngakukhetha ngimelene labo. **11** Lemasinagogeni
wonke ngabajezisa kanengi, ngababamba ngamandla
ukuthi bahlambaze; njalo ngahlanya kakhulu ngabo,
ngabazingela baze bafika emizini yabezizwe. **12**
Okungazo lami ngisiya eDamaseko ngamandla
langokuthunywa ngabapristi abakhulu, **13** emini
enkulu, nkosi, ngabona endleleni ukukhanya kuvela
ezulwini, kudlula ukukhanya kwelanga, kwakhanya
kwangizingelezela lalabo ababehamba lami. **14**
Kwathi sonke sesiwele phansi emhlabathini, ngezwa
ilizwi likhuluma lami lisithi ngolimi lwesiHebheru:
Sawuli, Sawuli, ungizingelelani? Kulukhuni kuwe
ukukhahlelana lezincijo. **15** Mina ngasengisithi: Ungubani,
Nkosi? Wasesithi: Mina nginguJesu omzingelayo.
16 Kodwa sukuma, njalo ume ngenyawo zakho;
ngoba ngibonakelele lokho kuwe, ukuthi ngikumise
ube yisikhonzi lomfakazi wezinto ozibonileyo, kanye
lengizazibonakalisa ngazo kuwe, **17** ngikophula
ebantwini lakwabezizwe, engikuthuma kubo khathesi,
18 ukuvula amehlo abo, lokubaphendula emnyameni
baye ekukhanyeni, lemandleni kaSathane baye
kuNkulunkulu, ukuze bemukeliswe uthethelelo lwezono,
lelifa phakathi kwabangcwelisiweyo ngokholo olukimi.
19 Ngakho, nkosi Agripha, kangalanga ukulalela
umbono wezulwini; **20** kodwa ngatshumayela kuqala
kwabaseDamaseko labeJerusalema, lakulo lonke ilizwe
leJudiya, lakwabezizwe, ukuze baphenduke, babuyele
kuNkulunkulu, benze imisebenzi efanele ukuphenduka.
21 Ngenxa yalezizinto amaJuda angibamba ethempelini,
azama ukungibulala. **22** Ngakho ngizuzile usizo oluvela
kuNkulunkulu, kuze kube lamuhla ngimi ngifakaza kubo
bonke abancinyane labakhulu, ngingakhulumi lutho
ngaphandle kwalezozinto abazikhulumayo abaprofethi
loMozisi ukuthi zizakwenzeka, **23** ukuthi uKristu
umele ukuhlupheka, lokuthi engowokuqala ekuvukeni
kwabafileyo uzatshumayela ukukhanya kulababantu
lakwabezizwe. **24** Kwathi esaziphendulela lezizinto,
uFestusi wathi ngelizwi elikhulu: Uyahlanya, Pawuli;
ukufunda okunengi kuyakuhlanyisa. **25** Kodwa wathi:
Kangihlanyi, mhlekazi Festusi, kodwa ngimemezela
amazwi aliqiniso laqondileyo. **26** Ngoba inkosi
iyazi ngalezizinto, engikhuluma ngesibindi lakuyo;
ngoba ngiqinisekile ukuthi akukho okunye kwalezizinto
okufihlakeleyo kuyo; ngoba lokhu kakwenziwanga
engonsini. **27** Nkosi Agripha, uyakholwa abaprofethi
yini? Ngiyazi ukuthi uyakholwa. **28** UAgripha wasesithi
kuPawuli: Usuphose wangiqinisekisa ukuthi ngibe

ngumKristu. 29 UPawuli wasesithi: Bengingafisa
kuNkulunkulu ukuthi, loba ngokulutshwana loba
ngokunengi kungabi nguwe wedwa, kodwa labo bonke
abangizwayo lamuhla, babe ngabanje njengoba nginjalo
lami, ngaphandle kwalezizibopho. 30 Kwathi esekhulume
lezizinto, yasukuma inkosi, lombusi, loBernike, lalabo
ababehlezi labo; 31 kwathi sebephumile bakhulumisana,
besithi: Lumuntu kenzi lutho olufanele ukufa kumbe
ukubotshwa. 32 UAgripha wasesithi kuFestusi: Lumuntu
ubengakhululwa, uba ebengalidluliselanga kuKesari.

27 Kwathi sekuqunyiwe ukuthi siye eIthaliya
ngomkhumbi, banikela uPawuli lezinye izibotshwa
ezithile enduneni yekhulu, nguJuliyu ngebizo,
eyesigaba senkosi enkulu. 2 Sasesingena emkhunjini
weAdramithiyu, obusuzakuya endaweni zangaseAsiya,
saqala ukuhamba, uAristako umMakedoniya
weThesalonika wayelathi. 3 Lakusisa safika eSidoni;
uJuliyu wasemphatha kuhle uPawuli, wamvumela
ukuthi aye kubangane ukuze asizwe. 4 Sasesisuka
lapho ngomkhumbi sehla sagudla iKuprosi, ngoba
imimoya yayiphambene lathi, 5 kwathi sesidabule
ulwandle olungaseKilikhiya lePamfiliya, safika eMira
yeLikhiya. 6 Lapho-ke induna yekhulu yathola umkhumbi
weAleksandriya oya eIthaliya, yasikhweza kuwo. 7
Sasesihamba kancinyane okwensuku ezinengi, safika
nzima maqondana leKinidu, umoya ungasivumeli,
sehla sagudla iKrete maqondana leSalamone; 8
sasesiyigudla kanzima safika endaweni ethile ethiwa
yiMathekwamahle; okwakuseduze layo umuzi iLaseya. 9
Kwathi sekudlule isikhathi esikhulu, njalo sekuyingozi
ukuhamba ngomkhumbi, ngoba lezilo lokudla laseledlule,
uPawuli wabeluleka 10 esithi kubo: Madoda, ngiyabona
ukuthi uhambo luzakuba lengozi lomonakalo omkhulu,
kungeyisiwo owempahla lomkhumbi kuphela kodwa
lowempilo zethu. 11 Kodwa induna yekhulu yakholwa
induna yomkhumbi lomnikazi wawo kulezinto ezazitshiwo
nguPawuli. 12 Kwathi njengoba itheku lalingalungelanga
ukuhlalwa ebusika, inengi labo lacebisa ukuthi kusukwe
lalapho, mhlawumbe kwenzeke ukuthi bafike eFenikisi
bahlale khona ebusika, itheku leKrete elikhangele
eningizimuntshonalanga lenyakathontshonalanga.
13 Njalo kuthe umoya weningizimu usuphephetha
buthakathaka, banakana ukuthi sebekuzuzile lokho
ababekuqondile, sebephakamise ingwegwe sagudla
eKrete. 14 Kodwa kungabanga yisikhathi eside umoya
oyisivunguzane, othiwa iYurakilidoni, wawutshaya; 15
umkhumbi wasubanjwa, wehluleka ukukhangelana
lomoya, sasesiwuyekela undenda. 16 Sathi sesigudla
phansi kwesihlengana esithile esithiwa yiKlawuda,
senelisa kalukhuni ukuwubamba umkolo; 17 abathi
sebewuphanyekile, basebenzisa izincediso, babopha
ngamagoda azingelezela umkhumbi; basebesesaba
ukuthi bazaphoseka eSirtisi, behlisa iseyili, ngokunjalo
basebendenda. 18 Kuthe ukuthi siphoswe kakhulu
yisiphepho, ngolulandelayo baphosa impahla; 19
kwathi ngolwesithathu salahla izikhali zomkhumbi
ngezandla zethu uqobo. 20 Kwathi kungelalanga
njalo kungelankanyezi ezibonakalayo insuku ezinengi,
lesiphepho esingesincinyane siqinisa, kusukela lapho
laseliphela ithemba lonke lokuthi sizasinda. 21 Kwathi
sekuyisikhathi eside bengasadli, uPawuli wasesukuma
phakathi kwabo, wathi: Madoda, ngabe lalalela mina
kalaze lasuka eKrete, njalo laphepha kulobubunzima
lakulumonakalo. 22 Khathesi-ke sengileluleka ukuthi
lime isibindi; ngoba kakusoze kulahleke impilo
leyodwa kini, ngaphandle komkhumbi. 23 Ngoba
ngalobubusuku bekumi kimi ingilosi kaNkulunkulu,
engingowakhe, lengimkhonzayo, 24 yathi: Ungesabi
Pawuli; ngoba umele ukuma phambi kukaKesari;
njalo khangela, uNkulunkulu ukuphile bonke labo
abahamba ngomkhumbi lawe. 25 Ngakho manini isibindi
madoda; ngoba ngiyakholwa kuNkulunkulu ukuthi
kuzakuba njengalokho engikutsheliweyo. 26 Kodwa
kumele sitshayeke esihlengeni esithile. 27 Kwathi
sekufike ubusuku betshumi lane, sasindenda sizula
olwandle lweAdriya, phakathi kobusuku, abomkhumbi
bakhumbula ukuthi umhlabathi othile ususondela
kubo; 28 basebephosa intambo yokulinganisa bathola
amafathome angamatshumi amabili; sebeqhubekile
kancinyane baphosa intambo yokulinganisa futhi,
bathola amafathome alitshumi lanhlanu; 29 njalo
sesaba ukuthi mhlawumbe singatshayeka emadwaleni,
basebephosela ingwegwe ezine ngemva komkhumbi,
bafisa ukuthi kuse. 30 Abomkhumbi sebezama
ukubaleka emkhunjini, basebesehlisela olwandle
umkolo ngokungathi basebezakwehlisela ingwegwe
ngaphambi komkhumbi, 31 uPawuli wathi enduneni
yekhulu lakwabebutho: Uba laba bengahlali emkhunjini,
lingesindiswe lina. 32 Abebutho basebequma amagoda
omkolo, bawuyekela wawa. 33 Kwasekusithi sekuzakusa,
uPawuli wabancenga bonke ukuthi bathathe ukudla,
esithi: Lamuhla kulusuku lwetshumi lane lilindile lihlezi
lingadli, lingathathi lutho. 34 Ngakho ngiyalincenga
ukuthi lithathe ukudla; ngoba lokhu ngokosindiso lwenu;
ngoba kakuyikuwa komunye unwele lwekhanda lenu. 35
Kwathi esetshilo lezizinto, esethethe isinkwa, wabonga
uNkulunkulu phambi kwabo bonke; wasihlephula waqala
ukudla. 36 Basebesima isibindi bonke njalo bona
bathatha ukudla. 37 Njalo thina sonke esasisemkhunjini
sasiyimiphefumulo engamakhulu amabili lamatshumi
ayisikhombisa lesithupha. 38 Njalo sebesuthi ukudla
baphungula umkhumbi, baphosela amabele olwandle.
39 Kwathi sekusile, kabalazanga ilizwe; kodwa babona
itheku elithile lilokhumbi, abamisa ukuthi baqhubele
umkhumbi kulo, uba kungenzeka. 40 Basebequma
ingwegwe baziyekela olwandle, ngesikhathi esifananayo
bathukulula amagoda abophe amaphini okuqondisa,
baphakamisela emoyeni iseyili yaphambili baqonda

ekhunjini. **41** Basebefika benganangzelele endaweni
lapho ulwandle olwaluhlangana khona bawuqhubela
umkhumbi esihlabathini; njalo isihloko somkhumbi
sagxumekeka sahlala singanyikinyeki, kodwa ingemuva
yomkhumbi yephulwa ngamandla amagagasi. **42**
Labebutho babeqonde ukubulala izibotshwa, hlezi ezinye
zibaleke ngokuntshezela khatshana. **43** Kodwa induna
yekhulu, ifisa ukusindisa uPawuli, yabavimbela kunjongo
yabo, yasilaya ukuthi labo abakwaziyo ukuntsheza
baziphosele olwandle kuqala, baye emhlabathini; **44**
labaseleyo, abanye ngamapulanka, labanye ngezinye
zezinto zomkhumbi. Ngokunjalo-ke kwenzeka ukuthi
bonke bafike emhlabathini besindile.

28 Kwathi sebesindile, basebesizwa ukuthi isihlenge
sithiwa yiMelitha. **2** Labalelolizwe basiphatha
ngomusa ongandanga; ngoba babasa umlilo, basemukela
sonke, ngenxa yezulu elaseliqalisile, langenxa yomqando.
3 UPawuli wasetheza umnyaba wenkuni, wazibeka
emlilweni, kwaphuma inyoka ngenxa yokutshisa,
yanamathela esandleni sakhe. **4** Kwathi abalelolizwe
bebona isilo silenga esandleni sakhe, bakhulumisana
besithi: Isibili lumuntu ungumbulali, othi esindile
olwandle, ukulunga kakuvumi ukuthi aphile. **5** Yena-
ke wasithintithela emlilweni isilo, akaze ehlelwa yibubi.
6 Basebelindela ukuthi uzavuvuka lokuthi awele
phansi ahle afe; kwathi sebelinde isikhathi eside,
basebebona ukuthi kakulalutho olubi olwenzakala kuye,
baphendula imicabango yabo bathi ungunkulunkulu. **7**
Kubomakhelwane baleyondawo kwakulamasimu esikhulu
sesihlenge, uPubliyo ngebizo; owasemukela wasingenisa
kuhle insuku ezintathu. **8** Kwasekusithi uyise kaPubliyo
wayelele ebanjwe luqhuqho lesisu segazi; angena
kuye uPawuli, wakhuleka, wabeka izandla phezu
kwakhe, wamsilisa. **9** Ngakho lokho sekwenzakele, beza
labanye ababesesihlengeni ababelezifo basebesiliswa;
10 abasidumisa langodumo olunengi, njalo mhla sisukayo
ngomkhumbi, basethesa izinto ezidingekayo. **11**
Kwathi emva kwenyanga ezintathu sasuka ngomkhumbi
weAleksandriya, owawuhlezi ebusika esihlengeni,
ulophawu oluthiwa ngoDiyosikuroyi. **12** Sasesifika
eSirakhuse sahlala insuku ezintathu; **13** sasuka
lapho sahamba ngokubhoda sayafika eRegiyuma,
sekudlule usuku olulodwa kwafika umoya weningizimu,
safika ePuthiyoli ngosuku lwesibili; **14** lapho esafica
khona abazalwane, sacelwa ukuhlala labo insuku
eziyisikhombisa; ngokunjalo saya-ke eRoma. **15** Njalo
besuka lapho abazalwane sebezwile izinto ngathi, beza
ukusihlangabeza baze bafika eApiyi Foruma leNdlini
zeZihambi eziNtathu; okwathi uPawuli ebabona, wabonga
uNkulunkulu, wema isibindi. **16** Sathi sesifike eRoma,
induna yekhulu yanikela izibotshwa enduneni yabalindi;
kodwa uPawuli wavunyelwa ukuhlala yedwa, lowebutho
omlindayo. **17** Kwasekusithi emva kwensuku ezintathu
uPawuli wabizela ndawonye labo abangabakhulu
bamaJuda; sebebuthene, wathi kubo: Madoda
bazalwane, mina kangenzanga lutho oluphambene
lesizwe kumbe lamasiko abobaba, ngiyisibotshwa ngivela
eJerusalema nganikelwa ezandleni zamaRoma; **18**
wona esengihlolile afuna ukungikhulula, ngoba kungekho
kimi cala elifanele ukufa. **19** Kodwa amaJuda ala,
ngacindezeleka ukulidlulisela kuKesari, kungeyisikho
ukuthi ngilolutho olokumangalela isizwe sakithi. **20**
Ngakho ngenxa yalesisizatho ngilibizele lapha ukuthi
ngilibone ngikhulume lani; ngoba ngenxa yethemba
likaIsrayeli ngizingelezelwe ngaleliketane. **21** Basebesithi
kuye: Thina kasemukelanga izincwadi ngawe ezivela
eJudiya, futhi loba ngubani wabazalwane, esefikile,
kabikanga kumbe akhulume lutho olubi ngawe. **22**
Kodwa sifisa ukuzwa izinto ozinakanayo wena; ngoba
mayelana lalobububhazuka siyazi ukuthi buyaphikiswa
endaweni zonke. **23** Njalo kwathi sebemmisele usuku,
abanengi beza kuye endlini yezihambi; owabachasisela
wafakaza umbuso kaNkulunkulu, ebancenga ngezinto
zikaJesu, ethathela emlayweni kaMozisi kanye
labaprofethi, kusukela ekuseni kakhulu kwaze kwaba
kusihlwa. **24** Abanye basebekholwa izinto azitshoyo,
kodwa abanye kabakholwanga. **25** Kwasekusithi
bengavumelani bodwa basuka bahamba, uPawuli
esekhulume ilizwi laba linye lokuthi: Wayekhulume
kuhle uMoya oyiNgcwele ngoIsaya umprofethi kubobaba
bethu, **26** esithi: Hamba uye kulesisizwe ububsithi:
Ngokuzwa lizakuzwa, njalo kalisoze liqedisise; lokubona
lizabona, njalo kalisoze libonisise. **27** Ngoba inhliziyo
yalesisizwe seyaba buthundu, njalo bezwa kanzima
ngendlebe, lamehlo abo bawacimezile; hlezi babone
ngamehlo, njalo bezwe ngendlebe, futhi baqedisise
ngenhliziyo, njalo baphenduke, besengibasilisa. **28**
Ngakho kakwaziwe kini, ukuthi usindiso lukaNkulunkulu
luyathunyelwa kwabezizwe, bona-ke bazakuzwa. **29**
Njalo kwathi esetshilo lezizinto, amaJuda asuka,
elokuphikisana okukhulu phakathi kwawo. **30** UPawuli
wasehlala iminyaka emibili egcweleyo endlini yakhe
uqobo ayeyiqhatshile, wemukela bonke abangena
kuye, **31** watshumayela umbuso kaNkulunkulu, njalo
wafundisa ngeNkosi uJesu Kristu, ngaso sonke isibindi,
engelakuvinjelwa.

KwabaseRoma

1 UPawuli, inceku kaJesu Kristu, ebizelwe ukuba
ngumphostoli, ehlukaniselwe ivangeli likaNkulunkulu,
2 (alithembisa ngaphambili ngabaprofethi bakhe
emibhalweni engcwele), 3 mayelana leNdodana
yakhe, eyavela enzalweni kaDavida ngokwenyama,
4 eyabonakaliswa ukuba yiNdodana kaNkulunkulu
ngamandla, ngokukaMoya wobungcwele, ngokuvuka
kwabafileyo, uJesu Kristu iNkosi yethu; 5 esemukela
ngaye umusa lobuphostoli ukuthi kube yikulalela kokholo
phakathi kwezizwe zonke, ngenxa yebizo lakhe, 6
elikuzo lani, babiziweyo bakaJesu Kristu: 7 Kubo
bonke abaseRoma, abathandiweyo bakaNkulunkulu,
ababizelwe ukuba ngabangcwele: Kakube kini umusa
lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu leNkosini
uJesu Kristu. 8 Kuqala-ke ngibonga uNkulunkulu
wami ngoJesu Kristu ngani lonke, ukuthi ukholo
lwenu lumenyezelwa emhlabeni wonke. 9 Ngoba
uNkulunkulu ungumfakazi wami, engimkhonza emoyeni
wami ngevangeli leNdodana yakhe, ukuthi kangiyekeli
ukulikhumbula, 10 ngesikhathi sonke emikhulekweni yami
ngicela, ukuthi nxa kusenzeka ngentando kaNkulunkulu,
ngiphumelele ukuza kini ekucineni. 11 Ngoba ngilangatha
ukulibona, ukuze ngiliphe isipho esithile somoya, ukuze
liqiniswe, 12 okuyikuthi, siduduzeke ndawonye phakathi
kwenu ngokholo olukomunye lomunye, olwenu kanye
lolwami. 13 Kanti angithandi ukuthi kungaziwa kini,
bazalwane, ukuthi ngazimisela kanengi ukuza kini
(ngasengibambeka kuze kube khathesi), ukuze ngizuze
esinye isithelo laphakathi kwenu, lanjengaphakathi
kwezinye izizwe. 14 Ngilomlandu kumaGriki
kanye lakwabezizwe, kwabahlakaniphileyo kanye
lakwabangahlakaniphanga; 15 ngokunjalo njengokukimi
ngilungele ukutshumayela ivangeli lakini abaseRoma.
16 Ngoba kangilanhloni ngevangeli likaKristu; ngoba
lingamandla kaNkulunkulu kube lusindiso kuye wonke
okholwayo, kumJuda kuqala lakumGriki. 17 Ngoba
ukulunga kukaNkulunkulu kwembulwa kilo kusukela
kukholo kusiya kukholo; njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi:
Kodwa olungileyo uzaphila ngokholo. 18 Ngoba ulaka
lukaNkulunkulu luyabonakaliswa luvela ezulwini phezu
kwakho konke ukungakhonzi uNkulunkulu lokungalungi
kwabantu abavimbela iqiniso ngokungalungi; 19
ngoba lokho okwaziwayo ngoNkulunkulu kusobala
phakathi kwabo; ngoba uNkulunkulu ukubonakalisile
kubo. 20 Ngoba okungabonwayo kwakhe, selokhu
kwadatshulwa umhlaba, kuzwisiseka ngezinto
ezenziweyo, kubonakaliswa obala, ngitsho amandla
akhe aphakade kanye lobuNkulunkulu bakhe, kuze kuthi
kabalakuzivikela; **(aïdios g126)** 21 ngoba kuthe bemazi
uNkulunkulu, kabamdumisanga njengoNkulunkulu
kabambonga, kodwa baba yize kumicabango
yabo, lenhliziyo yabo engaqondiyo yenziwa yaba
mnyama. 22 Bezitshaya abahlakaniphileyo baba
yizithutha, 23 lenkazimulo kaNkulunkulu ongabhubhiyo
bayiphendulela ekufananeni lomfanekiso womuntu
obhubhayo, lowezinyoni, lowezidalwa ezilenyawo
ezine, lowokuhuquzelayo. 24 Ngalokho-ke uNkulunkulu
wabanikela emanyaleni, enkanukweni zenhliziyo zabo,
ukuthi badumaze imizimba yabo phakathi kwabo;
25 abaphendulela iqiniso likaNkulunkulu emangeni,
basebedumisa bekhonza okudaliweyo kuloMdali,
ongobongekayo kuze kube phakade. Ameni. **(aiōn g165)**
26 Ngenxa yalokho uNkulunkulu wabanikela enkanukweni
ezilihlazo; ngoba labesifazana babo baphendula
ukwenza kwemvelo kwaba ngokuphambene lemvelo; 27
langokunjalo labesilisa bayekela ukwenza kwemvelo
kowesifazana, batsha ngokukhanukana kwabo, abesilisa
labesilisa benza okulihlazo, bemukeliswa phakathi kwabo
umvuzo ofanele ukuduha kwabo. 28 Njalo njengalokhu
bengavumanga ukuba lolwazi ngoNkulunkulu,
uNkulunkulu wabanikela ukuthi babe lengqondo ebolileyo,
eyokwenza izinto ezingafanelanga; 29 begcwaliswe
konke ukungalungi, ukuphinga, ububi, umhawu, inzondo;
begcwele umona, ukubulala, inkani, inkohliso, ulunya;
abahlebayo, 30 abanyeyayo, abazonda uNkulunkulu,
abangelamakhanda, abazigqajayo, abazikhukhumezayo,
abaqambi bezinto ezimbi, abangalaleli abazali, 31
abangelangqondo, abephula izithembiso, abalolunya,
abangelakuxoliswa, abangelasihawu; 32 abathi besazi
umlayo wokulunga kaNkulunkulu, ukuthi abenza izinto
ezinjalo bafanele ukufa, kungesikuthi bayazenza
kuphela, kodwa futhi bevumelana labazenzayo.

2 Ngakho kawulakuzilandulela, wena muntu, loba
ungubani owahlulelayo; ngoba ngalokho owahlulela
ngakho omunye, uyazilahla wena, ngoba wena
owahlulelayo wenza izinto ezifananayo. 2 Njalo siyazi
ukuthi ukwahlulela kukaNkulunkulu kungokweqiniso
phezu kwalabo abenza izinto ezinjalo. 3 Njalo
ucabanga lokho yini, O muntu owahlulela abenza
izinto ezinjalo, lawe uzenza lezozinto, ukuthi
wena uzaphepha ukwahlulela kukaNkulunkulu? 4
Kumbe uyayeyisa yini inotho yomusa wakhe
leyokubekezela lesineke, ungazi ukuthi umusa
kaNkulunkulu ukukhokhelela ekuphendukeni? 5 Kodwa
ngobulukhuni bakho lenhliziyo yakho engaphendukiyo
uzibekela ulaka ngosuku lolaka lolwesambulo
sokwahlulelwa okulungileyo kukaNkulunkulu, 6 ozavuza
lowo lalowo ngokwemisebenzi yakhe; 7 impilo elaphakade
kubo abalesineke ngokwenza imisebenzi elungileyo
bedinga inkazimulo lodumo lokungabhubhi; **(aiōnios g166)**
8 kodwa intukuthelo lolaka kulabo abalenkani, njalo
bengalaleli iqiniso kodwa belalela ukungalungi, 9 usizi
lokubandezeleka, phezu kwawo wonke umphefumulo
womuntu owenza ububi, owomJuda kuqala lowomGriki;
10 kodwa inkazimulo lodumo lokuthula kuye wonke

owenza okuhle, kumJuda kuqala lakumGriki; **11** ngoba
kakukho ukubandlulula umuntu kuNkulunkulu. **12**
Ngoba bonke abonileyo bengelamlayo, ngokunjalo
bazabhubha bengelamlayo; njalo bonke abonileyo
emlayweni, bazagwetshwa ngomlayo; **13** ngoba kakusibo
abezwayo umlayo abalungileyo phambi kukaNkulunkulu,
kodwa abenzayo umlayo bazalungisiswa. **14** Ngoba nxa
abezizwe abangelawo umlayo besenza ngokwemvelo
okungokomlayo, bona, bengelawo umlayo, bangumlayo
kubo ngokwabo; **15** ababonakalisa ukuthi umsebenzi
womlayo ulotshiwe enhliziyweni zabo; isazela sabo laso
siyafakaza, lemicabango yabo ibasole omunye komunye
kumbe njalo ibavikele omunye komunye, **16** ngosuku
uNkulunkulu azakwahlulela ngalo imfihlo zabantu,
ngoJesu Kristu, ngokwevangeli lami. **17** Khangela
wena ubizwa ngokuthi ungumJuda, weyeme emlayweni,
uzincoma ngoNkulunkulu, **18** usazi intando yakhe,
usemukela izinto ezingcono, ufundiswe emlayweni, **19**
njalo uzithembile wena ukuthi ungumholi weziphofu,
ukukhanya kwabasemnyameni, **20** umeluleki wezithutha,
umfundisi wensane, ulesimo solwazi lolweqiniso
emlayweni. **21** Ngakho wena ofundisa omunye,
kawuzifundisi yini? Wena otshumayela ukuthi ungebi,
uyeba yini? **22** Wena othi ungafebi, uyafeba yini?
Wena onengwa yizithombe, uphanga amathempeli yini?
23 Wena ozincoma ngomlayo, udumaza uNkulunkulu
ngokweqa umlayo yini? **24** Ngoba ibizo likaNkulunkulu
liyahlanjazwa phakathi kwabezizwe ngenxa yenu,
njengoba kulotshiwe. **25** Ngoba isibili ukusoka kuyasiza,
uba usenza umlayo; kodwa uba ungumeqi womlayo,
ukusoka kwakho sekuyikungasoki. **26** Ngakho uba
ukungasoki kugcina izimiso zomlayo, ukungasoki kwakhe
kakuyikubalwa yini ukuthi kuyikusoka? **27** Lokungasoki
ngemvelo, uba kugcwalisa umlayo, kungekugwebe yini
wena ongumeqi womlayo ngombhalo langokusoka?
28 Ngoba kayisuye umJuda onguye ngokusobala,
njalo kakusikho ukusoka okusobala enyameni; **29**
kodwa yena ungumJuda onguye ngasese, lokusoka
kungokwenhliziyo, emoyeni, kungeyisikho ngombhalo;
ondumiso yakhe kayiveli ebantwini kodwa kuNkulunkulu.

3 Pho-ke yibuphi ubungcono bomJuda, kumbe
luyini usizo lokusoka? **2** Kukhulu ngendlela
yonke; ngoba kuqala-ke ukuthi baphathiswe amazwi
kaNkulunkulu. **3** Ngoba kuyini uba abanye
bengakholwanga? Ukungakholwa kwabo kuzakwenza
ize ukholo lukaNkulunkulu yini? **4** Phinde! Kodwa
uNkulunkulu kabe leqiniso, kodwa wonke umuntu
abe ngumqambimanga, njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi:
Ukuze uthiwe ulungile emazwini akho, unqobe
ekwahlulelweni kwakho. **5** Kodwa uba ukungalungi
kwethu kubonakalisa ukulunga kukaNkulunkulu,
sizakuthini? Kambe uNkulunkulu kalunganga yini
owehlisela ulaka? (Ngikhuluma njengomuntu.) **6**
Phinde! Uba kungenjalo uNkulunkulu uzawahlulela
njani umhlaba? **7** Ngoba uba iqiniso likaNkulunkulu
landisile kakhulu edumeni lwakhe ngamanga ami,
ngisagwetshelwani mina futhi njengesoni? **8** Njalo
kungenjengalokhu sigconwa, lanjengoba abanye bathi
thina sithi: Kasenze izinto ezimbi ukuze kuvele okuhle?
Abakulahlwa kwabo kuba ngokokulunga. **9** Pho-
ke? Singcono yini? Hatshi bo! Ngoba sesiwacalile
mandulo amaJuda kanye lamaGriki ukuthi wonke
angaphansi kwesono, **10** njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi:
Kakho olungileyo, kakho loyedwa; **11** kakho oqedisisayo,
kakho odinga uNkulunkulu; **12** bonke baphambukile,
kabasizi lutho bonkana; kakho owenza okuhle, kakho
ngitsho loyedwa; **13** umphimbo wabo ulingcwaba
elivulekileyo; bakhohlisa ngenlimi zabo; ubuhlungu
bephimpi bungaphansi kwendebe zabo; **14** omlomo
wabo ugcwele ukuqalekisa lokubaba; **15** inyawo
zabo ziphangisela ukuchitha igazi; **16** incithakalo
losizi kusendleleni zabo, **17** njalo indlela yokuthula
kabayazanga; **18** ukwesaba uNkulunkulu kakukho
phambi kwamehlo abo. **19** Njalo siyazi ukuthi konke
okutshoyo umlayo, ukukhuluma kubo abangaphansi
komlayo, ukuze yonke imilomo ivinjwe, lokuthi umhlaba
wonke ube lecala kuNkulunkulu; **20** ngoba emisebenzini
yomlayo kakulanyama ezalungisiswa phambi kwakhe;
ngoba ngomlayo kulokwazi isono. **21** Kodwa khathesi-ke
sekubonakalisiwe ukulunga kukaNkulunkulu ngaphandle
komlayo, okufakazelwa ngumlayo labaprofethi; **22**
ngitsho ukulunga kukaNkulunkulu ngokholo lukaJesu
Kristu kubo bonke laphezu kwabo bonke abakholwayo;
ngoba kawukho umehluko; **23** ngoba bonke bonile
basilele enkazimulweni kaNkulunkulu, **24** balungisiswa
ngesihle ngomusa wakhe ngohlengo olukuKristu Jesu;
25 uNkulunkulu ammisayo ukuthi abe yinhlawulo
yokuthula, ngokholo egazini lakhe, ukuze kube
yisibonakaliso sokulunga kwakhe, ngokuyekelwa
kwezono ezenziwa ngaphambili, ekubekezeleni
kukaNkulunkulu; **26** ukuze kube yisibonakaliso sokulunga
kwakhe kulesisikhathi, ukuze abe ngolungileyo lokuthi
uyamlungisisa ongowokholo lukaJesu. **27** Ngakho
kungaphi ukuzincoma? Kuvalelwe phandle. Ngomthetho
bani? Wemisebenzi yini? Hatshi bo, kodwa ngomthetho
wokholo. **28** Ngakho siphetha ngokuthi umuntu
ulungisiswe ngokholo, ngaphandle kwemisebenzi
yomlayo. **29** Kambe unguNkulunkulu wamaJuda kuphela?
Njalo kayisuye lowabezizwe yini? Yebo lowabezizwe;
30 lokhu uNkulunkulu emunye, ozalungisisa ukusoka
ekholweni, lokungasoki ngokholo. **31** Ngakho siyawenza
umlayo ube yize ngokholo yini? Phinde! Kodwa
siyawuqinisa umlayo.

4 Pho-ke sizakuthi uAbrahama ubaba wethu wazuzani
ngokwenyama? **2** Ngoba uba uAbrahama
walungisiswa ngemisebenzi, ulokuzincoma, kodwa
kungekho phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **3** Ngoba umbhalo
uthini? Uthi: Kodwa uAbrahama wakholwa kuNkulunkulu,

kwasekubalelwa kuye ukuthi yikulunga. 4 Kodwa
kulowo osebenzayo kabalelwa iholo ngokomusa, kodwa
ngokomlandu. 5 Kodwa kulowo ongasebenziyo, kodwa
ekholwa kuye olungisisa oweyisa uNkulunkulu, ukholo
lwakhe lubalelwa ukuthi yikulunga. 6 Njengoba laye
uDavida ekhuluma ngokubusiswa komuntu, uNkulunkulu
ambalela ukulunga ngaphandle kwemisebenzi esithi: 7
Babusisiwe abaziphambeko zabo zithethelelwe labazono
zabo zisitshekelwe. 8 Ubusisiwe umuntu iNkosi engasoze
yambalela isono. 9 Ngakho lokhukubusiswa kuphezu
kokusoka yini, kumbe laphezu kokungasoki? Ngoba
sithi: Ukholo lwabalelwa kuAbrahama ukuthi luyikulunga.
10 Pho lwabalelwa njani? Lapho esekusokeni yini,
kumbe ekungasokini? Kungekho ekusokeni, kodwa
ekungasokini. 11 Wasesemukela isibonakaliso sokusoka,
uphawu lokulunga kokholo ayelakho ekungasokini;
ukuze abe nguyise wabo bonke abakholwayo lanxa
bengasokanga, ukuze ukulunga kubalelwe lakibo; 12
loyise wokusoka kulabo abangayisibo bokusoka kuphela,
kodwa futhi abahamba ezinyathelweni zokholo lukababa
wethu uAbrahama ayelalo engakasokwa. 13 Ngoba
kasingomlayo isithembiso kuAbrahama kumbe kunzalo
yakhe, ukuthi uzakuba yindlalifa yomhlaba, kodwa
ngokulunga kokholo. 14 Ngoba uba labo abomlayo
beyizindlalifa, ukholo lwenziwe ize, lesithembiso senziwa
ize; 15 ngoba umlayo ubanga ulaka; ngoba lapho
okungekho khona umlayo, kakukho lokweqa. 16 Ngakho
kungokholo, ukuze kube ngokomusa; ukuze isithembiso
siqiniseke kuyo yonke inzalo; kungeyisiyo engeyomlayo
kuphela kodwa lakuyo engeyokholo lukaAbrahama,
ongubaba wethu sonke, 17 (njengokulotshiweyo
ukuthi: Ngikumisile ukuthi ube nguyise wezizwe
ezinengi) phambi kwakhe akholwa kuye, uNkulunkulu,
ophilisa abafileyo, lobiza izinto ezingekho ngokungathi
zikhona. 18 Owathi emelane lethemba wakholwa
ngethemba, ukuze abe nguyise wezizwe ezinengi,
njengalokho okwatshiwoyo ukuthi: Izakuba njalo inzalo
yakho. 19 Njalo kabanga buthakathaka ekholweni,
kanakananga umzimba wakhe uqobo owawusufile,
ngoba wayesengaba leminyaka elikhulu, lokufa kwesizalo
sikaSara; 20 njalo kathandabuzanga ngesithembiso
sikaNkulunkulu ngokungakholwa, kodwa waqiniswa
ekholweni, enika uNkulunkulu udumo, 21 njalo eqinisekile
ngokupheleleyo ukuthi lokho ayekuthembisile, ulamandla
ngitsho okukwenza. 22 Ngalokho-ke kwabalelwa kuye
ukuthi yikulunga. 23 Kakubhalwanga-ke ngenxa yakhe
yedwa, ukuthi kwabalelwa kuye; 24 kodwa langenxa
yethu, esizabalelwa khona, thina esikholwa kuye owavusa
uJesu iNkosi yethu kwabafileyo, 25 owanikelwa ngenxa
yeziphambeko zethu, wavuswa ngenxa yokulungisiswa
kwethu.

5 Ngakho sesilungisisiwe ngokholo, silokuthula
kuNkulunkulu ngeNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, 2
okungaye njalo silokungena ngokholo kulumusa esimi
kuwo, sizincoma ethembeni lobukhosi bukaNkulunkulu.
3 Kakusikho lokhu-ke kuphela, kodwa sizincoma
langezinhlupheko, sisazi ukuthi ukuhlupheka kuveza
ukubekezela, 4 lokubekezela ukuqina, lokuqina ithemba;
5 lethemba kalidanisi, ngoba uthando lukaNkulunkulu
lutheliwe enhliziyweni zethu ngoMoya oNgcwele
esimuphiweyo. 6 Ngoba sisebuthakathaka, ngesikhathi
esifaneleyo uKristu wafela abeyisa uNkulunkulu. 7
Ngoba kunzima ukuthi umuntu afele olungileyo; kodwa
mhlawumbe kungaba khona ngitsho olesibindi sokufela
olungileyo. 8 Kodwa uNkulunkulu uqinisa uthando
lwakhe uqobo kithi, ukuthi uKristu wasifela siseyizoni.
9 Ngakho kakhulu-ke, lokhu sesilungisisiwe khathesi
ngegazi lakhe, sizasindiswa ngaye elakeni. 10 Ngoba
uba, lapho siseyizitha, sesibuyisene loNkulunkulu
ngokufa kweNdodana yakhe, ikakhulu lokhu sesibuyisene
sizasindiswa ngempilo yayo; 11 njalo kakusikho
lokhu kuphela, kodwa sizincoma futhi kuNkulunkulu
ngeNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, esesemukele ngaye
ukubuyisana. 12 Ngakho, njengalokhu ngamuntu munye
isono sangena emhlabeni, langesono ukufa, ngokunjalo
ukufa kwedlulela kubo bonke abantu, ngoba bonke bonile;
13 ngoba kuze kufike umlayo isono sasikhona emhlabeni;
kodwa isono kasibalelwa, ungekho umlayo, 14 kanti
ukufa kwabusa kusukela kuAdamu kusiya kuMozisi,
laphezu kwalabo ababengonanga okufanana lokweqa
kukaAdamu, ongumfanekiso wakhe obezakuza. 15
Kodwa kungenjengesiphambeko, sinjalo lesipho somusa.
Ngoba uba ngesiphambeko soyedwa abanengi bafa,
ikakhulu kwanda kwabanengi umusa kaNkulunkulu,
lesipho ngomusa womuntu munye, uJesu Kristu. 16
Futhi isipho kasinjengoyedwa owonayo; ngoba isigwebo
sasingesisodwa ngasekulahlweni, kodwa isipho somusa
ngeseziphambeko ezinengi ngasekulungisisweni. 17
Ngoba uba ngesiphambeko somuntu oyedwa ukufa
kwabusa ngalowo oyedwa, ikakhulu bona abemukela
ubunengi bomusa lobesipho sokulunga bazabusa
empilweni ngalowo oyedwa, uJesu Kristu. 18 Ngakho
njengoba ngesiphambeko soyedwa isigwebo saba
kubo bonke abantu ukuya ekulahlweni, ngokunjalo
langokulunga koyedwa umusa weza kubo bonke abantu
ukuya ekulungisisweni kwempilo. 19 Ngoba njengoba
ngokungalaleli komuntu munye abanengi benziwa
izoni, ngokunjalo langokulalela koyedwa abanengi
bazakwenziwa abalungileyo. 20 Phezu kwalokho umlayo
wangena, ukuze isiphambeko sande; kodwa lapho
okwanda isono khona, umusa wanda kakhulukazi; 21
ukuze njengoba isono sabusa ekufeni, ngokunjalo lomusa
ubuse ngokulunga kuze kube sempilweni elaphakade,
ngoJesu Kristu iNkosi yethu. **(aiōnios g166)**

6 Ngakho sizakuthini? Sizahlala yini esonweni,
ukuze kwande umusa? 2 Phinde! Thina esafa

mayelana lesono, sizaphila njani kuso futhi? **3** Kalazi yini ukuthi thina sonke esabhabhathizelwa kuKristu Jesu, sabhabhathizelwa ekufeni kwakhe? **4** Ngakho sangcwatshwa kanye laye ngobhabhathizo ekufeni; ukuze, njengoba uKristu wavuswa kwabafileyo ngobukhosi bukaYise, ngokunjalo lathi sihambe ebutsheni bempilo. **5** Ngoba uba sihlanyelwe kanye laye ekufananeni kokufa kwakhe, sizakuba njalo lekufananeni kokuvuka kwakhe; **6** sisazi lokhu, ukuthi umuntu wethu omdala ubethelwe laye, ukuze umzimba wesono ubhujiswe, ukuze singabe sisakhonza isono; **7** ngoba ofileyo ukhululiwe esonweni. **8** Njalo uba sifile kanye loKristu, siyakholwa ukuthi sizaphila futhi kanye laye; **9** sisazi ukuthi uKristu esevusiwe kwabafileyo kasafi futhi; ukufa kungeke kusabusa phezu kwakhe. **10** Ngoba lokhu wafa, wafela isono kanye; kodwa lokhu ephila, uphilela uNkulunkulu. **11** Ngokunjalo lani zinakaneni sibili lifile esonweni, kodwa liphilele uNkulunkulu ngoKristu Jesu iNkosi yethu. **12** Ngakho kakumelanga isono sibuse emzimbeni wenu ofayo, lize lisilalele ezinkanukweni zawo; **13** njalo linganikeli izitho zenu zibe yizikhali zokungalungi esonweni; kodwa zinikeleni lina kuNkulunkulu njengabaphilayo kwabafileyo, lezitho zenu kuNkulunkulu zibe yizikhali zokulunga; **14** ngoba isono kasiyikubusa phezu kwenu; ngoba kalikho ngaphansi komlayo, kodwa ngaphansi komusa. **15** Pho-ke? Sizakona yini, ngoba singekho ngaphansi komlayo, kodwa ngaphansi komusa? Phinde! **16** Kalazi yini ukuthi lowo elizinikela kuye ukuze libe yizigqili zokumlalela, liyizigqili zakhe elimlalelayo, loba ezesono kube yikufa, loba ezokulalela kube yikulunga? **17** Kodwa kabongwe uNkulunkulu, ukuthi lina lake laba yizigqili zesono, kodwa selilalela enhliziyweni isimo semfundiso elanikelwa kuso; **18** njalo likhululiwe esonweni, lenziwe izigqili zokulunga. **19** Ngikhuluma ngokwabantu ngenxa yobuthakathaka benyama yenu; ngoba njengalokho lanikela izitho zenu njengezigqili zamanyala lokubi kube ngokubi, ngokunjalo zinikeleni izitho zenu khathesi njengezigqili zokulunga, kube yibungcwele. **20** Ngoba lapho liyizigqili zesono, lalikhululekile ekulungeni. **21** Ngakho sithelobani elilaso ezintweni ngalesosikhathi eselilenhloni ngazo? Ngoba ukucina kwalezizinto yikufa. **22** Kodwa khathesi-ke selikhululiwe esonweni, njalo selenziwe izigqili kuNkulunkulu, lilesithelo senu kube yibungcwele, lokucina kuyimpilo elaphakade. **(aiōnios g166)** **23** Ngoba inkokhelo yesono iyikufa, kodwa isipho somusa sikaNkulunkulu siyimpilo elaphakade ngoKristu Jesu iNkosi yethu. **(aiōnios g166)**

7 Kalazi yini, bazalwane (ngoba ngikhuluma lalabo abawaziyo umlayo), ukuthi umlayo ubusa umuntu selokhu esaphila? **2** Ngoba umfazi owendileyo ubotshelwe ngomlayo endodeni ephilayo; kodwa uba indoda isifile, ukhululiwe emlayweni wendoda. **3** Ngakho uba indoda isaphila, uzathiwa yisifebe uba esiba ngowenye indoda; kodwa uba indoda isifile, ukhululekile emlayweni, ukuze angabi yisifebe uba esiba ngowenye indoda. **4** Ngakho, bazalwane bami, selenziwe lafa lani emlayweni ngomzimba kaKristu, ukuze libe ngabomunye, ngabalowo owavuswa kwabafileyo, ukuze sithelele uNkulunkulu izithelo. **5** Ngoba sathi sisenyameni, inkanuko zezono ezingomlayo zasebenza ezithweni zethu ukuthelela ukufa izithelo. **6** Kodwa khathesi-ke sesikhululiwe emthethweni, sifile mayelana lalokho esasibanjwe yikho, ukuze sikhonze ngobutsha bomoya, njalo kungeyisikho ngobudala bokulotshiweyo. **7** Pho-ke sizakuthini? Umthetho uyisono yini? Phinde! Kodwa bengingasazi isono, ngaphandle ngomthetho; ngoba bengingawazi umhawu futhi, uba umthetho ubungatshongo ukuthi: Ungabi lomhawu. **8** Kodwa isono, sizuze ithuba ngomthetho, sasebenza kimi umhawu wonke; ngoba ngaphandle komlayo isono sifile. **9** Mina-ke ngake ngaphila ngaphandle komlayo; kodwa kwathi sekufike umthetho, isono savuka, njalo ngafa mina; **10** njalo umthetho ongowempilo, wona waficwa yimi ungowokufa; **11** ngoba isono, sizuze ithuba ngomthetho, sangikhohlisa, sangibulala ngawo. **12** Ngakho umthetho ungcwele, lomlayo ungcwele njalo ulungile, futhi muhle. **13** Ngakho okulungileyo kwaba yikufa kimi yini? Phinde! Kodwa isono, ukuze sibonakaliswe ukuthi siyisono, sisebenza ukufa kimi ngokulungileyo; ukuze isono ngomthetho sibe yikonakala okukhulu kakhulu. **14** Ngoba siyazi ukuthi umthetho ungowomoya; kanti mina ngingowenyama, ngithengisiwe ngaphansi kwesono. **15** Ngoba lokhu engikwenzayo, angivumelanilakho; ngoba kakusikho engikuthandayo, lokho engikwenzayo; kodwa lokho engikuzondayo, yikho engikwenzayo. **16** Uba ngisenza lokho engingakuthandiyo, ngiyawuvumela umthetho ukuthi ulungile. **17** Kodwa khathesi-ke kakuseyimi engikwenzayo, kodwa yisono esihlala kimi. **18** Ngoba ngiyazi ukuthi kimi, lokhu kuyikuthi enyameni yami, kakuhlali okuhle; ngoba kukhona ukuthanda kimi, kodwa ukwenza okuhle kangikutholi. **19** Ngoba okuhle engikuthandayo, kangikwenzi; kodwa okubi engingakuthandiyo, yikho engikwenzayo. **20** Kodwa uba ngisenza lokho mina engingakuthandiyo, kakuseyimi engikwenzayo, kodwa yisono esihlala kimi. **21** Ngakho ngithola umthetho wokuthi lapho ngithanda ukwenza okuhle, okubi kukhona kimi. **22** Ngoba ngiyathokoza emthethweni kaNkulunkulu ngomuntu ophakathi; **23** kodwa ngibona ezithweni zami omunye umthetho olwa lomthetho wengqondo yami, longithumbela emthethweni wesono osezithweni zami. **24** Mina muntu olusizi! Ngubani ozangikhulula kulumzimba walokhukufa? **25** Ngiyabonga uNkulunkulu ngoJesu Kristu iNkosi yethu. Ngalokho-ke mina ngokwami ngikhonza umthetho kaNkulunkulu ngengqondo, kodwa ngenyama umthetho wesono.

8 Ngakho khathesi kakukho ukulahlwa kubo
abakuKristu Jesu, abangahambi ngokwenyama,
kodwa ngokoMoya. **2** Ngoba umthetho woMoya
wempilo kuKristu Jesu ungikhulule emthethweni wesono
lowokufa. **3** Ngoba lokho umthetho owawungekwenze,
ngoba ubuthakathaka ngenyama, uNkulunkulu ethuma
eyakhe iNdodana ekufananeni kwenyama elesono, njalo
ithunyelwe isono, walahla isono enyameni; **4** ukuze
ukulunga komthetho kugcwaliswe kithi, esingahambi
ngokwenyama kodwa ngokukaMoya. **5** Ngoba bona
abangokwenyama banakana izinto zenyama; kodwa
abangokoMoya izinto zikaMoya. **6** Ngoba ukuzindla
kwenyama kuyikufa; kodwa ukuzindla kukaMoya
kuyimpilo lokuthula; **7** ngoba ukuzindla kwenyama
kuyibutha kuNkulunkulu; ngoba kakuzehliseli ngaphansi
komthetho kaNkulunkulu, ngoba kungekwenze; **8** lalabo
abasenyameni kabalakumthokozisa uNkulunkulu. **9** Lina-
ke alisenyameni, kodwa likuMoya, uba phela uMoya
kaNkulunkulu ehlala kini. Uba-ke umuntu engelaye uMoya
kaKristu, lowo kayisuye owakhe. **10** Uba-ke uKristu ekini,
umzimba ufile ngenxa yesono, kodwa umoya uyimpilo
ngenxa yokulunga. **11** Njalo uba uMoya walowo owavusa
uJesu kwabafileyo ehlala kini, yena owavusa uKristu
kwabafileyo uzaphilisa lemizimba yenu efayo, ngoMoya
wakhe ohlala kini. **12** Ngakho, bazalwane, silomlandu,
kungeyisikho enyameni, ukuthi siphile ngokwenyama; **13**
ngoba uba liphila ngokwenyama, lizakufa; kodwa uba
libulala imisebenzi yomzimba ngoMoya, lizaphila. **14**
Ngoba bonke abakhokhelwa nguMoya kaNkulunkulu,
bona bangabantwana bakaNkulunkulu. **15** Ngoba
kalemukelanga umoya wobugqili ukuze libuye lesabe,
kodwa lemukele umoya wokuma kwabantwana,
esimemeza ngawo sisithi: Abha, Baba! **16** UMoya uqobo
ufakazelana kanye lomoya wethu, ukuthi singabantwana
bakaNkulunkulu; **17** njalo uba singabantwana,
siyizindlalifa futhi; izindlalifa zikaNkulunkulu, lezindlalifa
kanye loKristu; uba phela sihlupheka kanye laye,
ukuze lathi sidunyiswe kanye laye. **18** Ngoba
ngithi inhlupheko zalesisikhathi kazilakulinganiswa
lenkazimulo ezakwembulwa kithi. **19** Ngoba ukulangatha
kokudaliweyo kulindele ukwembulwa kwabantwana
bakaNkulunkulu. **20** Ngoba okudaliweyo kwehliselwa
ngaphansi kobuze, kungeyisikho ngokuthanda, kodwa
ngenxa yalowo owakwehliselayo; ethembeni **21**
lokuthi lalokho okudaliweyo kuzakhululwa ebugqilini
bokubhubha kuze kube senkululekweni yenkazimulo
yabantwana bakaNkulunkulu. **22** Ngoba siyazi ukuthi
konke okudaliweyo kuyabubula kanyekanye kuyahelelwa
kuze kube khathesi. **23** Kakusikho lokhu kuphela,
kodwa lathi uqobo lwethu esilengqabutho yesithelo
sikaMoya, lathi uqobo siyabubula ngaphakathi kwethu,
silindele ukuma kwabantwana, uhlengo lomzimba
wethu. **24** Ngoba sisindiswa ngethemba; kodwa
ithemba elibonwayo kayisilo ithemba; ngoba lokho
umuntu akubonayo, ukuthembelani futhi? **25** Kodwa
uba sithemba lokho esingakuboniyo, sikulindela
ngokubekezela. **26** Ngokunjalo loMoya uyasiza
ubuthakathaka bethu; ngoba kasikwazi esikukhulekelayo
njengokufaneleyo, kodwa uMoya uqobo usincengela
ngokububula okungelakuphumisela; **27** yena-ke ohlola
izinhliziyo uyakwazi lokho okuyingqondo kaMoya, ngoba
uncengela abangcwele ngokwentando kaNkulunkulu.
28 Njalo siyazi ukuthi izinto zonke zisebenzelana
okuhle kulabo abamthandayo uNkulunkulu, ababiziweyo
ngokwecebo lakhe. **29** Ngoba labo abazi ngaphambili,
wabamisa labo ngaphambili ukuthi bafanane lesimo
seNdodana yakhe, ukuze yona ibe lizibulo phakathi
kwezelamani ezinengi; **30** lalabo abamisayo ngaphambili,
bona labo wababiza; lalabo ababizayo, bona labo
wabalungisisa; lalabo abalungisisayo, bona labo wabapha
inkazimulo. **31** Pho-ke sizakuthini kulezizinto? Uba
uNkulunkulu engowethu, ngubani omelana lathi?
32 Yena ongazange ayigodle eyakhe iNdodana,
kodwa wayinikelela thina sonke, uzayekela njani
ukusinika ngesihle konke kanye layo? **33** Ngubani
ozababeka icala abakhethiweyo bakaNkulunkulu?
NguNkulunkulu olungisisayo; **34** ngubani olahlayo?
NguKristu owafayo, njalo ikakhulu owavuswayo,
ongakwesokunene sikaNkulunkulu, losikhulekelayo.
35 Ngubani ozasehlukanisa lothando lukaKristu?
Ukuhlupheka, kumbe usizi, kumbe ukuzingelwa, kumbe
indlala, kumbe ubuze, kumbe ingozi, kumbe inkemba yini?
36 Njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Ngenxa yakho siyabulawa
usuku lonke; kuthiwa sinjengezimvu zokuhlatshwa.
37 Kanti kulezizinto zonke sedlula abanqobi ngaye
owasithandayo. **38** Ngoba ngileqiniso ukuthi kayisikho
ukufa lempilo lezingilosi lababusi lamandla lezinto
ezikhona lezinto ezizayo **39** lobude lokutshona laloba
yisiphi isidalwa okuzakuba lamandla okusehlukanisa
lothando lukaNkulunkulu olukuKristu Jesu iNkosi yethu.

9 Ngikhuluma iqiniso kuKristu, kangiqambi manga,
isazela sami sifakazelana lami ngoMoya oNgcwele,
2 ukuthi ngilokudabuka okukhulu, lobuhlungu
obungapheliyo enhliziyweni yami. **3** Ngoba ngingafisa
ukuthi mina uqobo ngiqalekiswe kuKristu ngenxa
yabazalwane bami, izihlobo zami ngokwenyama; **4**
abangamaIsrayeli, okungokwabo ukuma kwabantwana,
lenkazimulo, lezivumelwano, lokunikwa komlayo,
lenkonzo kaNkulunkulu, lezithembiso, **5** abangababo
obaba, njalo avela kubo uKristu ngokwenyama, ophezu
kwakho konke, uNkulunkulu obongekayo kuze kube
nininini. Ameni. **(aiōn g165)** **6** Kodwa kakunjengokuthi
ilizwi likaNkulunkulu lehlulekile. Ngoba kakusibo
bonke abavela kuIsrayeli, abanguIsrayeli; **7** njalo
kungesikuthi ngoba bayinzalo kaAbrahama, bonke
bangabantwana; kodwa: NgoIsaka inzalo izabizelwa
kuwe. **8** Lokhu kutsho ukuthi, kakusibo abantwana
benyama, bona bangabantwana bakaNkulunkulu;

kodwa abantwana besithembiso bathiwa yinzalo. **9** Ngoba ilizwi lesithembiso yileli elokuthi: Ngalesisikhathi ngizafika, njalo uSara uzakuba lendodana. **10** Kakusikho lokhu kuphela, kodwa loRebeka esekhulelwe ngomunye, ubaba wethu uIsaka; **11** ngoba abantwana bengakazalwa, bengakenzi okuhle loba okubi, ukuze icebo likaNkulunkulu elingokokukhetha lime, kungaveli emisebenzini, kodwa kuvele kobizayo, **12** kwatshiwo kuye ukuthi: Omkhulu uzakhonza omncinyane, **13** njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: UJakobe ngamthanda, kodwa uEsawu ngamzonda. **14** Pho-ke sizakuthini? Kukhona ukungalungi kuNkulunkulu yini? Phinde! **15** Ngoba uthi kuMozisi: Ngizakuba lomusa kwengilomusa kuye, njalo ngimhawukele engimhawukelayo. **16** Ngakho kakusikho kothandayo, njalo kakusikho kogijimayo, kodwa ngokukaNkulunkulu olesihawu. **17** Ngoba umbhalo uthi kuFaro: Ngakuphakamisela khona lokho, ukuze ngibonakalise amandla ami ngawe, njalo ukuze ibizo lami litshunyayelwe emhlabeni wonke. **18** Ngakho uhawukela lowo athanda ukumhawukela; njalo amenze abe lukhuni lowo athanda ukumenza lukhuni. **19** Ngakho uzakuthi kimi: Usasolelani? Ngoba ngubani ongamelana lentando yakhe? **20** Hatshi bo, wena muntu, ungubani wena ophikisana loNkulunkulu? Okubunjiweyo kungatsho yini kowakubumbayo ukuthi: Wangenzelani ngabanje? **21** Kumbe umbumbi kalagunya yini phezu kwebumba, ukuthi ngesigaqa sisinye enze isitsha esinye esihloniphekayo, lesinye esingahloniphekiyo? **22** Njalo uba uNkulunkulu ethanda ukubonakalisa ulaka lwakhe, lokwazisa amandla akhe, wathwala ngokubekezela okukhulu izitsha zolaka ezilungiselwe ukubhujiswa; **23** njalo ukuze azise inotho yenkazimulo yakhe phezu kwezitsha zomusa, ayezilungisele ngaphambili inkazimulo, **24** ngitsho thina, asibizileyo, kungeyisikho kumaJuda kuphela, kodwa lakwabezizwe? **25** Njengalokhu akutsho lakuHoseya: Abangeyisibo abantu bami ngizababiza ngokuthi ngabantu bami; lowayengathandwa ngokuthi ngothandekayo; **26** njalo kuzakuthi, endaweni lapho okwathiwa khona kubo: Kalisibo abantu bami, khona lapho bazabizwa ngokuthi ngabantwana bakaNkulunkulu ophilayo. **27** LoIsaya umemeza ngoIsrayeli esithi: Lanxa inani labantwana bakoIsrayeli lingangetshebetshebe lolwandle, insali izasindiswa; **28** ngoba uzaqeda isenzo asiqume ngokulunga; ngoba iNkosi izakwenza isenzo siqunywe ngokuphangisa emhlabeni. **29** Njalo njengoba uIsaya watsho ngaphambili ukuthi: Uba iNkosi yamabandla ibingasitshiyelanga inzalo, besizakuba njengeSodoma, njalo besizakwenziwa sifanane leGomora. **30** Pho sizakuthini? Ukuthi abezizwe abangadingisisi ukulunga, bakubambile ukulunga, ukulunga-ke okungokholo; **31** kodwa uIsrayeli, edingisisa umlayo wokulunga, kawufinyelelanga umlayo wokulunga. **32** Ngani? Ngoba kabadingisisanga ngokholo, kodwa ngokungathi ngemisebenzi yomlayo; ngoba bakhubeka elitsheni lokukhubekisa, **33** njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Khangela ngibeka eSiyoni ilitshe lokukhubekisa ledwala lokuwisa; laye wonke okholwa kuye kayikuyangeka.

10 Bazalwane, isifiso senhliziyo yami, lomkhuleko kuNkulunkulu ngenxa kaIsrayeli yikuthi basindiswe. **2** Ngoba ngiyabafakazela ukuthi balokutshisekela uNkulunkulu, kodwa kungenjengolwazi; **3** ngoba bengakwazi ukulunga kukaNkulunkulu, njalo bedinga ukumisa okwabo ukulunga, kabazehliselanga ngaphansi kokulunga kukaNkulunkulu. **4** Ngoba uKristu uyisiphetho somlayo ekulungeni kuye wonke okholwayo. **5** Ngoba uMozisi ubhala ngokulunga okungokomlayo, ukuthi umuntu owenza lezizinto uzaphila ngazo. **6** Kodwa ukulunga okungokholo kukhuluma kanje: Ungatsho enhliziyweni yakho ukuthi: Ngubani ozakwenyukela ezulwini? Lokhu kuyikuthi ukumehlisa uKristu; **7** kumbe ukuthi: Ngubani ozakwehlela ekujuleni? Lokhu kuyikuthi ukumkhuphula uKristu kwabafileyo. **(Abyssos g12)** **8** Kodwa kuthini? Ilizwi liseduze lawe, emlonyeni wakho lenhliziyweni yakho; leli yilizwi lokholo esilitshumayelayo; **9** ukuthi uba uvuma ngomlomo wakho iNkosi uJesu, njalo ukholwa enhliziyweni yakho ukuthi uNkulunkulu wamvusa kwabafileyo, uzasindiswa; **10** ngoba ngenhliziyo omunye uyakholwa kube yikulunga, langomlomo uyavuma kube lusindiso. **11** Ngoba umbhalo uthi: Wonke okholwa kuye kayikuyangeka. **12** Ngoba kakukho umehluko phakathi komJuda lomGriki; ngoba yinye iNkosi yabo bonke, inothele bonke abakhuleka kuyo. **13** Ngoba wonke loba ngubani ozabiza ibizo leNkosi uzasindiswa. **14** Ngakho bazayibiza njani abangakholwanga kuyo? Futhi bazakholwa njani kuyo abangezwanga ngayo? Futhi bazakuzwa njani bengelamtshumayeli? **15** Njalo bazatshumayela njani uba bengathunywanga? Njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Zinhle kangakanani inyawo zabatshumayela ivangeli lokuthula, zabatshumayela ivangeli ngezinto ezinhle! **16** Kodwa kabalilalelanga bonke ivangeli. Ngoba uIsaya uthi: Nkosi, ngubani owakholwa umbiko wethu? **17** Ngakho ukholo luvela ekuzweni, lokuzwa ngelizwi likaNkulunkulu. **18** Kodwa ngithi: Kabezwanga yini? Yebo sibili, ilizwi labo liphumele emhlabeni wonke, lamazwi abo emikhawulweni yomhlaba. **19** Kodwa ngithi: UIsrayeli kaqedisisanga yini? Kuqala uMozisi uthi: Mina ngizalivusela umona ngabo abangesiso isizwe, ngilithukuthelise ngesizwe esingelangqondo. **20** LoIsaya ulesibindi uthi: Ngaficwa yilabo abangangidinganga, ngabonakala kubo abangabuzanga ngami. **21** Kodwa kuIsrayeli uthi: Usuku lonke ngelulela izandla zami kubantu abangalaleliyo labalenkani.

11 Ngakho ngithi: UNkulunkulu ubalahlile yini abantu bakhe? Phinde! Ngoba lami ngingumIsrayeli, owenzalo kaAbrahama, wesizwe sikaBhenjamini.

2 UNkulunkulu kabalahlanga abantu bakhe abazi
ngaphambili. Kumbe kalazi yini kuElija ukuthi umbhalo
uthini? Ukuthi walabhela njani kuNkulunkulu emelene
loIsrayeli, esithi: 3 Nkosi, babulele abaprofethi bakho,
badilizile amalathi akho; mina-ke ngisele ngedwa,
sebedinga umphefumulo wami. 4 Kodwa impendulo
kaNkulunkulu yathini kuye? Yathi: Ngizitshiyele amadoda
azinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa, angaguqanga ngedolo
kuBhali. 5 Kunjalo-ke kukhona langalesisikhathi insali
ngokukhetha komusa. 6 Kodwa uba kungomusa, kakusayi
ngemisebenzi; uba kungenjalo umusa kawuseyiwo
umusa. Kodwa aluba kusiya ngemisebenzi, kakuseyiwo
umusa; uba kungenjalo umsebenzi kawusengumsebenzi.
7 Pho-ke? Lokhu uIsrayeli ayekudinga, lokho
kakutholanga, kodwa abakhethiweyo bakuthola, labanye
benziwa baba lukhuni; 8 njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi:
UNkulunkulu wabanika umoya wobuthongo obukhulu,
amehlo ukuze bangaboni, lendlebe ukuze bangezwa,
kuze kube lusuku lwalamuhla. 9 LoDavida uthi: Itafula
labo libe ngumjibila lesifu, lesikhubekiso, lempindiselo
kubo; 10 amehlo abo kafiphazwe ukuze bangaboni,
njalo ugobise umhlana wabo njalonjalo. 11 Ngakho
ngithi: Bakhubeka ukuze bawe yini? Phinde! Kodwa
ngesiphambeko sabo usindiso lufikile kwabezizwe,
ukubavusela umona. 12 Kodwa uba isiphambeko sabo
siyinotho yomhlaba, lokwehluleka kwabo kuyinotho
yabezizwe, kakhulu kangakanani ukugcwala kwabo?
13 Ngoba ngikhuluma lani bezizwe, njengalokho mina
ngingumphostoli wabezizwe; ngikhulisa inkonzo yami; 14
ukuthi mhlawumbe ngibavusele umona abenyama yami,
ngisindise abanye babo. 15 Ngoba uba ukulahlwa kwabo
kuyikubuyiswa komhlaba, kungaba yini ukwemukelwa,
ngaphandle kokuthi kuyimpilo kwabafileyo? 16 Njalo
uba izithelo zokuqala zingcwele, lenhlama injalo; uba-
ke impande ingcwele, lengatsha zinjalo. 17 Kodwa
uba kwephulwe ezinye ingatsha, lawe ongumhlwathi
weganga waxhunyelelwa phakathi kwazo, uhlanganyele
lazo impande lamafutha omhlwathi, 18 ungazincomi
phezu kwengatsha; kodwa uba uzincoma phezu
kwazo, kayisuwe othwele impande, kodwa impande
wena. 19 Uzakuthi-ke: Ingatsha zephulwa, ukuze mina
ngixhunyelwe. 20 Kulungile; zephulwa ngokungakholwa,
wena-ke umi ngokholo. Ungazikhukhumezi, kodwa
yesaba; 21 ngoba uba uNkulunkulu engayekelanga
ingatsha zemvelo, hlezi lawe kayikukuyekela. 22
Khangela-ke ububele lobukhali bukaNkulunkulu; ubukhali,
kulabo abawayo; kodwa kuwe, ububele, uba uhlala
ebubeleni; uba kungenjalo uzaqunywa lawe. 23 Lalabo
futhi, uba bengahlali ekungakholweni, bazaxhunyelwa,
ngoba uNkulunkulu ulamandla okubuya abaxhume.
24 Ngoba uba wena waqunywa emhlwathini weganga
ngemvelo, wasuxhunyelelwa ngokuphambene lemvelo
emhlwathini ohlanyelweyo, kakhulu kangakanani labo,
abazingatsha ngemvelo, bazaxhunyelelwa esihlahleni
sakibo somhlwathi? 25 Ngoba ngithanda ukuthi lingabi
ngabangaziyo, bazalwane, ngalimfihlo, hlezi lizitshaye
abahlakaniphileyo, ukuthi ubulukhuni sebehlele uIsrayeli
nganxanye, kuze kungene ukugcwala kwabezizwe;
26 ngokunjalo-ke uIsrayeli wonke uzasindiswa;
njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Kuzavela eSiyoni uMkhululi,
asuse ukungabi loNkulunkulu kuJakobe; 27 njalo
yilesi isivumelwano sami kubo, lapho ngizasusa izono
zabo. 28 Ngokwevangeli bayizitha ngenxa yenu; kodwa
ngokukhetha bangabathandiweyo ngenxa yabobaba;
29 ngoba izipho zomusa lokubiza kukaNkulunkulu
kakulakuphenduka. 30 Ngoba njengalokhu lani kade
lingamlaleli uNkulunkulu, kodwa khathesi selihawukelwe
ngenxa yokungalaleli kwabo; 31 ngokunjalo lalabo
khathesi kabalalelanga, ukuze ngesihawu senu
bahawukelwe labo; 32 ngoba uNkulunkulu ubavalele
bonke ekungalalelini, ukuze abe lesihawu kubo bonke.
(eleēsē g1653) 33 Yeka ukujula kwenotho, kokubili
eyenhlakanipho leyolwazi lukaNkulunkulu! Kakuphenyeki
kangakanani ukwahlulela kwakhe, lendlela zakhe
kazilandeleki! 34 Ngoba ngubani owazi ingqondo
yeNkosi? Kumbe ngubani owaba ngumeluleki wayo? 35
Kumbe ngubani owamnika kuqala, njalo kubuyiselwe
kuye? 36 Ngoba konke kuvela kuye, kungaye, kuya
kuye; kabube kuye ubukhosi kuze kube nininini. Ameni.
(aiōn g165)

12 Ngakho, bazalwane, ngiyalincenga ukuthi,
ngezihawu zikaNkulunkulu, linikele imizimba yenu
ibe ngumhlatshelo ophilileyo, ongcwele, owemukelekayo
kuNkulunkulu, kube yinkonzo yenu yokuqedisisa. 2 Njalo
lingalingisi lumhlaba, kodwa liguqulwe ngokwenziwa
zibentsha ingqondo zenu, ukuze lihlolisise okuyintando
kaNkulunkulu elungileyo leyemukelekayo lepheleleyo.
(aiōn g165) 3 Ngoba ngomusa engiwuphiweyo, ngithi
kuye wonke ophakathi kwenu ukuthi angacabangi
ukuthi mkhulu kulalokho afanele ukukucabanga, kodwa
acabange ngokuqonda, njengalokhu uNkulunkulu
abele ngulowo lalowo isilinganiso sokholo. 4 Ngoba
njengoba silezitho ezinengi emzimbeni munye, kodwa
izitho zonke kazilamsebenzi ofananayo; 5 kunjalo
thina esibanengi singumzimba munye kuKristu, njalo
ngabanye siyizitho omunye komunye. 6 Njalo
silezipho ezehlukeneyo ngokomusa esiwuphiweyo;
zingaba yikuprofetha, asiprofethe ngokwesilinganiso
sokholo; 7 kumbe yikukhonza, asisebenze enkonzweni;
kumbe ofundisayo, ekufundiseni; 8 kumbe olayayo,
ekulayeni; ophanayo, kanike ngobuqotho; obusayo,
ngokukhuthala; olesihawu, ngentokozo. 9 Uthandokalube
qotho. Yenyanyani okubi, libambelele kokulungileyo.
10 Thandanani kakhulu ngothando lobuzalwane;
ekuhloniphaneni phathani abanye ngcono kulani; 11
lingabi ngamavila ekukhuthaleni; livuthe emoyeni;
likhonza iNkosi; 12 lithokoza ethembeni; libekezela
ekuhluphekeni; liphikelela emkhulekweni; 13 yabelani

kunswelo zabangcwele; likhuthalele ukuphana kuzihambi.
14 Babusiseni abalizingelayo; busisani, lingaqalekisi. 15
Thokozani labathokozayo, likhale labakhalayo. 16 Kalibe
lenhliziyonye komunye lomunye. Lingakhumbuli ngezinto
eziphakemeyo, kodwa lihlangane labathobekileyo.
Lingazitshayi abahlakaniphileyo. 17 Lingaphindiseli
muntu okubi ngokubi. Linakane okudumisekayo
phambi kwabantu bonke. 18 Uba kungenzeka,
ngokukini, hlalani ngokuthula labantu bonke. 19
Bathandiweyo, lingaziphindiseli, kodwa nikani ulaka
indawo; ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: Ngeyami impindiselo,
mina ngizabuyisela, kutsho iNkosi. 20 Ngakho nxa isitha
sakho silambile, siphe ukudla; nxa somile, sinathise;
ngoba ngokwenza lokho, usibekela amalahle avuthayo
phezu kwekhanda laso. 21 Unganqotshwa ngokubi,
kodwa nqoba okubi ngokuhle.

13 Wonke umphefumulo awuzehlisele ngaphansi
kwamandla aphezulu; ngoba kakukho amandla
ngaphandle kwavela kuNkulunkulu; lamandla akhona
amiswe nguNkulunkulu. 2 Ngakho omelana lamandla,
umelana lesimiso sikaNkulunkulu; lalabo abamelana
lawo bazazithathela ukulahlwa. 3 Ngoba ababusi
kabesabeki emisebenzini emihle, kodwa kwemibi. Njalo
uyathanda yini ukungesabi amandla? Yenza okuhle, njalo
uzakuba lodumo kuwo; 4 ngoba uyinceku kaNkulunkulu
ukuze kube kuhle kuwe. Kodwa nxa usenza okubi,
yesaba; ngoba inkemba kayiphatheli ize. Ngoba uyinceku
kaNkulunkulu, ungumphindiseli wolaka kulowo owenza
okubi. 5 Ngakho kumele ukuthi uzehlise, kungabi
ngenxa yolaka kuphela, kodwa langenxa yesazela.
6 Ngoba ngenxa yalokho lithela lomthelo; ngoba
bayizinceku zikaNkulunkulu, ezikhuthalela khona lokho.
7 Ngakho phanini bonke okufaneleyo; umthelo kofanele
umthelo; inkokhelo kofanele inkokhelo; ukwesatshwa
kofanele ukwesatshwa; udumo kofanele udumo. 8
Lingabi lamlandu kumuntu, ngaphandle kowokuthandana;
ngoba othanda omunye, ugcwalisile umlayo. 9 Ngoba
lokhu ukuthi: Ungafebi, ungabulali, ungebi, ungafakazi
amanga, ungabi lomhawu; loba-ke kukhona lawuphi
umlayo, kuhlanganiswa kulelilizwi, kulokhu: Wothanda
umakhelwane wakho njengalokhu uzithanda wena.
10 Uthando kalwenzi okubi kumakhelwane; ngakho
uthando luyikugcwaliseka komlayo. 11 Njalo lokhu, lisazi
isikhathi, ukuthi sekulihola lokuthi sivuke ebuthongweni;
ngoba usindiso selusondele kithi kulesikhathi esakholwa
ngaso. 12 Ubusuku budlulile, usuku selusondele;
ngakho asikhuphe imisebenzi yobumnyama, sihlome
izikhali zokukhanya. 13 Asihambe ngokufaneleyo,
njengasemini, kungabi ngokuminza langokudakwa,
kungabi semacansini lokungcola, kungabi ngokuxabana
langomona. 14 Kodwa yembathani iNkosi uJesu Kristu,
linganakekeli inyama, ngezinkanuko.

14 Lowo obuthakathaka ekholweni memukeleni,
kungabi ngokokuphikisana kwemibono. 2 Omunye
ukholwa ukuthi angadla konke, kodwa obuthakathaka
udla imibhida. 3 Lowo odlayo kangamdeleli ongadliyo,
longadliyo kangamgwebi odlayo; ngoba uNkulunkulu
umemukele. 4 Ungubani wena ogweba inceku yomunye?
Enkosini yayo iyema kumbe iwe. Yebo, izamiswa; ngoba
uNkulunkulu ulamandla okuyimisa. 5 Omunye wazisa
usuku kulolunye usuku, omunye wazisa insuku zonke.
Kakube ngulowo lalowo aqiniseke kweyakhe ingqondo.
6 Owazisa usuku, ulwazisa eNkosini; longalwazisiyo
usuku, kalwazisi eNkosini. Lodlayo udla eNkosini,
ngoba ebonga uNkulunkulu; longadliyo akadli eNkosini,
njalo ebonga uNkulunkulu. 7 Ngoba kakho phakathi
kwethu oziphilelayo, njalo kakho ozifelayo. 8 Ngoba
uba siphila, siphilela iNkosi; uba-ke sisifa, sifela iNkosi;
ngakho loba siphila, loba sisifa, singabeNkosi. 9 Ngoba
kulokhu uKristu laye wafa, wavuka, wabuya waphila,
ukuze abe yiNkosi yabafileyo kanye labaphilayo. 10
Wena-ke umgwebelani umzalwane wakho? Kumbe
lawe umdelelelani umzalwane wakho? Ngoba sonke
sizakuma phambi kwesihlalo sokwahlulela sikaKristu.
11 Ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: Mina ngiyaphila, itsho
iNkosi; lonke idolo lizaguqa phambi kwami, lalo
lonke ulimi luzamvuma uNkulunkulu. 12 Ngakho
ngulowo lalowo wethu uzaziphendulela ngokwakhe
kuNkulunkulu. 13 Ngakho kasingabe sisahlulelana;
kodwa yahlulelani lokho ikakhulu, ukuthi singambekeli
umzalwane isikhubekiso loba ulutho lokumwisa. 14
Ngiyazi njalo ngiqinisekisile eNkosini uJesu, ukuthi
kakulalutho olungcolileyo ngokwalo; ngaphandle kwalowo
ocabangela ulutho ukuthi lungcolile, kuye lungcolile.
15 Kodwa uba umzalwane wakho ekhutshwa yikudla,
kawusahambi ngokothando. Ungambhubhisi ngokudla
kwakho lowo, amfelayo uKristu. 16 Ngakho okuhle kwenu
kakungahlanjazwa; 17 ngoba umbuso kaNkulunkulu
kawusikho ukudla lokunatha, kodwa ukulunga lokuthula
lentokozo kuMoya oNgcwele. 18 Ngoba okhonza uKristu
kulezizinto uyemukeleka kuNkulunkulu, njalo ukholekile
ebantwini. 19 Ngakho asidingisise izinto zokuthula, lezinto
zokwakhisana. 20 Ungawuchithi umsebenzi kaNkulunkulu
ngenxa yokudla. Konke kuhlambulukile, kanti kubi
kumuntu odla ngokukhubekisa. 21 Kuhle ukungadli
inyama, lokunganathi iwayini, lokunye umzalwane
wakho akhubeka ngakho kumbe acunulwe kumbe
abebuthakathaka. 22 Ulokholo yini? Woba lalo ngokwakho
phambi kukaNkulunkulu. Ubusisiwe lowo ongazigwebiyo
ngalokho akuvumelayo! 23 Kodwa othandabuzayo, uba
esidla, ulahliwe, ngoba akuveli ekholweni; njalo konke
okungaveli ekholweni, kuyisono.

15 Kodwa thina esilamandla sifanele ukuthwala
ubuthakathaka babangelamandla, njalo
singazithokozisi thina. 2 Ngoba ngulowo lalowo wethu
kathokozise umakhelwane kube kuhle ekumakheni. 3

Ngoba laye uKristu kazithokozisanga yena, kodwa,
kunjengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Ukuthuka kwabakuthukayo
kwawela phezu kwami. 4 Ngoba konke okwabhalwa
ngaphambili, kwabhalelwa ukufundiswa kwethu, ukuze
ngokubekezela langenduduzo yemibhalo sibe lethemba.
5 Njalo uNkulunkulu wokubekezela lenduduzo kaliphe
ukuthi libe nhliziyonye phakathi kwenu njengokukaKristu
Jesu; 6 ukuze nganhliziyonye ngomlomo munye
limdumise uNkulunkulu, ngitsho uYise weNkosi yethu
uJesu Kristu. 7 Ngakho yemukelanani, njengalokhu
loKristu wasemukela, kube ludumo lukaNkulunkulu.
8 Njalo ngithi, uJesu Kristu waba yinceku yokusoka
ngenxa yeqiniso likaNkulunkulu, ukuthi aqinise
izithembiso zabobaba; 9 lezizwe zimdumise uNkulunkulu
ngenxa yesihawu; njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Ngakho
ngizakuvuma phakathi kwezizwe, ngihubele ibizo lakho
izibongo. 10 Njalo futhi uthi: Thokozani, bezizwe, kanye
labantu bakhe. 11 Futhi-ke: Dumisani iNkosi lina bezizwe
lonke; idumiseni-ke lina bantu bonke. 12 Njalo futhi uIsaya
uthi: Kuzakuba khona impande kaJese, lophakamela
ukubusa abezizwe; abezizwe bazathembela kuye. 13
Kungathi-ke uNkulunkulu wethemba angaligcwalisa
ngentokozo yonke langokuthula ekukholweni, ukuze
lengezwe ethembeni, ngamandla kaMoya oNgcwele.
14 Lami-ke ngokwami nganelisiwe ngani, bazalwane
bami, ukuthi lani ngokwenu ligcwele okuhle, ligcwaliswe
yikwazi konke, lilamandla-ke okwelulekana. 15
Kodwa, bazalwane, ngilibhalele ngesibindi esikhulu,
nganxanye, njengolikhumbuzayo, ngenxa yomusa
engiwuphiweyo nguNkulunkulu, 16 ukuze ngibe yisikhonzi
sikaJesu Kristu kwabezizwe, ngikhonze ivangeli
likaNkulunkulu, ukuze iminikelo yabezizwe yemukeleke,
kwenziwe kube ngcwele ngoMoya oNgcwele. 17
Ngakho ngilokuzincoma kuKristu Jesu ezintweni
eziqondane loNkulunkulu; 18 ngoba kangiyikuba lesibindi
sokukhuluma ulutho lwezinto uKristu angazenzanga
ngami, ukuze kube khona ukulalela kwabezizwe, ngelizwi
langesenzo, 19 ngamandla ezibonakaliso lezimangaliso,
ngamandla kaMoya kaNkulunkulu; ngakho kusukela
eJerusalema lendawo ezizingelezeleyo kuze kufike
eIliriku ngitshumayele ivangeli likaKristu ngokuphelele yo;
20 ngokunjalo ngazama kakhulu ukutshumayela ivangeli,
kungeyisikho lapho uKristu abizwe khona, ukuze
ngingakhi phezu kwesisekelo somunye; 21 kodwa,
njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Abangatshelwanga ngaye,
bazabona, labangezwanga, bazaqedisisa. 22 Ngenxa
yalokho futhi ngavinjelwa kanengi ukuza kini; 23
kodwa khathesi-ke lokhu ngingaselandawo kulezizabelo,
futhi sekuyiminyaka eminengi ngilesifiso esikhulu
sokuza kini, 24 ngokunjalo nxa ngizakuya eSpaniya,
ngizakuza kini; ngoba ngithemba ukuthi ngizalibona
ekudluleni, njalo ngiphelekezelwe yini khona, uba kuqala
sengisuthisekile nganxanye ngilani. 25 Kodwa khathesi-
ke ngiya eJerusalema, ngikhonze abangcwele. 26 Ngoba
kwaba kuhle eMakedoniya leAkaya ukwenzela umnikelo
othile abayanga kwabangcwele abaseJerusalema. 27
Ngoba kwaba kuhle kubo, njalo balomlandu kubo.
Ngoba uba abezizwe behlanganyela labo ezintweni
zabo zomoya, balomlandu futhi wokubasebenzela
ezintweni zenyama. 28 Ngakho nxa sengiqede lokhu,
sengibaphawulele lesisithelo, ngizasuka ngiye eSpaniya
ngidlule ngakini. 29 Ngiyazi-ke ukuthi nxa ngisiza kini
ngizafika ekugcwaleni kwesibusiso sevangeli likaKristu.
30 Ngiyalincenga-ke, bazalwane, ngayo iNkosi yethu
uJesu Kristu, langothando lukaMoya, ukuthi lilwise kanye
lami emikhulekweni kuNkulunkulu ngami; 31 ukuze
ngophulwe kwabangakholwayo eJudiya, njalo ukuze
umsebenzi wami ongoweJerusalema wemukeleke kubo
abangcwele; 32 ukuze ngentando kaNkulunkulu ngize
kini ngentokozo, ngivuseleleke kanye lani. 33 Ngakho
uNkulunkulu wokuthula kabe lani lonke. Ameni.

16 Ngiyamncoma-ke kini udadewethu uFebe,
oyisikhonzikazi sebandla eliseKenikreya; 2 ukuze
limemukele eNkosini njengokufanele abangcwele, ukuthi
limsize loba kuluphi udaba aluswelayo kini; ngoba
laye ubengummeli wabanengi, lowami uqobo. 3
Bingelelani uPrisila loAkwila izisebenzi kanye lami
kuKristu Jesu, 4 ababeka phansi intamo yabo
esikhundleni sempilo yami; engibabongayo kungeyisimi
ngedwa, kodwa lamabandla wonke abezizwe; 5
bingelelani lebandla elisendlini yabo. Bingelelani
uEpenetu, othandiweyo wami, oyisithelo sokuqala
seAkaya kuKristu. 6 Bingelelani uMariya, owasisebenzela
kakhulu. 7 Bingelelani uAnderoniku loJuniya, abayizihlobo
zami lezibotshwa kanye lami, abangabadumileyo
phakathi kwabaphostoli, ababekuKristu labo ngaphambi
kwami. 8 Bingelelani uAmpiliyasi, othandiweyo wami
eNkosini. 9 Bingelelani uOrbanu isisebenzi kanye lathi
kuKristu, loSitaku othandiweyo wami. 10 Bingelelani
uApele othembekileyo kuKristu. Bingelelani labo
abakaAristobulu. 11 Bingelelani uHerodiyoni isihlobo
sami. Bingelelani abakaNarkisu, labo abaseNkosini. 12
Bingelelani uTrifina loTrifosa, abesifazana abasebenza
eNkosini. Bingelelani uPersisi owesifazana othandekayo,
owasebenza kakhulu eNkosini. 13 Bingelelani uRufusi
okhethiweyo eNkosini, lonina njalo ongowami. 14
Bingelelani uAsinkiritu, uFileko, uHermasi, uPatroba,
uHermesi, labazalwane abalabo. 15 Bingelelani
uFilologu loJuliya, uNerusi lodadewabo, loOlimpa,
labangcwele bonke abalabo. 16 Bingelelanani ngokwanga
okungcwele. Amabandla kaKristu ayalibingelela. 17 Njalo
ngiyalincenga, bazalwane, ukuthi liqaphele ababanga
ukuxabana lezikhubekiso, okuphambene lemfundiso
elayifundiswayo; baxwayeni bona. 18 Ngoba abanjalo
kabasebenzeli iNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, kodwa isisu
sabo; njalo ngelizwi elimnandi lendumiso bakhohlisa
inhliziyo zabangelacala. 19 Ngoba ukulalela kwenu
sekufikile kubo bonke. Ngakho ngiyathokoza ngani;

kodwa ngithanda ukuthi lihlakaniphe kokuhle, kodwa
libe msulwa kokubi. **20** Njalo uNkulunkulu wokuthula
uzahle amchoboze uSathane ngaphansi kwenyawo
zenu. Umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu kawube lani.
Ameni. **21** UTimothi isisebenzi kanye lami, loLukiyu
loJasoni loSosipatro, izihlobo zami, bayalibingelela.
22 Mina Tertiyo, engibhale incwadi, ngiyalibingelela
eNkosini. **23** UGayusi umngenisi wami, lebandla
lonke, uyalibingelela. UErastu umphathisikhwama
somuzi uyalibingelela, loKwartu umzalwane. **24** Umusa
weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu kawube lani lonke. Ameni.
25 Kuye olamandla okuliqinisa ngokwevangeli lami
lokutshunyayelwa kukaJesu Kristu, ngokwembulwa
kwemfihlo eyayigcinwe ifihlakele ngezikhathi zendulo,
(aiōnios g166) **26** kodwa isibonakalisiwe khathesi,
langemibhalo yabaprofethi, njengomlayo kaNkulunkulu
olaphakade, yaziswa ezizweni zonke ekulaleleni kokholo,
(aiōnios g166) **27** kuNkulunkulu ololwazi yena yedwa
kakube ubukhosi, ngoJesu Kristu, kuze kube nininini.
Ameni. **(aiōn g165)**

1 KwabaseKhorinte

1 UPawuli obizelwe ukuba ngumphostoli kaJesu
Kristu ngentando kaNkulunkulu, loSostenesi
umzalwane, **2** kubandla likaNkulunkulu eliseKorinte,
kubo abangcwelisiweyo kuKristu Jesu, ababizelwe
ukuba ngabangcwele, kanye labo bonke ababiza ibizo
leNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu kuyo yonke indawo, eyabo
kanye leyethu: **3** Umusa kawube kini lokuthula okuvela
kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu leNkosini uJesu Kristu. **4**
Ngiyambonga uNkulunkulu wami ngesikhathi sonke
ngani, ngenxa yomusa kaNkulunkulu eliwuphiweyo
kuKristu Jesu; **5** ukuthi kuyo yonke into linothisiwe
kuye, ekukhulumeni konke lelwazini lonke, **6** njengoba
ubufakazi bukaKristu buqinisiwe kini; **7** ukuze lingasileli
lakwesinye isipho, lilindele ukwembulwa kweNkosi yethu
uJesu Kristu, **8** ozaliqinisa futhi kuze kube sekupheleni,
ukuze lingabi lacala ngosuku lweNkosi yethu uJesu
Kristu. **9** UNkulunkulu uthembekile, elabizelwa ngaye
ebudlelwaneni beNdodana yakhe uJesu Kristu iNkosi
yethu. **10** Ngiyalincenga-ke, bazalwane, ngebizo leNkosi
yethu uJesu Kristu, ukuthi lonke likhulume into ibenye,
njalo kungabi khona ukwehlukana phakathi kwenu,
kodwa lipheleliswe emqondweni munye lekuboneni
kunye. **11** Ngoba ngitsheliwe ngani, bazalwane bami,
ngabakoKlowe, ukuthi kukhona izingxabano phakathi
kwenu. **12** Njalo ngitsho lokhu, kokuthi ngulowo
lalowo wenu uthi: Mina ngingokaPawuli; kodwa mina
okaApolosi; kodwa mina okaKefasi; kodwa mina
okaKristu. **13** UKristu wehlukanisiwe yini? Kanti
uPawuli wabethelelwa lina, kumbe labhabhathizwa yini
ebizweni likaPawuli? **14** Ngiyambonga uNkulunkulu
ukuthi kangibhabhathizanga lamunye wenu, ngaphandle
kukaKrispusi loGayusi; **15** ukuze kungabi khona
othi ngabhabhathiza ebizweni lami uqobo. **16** Futhi
ngabhabhathiza lendlu kaStefana; ngaphandle kwalokho
kangazi ukuthi ngabhabhathiza omunye umuntu. **17**
Ngoba uKristu kangithumanga ukuthi ngibhabhathize,
kodwa ukuthi ngitshumayele ivangeli; kungeyisikho
ngenhlakanipho yelizwi, hlezi isiphambano sikaKristu
senziwe ize. **18** Ngoba ilizwi lesiphambano liyibuthutha
kulabo ababhubhayo, kodwa kithi abasindiswayo
lingamandla kaNkulunkulu. **19** Ngoba kulotshiwe
ukuthi: Ngizachitha inhlakanipho yabahlakaniphileyo,
lokuqedisisa kwabaqedisisayo ngizakwenza ize. **20**
Singaphi isihlakaniphi? Ungaphi umbhali? Ungaphi
umphikisi walumhlaba? Angithi uNkulunkulu wayenza
yaba yibuthutha inhlakanipho yalumhlaba yini? **(aiōn**
g165) **21** Ngoba kuthe enhlakanipheni kaNkulunkulu
umhlaba kawumazanga uNkulunkulu ngenhlakanipho,
kwaba kuhle kuNkulunkulu ngobuthutha bentshumayelo
ukusindisa abakholwayo. **22** Ngoba lamaJuda acela
isibonakaliso, lamaGriki adinga inhlakanipho; **23** kodwa
thina sitshumayela uKristu obethelweyo, isikhubekiso
kumaJuda, lobuthutha kumaGriki; **24** kodwa kulabo
ababiziweyo, kumaJuda kanye lakumaGriki, uKristu
amandla kaNkulunkulu lenhlakanipho kaNkulunkulu;
25 ngoba ubuthutha bukaNkulunkulu buhlakaniphile
kulabantu, lobuthakathaka bukaNkulunkulu bulamandla
kulabantu. **26** Ngoba khangelani ubizo lwenu, bazalwane,
ukuthi kababanengi abahlakaniphileyo ngokwenyama,
kababanengi abalamandla, kababanengi abayizikhulu;
27 kodwa uNkulunkulu ukhethile izinto zobuthutha
zomhlaba, ukuze ayangise abahlakaniphileyo; njalo
uNkulunkulu ukhethile okubuthakathaka komhlaba,
ukuze ayangise okulamandla; **28** lezinto eziphansi
zomhlaba lezinto ezidelelekayo uNkulunkulu uzikhethile,
lezinto ezingekho, ukuze enze zibe yize izinto ezikhona;
29 ukuze kungabikho inyama ezincomayo phambi
kwakhe. **30** Kodwa ngaye lina likuKristu Jesu, owenzelwa
thina inhlakanipho evela kuNkulunkulu, lokulunga,
lokungcweliswa, lohlengo, **31** ukuze, njengokulotshiweyo
ukuthi: Ozincomayo, kazincome eNkosini.

2 Lami, bazalwane, ekufikeni kwami kini, kangifikanga
ngobugabazi belizwi kumbe benhlakanipho,
ngitshumayela kini ubufakazi bukaNkulunkulu. **2**
Ngoba ngamisa ukuthi ngingazi lutho phakathi kwenu,
ngaphandle kukaJesu Kristu, laye ebethelwe. **3**
Njalo mina ngangilani ebuthakathakeni lekwesabeni
lekuthuthumeleni okukhulu. **4** Lokukhuluma kwami
lokutshumayela kwami kakubanga ngamazwi
enhlakanipho yabantu ahugayo, kodwa ngokubonakalisa
kukaMoya lokwamandla; **5** ukuze ukholo lwenu
lungabi enhlakanipheni yabantu, kodwa emandleni
kaNkulunkulu. **6** Kodwa inhlakanipho siyikhuluma
phakathi kwabapheleleyo, kodwa inhlakanipho
engayisiyo yalelilizwe, kumbe eyababusi balelilizwe,
abazakwenziwa ize; **(aiōn g165)** **7** kodwa sikhuluma
inhlakanipho kaNkulunkulu eyimfihlo, eyayifihliwe,
uNkulunkulu ayimisa ngaphambili kungakabi lomhlaba
kube yinkazimulo yethu; **(aiōn g165)** **8** kungekho
loyedwa wababusi balelilizwe owayekwazi; ngoba uba
babekwazi, babengayikuyibethela iNkosi yenkazimulo.
(aiōn g165) **9** Kodwa njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi:
Izinto ilihlo elingazibonanga, lendlebe engazizwanga,
lezingangenanga enhliziyweni yomuntu, uNkulunkulu
azilungisele abamthandayo. **10** Kodwa uNkulunkulu
usembulele thina lokhu ngoMoya wakhe; ngoba
uMoya uhlolisisa zonke izinto, ngitsho izinto ezijulileyo
zikaNkulunkulu. **11** Ngoba ngubani ebantwini owazi
okomuntu, ngaphandle komoya womuntu okuye?
Ngokunjalo okukaNkulunkulu kakwaziwa muntu,
ngaphandle koMoya kaNkulunkulu. **12** Thina-ke
kasemukelanga umoya womhlaba, kodwa uMoya ovela
kuNkulunkulu, ukuze sazi izinto esiziphiwa ngesihle
nguNkulunkulu; **13** futhi esizitshoyo, kungeyisikho
ngamazwi inhlakanipho yabantu ewafundisayo, kodwa

ngamazwi afundiswa nguMoya oNgcwele, sichasisa
okomoya ngokomoya. 14 Kodwa umuntu wemvelo
kazemukeli izinto zikaMoya kaNkulunkulu; ngoba
ziyibuthutha kuye, njalo kalawo amandla okuqedisisa,
ngoba zihlolisiswa ngokomoya; 15 kodwa owomoya
uyahlola zonke izinto, kodwa yena kahlolwa muntu.
16 Ngoba ngubani owazi ingqondo yeNkosi, ukuthi
ayifundise? Kodwa thina silengqondo kaKristu.

3 Lami-ke, bazalwane, bengingelakukhuluma lani
njengabakomoya, kodwa njengakwabakwenyama,
njengakwabayizingane kuKristu. 2 Ngalinathisa uchago,
kungeyisikho ukudla okuqinileyo; ngoba belingakenelisi,
yebo lakhathesi kalikenelisi; 3 ngoba lisengabenyama;
ngoba lokhu kukhona phakathi kwenu umhawu
lokuphikisana lokwehlukana, kalisibo abenyama, lihamba
ngokwabantu yini? 4 Ngoba nxa omunye esithi: Mina
ngingokaPawuli, lomunye athi: Mina okaApolosi, kalisibo
yini abenyama? 5 Kanti uPawuli uyini, loApolosi
uyini, kodwa izisebenzi elakholwa ngazo, lanjengoba
iNkosi yanika kulowo lalowo? 6 Mina ngahlanyela,
uApolosi wathelela, kodwa uNkulunkulu wakhulisa. 7
Ngakho ohlanyelayo kasilutho, loba othelelayo, kodwa
uNkulunkulu okhulisayo. 8 Ohlanyelayo kanye lothelelayo
banye; kodwa ngulowo lalowo uzakwemukela owakhe
umvuzo njengowakhe umsebenzi. 9 Ngoba siyizisebenzi
zikaNkulunkulu kanye laye; liyinsimu kaNkulunkulu,
liyisakhiwo sikaNkulunkulu. 10 Ngokomusa kaNkulunkulu
engiwuphiweyo, njengomakhi omkhulu ohlakaniphileyo
ngabeka isisekelo, lomunye wakha phezu kwaso. Kodwa
kakube ngulowo lalowo abone ukuthi wakha njani phezu
kwaso. 11 Ngoba akulamuntu ongabeka esinye isisekelo
ngaphandle kwaleso esibekiweyo, esinguJesu Kristu.
12 Kodwa uba umuntu esakhela phezu kwalesisisekelo
igolide, isiliva, amatshe aligugu, izigodo, utshani,
inhlanga, 13 umsebenzi walowo lalowo uzavela obala;
ngoba usuku luzawudalula, ngoba luzavezwa emlilweni;
umlilo uzahlola umsebenzi walowo lalowo ukuthi
unjani. 14 Uba umsebenzi womuntu awakhe phezulu
usima, uzakwemukela umvuzo. 15 Uba umsebenzi
womuntu uzatshiswa, uzalahlekelwa; kodwa yena uqobo
ezasindiswa, kodwa ngokunjalo njengangomlilo. 16
Kalazi yini ukuthi lilithempeli likaNkulunkulu, lokuthi
uMoya kaNkulunkulu uhlala kini? 17 Uba umuntu echitha
ithempeli likaNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu uzamchitha yena;
ngoba ithempeli likaNkulunkulu lingcwele, eliyilo lina. 18
Kakungabi khona ozikhohlisayo; uba umuntu phakathi
kwenu ecabanga ukuthi uhlakaniphile kulumhlaba,
kumele abe yisithutha, ukuze ahlakaniphe. **(aiōn
g165)** 19 Ngoba inhlakanipho yalumhlaba iyibuthutha
kuNkulunkulu. Ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: Ubamba
abahlakaniphileyo ebuqilini babo; 20 njalo lokuthi: INkosi
iyayazi imicabango yabahlakaniphileyo, ukuthi iyize. 21
Ngakho kakungabi khona ozincoma ngabantu; ngoba
zonke izinto ngezenu, 22 loba uPawuli, loba uApolosi,
loba uKefasi, loba umhlaba, loba impilo, loba ukufa, loba
izinto ezikhona, loba izinto ezizayo; konke ngokwenu, 23
lina-ke lingabakaKristu, loKristu ungokaNkulunkulu.

4 Umuntu kanakane ngathi ngokunje, njengezisebenzi
zikaKristu labaphathi bezimfihlo zikaNkulunkulu. 2
Futhi-ke, kuyadingeka ebaphathini, ukuthi umuntu aficwe
ethembekile. 3 Kodwa kimi kuyinto encinyane kakhulu
ukuthi ngithonisiswe yini, kumbe ngokwahlulela kwabantu;
kodwa lami kangizithonisisi. 4 Ngoba kanginanzeleli
lutho kimi, kanti kangilungisiswanga ngalokho; kodwa
ongahlulelayo yiNkosi. 5 Ngakho lingahluleli lutho
isikhathi singakafiki, ize ifike iNkosi, ezaveza futhi
ekukhanyeni izinto ezifihlakeleyo emnyameni, njalo
iveze obala amacebo ezinhliziyo; njalo khona ngulowo
lalowo ezakuba lokubongwa okuvela kuNkulunkulu. 6
Njalo lezizinto, bazalwane, ngiziqondanise lami loApolosi
ngenxa yenu, ukuze lifunde kithi ukuthi lingakhumbuli
phezu kokulotshiweyo, ukuze lingakhukhunyezwa
omunye ngomunye limelane lomunye. 7 Ngoba
ngubani okwenza ukuthi wehluke? Njalo kuyini olakho
ongakwemukelanga? Njalo uba lawe wemukele,
uzincomelani ngokungathi kawemukelanga? 8 Selisuthi,
selinothile, libusile ngaphandle kwethu; yebo-ke kungathi
ngabe liyabusa, ukuze lathi sibuse kanye lani. 9
Ngoba ngithi uNkulunkulu usimisile thina abaphostoli
bokucina, sibe njengabamiselwe ukufa; ngoba senziwe
umbukiso emhlabeni, lakuzo ingilosi, lebantwini.
10 Thina siyizithutha ngenxa kaKristu, kodwa lina
lihlakaniphile kuKristu; thina sibuthakathaka, kodwa lina
lilamandla; lina liyahlonitshwa, kodwa thina siyadelelwa.
11 Kuze kube lihola lakhathesi silambile, somile,
sihambaze, siyatshaywa ngenqindi, siyimihambuma,
12 siyatshikatshika sisebenza ngezethu izandla; sithi
sithukwa sibusise; sithi sizingelwa sibekezele; 13 sithi
sinyeywa sincenge; senziwa njengamanyala omhlaba,
imfucuza yezinto zonke, kuze kube khathesi. 14
Kangilibhaleli lezizinto ukuthi ngilithele inhloni, kodwa
ngileluleka njengabantwana bami abathandekayo. 15
Ngoba lanxa lilabeluleki abayizinkulungwane ezilitshumi
kuKristu, kodwa kalilaboyihlo abanengi; ngoba mina
ngalizala kuKristu Jesu ngevangeli. 16 Ngakho
ngiyalincenga: Banini ngabalingisi bami. 17 Ngalokho
ngithume kini uTimothi, ongumntanami othandekayo
lothembekileyo eNkosini, ozalikhumbuza ngenhambo
zami ezikuKristu, njengoba ngifundisa endaweni zonke
kulo lonke ibandla. 18 Kodwa abanye bazikhukhumezile
ngokungathi kangiyikuza kini. 19 Kanti ngizakuza kini
masinyane, uba iNkosi ivuma, njalo ngizakwazi, hatshi
ilizwi lalabo abazikhukhumezayo, kodwa amandla. 20
Ngoba umbuso kaNkulunkulu kawungelizwi kodwa
ngamandla. 21 Lifunani? Ngize kini ngenduku yini,
kumbe ngothando lomoya ochumileyo?

5 Isibili kuzwakele ukuthi kukhona ukuphinga phakathi
kwenu, futhi ukuphinga kohlobo olungaqanjwayo
laphakathi kwabezizwe, kuze kuthi omunye abe
lomkayise. **2** Kodwa lina liyazikhukhumeza, njalo
endaweni yalokho alizange lilile, ukuze owenze lesisenzo
asuswe phakathi kwenu. **3** Ngoba mina-ke, njengongekho
ngomzimba kodwa okhona ngomoya, sengiqumile
ngowenze lokhu okunjalo, ngokungathi ngikhona, **4**
ebizweni leNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, selihlangene
lomoya wami kanye lamandla eNkosi yethu uJesu
Kristu, **5** ukunikela onjalo kuSathane ekubhubheni
kwenyama, ukuze umoya usindiswe osukwini lweNkosi
uJesu. **6** Kakukuhle ukuzincoma kwenu. Kalazi yini
ukuthi imvubelo encinyane ibilisa inhlama yonke? **7**
Ngakho khuphani imvubelo endala, ukuze libe yinhlama
entsha, njengabangelamvubelo. Ngoba lephasika lethu
lihlatshelwe thina, elinguKristu. **8** Ngakho asigcine
umkhosi, kungabi ngemvubelo endala, njalo kungabi
ngemvubelo yenzondo lobubi, kodwa ngesinkwa
esingelamvubelo sobuqotho leseqiniso. **9** Ngalibhalela
encwadini ukuthi lingahlanganyeli leziphingi; **10** kodwa
kungeyisikho ngokupheleleyo leziphingi zalumhlaba
kumbe lezihwaba, kumbe labaphangi, kumbe labakhonza
izithombe; ngoba phela ngokunjalo kungafanela ukuthi
liphume emhlabeni. **11** Kodwa khathesi-ke ngalibhalela
ukuthi lingahlanganyeli, nxa umuntu ebizwa ngokuthi
ungumzalwane eyisiphingi, kumbe isihwaba, kumbe
okhonza izithombe, kumbe isithuki, kumbe isidakwa,
kumbe umphangi; lingaze ladla lonjalo lakanye. **12** Ngoba
ngilani lokwahlulela abangaphandle? Lina kalahluleli
yini abangaphakathi? **13** Kodwa uNkulunkulu wahlulela
abangaphandle. Njalo mxotsheni omubi asuke phakathi
kwenu.

6 Kukhona yini umuntu wakini, othi elecala
lomunye, abe lesibindi sokuyakwahlulelwa phambi
kwabangalunganga, kungabi phambi kwabangcwele? **2**
Kalazi yini ukuthi abangcwele bazakwahlulela umhlaba?
Uba-ke umhlaba uzakwahlulelwa yini, kalifanele yini
ukwahlulela amacala amancinyane? **3** Kalazi yini
ukuthi sizazahlulela ingilosi? Kangakanani indaba
zalokhukuphila? **4** Ngakho uba lilamacala alokhukuphila,
babekeni phezu kwawo labo abadelelekayo ebandleni.
5 Ngikhuluma kini ukuthi libe lenhloni. Ngokunjalo
kakho ohlakaniphileyo phakathi kwenu yini, ngitsho
loyedwa, ongahlulela phakathi kwabazalwane bakhe?
6 Kodwa umzalwane umangalela umzalwane, lalokho
phambi kwabangakholwayo. **7** Ngakho kusekhona isibili
ukwehluleka phakathi kwenu, ukuthi lilokumangalelana.
Kungani kulalokhu lingavumi ukoniwa? Kungani kulalokhu
lingavumi ukuqilibezelwa? **8** Kodwa lina liyona
liqilibezele, lalokhu kubazalwane. **9** Kumbe alazi yini
ukuthi abangalunganga kabayikulidla ilifa lombuso
kaNkulunkulu? Lingakhohliswa; kakulaziphingi, loba
abakhonza izithombe, loba izifebe, loba ababuthakathaka
ekulalaneni kwabesilisa, loba abesilisa abalalanayo,
10 loba amasela, loba izihwaba, loba izidakwa, loba
izithuki, loba abaphangi, abazakulidla ilifa lombuso
kaNkulunkulu. **11** Abanye benu babeyilezizinto; kodwa
ligezisiwe, kodwa langcweliswa, kodwa lalungisiswa
ebizweni leNkosi uJesu, langoMoya kaNkulunkulu wethu.
12 Zonke izinto zivumelekile kimi, kodwa kayisizo zonke
izinto ezisizayo; zonke izinto zivumelekile kimi, kodwa
mina kangiyikubuswa lutho. **13** Ukudla ngokwesisu, lesisu
ngesokudla; kanti uNkulunkulu uzakuchitha kokubili, sona
lakho. Kodwa umzimba kayisiwo wokuphinga, kodwa
ungoweNkosi, njalo iNkosi ingeyomzimba; **14** njalo
uNkulunkulu owavusa iNkosi uzasivusa lathi ngamandla
akhe. **15** Kalazi yini ukuthi imizimba yenu iyizitho
zikaKristu? Pho ngizathatha izitho zikaKristu ngizenze
izitho zesifebe yini? Phinde! **16** Kumbe kalazi yini
ukuthi onamathelana lesifebe ungumzimba munye laso?
Ngoba labo ababili, uthi, bazakuba nyamanye. **17**
Kodwa onamathelene leNkosi ungumoya munye layo.
18 Balekelani ukuphinga. Sonke isono umuntu asenzayo
singaphandle komzimba; kodwa ophingayo wona owakhe
umzimba. **19** Kumbe kalazi yini ukuthi umzimba wenu
ulithempeli likaMoya oNgcwele okini, elilawo uvela
kuNkulunkulu, njalo kalisibo abenu? **20** Ngoba lathengwa
ngentengo; ngakho dumisani uNkulunkulu emzimbeni
wenu, langomoya wenu, okungokukaNkulunkulu.

7 Mayelana-ke lezinto elangibhalela ngazo, kuhle
emuntwini ukuthi angamthinti owesifazana. **2** Kodwa
ngenxa yokuphinga, ngulowo lalowo kumele abe
lowakhe umfazi, njalo ngulowo lalowomfazi abe leyakhe
indoda. **3** Indoda kayenanise kumfazi isifiso esihle
esifaneleyo; langokunjalo lomfazi endodeni. **4** Umfazi
kalamandla phezu kowakhe umzimba, kodwa indoda;
langokunjalo lendoda kayilamandla phezu kowayo
umzimba, kodwa umfazi. **5** Lingagodlelani, ngaphandle
kokuvumelana okwesikhathi, ukuthi lizinikele ekuzileni
ukudla lekukhulekeni, libuye lihlangane futhi, ukuze
uSathane angalilingi ngokungazithibi kwenu. **6** Kodwa
lokhu ngikutsho ngemvumo, kungeyisikho ngomlayo. **7**
Ngoba ngithanda ukuthi abantu bonke babe njengami;
kodwa ngulowo lalowo ulesakhe isiphiwo esivela
kuNkulunkulu, omunye ngokunjalo, lomunye ngokunjalo.
8 Kodwa kwabangendanga labafelokazi ngithi: Kuhle kubo
uba behlala njengami. **9** Kodwa uba bengelakuzithiba
kabende; ngoba kungcono ukwenda kulokutsha. **10**
Kodwa kwabendileyo ngiyabalaya, kungeyisimi kodwa
yiNkosi, ukuthi umfazi kangehlukani lendoda; **11** kodwa
uba laye esehlukana, kahlale engendanga, kumbe
abuyisane lendoda; lendoda kayingamlahli umfazi. **12**
Kodwa kwabanye kutsho mina, kungeyisiyo iNkosi, ukuthi:
Uba loba nguwuphi umzalwane elomfazi ongakholwayo,
njalo yena evuma ukuhlala laye, angamlahli. **13** Lomfazi
olendoda engakholwayo, njalo ivuma ukuhlala laye,
angayitshiyi. **14** Ngoba indoda engakholwayo yenziwa

ibe ngcwele ngomfazi, lomfazi ongakholwayo wenziwa
abe ngcwele ngendoda. Uba kungenjalo abantwana benu
ngabangcolileyo, kodwa khathesi bangcwele. 15 Uba-ke
ongakholwayo ezehlukanisa, kazehlukanise; kwezinjalo
umzalwane kumbe umzalwanekazi kabotshwanga;
kodwa uNkulunkulu usibizele ekuthuleni. 16 Ngoba
wazi ngani, mfazi, ukuthi uzayisindisa indoda?
Kumbe wazi ngani, ndoda, ukuthi uzamsindisa
umfazi? 17 Kuphela nje njengokuthi uNkulunkulu
ababele ngulowo lalowo, njengoba iNkosi ibizile
ngulowo lalowo, akahambe ngokunjalo. Langokunjalo
ngiyalaya emabandleni wonke. 18 Ukhona yini
owabizwa esokile? Kangabi ngongasokwanga. Ukhona
yini owabizwa engasokanga? Kangasokwa. 19
Ukusoka kakusilutho, lokungasoki kakusilutho, kodwa
ukulondolozwa kwemilayo kaNkulunkulu. 20 Ngulowo
lalowo kahlale kubizo abizwe kulo. 21 Wabizwa
uyisigqili yini? Ungakhathazeki ngakho. Kodwa uba
lawe ungakhululeka, kungcono ukusebenzise. 22
Ngoba lo obizwa eNkosini eyisigqili ungokhululekileyo
weNkosi; ngokunjalo lalowo owabizwa ekhululekile,
uyisigqili sikaKristu. 23 Lathengwa ngentengo; lingabi
yizigqili zabantu. 24 Ngulowo lalowo abizelwe kukho,
bazalwane, kahlale kukho loNkulunkulu. 25 Kodwa
mayelana lentombi kangilawo umlayo weNkosi; kodwa
ngiyeluleka njengowemukele isihawu eNkosini ukuba
athembeke. 26 Ngakho ngikhumbula ukuthi lokhu
kuhle ngenxa yenkathazo ezikhona, ukuthi kuhle
emuntwini ukubanje. 27 Ubotshelwe emfazini yini?
Ungadingi ukukhululwa. Ukhululwe emfazini yini?
Ungadingi umfazi. 28 Kodwa uba lawe uthatha, kawoni;
lentombi uba isenda, kayoni. Kanti abanjalo bazakuba
lenkathazo enyameni; mina-ke ngiyaliphephisa. 29
Kodwa ngitsho lokhu, bazalwane, ukuthi isikhathi
sifitshane; kusukela khathesi labalabafazi kababe
njengabangelabo; 30 labakhalayo, njengabangakhaliyo;
labathokozayo, njengabangathokoziyo; labathengayo,
njengabangelalutho; 31 labasebenzisa lumhlaba,
njengabangawusebenzisisiyo; ngoba isimo salumhlaba
siyedlula. 32 Kodwa ngithanda ukuthi lingabi
lakukhathazeka. Ongathathanga ukhathalela izinto
zeNkosi, ukuthi uzayithokozisa njani iNkosi; 33
kodwa othetheyo ukhathalela izinto zomhlaba, ukuthi
uzamthokozisa njani umfazi. 34 Wehlukene umfazi
lentombi. Ongathathwanga ukhathalela okweNkosi,
ukuze abe ngcwele emzimbeni kanye lemoyeni;
kodwa othethweyo ukhathalela okomhlaba, ukuthi
uzayithokozisa njani indoda. 35 Lalokhu ngikutsho ukuthi
kube ngolwenu usizo; kungesikuthi ngiliphosele umchilo
wokulikhina, kodwa ngokokufaneleyo lokubambelela
eNkosini kungelakuphazamiseka. 36 Kodwa uba umuntu
ebona ukuthi uziphatha ngokungafanelanga entombini
yakhe, yona isikhulile, futhi kumele kwenzeke kanje,
kenze akufunayo; koni; kabatshade. 37 Kodwa omiyo
eqinile enhliziyweni yakhe, engacindezelwa lutho,
futhi elamandla ngesakhe isifiso, esekumisile lokhu
enhliziyweni yakhe ukuthi uzagcina eyakhe intombi,
wenza kuhle; 38 ngakho lowo owendisayo wenza
kuhle; kodwa ongendisiyo wenza ngcono. 39 Umfazi
ubotshiwe ngomthetho selokhu indoda yakhe iphila;
kodwa uba indoda yakhe isifile, ukhululekile ukuthi
endele kulowo amthandayo, kuphela eNkosini. 40 Kodwa
uyathaba kakhulu uba ehlala enjalo, ngokubona kwami;
ngikhumbula-ke ukuthi lami ngiloMoya kaNkulunkulu.

8 Mayelana-ke lezinto ezihlatshelwe izithombe, siyazi
ukuthi sonke silolwazi. Ulwazi luyakhukhumeza,
kodwa uthando luyakha. 2 Uba-ke umuntu esithi uyazi
ulutho, kakazi lutho njengoba kufanele ukuthi azi; 3
kodwa uba umuntu ethanda uNkulunkulu, yena uyaziwa
nguye. 4 Ngakho mayelana lokudla izinto ezihlatshelwe
izithombe, siyazi ukuthi isithombe kasilutho emhlabeni,
lokuthi kakho omunye unkulunkulu ngaphandle koyedwa.
5 Ngoba lanxa kukhona okuthiwa ngonkulunkulu, loba
kusezulwini loba kusemhlabeni (njengoba kukhona
onkulunkulu abanengi, lamakhosi amanengi), 6 kanti kithi
kuloNkulunkulu munye, uBaba, okuvela kuye izinto zonke,
lathi sikuye; leNkosi inye, uJesu Kristu, okwavela ngaye
konke, lathi sikhona ngaye. 7 Kodwa ulwazi kalukho
kubo bonke; kanti abanye belesazela sesithombe kuze
kube khathesi bayakudla njengokuhlatshelwe isithombe,
lesazela sabo esibuthakathaka singcoliswa. 8 Kodwa
ukudla kakusisondezi kuNkulunkulu; ngoba kungesikuthi
nxa sisidla, silenzuzo; njalo kungesikuthi nxa singadli,
silokulahlekelwa. 9 Qaphelani-ke, hlezi amandla enu
la abe yisikhubekiso kwababuthakathaka. 10 Ngoba
uba umuntu ekubona wena ololwazi uhlezi ekudleni
ethempelini lesithombe, isazela salowo obuthakathaka
kasiyikuqiniswa yini ukuthi adle izinto ezihlatshelwe
izithombe? 11 Ngenxa yolwazi lwakho lomzalwane
obuthakathaka uzabhubha yini, amfelayo uKristu? 12
Kodwa uba lisona ngokunjalo kubazalwane, lilimaza
isazela sabo esibuthakathaka, liyona kuKristu. 13
Ngakho-ke uba ukudla kumkhubekisa umzalwane
wami, kangisoze ngidle inyama loba nininini, ukuze
ngingamkhubekisi umzalwane wami. **(aiōn g165)**

9 Kangisuye umphostoli yini? Kangikhululekanga yini?
Angimbonanga yini uJesu Kristu iNkosi yethu?
Lina kalisiwo yini umsebenzi wami eNkosini? 2 Uba
ngingesuye umphostoli kwabanye, kodwa nginguye sibili
kini; ngoba lina liluphawu lobuphostoli bami eNkosini.
3 Ukuziphendulela kwami kwabangihlolayo yilokhu. 4
Kasilamandla yini okudla lokunatha? 5 Kasilamandla
yini okuhambahamba lomzalwanekazi ongumkethu,
njengabanye abaphostoli labo, labafowabo beNkosi,
loKefasi? 6 Kumbe yimi ngedwa loBarnabasi yini
esingelamandla okungasebenzi? 7 Ngubani owake
waphuma impi ngezakhe indleko? Ngubani ohlanyela

isivini, angadli okwesithelo saso? Kumbe ngubani
owelusa umhlambi, angadli okochago lomhlambi?
8 Kambe lezizinto ngizitsho ngokomuntu? Kumbe
lomlayo kawutsho lezizinto yini? 9 Ngoba kulotshiwe
emlayweni kaMozisi ukuthi: Ungayifaki isayeke inkabi
ebhula amabele. Kambe uNkulunkulu ukhathalela
inkabi? 10 Kumbe utsho ngenxa yethu isibili? Ngoba
kubhalwe ngenxa yethu, ukuze kuthi olimayo kufanele
alime ethembeni, lobhulayo esethembeni uhlanganyela
ethembeni lakhe. 11 Uba thina sahlanyela kini
okomoya, kuyinto enkulu yini uba sivuna okwenu
okwenyama? 12 Uba abanye behlanganyela lamandla
phezu kwenu, kakhulu kangakanani thina? Kodwa
kasiwasebenzisanga lawomandla, kodwa sibekezelela
konke, ukuze singabeki isikhubekiso evangelini likaKristu.
13 Kalazi yini ukuthi labo abasebenza ezintweni
ezingcwele badla okwethempeli, labo abalinda ilathi
bahlanganyela lelathi? 14 Ngokunjalo iNkosi layo ilayile
ukuthi labo abatshumayela ivangeli baphile ngevangeli.
15 Kodwa mina angisebenzisanga lalunye lwalezizinto;
futhi kangibhalanga lezizinto ukuze kwenziwe njalo kimi,
ngoba kungaba ngcono kimi ukuthi ngife, kulokuthi
umuntu akwenze ize ukuzincoma kwami. 16 Ngoba
loba ngitshumayela ivangeli, kangilakuzincoma; ngoba
imfanelo yetheswe mina; kodwa maye kimi, uba
ngingatshumayeli ivangeli! 17 Ngoba uba ngisenza lokhu
ngokuzithandela, ngilomvuzo; kodwa nxa kungeyisikho
ngokuzithandela, ubuphathi bunikelwe kimi. 18 Pho
umvuzo wami uyini? Uyikuthi nxa ngitshumayela ivangeli
ngenze ukuthi ivangeli likaKristu lingabizi lutho, ukuze
ngingasebenzisi kakhulu amandla ami evangelini. 19
Ngoba ngikhululekile kubo bonke, ngizenze isigqili
sabo bonke, ukuze ngizuze abanengi kakhulu. 20
LakumaJuda ngaba njengomJuda, ukuze ngizuze
amaJuda; kwabangaphansi komlayo njengongaphansi
komlayo, ukuze ngizuze abangaphansi komlayo;
21 kwabangelamlayo njengongelamlayo (ngingesuye
ongelamlayo kuNkulunkulu kodwa ngiphakathi komlayo
kuKristu), ukuze ngizuze abangelamlayo; 22
kwababuthakathaka ngaba njengobuthakathaka, ukuze
ngizuze ababuthakathaka; ngaba yikho konke kubo
bonke, ukuze ngakho konke ngisindise abanye. 23
Lalokho ngikwenza ngenxa yevangeli, ukuze lami ngibe
ngohlanganyela kulo. 24 Kalazi yini ukuthi abagijima
emjahweni bagijima bonke, kodwa munye owemukela
umvuzo? Ngokunjalo gijimani, ukuze liwuzuze. 25 Labo
bonke abancintisanayo bayazithiba ezintweni zonke;
labo-ke ukuze bemukele umqhele ophelayo, kodwa thina
ongapheliyo. 26 Mina-ke ngigijima ngokunjalo hatshi
njengongaqondanga lutho; ngilwa ngokunjalo hatshi
njengodabula umoya; 27 kodwa ngiyawudinda umzimba
wami ngiwenze isigqili, hlezi kuthi, sengitshumayeze
abanye ngilahlwe mina uqobo.

10 Kangithandi-ke ukuthi lingazi, bazalwane, ukuthi
bonke obaba bethu babengaphansi kweyezi, njalo
bonke badabula ulwandle, 2 futhi bonke babhabhathizwa
kuMozisi eyezini lasolwandle, 3 labo bonke badla ukudla
kunye komoya, 4 futhi bonke banatha okunathwayo
kunye komoya; ngoba banatha edwaleni lomoya
elabalandelayo; lalelodwala lalinguKristu. 5 Kodwa
ubunengi babo uNkulunkulu wayengathokozi ngabo;
ngoba bachithwa enkangala. 6 Lalezizinto zaba
yizibonelo kithi, ukuze singaloyisi okubi, njengalokhu
labo baloyisa. 7 Njalo lingabi ngabakhonza izithombe,
njengabanye babo; njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Abantu
bahlala phansi ukudla lokunatha, basebesukuma
ukudlala. 8 Njalo kasingaphingi, njengabanye
babo abaphingayo, basebesiwa ngasuku lunye
inkulungwane ezingamatshumi amabili lantathu. 9 Njalo
asingamlingi uKristu, njengabanye babo futhi bamlinga,
basebebhujiswa zinyoka. 10 Lingasoli-ke, njengabanye
babo labo basola, babhujiswa ngumbhubhisi. 11
Lalezizinto zonke zabehlela labo kube yizibonelo, njalo
zabhalelwa ukuba yisixwayiso sethu, osekufike ukucina
kwezikhathi. (aiōn g165) 12 Ngakho lowo ocabanga
ukuthi umi, kabone ukuthi kawi. 13 Kakulakulingwa
okulibambileyo ngaphandle kokusebantwini; kodwa
uNkulunkulu uthembekile, ongayikuvuma ukuthi
lilingwe ngokungaphezu kwamandla enu, kanti
kanye lesilingo uzakwenza lendlela yokuphepha,
ukuze libe lamandla okusithwala. 14 Ngakho-
ke, bathandiweyo bami, balekelani ukukhonza
izithombe. 15 Ngikhuluma njengakwabahlakaniphileyo;
lina yehlukanisani engikutshoyo. 16 Inkezo yesibusiso
esiyibusisayo, kayisiyo yini eyokuhlanganyela kwegazi
likaKristu? Isinkwa esisihlephunayo, kayisiso yini
esokuhlanganyela komzimba kaKristu? 17 Ngoba
thina abanengi siyisinkwa sinye, simzimba munye;
ngoba thina sonke sihlanganyela lesosinkwa sinye.
18 Khangelani uIsrayeli ngokwenyama; abadlayo
imihlatshelo kabasibo yini abahlanganyela lelathi?
19 Ngithini pho? Ukuthi isithombe siyilutho yini?
Kumbe ukuthi okuhlatshelwe izithombe kuyilutho? 20
Kodwa ukuthi izinto abezizwe abazihlabayo, bazihlabela
amadimoni, njalo kungeyisikho kuNkulunkulu; kodwa
kangithandi ukuthi libe lenhlanganyelo lamadimoni.
21 Lingenathe inkezo yeNkosi lenkezo yamadimoni;
lingehlanganyele itafula leNkosi letafula lamadimoni.
22 Kumbe sizayivusela ubukhwele iNkosi? Kambe
silamandla kulayo? 23 Zonke izinto zivunyelwe kimi,
kodwa kayisizo zonke izinto ezisizayo. Zonke izinto
zivunyelwe kimi, kodwa kayisizo zonke izinto ezakhayo.
24 Kakungabi khona ozidingela okwakhe, kodwa
ngulowo lalowo okomunye. 25 Konke okuthengiswa
esilaheni kudleni, lingabuzi lutho ngenxa yesazela;
26 ngoba umhlaba ungoweNkosi lokugcwala kwawo.
27 Njalo uba omunye kwabangakholwayo elinxusa,

njalo lithanda ukuya, dlanini konke okubekwa phambi
kwenu, lingabuzi lutho ngenxa yesazela. 28 Kodwa uba
umuntu esithi kini: Lokhu kuhlatshelwe isithombe; lingadli
ngenxa yalowo olitshelileyo, langenxa yesazela; ngoba
umhlaba ungoweNkosi lokugcwala kwawo. 29 Kodwa
isazela ngithi, esingeyisiso esakho, kodwa esomunye;
ngoba kungani inkululeko yami yahlulelwe yisazela
somunye? 30 Njalo uba mina ngomusa ngihlanganyela,
ngikhulunyelwani kubi ngalokho mina engikubongayo?
31 Ngakho uba lisidla, loba linatha, loba lisenzani,
konke kwenzeleni udumo lukaNkulunkulu. 32 Lingabi
ngabakhubekisi lakumaJuda lakumaGriki lebandleni
likaNkulunkulu; 33 njengami futhi ezintweni zonke
ngithokozisa bonke, ngingadingi olwami usizo, kodwa
olwabanengi, ukuze basindiswe.

11 Banini ngabalandeli bami, njengoba lami
okaKristu. 2 Ngiyalibabaza-ke, bazalwane, ukuthi
liyangikhumbula ezintweni zonke, lokuthi libambelele
ezimisweni njengoba ngalinika. 3 Kodwa ngithanda
ukuthi lazi, ukuthi inhloko yawo wonke amadoda
nguKristu; lenhloko yowesifazana yindoda; lenhloko
kaKristu nguNkulunkulu. 4 Yonke indoda ekhulekayo
loba eprofethayo, ikhanda limboziwe, ilithela ihlazo
ikhanda layo. 5 Kodwa wonke owesifazana okhuleka
kumbe aprofethe ikhanda lingambombozwanga, ulithela
ihlazo elakhe ikhanda; ngoba lokhu kufanana-ke
lophuciweyo. 6 Ngoba uba owesifazana engagubuzeli,
futhi kagele; kodwa uba kukubi kowesifazana ukugela
kumbe ukuphucwa, kagutshuzelwe. 7 Ngoba indoda
kayifanele ukumbomboza ikhanda, ngoba ingumfanekiso
lodumo lukaNkulunkulu; kodwa owesifazana uludumo
lwendoda. 8 Ngoba indoda kayivelanga kowesifazana,
kodwa owesifazana endodeni; 9 ngoba futhi indoda
kayidalelwanga owesifazana, kodwa owesifazana indoda;
10 ngenxa yalokhu owesifazana kufanele abe lamandla
phezu kwekhanda ngenxa yezingilosi. 11 Kodwa
indoda kayingaphandle kowesifazana, lowesifazana
kangaphandle kwendoda, eNkosini. 12 Ngoba njengoba
owesifazana evela endodeni, ngokunjalo lendoda ivela
ngowesifazana, kodwa konke kuvela kuNkulunkulu. 13
Ziboneleni lina; kufanele yini ukuthi owesifazana akhuleke
kuNkulunkulu engambombozanga? 14 Imvelo uqobo
lwayo kayilifundisi yini, ukuthi uba indoda ilenwele ezinde,
kulihlazo kuyo? 15 Kodwa uba owesifazana elenwele
ezinde, kuludumo kuye. Ngoba inwele uziphiwe ukuthi
zibe yisimbombozo. 16 Kodwa uba umuntu ebonakala
elenkani, thina kasilawo umkhuba onjalo, ngitsho
lamabandla kaNkulunkulu. 17 Kodwa ngokulaya lokhu
kangilibabazi, ngoba libuthana ngokungekuhle kodwa
ngokubi. 18 Okokuqala ngoba nxa libuthana ebandleni,
ngizwa ukuthi kukhona ukwehlukana phakathi kwenu;
njalo nganxanye ngiyakukholwa. 19 Ngoba kufanele
ukuba lobubhazuka futhi phakathi kwenu, ukuze labo
abaqinisileyo babonakale phakathi kwenu. 20 Ngakho
nxa libuthana ndawonye, lokhu kakusikho ukudla isidlo
seNkosi; 21 ngoba ngulowo lalowo uthatha kuqala esakhe
isidlo ekudleni, lomunye ulambile, lomunye udakiwe.
22 Kanti kalilazo izindlu zokudlela lezokunathela?
Kumbe lidelela ibandla likaNkulunkulu, liyangise yini
abangelakho? Ngingathini kini? Ngingalibabaza kulokhu
yini? Kangilibabazi. 23 Ngoba mina ngakwemukela
eNkosini, lokho lami engalinika khona, ukuthi iNkosi
uJesu ngobusuku eyanikelwa ngabo yathatha isinkwa,
24 isibongile yasihlephuna, yathi: Thathani, lidle,
lokhu kungumzimba wami owahletshunelwa lina; lokhu
kwenzeni ukungikhumbula. 25 Ngokunjalo lenkezo,
sebedlile, yathi: Inkezo le iyisivumelwano esitsha egazini
lami; lokhu kwenzeni, loba nini liyinatha, ukungikhumbula.
26 Ngoba loba nini nxa lisidla lesisinkwa, linatha linkezo,
litshumayela ukufa kweNkosi ize ifike. 27 Ngakho
loba ngubani odla lesisinkwa kumbe anathe inkezo
yeNkosi ngokungafanelanga, uzakuba lecala lomzimba
legazi leNkosi. 28 Kodwa umuntu kumele azihlole,
ngokunjalo-ke adle okwesinkwa anathe okwenkezo;
29 ngoba odlayo anathe ngokungafanelanga, uzidlela
azinathele isigwebo, engawehlukanisi umzimba weNkosi.
30 Ngenxa yalokhu banengi kini ababuthakathaka
labagulayo, lenengi lilele. 31 Kodwa uba besizihlolile
thina, besingayikwahlulelwa; 32 kodwa nxa sisahlulelwa,
sikhuzwa yiNkosi, ukuze singalahlwa kanye lomhlaba.
33 Ngakho, bazalwane bami, nxa libuthana ukuthi
lidle, kalibomelelana. 34 Njalo uba omunye elambile,
kabokudla ekhaya; ukuze lingabuthaneli ukugwetshwa.
Okuseleyo-ke, ngizakulungisa mhla ngifikayo.

12 Maqondana-ke lezipho zomoya, bazalwane,
kangithandi ukuthi lingazi. 2 Lazi ukuthi
lalingabezizwe ladonselwa ezithombeni eziyizimungulu,
njengelikhokhelwayo. 3 Ngakho ngiyalazisa, ukuthi
kakho umuntu okhuluma ngoMoya kaNkulunkulu othi:
UJesu uyisiqalekiso; futhi kakho umuntu ongathi: UJesu
uyiNkosi, ngaphandle ngoMoya oNgcwele. 4 Kukhona-
ke izipho ezehlukeneyo, kodwa uMoya munye. 5
Njalo kukhona inkonzo ezehlukeneyo, kodwa iNkosi
yinye. 6 Kukhona-ke imisebenzi eyehlukeneyo, kodwa
nguNkulunkulu munye, osebenza konke kubo bonke. 7
Kodwa ngulowo lalowo uphiwa ukubonakalisa kukaMoya
kulokho okulusizo. 8 Ngoba omunye uphiwa ngoMoya
ilizwi lenhlakanipho, lakomunye ilizwi lolwazi, ngoMoya
munye; 9 lakomunye ukholo, ngoMoya munye; lakomunye
izipho zokusilisa, ngoMoya munye; 10 lakomunye
ukusebenza imisebenzi yamandla, lakomunye isiprofetho,
lakomunye ukwehlukanisa imimoya, lakomunye inhlobo
yendimi, lakomunye ukuchasisa indimi; 11 kodwa
konke lokho lowoMoya munye uyakusebenza, ebabela
ngulowo lalowo ngamunye njengokuthanda kwakhe.
12 Ngoba njengoba umzimba umunye, njalo ulezitho
ezinengi, kodwa zonke izitho zalowomzimba munye,

zizinengi, zingumzimba munye; kunjalo-ke loKristu; **13** ngoba ngoMoya munye lathi sonke sabhabhathizelwa emzimbeni munye, loba amaJuda loba amaGriki, loba izigqili loba abakhululekileyo; futhi thina sonke sanathiswa kuMoya munye. **14** Ngoba umzimba lawo kawusiso isitho sinye kodwa ezinengi. **15** Uba unyawo lungathi: Lokhu ngingesisandla, kangisikho okomzimba; kungeyisikho ngalokho kakusilo olomzimba yini? **16** Uba-ke indlebe ingathi: Lokhu ngingesilo ilihlo, kangisikho okomzimba; ngenxa yalokho kayisiyo yini eyomzimba? **17** Uba umzimba wonke ubuyilihlo, ngabe kungaphi ukuzwa? Uba wonke ubuyikuzwa, ngabe kungaphi ukunuka? **18** Kodwa khathesi-ke uNkulunkulu umisile izitho, yileso laleso sazo, emzimbeni, njengokuthanda kwakhe. **19** Kodwa uba zonke beziyisitho sinye, umzimba ngabe ungaphi? **20** Kodwa khathesi izitho zinengi, kodwa umzimba munye. **21** Ilihlo-ke lingeke latsho esandleni ukuthi: Kangikusweli. Kumbe futhi ikhanda ezinyaweni ukuthi: Kangilisweli; **22** kodwa kakhulukazi izitho zomzimba ezikhangeleka zibuthakathaka kakhulu, ziyadingeka; **23** lalezo ezomzimba esicabanga ukuthi zidelelekile kakhulu, yizo esizihlonipha ngokwengezelelwe kakhulu; lalezo ezethu ezingezinhle zilobuhle obengezelelwe kakhulu; **24** kanti ezinhle zethu kazikusweli; kodwa uNkulunkulu wawuhlanganisa umzimba, enika udumo olwengezelelwe kakhulu kwesikuswelayo, **25** ukuze kungabi khona ukwehlukana emzimbeni, kodwa izitho zinanzelelane ngokufananayo. **26** Uba-ke kuhlupheka isitho sinye, izitho zonke zihlupheka kanye laso; uba kudunyiswa isitho sinye, izitho zonke ziyajabula kanye laso. **27** Lina-ke lingumzimba kaKristu, lezitho ngamunye ngamunye. **28** Njalo uNkulunkulu umisile abathile ebandleni, kuqala abaphostoli, okwesibili abaprofethi, okwesithathu abafundisi, besekusiba imisebenzi yamandla, besekusiba izipho zokusilisa, izenzo ezisizayo, ubukhokheli, indimi ezehlukeneyo. **29** Bonke bangabaphostoli yini? Bonke bangabaprofethi yini? Bonke bangabafundisi yini? Bonke benza imisebenzi yamandla yini? **30** Bonke balezipho zokusilisa yini? Bonke bakhuluma ngendimi yini? Bonke bayachasisa yini? **31** Kodwa fisani kakhulu izipho ezingcono. Njalo ngisalitshengisa indlela engcono kakhulukazi.

13 Nxa ngingakhuluma ngendimi zabantu lezezingilosi, kodwa ngingelathando, ngizakuba lithusi elikhalayo kumbe insimbi encencethayo. **2** Njalo loba ngingaba lesiprofetho, ngisazi imfihlo zonke lokwazi konke, njalo uba ngilokholo lonke, ukuze ngisuse izintaba, kodwa ngingelathando, angisilutho. **3** Njalo loba ngingabela abayanga konke engilakho, njalo uba nginganikela umzimba wami ukuthi ngitshiswe, kodwa ngingelathando, kakungisizi ngalutho. **4** Uthando luyabekezela, lulobubele; uthando kalulamona; uthando kaluzincomi, kalukhukhunyezwa, **5** kaluziphathi ngokungafanelanga, kaluzidingeli okwalo, kalucunuki, kalunakani okubi, **6** kaluthokozi ngokungalunganga, kodwa luthokoza eqinisweni; **7** lusibekela izinto zonke, lukholwa izinto zonke, luthemba izinto zonke, lubekezelela izinto zonke. **8** Uthando kalungeke lwehluleke. Kumbe-ke iziprofetho, zizakwenziwa ziphele; kumbe indimi, zizakhawula; kumbe ulwazi, luzakwenziwa luphele. **9** Ngoba sazi nganxanye, siprofetha nganxanye; **10** kodwa lapho sekufikile okupheleleyo, khona okuyingxenye kuzakwenziwa ize. **11** Lapho ngilusane, ngakhuluma njengosane, ngaqedisisa njengosane, nganakana njengosane; kodwa kuthe sengiyindoda, ngazenza ize izinto zosane. **12** Ngoba khathesi sibona esibukweni kaluvivi, kodwa ngalesosikhathi ubuso ngobuso; khathesi ngazi nganxanye, kodwa ngalesosikhathi ngizakwazi njengoba-ke ngangisaziwa. **13** Njalo khathesi-ke kumi ukholo, ithemba, uthando, lokhu kokuthathu; kodwa okukhulu kulokhu luthando.

14 Landelani uthando; lifise kakhulu izipho zomoya, kodwa ikakhulu ukuthi liprofethe. **2** Ngoba okhuluma ngendimi kakhulumi ebantwini, kodwa kuNkulunkulu; ngoba kakho ozwayo, kanti ukhuluma izimfihlo ngomoya. **3** Kodwa oprofethayo ukhuluma ebantwini ukwakha lenkuthazo lenduduzo. **4** Okhuluma ngendimi uyazakha yena, kodwa oprofethayo wakha ibandla. **5** Njalo ngiyathanda ukuthi lonke likhulume ngendimi, kodwa kakhulu ukuthi liprofethe; ngoba oprofethayo mkhulu kulokhuluma ngendimi, ngaphandle kokuthi atolike, ukuze ibandla lemukele ukwakhiwa. **6** Khathesi-ke, bazalwane, uba ngifika kini ngikhuluma ngendimi, ngizalisiza ngani, nxa ngingakhulumi kini kumbe ekwembulelweni, loba ekwazini, loba kusiprofetho, kumbe emfundisweni? **7** Ngokunjalo izinto ezingelampilo ezikhalayo, loba umhlanga, loba ichacho, uba zinganiki umehluko ngokukhala, kuzakwaziwa njani okuvuthelwayo ngomhlanga kumbe okutshaywayo ngomqangala? **8** Ngoba-ke nxa uphondo lunika ukukhala okungaqondakaliyo, ngubani ozazilungisela impi? **9** Kunjalo lani, uba linganiki inkulumo ecacileyo ngolimi, kuzakwaziwa njani okukhulunywayo? Ngoba lizakuba likhuluma emoyeni. **10** Kukhona, nxa kungenzakala, imihlobo eminengi kangaka yemisindo emhlabeni kodwa kawukho ongatsho lutho; **11** ngakho uba ngingawazi umqondo welizwi, ngizakuba ngowezizweni kulowo okhulumayo, lalowo okhulumayo uzakuba ngowezizweni kimi. **12** Kunjalo lani, lokhu litshisekela izipho zomoya, dingani ukuthi livame ekwakhiweni kwebandla. **13** Ngakho-ke okhulumayo ngendimi kakhuleke ukuthi atolike. **14** Ngoba uba ngikhuleka ngendimi, umoya wami uyakhuleka, kodwa ingqondo yami kayilasithelo. **15** Ngakho kuyini? Ngizakhuleka ngomoya, njalo ngizakhuleka langengqondo; ngizahlabelela indumiso ngomoya, njalo ngizahlabelela indumiso langengqondo. **16** Uba kungenjalo, nxa ubonga ngomoya, lowo ogcwalisa indawo yongafundanga uzamutsho njani uAmeni

ekubongeni kwakho, lokhu engakwazi okutshoyo? **17** Ngoba isibili wena ubonga kuhle, kodwa omunye kakhiwa. **18** Ngiyambonga uNkulunkulu wami ukuthi ngikhuluma ngendimi kakhulu kulani lonke; **19** kodwa ebandleni ngithanda ukukhuluma amazwi amahlanu ngengqondo yami, ukuze ngifundise labanye, kulamazwi ayizinkulungwane ezilitshumi ngendimi. **20** Bazalwane, lingabi ngabantwana engqondweni; kodwa ebubini banini zingane, lekunakaneni libe ngabakhulileyo. **21** Emlayweni kulotshiwe ukuthi: Ngezinye indimi langezinye indebe ngizakhuluma lalesisizwe, langokunjalo labo kabayikungizwa, itsho iNkosi. **22** Ngakho indimi zingezesibonakaliso, kungeyisikho kwabakholwayo, kodwa kwabangakholwayo; kanti isiprofetho, kungayisiso sabangakholwayo, kodwa sabakholwayo. **23** Ngakho uba ibandla lonke libuthene ndawonye, labo bonke bakhulume ngendimi, besekungena abangafundanga loba abangakholwayo, kabazukuthi liyahlanya yini? **24** Kodwa uba bonke beprofetha, njalo kungene othile ongakholwayo loba ongafundanga, uyakhuzwa yibo bonke, ahlolwe yibo bonke, **25** langokunjalo izinto ezifihliweyo zenhliziyo yakhe ziyadalulwa; ngokunjalo uzakuwa ngobuso akhonze uNkulunkulu, ebika ukuthi uNkulunkulu ngoqotho uphakathi kwenu. **26** Ngakho kuyini, bazalwane? Loba nini libuthana, ngulowo lalowo wenu elesihlabelelo, elemfundiso, elolimi, elesambulelo, elokutolika. Konke kakwenzelwe ekwakheni. **27** Uba umuntu ekhuluma ngendimi, kakube ngababili, kumbe bangadluli kwabathathu, njalo badedelane, lomunye katolike; **28** kodwa uba kungekho umtoliki, kumele athule ebandleni; akhulume kuye ngokwakhe lakuNkulunkulu. **29** Abaprofethi-ke ababili loba abathathu kabakhulume, labanye kabahlolisise. **30** Kodwa uba kusembulwa komunye ohleziyo, kathule owokuqala. **31** Ngoba lonke lingaprofetha munye ngamunye, ukuze bonke bafunde, njalo bonke bakhuthazwe; **32** lemimoya yabaprofethi iyathotshiselwa abaprofethi. **33** Ngoba uNkulunkulu kayisuye owesiphithiphithi, kodwa ngowokuthula, njengemabandleni wonke abangcwele. **34** Abesifazana benu kabathule emabandleni; ngoba kabavunyelwa ukukhuluma, kodwa ukuzithoba, njengoba lawo umlayo usitsho. **35** Uba-ke bethanda ukufunda ulutho, kababuze kubomkabo ekhaya; ngoba kulihlazo kowesifazana ukukhuluma ebandleni. **36** Kumbe ilizwi likaNkulunkulu laphuma kini? Kumbe lafika kini lodwa yini? **37** Uba umuntu ecabanga ukuthi ungumprofethi loba ungowomoya, umele ukwemukela izinto engilibhalela zona, ukuthi ziyimilayo yeNkosi; **38** uba umuntu engazi, kumele engazi. **39** Ngakho, bazalwane, tshisekelani ukuprofetha, njalo lingakuvimbeli ukukhuluma ngendimi; **40** konke kakwenziwe ngemfanelo langokulandelana.

15 Ngakho, bazalwane, ngilazisa ivangeli engalitshumayeza lona, lani elalemukelayo, njalo elimi kulo, **2** njalo elisindiswa ngalo; uba libambelela elizwini levangeli engalitshumayela kini, ngaphandle kokuthi lakholwa ize. **3** Ngoba ngalinika okokuqala lokho engakwemukelayo lami, ukuthi uKristu wafa ngenxa yezono zethu, njengokwemibhalo; **4** lokuthi wangcwatshwa; lokuthi wavuswa kwabafileyo ngosuku lwesithathu, njengokwemibhalo; **5** lokuthi wabonakala kuKefasi, emva kwalokho kwabalitshumi lambili; **6** emva kwalokho wabonakala ngesikhathi sinye kubazalwane abedlula amakhulu amahlanu, ubunengi babo basekhona kuze kube lamuhla, kodwa labanye sebalala; **7** emva kwalokho wabonakala kuJakobe, emva kwalokho wabonakala kubaphostoli bonke; **8** lekucineni kwabo bonke wabonakala lakimi njengozelwe ngesikhathi esingaqondanga. **9** Ngoba mina ngingomncinyanyana kubaphostoli, engingafanele ukuthiwa ngumphostoli, ngoba ngazingela ibandla likaNkulunkulu. **10** Kodwa ngomusa kaNkulunkulu ngiyikho lokho engiyikho khona, lomusa wakhe okimi kawubanga yize; kodwa ngitshikatshike okwengezelelwe kulabo bonke, kanti kungesimi, kodwa ngumusa kaNkulunkulu olami. **11** Ngakho loba kuyimi, loba kuyibo, ngokunjalo siyatshumayela langokunjalo lakholwa. **12** Kodwa uba uKristu etshunyayelwa ukuthi uvusiwe kwabafileyo, batsho njani abanye phakathi kwenu ukuthi kakukho ukuvuka kwabafileyo? **13** Kodwa uba kungekho ukuvuka kwabafileyo, kavuswanga laye uKristu; **14** uba-ke uKristu engavuswanga, ngakho ukutshumayela kwethu kuyize, lokholo lwenu lalo luyize. **15** Lathi futhi sificwa singabafakazi bamanga bakaNkulunkulu, ngoba safakaza ngoNkulunkulu ukuthi wamvusa uKristu, angamvusanga, uba-ke abafileyo bengavuswa. **16** Ngoba uba abafileyo bengavuswa, kavuswanga laye uKristu; **17** njalo uba uKristu engavuswanga, ukholo lwenu luyize; lisesezonweni zenu. **18** Ngakho lalabo abalele bekuKristu sebabhubha. **19** Uba singabathembela kuKristu kule impilo kuphela, singabalosizi kulabo bonke abantu. **20** Kodwa khathesi-ke uKristu uvusiwe kwabafileyo, waba yisithelo sokuqala sabaleleyo. **21** Ngoba lokhu ngomuntu ukufa kweza, langomuntu ukuvuka kwabafileyo kweza. **22** Ngoba njengalokhu kuAdamu bonke bayafa, ngokunjalo futhi kuKristu bonke bazakwenziwa baphile. **23** Kodwa ngulowo lalowo ngesakhe isigaba; isithelo sokuqala uKristu, besekusiba ngabakaKristu ekufikeni kwakhe, **24** besekusiba yikuphela, lapho esenikela umbuso kuNkulunkulu, uYise, lalapho esenze kwaphela konke ukubusa labo bonke ubukhosi lamandla. **25** Ngoba umele yena ukubusa, aze abeke zonke izitha ngaphansi kwenyawo zakhe. **26** Isitha sokucina esizachithwa yikufa. **27** Ngoba izinto zonke uzehlisele ngaphansi kwenyawo zakhe. Kodwa nxa esithi izinto zonke zehlisiwe, kusobala ukuthi ungaphandle kwazo yena ozehlisileyo izinto zonke ngaphansi kwakhe. **28** Nxa izinto zonke sezehlisiwe

ngaphansi kwakhe, khona layo iNdodana ngokwayo
izazehlisa ngaphansi kwalowo owehlisela zonke izinto
ngaphansi kwayo, ukuze uNkulunkulu abe yikho konke
kukho konke. 29 Pho, bazakwenzani ababhabhathizelwa
abafileyo uba abafileyo bengavuki isibili? Kungani
babhabhathizelwa abafileyo na? 30 Kungani lathi
sisengozini ihola ngehola? 31 Ngiyafa usuku ngosuku,
ngiyaqinisa ngokuzincoma ngani engilakho kuKristu
Jesu iNkosi yethu. 32 Uba ngokwabantu ngalwa lezilo
eEfesu, nzuzo bani kimi, uba abafileyo bengavuki?
Asidle sinathe, ngoba kusasa siyafa. 33 Lingakhohliswa;
ukwejwayelana lababi kuyonakalisa izimilo ezinhle. 34
Vusani ingqondo ngokulunga njalo lingoni; ngoba abanye
balokungamazi uNkulunkulu; ngikhulumela ukuthi libe
lenhloni. 35 Kodwa omunye uzakuthi: Abafileyo bavuswa
njani? Njalo beza lomzimba onjani? 36 Siphukuphuku,
lokho okuhlanyelayo wena, kakwenziwa kuphile
ngaphandle kokuthi kufe; 37 lalokho okuhlanyelayo,
kawuhlanyeli umzimba ozakuba khona, kodwa uhlamvu
oluze, mhlawumbe, olwebele kumbe olokunye nje; 38
kodwa uNkulunkulu uyinika umzimba njengokuthanda
kwakhe, lakuleyo laleyo yenhlanyelo owayo umzimba.
39 Inyama yonke kayisinyamanye; kodwa enye
yinyama yabantu, lenye yinyama yenyamazana, lenye
eyenhlanzi, lenye eyezinyoni. 40 Ikhona lemizimba
yezulwini, lemizimba yemhlabeni; kodwa inkazimulo
yezulu ingenye, leyemhlabeni ingenye. 41 Enye
yinkazimulo yelanga, lenye yinkazimulo yenyanga,
lenye yinkazimulo yezinkanyezi; ngoba inkanyezi
yehlukile kwenye inkanyezi enkazimulweni. 42 Kunjalo-
ke ukuvuka kwabafileyo. Kuhlanyelwa ekuboleni,
kuyavuswa kungekho ekuboleni; 43 kuhlanyelwa
ekudelweni, kuvuswe enkazimulweni; kuhlanyelwa
ebuthakathakeni, kuvuswe emandleni; 44 kuhlanyelwa
umzimba wemvelo, kuvuswe umzimba womoya.
Kukhona umzimba wemvelo, njalo kukhona umzimba
womoya. 45 Langokunjalo kulotshiwe ukuthi: Umuntu
wokuqala uAdamu waba ngumphefumulo ophilayo;
uAdamu wokucina ngumoya ophilisayo. 46 Kodwa
okokuqala kakusikho okomoya, kodwa okwemvelo,
besekusiza okomoya. 47 Umuntu wokuqala wavela
emhlabeni, ungowomhlabathi; umuntu wesibili uyiNkosi
evela ezulwini. 48 Njengoba enjalo owomhlabathi,
banjalo labo abomhlabathi; lanjengoba enjalo owezulwini,
banjalo labo abezulwini; 49 futhi njengoba sibelesimo
sowomhlabathi, lathi sizakuba lesimo sowezulwini. 50
Kodwa ngitsho lokhu, bazalwane, ukuthi inyama legazi
kungelidle ilifa lombuso kaNkulunkulu; lokubola kakulidli
ilifa lokungaboli. 51 Khangelani, ngilitshela imfihlo:
Kasiyikulala sonke, kodwa sizaphendulwa sonke, 52
ngesikhatshana, ngokucwayiza kwelihlo, ekukhaleni
kophondo lokucina; ngoba uphondo luzakhala, labafileyo
bazavuswa bengelakubola, lathi sizaphendulwa. 53
Ngoba lokhu okubolayo kumele ukwembatha ukungaboli,
lalokho okufayo kwembathe ukungafi. 54 Nxa-ke lokho
okubolayo sekwembethe ukungaboli, lalokho okufayo
sekwembethe ukungafi, kuzakwenzeka ngalesosikhathi
ilizwi elilotshiweyo lokuthi: Ukufa kuginyiwe ekunqobeni.
55 Lungaphi, kufa, udonsi lwakho? Kungaphi, ngcwaba,
ukunqoba kwakho? **(Hadēs g86)** 56 Lodonsi lokufa
yisono; lamandla esono ngumlayo. 57 Kodwa kabongwe
uNkulunkulu osinika ukunqoba ngeNkosi yethu uJesu
Kristu. 58 Ngakho, bazalwane bami abathandekayo,
manini, linganyikinyeki, lengezelelwe emsebenzini
weNkosi kokuphela, lazi ukuthi ukutshikatshika kwenu
kakusilo ize eNkosini.

16 Mayelana-ke lokuqoqelwa okwabangcwele,
njengoba ngalaya amabandla eGalathiya, yenzani
ngokunjalo lani. 2 Ngalo lonke usuku lokuqala lweviki
kakube ngulowo lalowo wenu azibekele aqogelele
loba yini aphumelela ngayo, ukuze kungabi yisikhathi
sokuqoqwa nxa ngifikayo. 3 Njalo loba nini ekufikeni
kwami, loba ngobani elibakhethileyo, ngezincwadi,
laba ngizabathuma ukuze base isipho senu somusa
eJerusalema; 4 njalo uba kufanele ukuthi lami
ngihambe, bazahamba lami. 5 Kodwa ngizakuza kini,
nxa sengidabule eMakedoniya; ngoba ngizadabula
eMakedoniya; 6 futhi ngingahle ngihlale lani, loba
ngiqede lobusika, ukuze lina lingidlulisele loba ngaphi
lapho engiya khona. 7 Ngoba kangifisi ukulibona
khathesinje ekwedluleni; kodwa ngithemba ukuhlala
lani isikhathi esithile, uba iNkosi ivuma. 8 Kodwa
ngizahlala eEfesu kuze kufike iPentekoste; 9 ngoba
ngivulelwe umnyango omkhulu lolamandla, labaphikisayo
banengi. 10 Nxa-ke uTimothi engafika, bonani ukuthi ulani
engelakwesaba; ngoba usebenza umsebenzi weNkosi
njengami futhi. 11 Ngakho kakungabi khona omdelelayo;
kodwa mdluliseni ngokuthula, ukuze eze kimi; ngoba
ngimlindele kanye labazalwane. 12 Njalo mayelana
lomzalwane uApolosi, ngamkhuthaza kakhulu ukuze
eze kini kanye labazalwane; kodwa kwakungeyisiyo
intando yakhe lakanye ukuthi eze khathesi, kodwa
uzakuza nxa eselethuba. 13 Lindani, lime ekholweni,
liziphathe njengamadoda, libe lamandla. 14 Izinto zenu
zonke kazenziwe ngothando. 15 Futhi ngiyalincenga
bazalwane, liyayazi indlu kaStefana, ukuthi iyisithelo
sokuqala seAkaya, lokuthi bazimisele ukusebenzela
abangcwele; 16 ukuze lani lehliselwe ngaphansi
kwabanjalo, labo bonke abasebenza kanye lathi,
betshikatshika. 17 Sengithokoza ngokufika kukaStefana
loFortunatu loAkayiko, ngoba bona bagcwalisile ukusilela
kwenu; 18 ngoba bawuvuselele umoya wami lowenu.
Ngakho bananzeleleni abanjalo. 19 Amabandla eAsiya
ayalibingelela; bayalibingelela kakhulu eNkosini oAkwila
loPrisila, kanye lebandla elisemzini wabo. 20 Bonke
abazalwane bayalibingelela. Bingelelanani ngokwanga
okungcwele. 21 Isibingelelo ngesami isandla esikaPawuli.
22 Uba umuntu engayithandi iNkosi uJesu Kristu, kabe

yisithuko. Woza Nkosi! **23** Umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu
Kristu kawube lani. **24** Uthando lwami kalube lani lonke
kuKristu Jesu. Ameni.

2 Kwabasekhorinte

1 UPawuli umphostoli kaJesu Kristu ngentando
kaNkulunkulu, loTimothi umzalwane, kubandla
likaNkulunkulu eliseKorinte, labo bonke abangcwele
abakuyo yonke iAkaya: **2** Umusa kawube kini
lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu lakuyo
iNkosi uJesu Kristu. **3** Kabongwe uNkulunkulu,
ngitsho uYise weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, uYise
wobubele loNkulunkulu wenduduzo yonke, **4** osiduduza
ekuhluphekeni kwethu konke, ukuze sibe lamandla
okududuza abasekuhluphekeni loba yikuphi, ngenduduzo
esiduduzwa ngayo thina ngokwethu nguNkulunkulu; **5**
ngoba njengalokhu inhlupheko zikaKristu zengezelelekile
kithi, ngokunjalo lenduduzo yethu yengezelelekile
ngoKristu. **6** Njalo loba sihlutshwa, kungokwenduduzo
losindiso lwenu, okusetshenzwa ekubekezeleni
kulezizinhlupheko ezifananayo esihlupheka ngazo lathi;
loba siduduzwa, kungokwenduduzo losindiso lwenu;
7 njalo ithemba lethu ngani liqinile, sisazi ukuthi
njengalokhu lihlanganyela ezinhluphekweni ngokunjalo
lenduduzweni. **8** Ngoba kasithandi ukuthi lingazi,
bazalwane, ngokuhlupheka kwethu okwasehlela eAsiya,
ukuthi sasindwa kakhulukazi ngokungaphezu kwamandla,
saze saphelelwa lithemba lelempilo. **9** Kodwa thina
ngokwethu sasilaso kithi isigwebo sokufa, ukuze
singazithembi thina kodwa kuNkulunkulu ovusa abafileyo;
10 owasophula ekufeni okungaka, losophulayo; esithemba
kuye ukuthi uzasophula futhi. **11** Lani lisebenzela thina
ndawonye ngomkhuleko, ukuze isipho somusa kithi
esivela ebantwini abanengi singasibongelwa ngabanengi.
12 Ngoba ukuzincoma kwethu yilokhu, ubufakazi
besazela sethu, ukuthi ngokungelankohliso langobuqotho
bukaNkulunkulu, kungeyisikho ngenhlakanipho yenyama
kodwa emuseni kaNkulunkulu, saziphatha emhlabeni,
njalo ngokukhethekileyo maqondana lani. **13** Ngoba
kasilibhaleli okunye, kodwa loba izinto elizifundayo
kumbe njalo lizivume; ngithemba futhi ukuthi lizazivuma
kuze kube sekupheleni; **14** njengalokhu lathi selisivumile
nganxanye, ukuthi siyikuzincoma kwenu njengalokhu lani
lingabethu, osukwini lweNkosi uJesu. **15** Langalelithemba
ngafisa ukuza kini kuqala, ukuze libe lomusa wesibili; **16**
njalo ukudlula kini ngisiya eMakedoniya, ngibuye kini futhi
ngivela eMakedoniya, njalo ngidluliselwe yini eJudiya. **17**
Ngakho ngiqonde lokho, besengisebenzisa yini ubulula?
Kumbe izinto engizimisayo, ngimisa ngokwenyama yini,
ukuze kube khona kimi uyebo, yebo; lohatshi, hatshi?
18 Kodwa uNkulunkulu uthembekile, ukuthi ilizwi lethu
elikini kalisuye uyebo lohatshi. **19** Ngoba iNdodana
kaNkulunkulu uJesu Kristu owatshunyayelwa yithi
phakathi kwenu, yimi loSilivanu loTimothi, wayengeyisuye
uyebo lohatshi, kodwa kuye kwakunguyebo. **20** Ngoba
zonke izithembiso zikaNkulunkulu, kuye zinguyebo,
lakuye zinguAmeni, kube ludumo lukaNkulunkulu ngathi.
21 Njalo osiqinisayo kanye lani kuKristu, owasigcobayo,
nguNkulunkulu, **22** owasiphawulayo lathi, wasenika
isibambiso sikaMoya enhliziyweni zethu. **23** Kodwa
mina ngibiza uNkulunkulu ukuthi abe ngumfakazi phezu
komphefumulo wami, ukuze ngiliyekele angikezi eKorinte.
24 Kungesikuthi sibusa ukholo lwenu, kodwa siyizisebenzi
ndawonye zentokozo yenu; ngoba limi ngokholo.

2 Ngasengizimisela lokhu, ukungaphindi ngize kini
esizini. **2** Ngoba uba mina ngilibangela usizi, ngubani-
ke ongithokozisayo, ngaphandle kobangelwe yimi usizi?
3 Njalo ngalibhalela into le efananayo ukuze ekufikeni
kwami ngingabi losizi kulabo abamele bangithokozise,
ngileqiniso ngani lonke, ukuthi intokozo yami ingeyenu
lonke. **4** Ngoba esizini olukhulu lekudabukeni kwenhliziyo
ngalibhalela ngezinyembezi ezinengi, kungeyisikho
ukuthi libangelwe usizi, kodwa ukuze lazi uthando
olwengezelelweyo engilalo kini. **5** Kodwa uba ekhona
obange usizi, kabanganga usizi kimi, kodwa nganxanye
(ukuze ngingathwalisi nzima) kini lonke. **6** Kumanele
onjalo lokhukukhuza okungokwabanengi; **7** ukuze
endaweni yalokho kungcono lithethelele liduduze,
hlezi onjalo aginywe lusizi olwengezelelweyo. **8**
Ngakho ngiyalincenga ukuthi liqinise uthando lwenu
kuye. **9** Ngoba ngenxa yalokhu futhi ngabhala,
ukuze ngazi ukuhlolwa kwenu, uba lingabalalelayo
ezintweni zonke. **10** Lalowo elimthethelela ulutho,
lami ngiyamthethelela; ngoba mina uba ngithethelele
ulutho, lowo engimthethelelayo, ngikwenza ngenxa yenu
phambi kobuso bukaKristu, **11** ukuze singasetshenziswa
nguSathane; ngoba kasisibo abangazi ngamaqhinga
akhe. **12** Lekufikeni kwami eTrowasi ngevangeli
likaKristu, kwathi sengivulelwe umnyango eNkosini,
13 kangibanga lokuphumula emoyeni wami, ngoba
angimtholanga uTitosi umzalwane wami; kodwa
ngasengivalelisa kubo ngasuka ngaya eMakedoniya. **14**
Njalo kabongwe uNkulunkulu osikhokhelayo ngesikhathi
sonke ekunqobeni kuKristu, njalo ebonakalisa ngathi
iphunga lolwazi lwakhe endaweni zonke. **15**
Ngoba siliphunga elimnandi likaKristu kuNkulunkulu
kulabo abasindiswayo lakulabo ababhubhayo; **16**
kulaba iphunga lokufa ekufeni, lakwabanye iphunga
elimnandi lempilo empilweni. Njalo ngubani olingene
lezizinto? **17** Ngoba kasinjengabanengi, abalonayo
ilizwi likaNkulunkulu; kodwa njengebuqothweni, njalo
njengokuvela kuNkulunkulu, phambi kukaNkulunkulu
sikhuluma sikuKristu.

3 Siqala siphinde ukuziveza yini? Kumbe siyadinga
yini, njengabanye, izincwadi zokusiveza kini,
loba zokuvezwa okuvela kini? **2** Lina liyincwadi
yethu, ebhalwe enhliziyweni zethu, eyaziwa ifundwe
ngabantu bonke; **3** libonakalisa ukuthi liyincwadi
kaKristu esetshenziswa yithi, ebhalwe hatshi ngeyinki,
kodwa ngoMoya kaNkulunkulu ophilayo, kungeyisikho

ezibhebheni zamatshe, kodwa ezibhebheni zenyama
yenhliziyo. 4 Lethemba elinjalo silalo ngoKristu
kuNkulunkulu; 5 kungesikuthi siyenelisa thina ngokwethu
ukucabanga ulutho njengoluvela kithi, kodwa ukwenelisa
kwethu kuvela kuNkulunkulu; 6 owasenza futhi
senelisa ukuba yizikhonzi zesivumelwano esitsha,
esingeyisiso sokulotshiweyo kodwa esikaMoya; ngoba
okulotshiweyo kuyabulala, kodwa uMoya uyaphilisa.
7 Kodwa uba inkonzo yokufa, emabaleni, abazwe
ematsheni, yafikela enkazimulweni, kwaze kwathi
abantwana bakoIsrayeli behluleka ukujolozela ubuso
bukaMozisi ngenxa yenkazimulo yobuso bakhe, eyenziwa
yaphela, 8 pho ingebe nkulu kangakanani inkonzo
kaMoya enkazimulweni? 9 Ngoba uba inkonzo
yokulahlwa iyinkazimulo, kangakanani inkonzo yokulunga
yengeziwe enkazimulweni. 10 Ngoba lalokho okwake
kwaba yinkazimulo, akuzange ngitsho kukhazimule
ngalindlela, ngenxa yalinkazimulo eyidlulayo kakhulu. 11
Ngoba uba lokho okwenziwa kwaphela kulenkazimulo,
kangakanani lokho okumiyo, kusenkazimulweni. 12
Ngakho silethemba elinje, sisebenzisa isibindi esikhulu
ekukhulumeni; 13 njalo kasinjengoMozisi owafaka
isimbombozo ebusweni bakhe, ukuze abantwana
bakoIsrayeli bangajolozeli isiphetho sento eyenziwa
yaphela; 14 kodwa ingqondo zabo zenziwa lukhuni; ngoba
kuze kube lamuhla isimbombozo esifananayo sihlezi
ekufundeni isivumelwano esidala singambombozwanga,
esenziwa saphela kuKristu. 15 Kodwa kuze kube
lamuhla, nxa kufundwa uMozisi, isimbombozo siphezu
kwenhliziyo yabo. 16 Loba nini nxa ebuyela eNkosini,
isimbombozo siyasuswa. 17 LeNkosi inguMoya; lalapho
akhona uMoya weNkosi, lapho kukhona inkululeko.
18 Thina-ke, sonke esilobuso obembuliweyo sibona
inkazimulo yeNkosi esibukweni, siyaguqulelwa esimeni
esifananayo sisuka enkazimulweni sisiya enkazimulweni,
njengokuvela kuMoya weNkosi.

4 Ngakho-ke, lokhu silenkonzo le, njengoba
senzelwa umusa, kasidinwa; 2 kodwa sizilahlile
izinto ezifihliweyo zehlazo, singahambi ebuqilini,
singaphambanisi ilizwi likaNkulunkulu, kodwa ngokwenza
obala iqiniso siyazibuka kuso sonke isazela sabantu
phambi kukaNkulunkulu. 3 Kodwa uba futhi ivangeli lethu
lembesiwe, lembesiwe kulabo ababhubhayo; 4 okubo
unkulunkulu walelilizwe uphumputhekisile ingqondo
zabangakholwayo, ukuze kungakhanyi kubo ukukhanya
kwevangeli lenkazimulo kaKristu, ongumfanekiso
kaNkulunkulu. (aiōn g165) 5 Ngoba kasizitshumayeli,
kodwa uKristu Jesu iNkosi; njalo thina sizinceku
zenu ngenxa kaJesu. 6 Ngoba uNkulunkulu owathi
ukukhanya kukhanya kuvela ebumnyameni, ukhanyisile
ezinhliziyweni zethu, ukupha ukukhanya kolwazi
lwenkazimulo kaNkulunkulu ebusweni bukaJesu Kristu.
7 Kodwa silalo leligugu ezitsheni zebumba, ukuze
ubuhlekazi bamandla bube ngobukaNkulunkulu, njalo
bungaveli kithi; 8 siyaminyezelwa inhlangothi zonke,
kodwa kasibandezeleki; siyadideka, kodwa kasilahli
ithemba; 9 siyazingelwa, kodwa kasihlanyukwa; siwiselwa
phansi, kodwa kasibhujiswa; 10 sihamba sithwele
njalonjalo ukufa kweNkosi uJesu emzimbeni, ukuze
lempilo kaJesu ibonakaliswe emzimbeni wethu. 11
Ngoba thina esiphilayo sinikelwa njalonjalo ekufeni
ngenxa kaJesu, ukuze lempilo kaJesu ibonakaliswe
enyameni yethu efayo. 12 Ngakho ukufa kusebenza
kithi, kodwa impilo kini. 13 Ngakho silalowomoya
wokholo, njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Ngakholwa, ngakho
ngakhuluma; lathi siyakholwa, ngakho lathi siyakhuluma;
14 sisazi ukuthi lowo owayivusayo iNkosi uJesu uzasivusa
lathi ngoJesu, asiveze kanye lani. 15 Ngoba zonke izinto
zingenxa yenu, ukuze umusa ovamileyo, ngokubonga
kwabanengi, wengezelelwe kube ludumo lukaNkulunkulu.
16 Ngakho-ke kasidinwa, kodwa lanxa umuntu wethu
wangaphandle ebhujiswa, kube kanti owangaphakathi
wenziwa abe mutsha insuku ngensuku. 17 Ngoba
inhlupheko yethu elula engeyomzuzwana iyasisebenzela
isisindo sobukhosi esilaphakade esingelakulinganiswa
isibili, (aiōnios g166) 18 singakhangeli okubonwayo kodwa
okungabonwayo; ngoba okubonwayo kungokwesikhathi;
kodwa okungabonwayo ngokulaphakade. (aiōnios g166)

5 Ngoba siyazi ukuthi uba indlu yethu yemhlabeni
yedumba idilizwa, silesakhiwo esivela kuNkulunkulu,
indlu engenziwanga ngezandla, ephakade emazulwini.
(aiōnios g166) 2 Ngoba lakule siyabubula, silangatha
ukwembeswa ngendlu yethu evela ezulwini; 3 uba
lathi sesembathisiwe singaficwa size. 4 Ngoba lathi
esikhona kulelidumba siyabubula, sisindwa; ngoba
kasifisi ukwembulwa kodwa ukwembeswa, ukuze okufayo
kuginywe yimpilo. 5 Owasilungisela-ke khona lokhu
nguNkulunkulu, futhi owasipha isibambiso sikaMoya.
6 Ngakho silesibindi ngesikhathi sonke, sisazi ukuthi
sisekhona ekhaya emzimbeni sikhatshana leNkosi, 7
ngoba sihamba ngokholo, kungeyisikho ngokubona;
8 ngakho silesibindi, njalo siyathaba kakhulu ukuba
singabikho emzimbeni, lokuba sekhaya leNkosi. 9
Ngalokho-ke siyazama kakhulu, loba sisekhaya,
kumbe singekho ekhaya, ukuthi sibe ngabemukelekayo
kuye. 10 Ngoba sonke simele ukubonakala phambi
kwesihlalo sokwahlulela sikaKristu, ukuze ngulowo lalowo
azamukelele izinto ezenziwe ngomzimba, njengalokhu
akwenzileyo, loba kuhle kumbe kubi. 11 Ngakho
sisazi ukwesabeka kweNkosi siyabancenga abantu,
kodwa sibonakalisiwe kuNkulunkulu; njalo ngithemba
ukuthi sibonakalisiwe lezazeleni zenu. 12 Ngoba
kasizivezi futhi kini, kodwa silinika ithuba lokuzincoma
ngathi, ukuze libe lakho ukumelana labo abazincomayo
ebusweni, kungeyisikho enhliziyweni. 13 Ngoba uba
sihlanya, kukuNkulunkulu; uba siqondile, kukini. 14
Ngoba uthando lukaKristu luyasiqhubezela, sibona
lokhu, ukuthi uba omunye wafela bonke, ngakho

bonke bafa; 15 njalo wafela bonke ukuze abaphilayo
bangabe besaziphilela bona, kodwa lowo owabafelayo
wabuye wavuka. 16 Ngakho kusukela khathesi thina
kasazi muntu ngokwenyama; lanxa lathi samazi uKristu
ngokwenyama, kodwa khathesi kasisamazi. 17 Ukuze
kuthi uba umuntu ekuKristu, uyisidalwa esitsha; okudala
sekudlule, khangela konke sekukutsha. 18 Konke lokhu-
ke kuvela kuNkulunkulu, owabuyisana lathi ngoJesu
Kristu kuye, wasinika inkonzo yokubuyisana; 19
okunjengokuthi uNkulunkulu wayekuKristu ebuyisana
lomhlaba kuye, engababaleli iziphambeko zabo, ebeka
kithi ilizwi lokubuyisana. 20 Ngakho siyizithunywa
esikhundleni sikaKristu, njengokungathi uNkulunkulu
uyancenga ngathi; siyancenga esikhundleni sikaKristu
sithi: Buyisanani loNkulunkulu. 21 Ngoba lowo
ongasazanga isono wamenza isono esikhundleni sethu,
ukuze thina sibe yikulunga kukaNkulunkulu kuye.

6 Sisebenza-ke kanye laye, lathi siyalincenga
ukuthi lingawemukeli ngeze umusa kaNkulunkulu;
2 ngoba uthi: Ngesikhathi esihle ngikuzwile,
langosuku losindiso ngakusiza; khangela, khathesi
yisikhathi esihle isibili; khangela khathesi lusuku
losindiso. 3 Kasikhubekisi ngalutho ngitsho,
ukuze inkonzo ingasolwa; 4 kodwa kukho konke
sizibonakalisa njengezikhonzi zikaNkulunkulu,
ekubekezeleni okukhulu, ezinhluphekweni, ebunzimeni,
encindezelweni, 5 ekutshayweni, ekubotshweni,
eziphithiphithini, ekusebenzeni nzima, ekungalalini,
ekuzileni ukudla, 6 ekuhlambulukeni, elwazini,
ekubekezeleni, ebubeleni, kuMoya oNgcwele,
ethandweni olungazenzisiyo, 7 elizwini leqiniso,
emandleni kaNkulunkulu; ngezikhali zokulunga
kwesokunene lakwesokhohlo, 8 ngodumo langehlazo,
ngokuthukwa langokudunyiswa; njengabakhohlisi,
kanti abaqinisileyo; 9 njengabangaziwayo, kanti
abaziwayo kakhulu; njengabafayo, kanti khangelani
siyaphila; njengabalaywayo, kanti abangabulawayo;
10 njengabalosizi, kodwa abathokoza njalonjalo;
njengabayanga, kodwa abanothisa abanengi;
njengabangelalutho, kanti abalakho konke. 11 Umlomo
wethu uvulekele lina, beKorinte, inhliziyo yethu
yenziwe banzi. 12 Kalivinjelwanga yithi, kodwa
livinjelwe emibilini yenu. 13 Njalo ngokwenanana
okufananayo (ngikhuluma njengebantwaneni), lani
yenziwani banzi. 14 Lingabotshwa ngokungalingani
ejogweni labangakholwayo; ngoba kulokuhlanganyela
bani ukulunga lokungalungi? Kulokuhlanganyela bani
ukukhanya lobumnyama? 15 Njalo uKristu ulokuzwana
bani loBheliyali? Kumbe ulesabelo bani okholwayo
longakholwayo? 16 Njalo kulokuvumelana bani ithempeli
likaNkulunkulu lezithombe? Ngoba lina lilithempeli
likaNkulunkulu ophilayo, njengokutsho kukaNkulunkulu
ukuthi: Ngizahlala kubo, ngizahamba phakathi kwabo;
sengizakuba nguNkulunkulu wabo, bona-ke bazakuba
ngabantu bami. 17 Ngakho phumani phakathi kwabo
lehlukaniswe, itsho iNkosi, lingathinti okungcolileyo;
mina-ke ngizalemukela, 18 futhi ngizakuba nguBaba
kini, lina selizakuba kimi ngamadodana lamadodakazi,
itsho iNkosi uSomandla.

7 Lokhu silalezizithembiso, bathandekayo,
asizihlambululeni kukho konke ukungcola kwenyama
lokomoya, siphelelise ubungcwele ekwesabeni
uNkulunkulu. 2 Semukeleni; kasonanga muntu,
kasonakalisanga muntu, kasidlelezelanga muntu. 3
Kangikhulumeli ukulisola; ngoba ngatsho phambili,
ukuthi lisenhliziyweni zethu ukuthi sife ndawonye siphile
ndawonye. 4 Sikhulu isibindi sami senkulumo kini,
ngilokuziqhenya okukhulu ngani; ngigcwele induduzo;
ngengezelelwe kakhulu intokozo kuyo yonke inhlupheko
yethu. 5 Ngoba lekufikeni kwethu eMakedoniya, inyama
yethu kayibanga lokuphumula, kodwa sabandezelwa
ezintweni zonke; ngaphandle ingxabano, ngaphakathi
ukwesaba. 6 Kodwa uNkulunkulu, oduduza abadanileyo,
wasiduduza ekufikeni kukaTitosi; 7 njalo kungeyisikho
ekufikeni kwakhe kuphela, kodwa langenduduzo
aduduzeka ngayo ngani, lapho esilandisela ukulangatha
kwenu, ukudabuka kwenu, ukungitshisekela kwenu,
ngaze ngathokoza kakhulu. 8 Ngoba lanxa ngalidabukisa
ngencwadi, kangizisoli; lanxa ngazisola; ngoba ngibona
ukuthi leyoncwadi yalidabula, loba kungokwesikhathi.
9 Khathesi ngiyathokoza, kungeyisikho ukuthi
ladatshulwa, kodwa ukuthi ladatshulelwa ekuphendukeni;
ngoba ladatshulwa ngokukaNkulunkulu, ukuze
lingalahlekelwa lutho ngenxa yethu. 10 Ngoba
ukudabuka ngokukaNkulunkulu kuletha ukuphenduka
kube lusindiso ongezisole ngalo; kodwa ukudabuka
komhlaba kuletha ukufa. 11 Ngoba khangelani,
leyo into, ukuthi ladatshulwa ngokukaNkulunkulu,
ukuthi kuveze kini ukukhuthala okungakanani, yebo,
ukuziphendulela, yebo, ukuthukuthela, yebo, ukwesaba,
yebo, ukulangatha, yebo, ukutshiseka, yebo, impindiselo.
Kukho konke lazibonakalisa ukuthi limsulwa kule indaba.
12 Uba-ke lami ngalibhalela, kungeyisikho ngenxa yalowo
owonayo, njalo kungeyisikho ngenxa yalowo owoniweyo,
kodwa ukuze ukulikhuthalela kwethu kubonakaliswe
kini phambi kukaNkulunkulu. 13 Ngalokho siduduzekile
ngenduduzo yenu; yebo sathokoza ngokwengezelelweyo
kakhulu ngentokozo kaTitosi, ngoba umoya wakhe
uvuselelwe ngokuvela kini lonke; 14 ngoba uba
ngazincomela lina ngolutho kuye kangiyangekanga;
kodwa njengoba sakukhuluma konke kini ngeqiniso,
ngokunjalo lokuzincoma kwethu okwakukuTitosi kwaba
liqiniso. 15 Isihelo sakhe sesengezelelwe kakhulu
kini, lapho ekhumbula ukulalela kwenu lonke, ukuthi
lamemukela njani ngokwesaba langokuthuthumela.
16 Ngakho ngiyathokoza ukuthi ngiyalithemba kukho
konke.

8 Sesilazisa, bazalwane, umusa kaNkulunkulu ophiwe
emabandleni eMakedoniya; **2** ukuthi ekulingweni
okukhulu kwenhlupho, ukwengezelelwa kwentokozo
yabo lobuyanga babo obujulileyo bengezelela
enothweni yokuphana kwabo. **3** Ngoba babekhululekile
njengokwamandla abo, ngiyafakaza, langaphezu
kwamandla abo, **4** ngesicelo esikhulu basincenga,
ukuthi semukele isipho, lokuhlanganyela koncedo
olungolwabangcwele; **5** njalo kakubanga njengoba
sathemba, kodwa bazinikela kuqala eNkosini, lakithi
ngentando kaNkulunkulu. **6** Kwaze kwathi sakhuthaza
uTitosi ukuthi, njengalokhu wayeseqalile phambili,
ngokunjalo awuqede futhi kini lumusa. **7** Kodwa
njengalokhu lisengezelela kukho konke, ekholweni,
lelizwini, lelwazini, lekukhuthaleni konke, lethandweni
lwenu kithi, ukuze lakulumusa lengezelele. **8**
Kangikhulumi njengokulawula, kodwa ngokutshiseka
kwabanye, njalo ngihlola ubuqotho bothando lwenu. **9**
Ngoba liyawazi umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, ukuthi
lanxa wayenothile, waba ngumyanga ngenxa yenu, ukuze
ngobuyanga bakhe lina linothe. **10** Lakulokhu ngipha
umbono; ngoba lokhu kuluncedo kini, abaqala phambili
nyakenye, kungeyisikwenza kuphela, kodwa lokufisa;
11 kodwa khathesi-ke qedani futhi ukwenza, ukuze,
njengalokhu kukhona ukukhuthalela ukufisa, ngokunjalo
kukhona lokuqedisa ngalokho elilakho. **12** Ngoba
uba kukhona ukufisa, umuntu uyemukeleka ngalokho
alakho, kungeyisikho ngalokho angelakho. **13** Ngoba
kungeyisikuthi abanye babe lenkululeko, lina-ke libe
lohlupho; kodwa ngokulingana, okwalesisikhathi isengezo
senu sibe ngesenswelo yabo, **14** ukuze kuthi lesengezo
sabo sibe ngesenswelo yenu, ukuze kube khona
ukulingana, **15** njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Owabutha
okunengi, kabanga lokusalayo; lowabutha okuncinyane
kasilelanga. **16** Kodwa kabongwe uNkulunkulu ofaka
inkuthalo efananayo ngani enhliziyweni kaTitosi, **17** ukuthi
isibili wemukela isikhuthazo, kodwa etshiseka kakhulu,
wasuka waya kini ngesifiso sakhe. **18** Njalo sithuma kanye
laye umzalwane, odumo lwakhe evangelini ludabule
emabandleni wonke; **19** kungeyisilokhu kuphela, kodwa
ukhethiwe futhi ngamabandla ukuthi asiphelekezele lalo
umusa owasetshenzwa yithi kube ludumo lwale iNkosi,
lekubonakalisweni kokukhuthala kwenu; **20** sivikela
lokhu, hlezi umuntu asisole kulesisengezo esisetshenzwe
yithi; **21** sinakekela okuhle kungekho phambi kweNkosi
kuphela kodwa laphambi kwabantu. **22** Sasesithuma
kanye labo umzalwane wethu, esimfice ezintweni
ezinengi kanengi ekhuthele, kodwa khathesi ukhuthele
kakhulukazi ngenxa yokulithemba okukhulu. **23** Kumbe
ngoTitosi, ungumhlanganyeli lesisebenzi kanye lami kini;
loba abazalwane bethu, bayizithunywa zamabandla,
bayinkazimulo kaKristu. **24** Ngakho bonakalisani kubo
ubufakazi bothando lwenu labokuzincomela kwethu lina,
laphambi kwamabandla.

9 Ngoba mayelana lokuncedisa okungokwabangcwele
kakusweleki kimi ukulibhalela; **2** ngoba ngiyazi
ukukhuthala kwenu, engizincoma ngakho ngani
kwabeMakedoniya, ukuthi iAkaya yayisizilungisele
kusukela nyakenye; lokutshiseka okuvela kini kubavusile
abanengi. **3** Kodwa ngithume abazalwane, ukuze
ukuzincoma kwethu ngani kungenziwa ize maqondana
lalokhu; ukuze, njengokutsho kwami, libe lilungile; **4**
hlezi mhlawumbe, nxa abeMakedoniya befika lami
belifica lingalungiselanga, siyangeke thina (ukuze
singatsho, lina) ngalesisibindi sokuzincoma. **5** Ngakho
ngibona kufanele ukuthi ngikhuthaze abazalwane,
ukuze baqale ukuza kini, njalo balungisele ngaphambili
ukupha kwenu ngesihle okwakhulunywa ngakho
mandulo, ukuthi lesi silungile, ngokunjalo njengesibusiso
futhi kungenjengokuncitshana. **6** Lalokhu ukuthi,
ohlanyela ingcosana, laye uzavuna ingcosana; lohlanyela
ngokunengi, laye uzavuna ngokunengi. **7** Ngulowo lalowo
njengalokhu azikhethela khona enhliziyweni; kungabi
ngokokudonda kumbe ngokokubanjwa ngamandla;
ngoba uNkulunkulu uyamthanda onikela ngentokozo.
8 Njalo uNkulunkulu ulamandla okulengezelela wonke
umusa, ukuze, lilokwenela konke ezintweni zonke
ngesikhathi sonke, lengezwe emisebenzini yonke
emihle; **9** njengokulotshiweyo ukuthi: Uchithachithile,
wanika abayanga; ukulunga kwakhe kuhlala kuze
kube phakade. **(aiōn g165)** **10** Njalo yena onika
inhlanyelo kumhlanyeli, lesinkwa sokudla, kwangathi
anganika akhulise inhlanyelo yenu, andise izithelo
zokulunga kwenu; **11** linothiswe ezintweni zonke
kukho konke ukuphana, okusebenza ngathi ukubongwa
kuNkulunkulu; **12** ngoba umsebenzi walinkonzo
kawugcwalisi kuphela inswelo zabangcwele, kodwa
futhi wengeza ngokubongwa okunengi kuNkulunkulu;
13 ngobufakazi balinkonzo badumisa uNkulunkulu
ngokulalela kovumo lwenu ivangeli likaKristu, langokupha
kwenu okukhulu kubo, lakubo bonke; **14** langomkhuleko
wabo ngani, belilangatha ngomusa kaNkulunkulu
ongelakulinganiswa phezu kwenu. **15** Njalo kabongwe
uNkulunkulu ngenxa yesipho sakhe esingakhulumekiyo.

10 Mina-ke uPawuli ngokwami ngiyalincenga
ngobumnene langesisa sikaKristu, othobekileyo
phakathi kwenu nxa ngikhona, kodwa nxa ngingekho
ngilesibindi kini; **2** ngiyalincenga-ke ukuthi, nxa ngikhona,
ngingabi lesibindi ngalokhukuzimisela ebengikhunjulelwa
ngakho ukuthi ngilesibindi sokumelana labanye
abacabanga ngathi njengabahamba ngokwenyama. **3**
Ngoba lanxa sihamba enyameni kasilwi ngokwenyama;
4 ngoba izikhali zempi yethu kayisizo zasenyameni,
kodwa zilamandla ngoNkulunkulu ekubhidlizeni izinqaba,
5 sehlisa iminakano lakho konke okuziphakamisela
ukumelana lolwazi lukaNkulunkulu, lemicabango yonke
siyithumbela ekumlaleleni uKristu; **6** futhi silokulungela
ukuphindisela ukungalaleli konke, nxa ukulalela kwenu

sekuphelele. 7 Likhangela izinto njengokubonakala kwazo
yini? Uba umuntu ezithemba yena ukuthi ungokaKristu,
kabuye anakane lokhu ngaye, ukuthi njengoba yena
engokaKristu, ngokunjalo lathi singabakaKristu. 8
Ngoba loba ngolutho olwengezelelweyo kakhulu
ngingaze ngizincome futhi ngamandla ethu, eyasinika
wona iNkosi ekwakheni, njalo kungabi ngokulichitha,
kangiyikuyangeka; 9 ukuze ngingabonakali njengolethusa
ngezincwadi. 10 Ngoba kuthiwa: Incwadi zakhe
zinzima zilamandla; kodwa ubukhona bomzimba wakhe
bubuthakathaka, lokukhuluma kwakhe kudelelekile. 11
Onjalo kanakane lokhu, ukuthi njengoba sinjalo ngelizwi
ngezincwadi nxa singekho, lathi sinjalo ngesenzo nxa
sikhona. 12 Ngoba kasilasibindi sokuzibalela kumbe
ukuzifananisa labathile babo abaziqhenyayo; kodwa
bona bayalinganisana bodwa, njalo bayafananisana
bodwa, kabaqedisisi. 13 Kodwa thina kasisoze
sizincome okwedlula amalawulo; kodwa ngesilinganiso
sesigaba uNkulunkulu asabele sona, isilinganiso
sokufika lakini. 14 Ngoba kasizeluli ngokweqileyo
ngokungathi kasifinyelelanga kini, ngoba sifikile lakini
evangelini likaKristu; 15 kasizincomi okwedlula
amalawulo emisebenzini yabanye, kodwa silethemba
lokuthi, nxa lwandile ukholo lwenu, sizakhuliswa
ngokwengezelelelweyo phakathi kwenu ngesigaba sethu,
16 ukutshumayela ivangeli endaweni ezingaphetsheya
kwenu, singazincomi ngesigaba somunye ezintweni
ezilungisiweyo. 17 Kodwa ozincomayo, kazincome
eNkosini. 18 Ngoba kayisuye ozincomayo, kodwa lowo
iNkosi emncomayo, nguye ovunywayo.

11 Kungathi lingangibekezelela kancane ebuthutheni
bami; yebo lani lingibekezelele. 2 Ngoba
ngilobukhwele ngani ngobukhwele bukaNkulunkulu;
ngoba ngaliganela endodeni yinye ukuthi ngilise kuKristu
liyintombi emsulwa. 3 Kodwa ngiyesaba ukuthi hlezi
njengalokhu inyoka yakhohlisa uEva ngobuqili bayo,
ngokunjalo imicabango yenu ingaduhiswa ebuqothweni
obukuKristu. 4 Ngoba uba ofikayo etshumayela
omunye uJesu esingamtshumayelanga, loba lisemukela
omunye umoya elingamemukelanga, loba elinye ivangeli
elingalemukelanga, kuhle ukuthi limbekezelele. 5
Ngoba ngithi kangisileli ngalutho kulabobaphostoli
abaqakathekileyo sibili. 6 Njalo uba lami ngingafundanga
ekukhulumeni, kanti kungeyisikho elwazini; kodwa
entweni yonke sibonakalisiwe kini ezintweni zonke.
7 Kumbe ngenze isono yini ngokuzithoba ukuze
liphakanyiswe lina, lokhu ngilitshumayeze ivangeli
likaNkulunkulu ngesihle? 8 Ngaphanga amanye
amabandla, ngithatha iholo ukuze ngilisize; 9 lalapho
ngangikhona kini ngiswele kangibanga ngumthwalo
ngitsho emuntwini; ngoba abazalwane, abavela
eMakedoniya, bagcwalisa inswelo yami; njalo kukho
konke ngizigcinile ukuthi ngingabi ngumthwalo kini, futhi
ngizazigcina. 10 Njengoba iqiniso likaKristu likimi, ukuthi
lokhukuzincoma kakuyikumiswa ngami ezabelweni
zeAkaya. 11 Ngenxa yani? Ngoba ngingalithandi
yini? UNkulunkulu uyazi. 12 Kodwa engikwenzayo,
ngizakwenza futhi, ukuze ngiqume ithuba kwabafuna
ithuba, ukuze kulokho abazincoma ngakho, baficwe
benjengathi labo. 13 Ngoba abanje bangabaphostoli
bamanga, izisebenzi ezikhohlisayo, beziphendula babe
ngabaphostoli bakaKristu. 14 Kakumangalisi-ke; ngoba
uSathane uqobo uziphendula abe yingilosi yokukhanya.
15 Ngakho kakusinto enkulu uba lazo inceku zakhe
ziziphendula zisiba njengenceku zokulunga, okuphela
kwazo kuzakuba njengokwemisebenzi yazo. 16
Ngiyaphinda ngithi: Kakungabi lomuntu ocabanga ukuthi
ngiyisithutha; kodwa uba kungenjalo ngemukelani
lanjengesithutha, ukuze lami ngizincome kancinyane. 17
Lokho engikutshoyo, kangikutsho ngokweNkosi, kodwa
njengebuthutheni, kulesisibindi sokuzincoma. 18 Lokhu
abanengi bezincoma ngokwenyama, lami ngizazincoma.
19 Ngoba libekezelela abayizithutha ngentokozo, lina
lingabahlakaniphileyo. 20 Ngoba liyabekezela, uba
umuntu elenza izigqili, uba umuntu elidla aliqede,
uba umuntu elemuka, uba umuntu eziphakamisa, uba
umuntu elitshaya ebusweni. 21 Ngitsho ngenhloni,
kuze kungathi thina besibuthakathaka; kodwa lakukuphi
umuntu alesibindi ngakho (ngikhulumela ebuthutheni)
lami ngilesibindi ngakho. 22 BangamaHebheru
yini? Lami. BangamaIsrayeli yini? Lami. Bayinzalo
kaAbrahama yini? Lami. 23 Bayizikhonzi zikaKristu yini?
(Ngikhuluma njengohlanya) ngiyiso kulabo; emisebenzini
enzima okwengezelelweyo kakhulu, emivimvinyeni
okwedlula amalawulo, ezintolongweni okungezelelweyo
kakhulu, ezimfeni kanengi; 24 kumaJuda ngemukela
kahlanu imivimvinya engamatshumi amane kusala
owodwa. 25 Ngatshaywa kathathu ngezinduku,
ngakhandwa ngamatshe kanye, kathathu ngachithekelwa
ngumkhumbi, ubusuku lemini ngisekujuleni kolwandle;
26 ekuhambeni kanengi; engozini zemifula, engozini
zabaphangi, ezingozini kwabakithi, ezingozini
kwabezizwe, ezingozini emzini, ezingozini enkangala,
engozini olwandle, ezingozini kubazalwane bamanga,
27 ekutshikatshikeni lebunzimeni, ekungalalini kanengi,
ekulambeni lekomeni, ekuzileni ukudla kanengi,
ekugodoleni lekuhambenize. 28 Ngaphandle kwezinto
ezingaphandle, okungicindezelayo insuku zonke
yikukhathalela wonke amabandla. 29 Ngubani
obuthakathaka, ngingabi buthakathaka lami? Ngubani
okhutshekiswayo, lami ngingatshiseki? 30 Uba kumele
ukuzincoma, ngizazincoma ngezinto zobuthakathaka
bami. 31 UNkulunkulu uYise weNkosi yethu uJesu
Kristu, obongekayo kuze kube nini lanini, uyazi ukuthi
kangiqambi manga. **(aiōn g165)** 32 EDamaseko induna
yenkosi uAretha yalinda umuzi wabeDamaseko, efuna

ukungibamba; 33 njalo ngehliswa ngewindi esilulwini
ngomduli, ngasengiphepha ezandleni zayo.

12 Qiniso ukuzincoma kakusizi lutho kimi; ngoba
ngizakuya kumibono lezembulo zeNkosi. 2
Ngiyamazi umuntu ekuKristu sekudlule iminyaka
elitshumi lane (loba emzimbeni kangazi, loba
ngaphandle komzimba kangazi, uNkulunkulu uyazi),
ukuthi lonje wahluthulelwa ezulwini lesithathu. 3
Ngiyamazi-ke umuntu onjalo (loba emzimbeni,
loba ngaphandle komzimba, kangazi; uNkulunkulu
uyazi), 4 ukuthi wahluthulwa wasiwa eParadise,
wezwa amazwi angakhulumekiyo, angavunyelwa
muntu ukuwakhuluma. 5 Ngizazincoma ngonjalo,
kodwa ngami uqobo kangiyikuzincoma, ngaphandle
kobuthakathaka bami. 6 Ngoba uba bengingathanda
ukuzincoma, bengingazukuba yisithutha; ngoba
ngizakhuluma iqiniso, kodwa ngiyayekela, hlezi
umuntu acabange ngami okungaphezu kwalokho
angibona ngiyikho, kumbe akuzwa kimi, 7 futhi
ukuze ngingaphakanyiswa kakhulukazi ngobukhulukazi
bezembulo, nganikwa ameva enyameni, isithunywa
sikaSathane, ukungidutshuza, ukuze ngingaziphakamisi
kakhulukazi. 8 Ngalokho nganxusa iNkosi kathathu
ukuze kusuke kimi. 9 Yasisithi kimi: Umusa
wami ukwanele; ngoba amandla ami apheleliswa
ebuthakathakeni. Ngakho ngizazincoma ngentokozo
enkulu ebuthakathakeni bami, ukuze amandla kaKristu
ahlale phezu kwami. 10 Ngakho ngiyathokoza
ebuthakathakeni, ekuthukweni, ekubanjweni ngamandla,
ekuzingelweni, ekukhathazekeni, ngenxa kaKristu; ngoba
nxa ngibuthakathaka, khona ngilamandla. 11 Sengize
ngaba yisithutha, ngizincoma; yini elingicindezeleyo;
ngoba bekufanele ukuthi mina ngivezwe yini;
ngoba kangisilelanga ngalutho kulabo abaphostoli
abaqakathekileyo sibili, lanxa ngingesilutho. 12
Isibili impawu zomphostoli zenziwa phakathi kwenu
ekubekezeleni konke, ngezibonakaliso lezimangaliso
lemisebenzi yamandla. 13 Ngoba kuyini elaba ngaphansi
ngakho kwamanye amabandla, ngaphandle kokuthi mina
uqobo kangibanga ngumthwalo kini? Ngithethelelani
lokhukungalungi. 14 Khangelani, sengilungele ukuza
kini ngokwesithathu, njalo kangizukuba ngumthwalo kini;
ngoba kangifuni okwenu, kodwa lina; ngoba abantwana
kabafanele ukudlinzekelela abazali, kodwa abazali
abantwana. 15 Mina-ke ngizachitha ngentokozo njalo
ngizachithelwa imiphefumulo yenu, lanxa ngilithanda
okwengezelelweyo kakhulu, ngithandwa kancinyane.
16 Kodwa kunjalo, mina kangibanga ngumthwalo
kini; kodwa ngingumhugi, ngalibamba ngobuqili. 17
Ngaliqilibezela yini ngomunye walabo engabathuma
kini? 18 Ngacela uTitosi, ngasengithuma kanye laye
umzalwane; uTitosi waliqilibezela yini? Kasihambanga
yini ngomoya munye? Ngitsho ngezinyathelo zinye
yini? 19 Licabanga futhi ukuthi siyaziphendulela yini
kini? Sikhuluma phambi kukaNkulunkulu sikuKristu;
kodwa konke lokhu, bathandekayo, kungokokwakhiwa
kwenu. 20 Ngoba ngilovalo hlezi mhlawumbe ekufikeni
kwami ngizalifica lingenjengalokho engikuthandayo,
lami ngificwe yini ngingenjengalokho elikuthandayo;
hlezi mhlawumbe kube khona ukuxabana, umona,
ulaka, umbango, ukuhleba, ukunyeya, ukuzikhukhumeza,
iziphithiphithi; 21 hlezi ekufikeni kwami futhi uNkulunkulu
wami angithobise phakathi kwenu, njalo ngililele abanengi
abonileyo ngaphambili, njalo abangaphendukanga kukho
ukungcola lobufebe lamanyala abakwenzileyo.

13 Ngalesisikhathi sesithathu ngiza kini; ngomlomo
wabafakazi ababili kumbe abathathu wonke
umutsho uzaqiniswa. 2 Sengitshilo ngaphambili njalo
ngiyandulela ukutsho, njengalokhu ngikhona ngokwesibili,
njalo ngingekho khathesi ngibhalela labo abona
ngaphambili, lakwabanye bonke, ukuthi nxa ngingabuya
futhi, kangisoze ngibayekele; 3 njengoba lidinga
ubufakazi bukaKristu okhuluma kimi, ongebuthakathaka
kini kodwa elamandla phakathi kwenu; 4 ngoba lanxa
wabethelwa ngobuthakathaka, kanti uyaphila ngamandla
kaNkulunkulu. Ngoba lathi sibuthakathaka kuye, kodwa
sizaphila kanye laye ngamandla kaNkulunkulu kini.
5 Zihloleni ukuthi lisekholweni; lizilinge. Kanti kalazi
lina ukuthi uJesu Kristu ukini, ngaphandle kokuthi
ngeqiniso lingabalahliweyo? 6 Ngithemba-ke ukuthi
lizakwazi ukuthi thina kasisibo abalahliweyo. 7 Njalo
ngiyakhuleka kuNkulunkulu, ukuthi lingenzi lutho olubi,
kungesikuthi sibonakale thina singabathembekileyo,
kodwa ukuze lina lenze ukulunga, kodwa thina sibe
njengabalahliweyo. 8 Ngoba kasilamandla okwenza
ulutho olumelana leqiniso, kodwa okweqiniso. 9 Ngoba
siyajabula nxa sibuthakathaka thina, lani lilamandla;
njalo lalokho siyakukhulekela, ukupheleliswa kwenu.
10 Ngakho ngibhala lezizinto ngingekho, ukuze kuthi
nxa ngikhona ngingasebenzisi ubukhali, njengamandla
iNkosi eyanginika wona, ekwakheni, njalo angabi
ngawokubhidliza. 11 Elokucina, bazalwane, thokozani,
lipheleliswe, liduduzwe, libe ngqondonye, lihlale
ngokuthula; njalo uNkulunkulu wothando lowokuthula
uzakuba lani. 12 Bingelelanani ngokwanga okungcwele.
13 Bonke abangcwele bayalibingelela. 14 Umusa weNkosi
uJesu Kristu, lothando lukaNkulunkulu, lobudlelwano
bukaMoya oNgcwele kakube lani lonke. Ameni.

KwabaseGalathiya

1 UPawuli umphostoli ongaveli ebantwini, njalo
kungekho ngomuntu, kodwa ngoJesu Kristu,
langoNkulunkulu uYise owamvusa kwabafileyo, **2**
labazalwane bonke abalami, kumabandla eGalathiya:
3 Umusa kawube kini lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu
uBaba, leNkosini yethu uJesu Kristu, **4** owazinikela
ngenxa yezono zethu, ukuze asophule kulo umhlaba
omubi wakhathesi, ngokwentando kaNkulunkulu loBaba
wethu; **(aiōn g165)** **5** obukuye ubukhosi kuze kube
nini lanini. Ameni. **(aiōn g165)** **6** Ngiyamangala ukuthi
limhlamuke masinyane kangaka lowo owalibizela
emuseni kaKristu, laya kwelinye ivangeli; **7** elingeyisilo
elinye; kodwa bakhona abanye abalididayo bethanda
ukuhlanekela ivangeli likaKristu. **8** Kodwa lanxa kungaba
yithi kumbe ingilosi evela ezulwini engalitshumayeza
ivangeli elehlukene lalelo esalitshumayeza lona,
kayibe yisiqalekiso. **9** Njengoba sesitshilo, lakhathesi
ngiyaphinda ngithi: Uba umuntu elitshumayeza ivangeli
elehlukene lalelo elalemukelayo, kabe yisiqalekiso.
10 Ngoba ngincenga abantu loba uNkulunkulu
khathesi yini? Kumbe ngidinga ukuthokozisa abantu
yini? Ngoba uba ngisathokozisa abantu, ngingebe
yinceku kaKristu. **11** Kodwa ngiyalazisa, bazalwane,
ivangeli elatshunyayelwa yimi, ukuthi alinjengokomuntu.
12 Ngoba lami kangilemukelanga emuntwini, futhi
kangilifundiswanga, kodwa ngokwembulelwa kukaJesu
Kristu. **13** Ngoba selizwile ukuhamba kwami kwakuqala
kobuJuda, ukuthi ngalizingela kakhulukazi sibili
ibandla likaNkulunkulu, njalo ngangilichitha; **14** njalo
ngangiphumelela kubuJuda ngaphezu kwabanengi
abayintanga yami esizweni sami, ngatshisekela
ngokwengeziweyo amasiko abababa. **15** Kodwa nxa
kwaba kuhle kuNkulunkulu, owangehlukanisa kusukela
esizalweni sikamama, wangibiza ngomusa wakhe, **16**
ukwembula iNdodana yakhe kimi, ukuze ngiyitshumayele
phakathi kwabezizwe, khona lapho kangelulekananga
lenyama legazi; **17** futhi kangenyukelanga eJerusalema
kubo ababengabaphostoli ngaphambi kwami, kodwa
ngasuka ngaya eArabhiya, ngasengiphinda ngibuyela
eDamaseko. **18** Emva kwalokho sekwedlule iminyaka
emithathu ngenyukela eJerusalema ukuyabonana
loPetro, ngasengihlala laye insuku ezilitshumi lanhlanu. **19**
Kodwa kangibonanga lamunye wabaphostoli, ngaphandle
kukaJakobe umfowabo weNkosi. **20** Lezinto engilibhalela
zona, khangelani, phambi kukaNkulunkulu, kangiqambi
manga. **21** Emva kwalokho ngaya ezabelweni zeSiriya
lezeKilikhiya. **22** Njalo ngangingakaziwa ngobuso
emabandleni eJudiya ayekuKristu; **23** kodwa ayesizwa
nje ukuthi: Owake wasizingela, usetshumayela ukholo
owake waluchitha, **24** asedumisa uNkulunkulu kimi.

2 Emva kwalokho sekwedlule iminyaka elitshumi
lane ngenyukela futhi eJerusalema kanye
loBarnabasi, ngathatha loTitosi futhi; **2** ngasengisenyuka
ngesambulelo, ngasengibalandisela ivangeli
engilitshumayela phakathi kwabezizwe, kodwa ngasese
kulabo ababelodumo, hlezi mhlawumbe ngigijimele
kumbe ngagijimela ize. **3** Kodwa ngitsho uTitosi
owayelami, engumGriki, kacindezelwanga ukuthi asokwe;
4 njalo ngenxa yabazalwane bamanga abangeniswa
ngensitha, abangena ngokunyenya ukuze bahlole
ukukhululeka kwethu esilakho kuKristu Jesu, ukuze
basenze izigqili; **5** esingabathobelanga ngokuzehlisa
ngitsho okwehola, ukuze iqiniso levangeli lime njalo kini. **6**
Kodwa kulabo okuthiwa bayilutho (loba babeyini kakutsho
lutho kimi; uNkulunkulu kemukeli isimo somuntu)
ngoba labo ababedunyisiwe kabangelekelelanga
ngalutho; **7** kodwa kokuphambeneyo, bebona ukuthi
ngaphiwa ivangeli lokungasoki, njengoPetro elokusoka,
8 ngoba owenza ngamandla kuPetro kubuphostoli
bokusoka, wenza ngamandla lakimi kwabezizwe,
9 bathi besazi umusa engiwuphiweyo, oJakobe
loKefasi loJohane, abadume bezinsika, banika mina
loBarnabasi isandla sokunene sobudlelwano, ukuze
thina siye kwabezizwe, bona-ke ekusokweni; **10**
kuphela ukuze sikhumbule abayanga, into le lami
engangikhuthalele ukuyenza. **11** Kodwa kwathi uPetro
efika eAntiyoki, ngamelana laye ebusweni, ngoba
wayefanele asolwe. **12** Ngoba bengakafiki abathile
abavela kuJakobe, wayesidla labezizwe; kodwa
kuthe sebefikile, wamonyuka wazehlukanisa, esesaba
abokusoka. **13** Lamanye futhi amaJuda azenzisa
kanye laye, kwaze kwathi loBarnabasi wathatheka
ngokuzenzisa kwawo. **14** Kodwa kuthe sengibonile
ukuthi kabahambi ngokuqonda eqinisweni levangeli,
ngathi kuPetro phambi kwabo bonke: Uba wena
ungumJuda, uphila ngokwabezizwe njalo kungeyisikho
ngokwamaJuda, ubacindezelelani abezizwe ukuthi
baphile ngokwamaJuda? **15** Thina singamaJuda
ngemvelo, njalo kasisizo izoni ezivela kwabezizwe,
16 sisazi ukuthi umuntu kalungisiswa ngemisebenzi
yomlayo, kodwa ngokholo lukaJesu Kristu, lathi
sakholwa kuKristu Jesu, ukuze silungisiswe ngokholo
lukaKristu, njalo kungeyisikho ngemisebenzi yomlayo;
ngoba ngemisebenzi yomlayo kakuyikulungisiswa
nyama. **17** Kodwa uba thina, esidinga ukulungisiswa
kuKristu, lathi uqobo sificwe siyizoni, ngakho uKristu
uyisisebenzi sesono yini? Phinde! **18** Ngoba uba
ngibuye ngakhe izinto engizidilizileyo, ngitshengisa
ukuthi ngingophambekayo. **19** Ngoba ngomlayo mina
ngafa kuwo umlayo, ukuze ngiphile kuNkulunkulu.
20 Ngibethelwe kanye loKristu, kodwa ngiyaphila;
kakuseyimi-ke, kodwa uKristu uphila kimi; kodwa
lokhu engikuphila khathesi enyameni ngikuphila
ekholweni lweNdodana kaNkulunkulu eyangithandayo

njalo yazinikelela mina. **21** Kangiwutshayi ize umusa
kaNkulunkulu; ngoba uba ukulunga kusiya ngomlayo,
ngakho uKristu wafela ize.

3 Hawu maGalathiya ayizithutha, ngubani oliloyileyo
ukuze lingalaleli iqiniso, lina abekwa obala
phambi kwamehlo enu uJesu Kristu, ebethelwe
phakathi kwenu? **2** Yilokhu kuphela engithanda
ukukufunda kini ukuthi: Lemukela uMoya ngemisebenzi
yomlayo yini, loba ngokuzwa kokholo? **3** Kanti
liyizithutha kangaka? Liqale ngoMoya seliphelelisiwa
ngenyama yini? **4** Lahlupheka izinto ezinengi kangaka
ngeze yini? Uba-ke ngitsho ngeze. **5** Ngakho
yena olinika uMoya losebenza imisebenzi yamandla
phakathi kwenu, kungaba ngemisebenzi yomlayo
yini, kumbe ngokuzwa kokholo? **6** NjengoAbrahama
wakholwa kuNkulunkulu, kwabalelwa-ke kuye ukuthi
yikulunga. **7** Ngakho liyazi ukuthi labo abangabokholo,
bona bangabantwana bakaAbrahama. **8** Lombhalo,
ubona ngaphambili ukuthi uNkulunkulu ulungisisa
abezizwe ngokholo, watshumayela ivangeli ngaphambili
kuAbrahama wathi: Izizwe zonke zizabusiswa kuwe. **9**
Ngakho abangabokholo babusiswa kanye loAbrahama
okholwayo. **10** Ngoba bonke abemisebenzi yomlayo
bangaphansi kwesiqalekiso; ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi:
Uqalekisiwe wonke ongaqhubeki kukho konke
okulotshiweyo encwadini yomlayo ukukwenza. **11** Kodwa
kusobala ukuthi ngomlayo kakulamuntu olungisiswayo
phambi kukaNkulunkulu; ngoba: Olungileyo uzaphila
ngokholo; **12** kodwa umlayo kawusiwo wokholo, kodwa
kuthiwa: Umuntu owenza lezizinto uzaphila kuzo. **13**
UKristu wasihlenga kusiqalekiso somlayo, esenziwe
waba yisiqalekiso esikhundleni sethu; ngoba kulotshiwe
ukuthi: Uqalekisiwe wonke olenga esihlahleni; **14**
ukuze kuthi isibusiso sikaAbrahama sifike kwabezizwe
ngoKristu Jesu, ukuze semukele isithembiso sikaMoya
ngokholo. **15** Bazalwane, ngikhuluma njengokomuntu;
ngitsho isivumelwano somuntu esiqinisiweyo, kakho
osichithayo loba osengezelelayo. **16** Njalo izithembiso
zakhulunywa kuAbrahama lenzalweni yakhe. Katsho
ukuthi: Lezinzalweni, njengokungathi zinengi, kodwa
njengokungathi ngeyodwa ukuthi: Lenzalweni yakho,
enguKristu. **17** Lalokho ngiyakutsho: Umlayo oweza emva
kweminyaka engamakhulu amane lamatshumi amathathu
kawusesuli isivumelwano esaqiniswa nguNkulunkulu
kuKristu ngaphambili, ukuze usenze isithembiso sibe
yize. **18** Ngoba uba ilifa livela emlayweni, alisaveli
esithembisweni; kodwa uNkulunkulu walinika uAbrahama
ngesithembiso. **19** Pho, umlayo uyini? Wengezwa ngenxa
yeziphambeko, kuze kufike inzalo eyanikwa isithembiso;
wamiswa ngezingilosi esandleni somlamuli. **20** Kodwa
umlamuli kayisuye woyedwa, kodwa uNkulunkulu
munye. **21** Pho umlayo uphambene lezithembiso
zikaNkulunkulu yini? Phinde! Ngoba uba wawunikiwe
umlayo olamandla okuphilisa, isibili ukulunga ngabe
kuvela ngomlayo. **22** Kodwa umbhalo uvalele konke
ngaphansi kwesono, ukuze isithembiso ngokholo
lukaJesu Kristu siphiwe abakholwayo. **23** Kodwa
kungakafiki ukholo, sasilondolozwe ngaphansi komlayo,
sivalelwe kuze kube sekholweni obeluzakwembulwa.
24 Ngakho umlayo wawungumeluleki wethu kuKristu,
ukuze silungisiswe ngokholo; **25** kodwa selufikile
ukholo, kasisekho ngaphansi kukameluleki. **26** Ngoba
lonke lingabantwana bakaNkulunkulu ngokholo kuKristu
Jesu. **27** Ngoba lonke elabhabhathizelwa kuKristu,
lembethe uKristu; **28** kakukho umJuda lomGriki,
kakukho obotshiweyo lokhululekileyo, kakukho owesilisa
lowesifazana; ngoba lina lonke limunye kuKristu Jesu. **29**
Uba-ke lingabakaKristu, ngakho liyinzalo kaAbrahama,
njalo liyizindlalifa njengokwesithembiso.

4 Kodwa ngithi, ngaso sonke isikhathi indlalifa
iseyingane, kayehlukananga ngalutho esigqilini
lanxa ingumnikazi wakho konke; **2** kodwa ingaphansi
kwabaphathi lababonisi, kuze kufike isikhathi esamiswa
nguyise. **3** Ngokunjalo lathi, lapho siseyizingane,
sasiyizigqili ngaphansi kwemfundiso zakuqala zomhlaba;
4 kodwa kwathi ukuphelela kwesikhathi sekufikile,
uNkulunkulu wathuma iNdodana yakhe, yazalwa
ngowesifazana, yenziwa ngaphansi komthetho, **5**
ukuze ihlenge abangaphansi komlayo, ukuze semukele
ukuma kwabantwana. **6** Njengoba lingamadodana,
uNkulunkulu wathuma uMoya weNdodana yakhe
enhliziyweni zenu, ememeza esithi: Abha, Baba! **7**
Ngakho kawuseyiso isigqili, kodwa indodana; njalo uba
uyindodana, futhi uyindlalifa kaNkulunkulu ngoKristu.
8 Kodwa ngalesosikhathi, lingamazi uNkulunkulu,
laliyizigqili kulabo abangeyisibo onkulunkulu ngemvelo; **9**
kodwa khathesi lokhu selimazi uNkulunkulu, yebo kangithi
lisaziwa nguNkulunkulu, libuyela njani futhi kumfundiso
zakuqala ezibuthakathaka leziyibuyanga, elifuna ukuba
yizigqili zazo futhi kakutsha? **10** Ligcina izinsuku,
lezinyanga lezikhathi, leminyaka. **11** Ngilovalo ngani, hlezi
ngitshikatshikele ize kini. **12** Banini njengami, ngoba lami
nginjengani, bazalwane, ngiyalincenga; kalingonanga
ngalutho; **13** liyazi-ke ukuthi ngobuthakathaka benyama
ngatshumayela ivangeli kini ngokokuqala, **14** lokulingwa
kwami okwakusenyameni yami kalikudelelanga njalo
kalikwenyanyanga, kodwa langemukela njengengilosi
kaNkulunkulu, njengoKristu Jesu. **15** Ngakho sasiyini
isibusiso senu? Ngoba ngiyalifakazela ukuthi, uba
kungenzeka, lalingakhupha amehlo enu linginike.
16 Ngakho sengibeyisitha senu ngokulitshela iqiniso
yini? **17** Bayalitshisekela ngokungekuhle; kodwa
bafuna ukulivalela ngaphandle, ukuze litshisekele
bona. **18** Kodwa kuhle ukuthi litshisekelelwe kokuhle
isikhathi sonke, njalo kungabi sebukhoneni bami lani
kuphela. **19** Bantwana bami abancane, engilomhelo
futhi wokulizala aze uKristu abunjwe kini, **20** kodwa

bengingathanda ukuba khona lani khathesi, ngiphendule
ilizwi lami, ngoba ngididekile ngani. 21 Ngitshelani,
lina elithanda ukuba ngaphansi komlayo, kaliwuzwa
yini umlayo? 22 Ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi uAbrahama
wayelamadodana amabili; enye ingeyesigqilikazi,
lenye ingeyokhululekileyo. 23 Kodwa eyesigqilikazi
yazalwa ngokwenyama, kodwa eyokhululekileyo
ngesithembiso. 24 Okuyizinto ezingumzekeliso; ngoba
laba bayizivumelwano ezimbili; esinye esentabeni iSinayi,
esizalela ebugqilini, esinguAgari. 25 Ngoba lokhu, uAgari,
kuyintaba iSinayi eseArabhiya, njalo imele iJerusalema
yalamuhla, futhi iyisigqili kanye labantwana bayo. 26
Kodwa iJerusalema ephezulu ikhululekile, engumama
wethu sonke; 27 ngoba kulotshiwe ukuthi: Thokoza,
wena nyumba engazaliyo; kekela umemeze, wena
ongawuzwanga umhelo; ngoba abantwana botshiyiweyo
banengi okwedlula kakhulu kulaye olendoda. 28
Kodwa thina, bazalwane, njengoIsaka singabantwana
besithembiso. 29 Kodwa njengakulesosikhathi owazalwa
ngokwenyama wamzingela yena ongowakoMoya, kunjalo
lakhathesi. 30 Kodwa umbhalo uthini? Uthi: Xotsha
isigqilikazi lendodana yaso; ngoba indodana yesigqilikazi
kayisoze idle ilifa kanye lendodana yokhululekileyo. 31
Ngakho, bazalwane, kasisibo abantwana besigqilikazi,
kodwa bokhululekileyo.

5 Ngakho manini liqine enkululekweni uKristu asikhulula
ngayo, lingabuyi libotshelwe futhi ejogweni lobugqili.
2 Khangelani, mina Pawuli ngithi kini, uba lisokwa,
uKristu kayikulisiza ngalutho. 3 Ngiyafakaza-ke futhi
kumuntu wonke osokwayo, ukuthi ulomlandu wokwenza
umlayo wonke. 4 Likhutshiwe kuKristu, lina elilungisiswa
ngomlayo; liwile emuseni. 5 Ngoba thina ngoMoya
silindele ngokholo ithemba lokulunga. 6 Ngoba kuKristu
Jesu ukusoka kumbe ukungasoki kakusizi lutho, kodwa
ukholo olusebenza ngothando. 7 Beligijima kuhle; ngubani
olivimbele ukuthi lingalaleli iqiniso? 8 Lokhukuhuga
kakuveli kolibizayo. 9 Imvubelo eyingcosana ibilisa
inhlama yonke. 10 Mina ngilethemba ngani eNkosini,
ukuthi kaliyikunakana okwehlukeneyo; kodwa lowo
olihluphayo uzathwala isigwebo, loba engubani. 11
Kodwa mina, bazalwane, uba ngisatshumayela ukusoka,
ngisazingelelwani? Ngakho isikhubekiso sesiphambano
sisusiwe. 12 Sengathi abalihluphayo bangazithena labo.
13 Ngoba lina labizelwa enkululekweni, bazalwane;
kuphela lingenzi inkululeko ibe lithuba enyameni, kodwa
ngothando sebenzelanani. 14 Ngoba umlayo wonke
ugcwaliseka elizwini linye, kulokhu ukuthi: Wothanda
umakhelwane wakho njengalokhu uzithanda wena.
15 Kodwa uba lilumana lidlana, qaphelani ukuthi
lingaqedwa omunye ngomunye. 16 Kodwa ngithi:
Hambani ngoMoya, lingagcwalisi lakanye inkanuko
zenyama. 17 Ngoba inyama ikhanuka okuphambene
loMoya, loMoya okuphambene lenyama; njalo lezizinto
ziphambene, ukuze lingenzi izinto elizifunayo. 18
Kodwa uba likhokhelwa nguMoya, kalikho ngaphansi
komlayo. 19 Imisebenzi yenyama-ke isobala, eyile:
Ukufeba, ukuphinga, ukungcola, amanyala, 20 ukukhonza
izithombe, ukuthakatha, ubutha, inkani, umona, ulaka,
ukubanga, ukuxabana, ukubhazuka, 21 umhawu,
ukubulala, ukudakwa, ukuminza, lezinye izinto ezinjalo;
engilitshela ngakho ngaphambili, njengoba ngatsho futhi
ngaphambili, ukuthi abenza izinto ezinje kabayikulidla
ilifa lombuso kaNkulunkulu. 22 Kodwa isithelo sikaMoya
luthando, intokozo, ukuthula, ukubekezela, ububele,
ukulunga, ukholo, 23 ubumnene, ukuzithiba; kokunje
kakulamlayo. 24 Kodwa abakaKristu babethele inyama
kanye lokuhugeka lezinkanuko. 25 Uba siphila ngoMoya,
njalo asihambe ngoMoya. 26 Kasingazikhukhumezi,
siqalane, sifelane umona.

6 Bazalwane, uba-ke umuntu esehlelwa yisiphambeko
esithile, lina abakaMoya mlungiseni onjalo ngomoya
wobumnene, uziqaphele, hlezi lawe ulingwe. 2
Thwalisanani imithwalo yenu, langokunjalo gcwalisani
umlayo kaKristu. 3 Ngoba uba umuntu ezitsho
ukuthi uyilutho, engesilutho, uyazikhohlisa; 4 kodwa
ngulowo lalowo kahlole owakhe umsebenzi, khona-
ke ezakuba lokuzincoma ngokungokwakhe yedwa,
njalo kungabi ngokomunye. 5 Ngoba ngulowo
lalowo uzathwala owakhe umthwalo. 6 Lofundiswa
ilizwi kahlanganyele ezintweni zonke ezinhle lalowo
ofundisayo. 7 Lingakhohliswa, uNkulunkulu kahlekwa
usulu; ngoba loba yini ayihlanyelayo umuntu yiyo leyo
azayivuna. 8 Ngoba ohlanyela kweyakhe inyama,
uzavuna ukubhubha kuvela enyameni; kodwa ohlanyela
kuMoya uzavuna impilo elaphakade ivela kuMoya. **(aiōnios g166)** 9 Kodwa kasingadinwa ekwenzeni okuhle; ngoba
ngesikhathi esifaneleyo sizavuna, uba singadinwanga.
10 Ngakho-ke njengoba silethuba, asenze okuhle kubo
bonke, kodwa ikakhulu kwabendlu yokholo. 11 Bonani
amabala amakhulu kangaka engilibhalela ngawo ngesami
isandla. 12 Bonke abafuna ukubukeka enyameni,
yibo abalicindezela ukuthi lisokwe, kuphela ukuze
bangazingelwa ngenxa yesiphambano sikaKristu. 13
Ngoba ngitsho lalabo abasokwayo kabawugcini umlayo,
kodwa bafuna ukuthi lisokwe, ukuze bazincome enyameni
yenu. 14 Kodwa kimi kakungabi khona ukuzincoma
ngaphandle kwesiphambanweni seNkosi yethu uJesu
Kristu, okubethelwe ngaso umhlaba kimi, lami kuwo
umhlaba. 15 Ngoba kuKristu Jesu ukusoka kakusizi
lutho, kumbe ukungasoki, kodwa isidalwa esitsha.
16 Njalo bonke abazahamba ngalesisimiso, ukuthula
kakube phezu kwabo, lesihawu, laphezu kukaIsrayeli
kaNkulunkulu. 17 Kusukela khathesi, kakungabi lamuntu
ongihluphayo; ngoba mina ngithwele emzimbeni wami
impawu zeNkosi uJesu. 18 Umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu
Kristu kawube lomoya wenu, bazalwane. Ameni.

Kwabase-Efesu

1 UPawuli, umphostoli kaJesu Kristu ngentando
kaNkulunkulu, kubo abangcwele abaseEfesu,
labathembekileyo kuKristu Jesu: **2** Umusa kawube
kini lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu
laseNkosini uJesu Kristu. **3** Ubusisiwe uNkulunkulu
loYise weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, osibusisileyo
ngaso sonke isibusiso somoya ezintweni zezulwini
kuKristu; **4** njengoba wasikhetha kuye ngaphambi
kokusekelwa komhlaba, ukuthi sibe ngcwele, njalo
singasoleki phambi kwakhe ethandweni, **5** esesimisele
ngaphambili ukuma kwabantwana kuye ngoJesu Kristu,
njengokufisa okuhle kwentando yakhe, **6** kube ludumo
lobukhosi bomusa wakhe, asiphe wona ngesihle
ngaye oThandiweyo; **7** esilohlengo kuye ngegazi
lakhe, uthethelelo lweziphambeko, njengokwenotho
yomusa wakhe, **8** awengezelele kithi kuyo yonke
inhlakanipho lokuqonda, **9** esesazisile imfihlo yentando
yakhe, njengokufisa kwakhe okuhle, akumisa kuye
ngokwakhe, **10** ukuze, ekuphatheni kokugcwaliseka
kwezikhathi, ahlanganise ndawonye izinto zonke
kuKristu, zombili ezisemazulwini lezisemhlabeni; **11**
ngitsho kuye, lathi esabelwa ilifa kuye, esamiselwa
ngaphambili njengokwesimiso sakhe owenzayo izinto
zonke njengokwecebo lentando yakhe, **12** ukuze sibe
ngabodumo lobukhosi bakhe, esathemba kuKristu
kuqala; **13** eselithemba kuye lani, selizwile ilizwi leqiniso,
ivangeli losindiso lwenu; kuye selikholiwe lani laphawulwa
nguMoya oNgcwele wesithembiso, **14** oyisibambiso
selifa lethu, kube yikuhlengwa okuzuziweyo, kudumo
lobukhosi bakhe. **15** Ngenxa yalokho lami sengizwile
ngokholo lwenu eNkosini uJesu lothando kubo bonke
abangcwele, **16** kangiyekeli ukulibongela, ngiliphatha
emikhulekweni yami; **17** ukuze uNkulunkulu weNkosi
yethu uJesu Kristu, uYise wodumo, alinike umoya
wenhlakanipho lowesambulo elwazini lwakhe; **18** amehlo
engqondo yenu akhanyiswe, ukuze lazi ukuthi liyini
ithemba lobizo lwakhe, lokuthi iyini inotho yodumo
lwelifa lakhe kwabangcwele, **19** lokuthi buyini ubukhulu
bamandla akhe obudlula amalawulo kithi esikholwa
njengokusebenza kobuninimandla bamandla akhe, **20**
awasebenzisa kuKristu, emvusa kwabafileyo, njalo
emhlalisa ngakwesokunene sakhe endaweni zezulu,
21 phezulu kakhulu kwakho konke ukubusa lobukhulu
lamandla lobukhosi, lebizo lonke elibizwayo, kungeyisikho
kulesisikhathi kuphela, kodwa lakwesizayo; **(aiōn g165)** **22**
wasebeka konke ngaphansi kwenyawo zakhe, wamnikela
ukuba yinhloko phezu kwakho konke kulo ibandla, **23**
elingumzimba wakhe, ukugcwala kwalowo ogcwalisa
konke kukho konke.

2 Lina-kewalivusa elalifile ngeziphambeko langezono,
2 elalikade lihamba kuzo njengokwendlela
yalumhlaba, njengokombusi wamandla omkhathi,
awomoya osebenzayo khathesi phakathi kwabantwana
bokungalaleli; **(aiōn g165)** **3** lathi sonke sake sahamba
phakathi kwabo enkanukweni zenyama yethu, sisenza
intando zenyama lezemicabango, njalo ngokwemvelo
sasingabantwana bolaka, njengabanye labo; **4** kodwa
uNkulunkulu, enothile esihawini, ngenxa yothando lwakhe
olukhulu asithanda ngalo, **5** lanxa sasifile ngeziphambeko,
wasiphilisa kanye loKristu (ngomusa lisindisiwe), **6** njalo
wasivusa kanye laye, wasesihlalisa kanye laye endaweni
zezulwini kuKristu Jesu; **7** ukuze abonakalise ezikhathini
ezizayo inotho yomusa wakhe edlula amalawulo
ngobubele kithi kuKristu Jesu; **(aiōn g165)** **8** ngoba
ngomusa lisindisiwe ngokholo, lalokhu kakuveli kini;
yisipho sikaNkulunkulu; **9** kakuveli emisebenzini, ukuze
kungabi khona ozincomayo. **10** Ngoba singumsebenzi
wakhe, kuKristu Jesu sadalelwa imisebenzi emihle,
uNkulunkulu ayilungisela ngaphambili, ukuze sihambe
kiyo. **11** Ngakho khumbulani ukuthi lina lake laba
ngabezizwe enyameni, ababizwa ngokuthi yikungasoki
ngalokhu okuthiwa yikusoka enyameni okwenziwe
ngezandla, **12** ukuthi ngalesosikhathi lalingelaye
uKristu, abemzini kubusakhamuzi bakoIsrayeli, njalo
abezizwe kuzivumelwano zesithembiso, lalingelathemba,
njalo lingelaye uNkulunkulu emhlabeni. **13** Kodwa
khathesi-ke kuKristu Jesu lina elalikade likhatshana,
seliseduze ngegazi likaKristu. **14** Ngoba yena uyikuthula
kwethu, owenza kokubili kwaba kunye, lowabhidliza
umduli ophakathi owesehlukaniso, **15** echithile ubutha
enyameni yakhe, umlayo wemithetho ezimisweni,
ukuze kuye labo ababili abadale babe ngumuntu
munye omutsha, enze ukuthula, **16** njalo enze ukuthi
bobabili babuyisane loNkulunkulu emzimbeni munye
ngesiphambano, esebulele ubutha ngaso; **17** njalo
weza watshumayela ukuthula kini elalikhatshana,
lakulabo ababeseduze; **18** ngoba ngaye sobabili
silokungena ngoMoya munye kuBaba. **19** Ngakho-
ke kaliseyibo abemzini lezihambi, kodwa izakhamizi
kanye labangcwele njalo abendlu kaNkulunkulu, **20**
lakhiwe phezu kwesisekelo sabaphostoli labaprofethi,
uJesu Kristu uqobo eyilitshe eliyinhloko yengonsi, **21**
okuhlanganiselwe kuye isakhiwo sonke sikhule sibe
lithempeli elingcwele eNkosini, **22** elakhiwa kuye lani
kanye labanye libe yindlu yokuhlala kaNkulunkulu
kuMoya.

3 Ngenxa yalokhu mina Pawuli, isibotshwa sikaKristu
Jesu ngani abezizwe, **2** uba kambe selizwile
ngokuphathwa komusa kaNkulunkulu engawuphiwelwa
lina, **3** ukuthi njengesambulelo wangazisa imfihlo
(njengalokhu ngabhala ngaphambili ngamafitshane, **4**
okungalokhu, nxa lifunda, lingazi ulwazi lwami emfihlweni
kaKristu); **5** yona engaziswanga ezizukulwaneni ezinye
ebantwaneni babantu, njengalokhu isiyembuliwe khathesi
kubaphostoli bakhe abangcwele labaprofethi ngoMoya;

6 ukuthi abezizwe babe yizindlalifa abahlanganyeli
lomzimba ofananayo labahlanganyeli besithembiso
sakhe kuKristu, ngevangeli, 7 engenziwa ngalo isikhonzi
njengokwesipho somusa kaNkulunkulu engiwuphiwe
ngokusebenza kwamandla akhe. 8 Kimi, engimncinyane
kulomncinyane wabo bonke abangcwele, lowomusa
ngawuphiwa, ukuthi ngitshumayele kwabezizwe ivangeli
lenotho kaKristu engelakulinganiswa, 9 lokukhanyisela
bonke ukuthi buyini ubudlelwano bemfihlo, ebifihliwe
kusukela endulo kuNkulunkulu owadala izinto zonke
ngoJesu Kristu, (aiōn g165) 10 ukuze khathesi
emibusweni lemandleni endaweni zezulu yaziswe
libandla inhlakanipho kaNkulunkulu ezinhlobonhlobo,
11 njengokwecebo laphakade alenza ngoKristu Jesu
iNkosi yethu; (aiōn g165) 12 esilesibindi kuye lokungena
ngethemba, ngokholo lwakhe. 13 Ngakho ngiyacela
ukuthi lingalahli ithemba enhluphekweni zami ngani,
eziludumo lwenu. 14 Ngenxa yalokhu ngiguqa ngamadolo
kuYise weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, 15 okubizwa ngaye
usendo lonke olusemazulwini lolusemhlabeni, 16 ukuze
alinike, njengokwenotho yobukhosi bakhe, liqiniswe
ngamandla ngoMoya wakhe emuntwini ongaphakathi,
17 ukuze uKristu ahlale ngokholo enhliziyweni zenu;
ligxilile lisekelwe ethandweni, 18 ukuze libe lamandla
sibili okuqedisisa kanye labo bonke abangcwele, ukuthi
kuyini ububanzi lobude lokutshona lokuphakama, 19
lokwazi uthando lukaKristu olwedlula ulwazi, ukuze
ligcwaliswe ngokugcwala konke kukaNkulunkulu. 20
Njalo kuye, olamandla phezu kwakho konke okwenza
okwedlula ngokwengezelelweyo kwesikucelayo kumbe
esikunakanayo, njengamandla asebenza kithi, 21 kuye
kakube udumo ebandleni kuKristu Jesu, ezizukulwaneni
zonke zaphakade laphakade. Ameni. (aiōn g165)

4 Ngakho ngiyalincenga, mina isibotshwa eNkosini,
ukuthi lihambe ngokufanele ubizo elabizwa ngalo,
2 kanye lokuthobeka konke lobumnene, lokubekezela,
libekezelelane ethandweni, 3 likhuthale ukugcina
ukuhlangana koMoya ngesibopho sokuthula. 4 Munye
umzimba njalo munye uMoya, njengalokhu lani labizwa
ethembeni linye lobizo lwenu; 5 yinye iNkosi, lunye
ukholo, lunye ubhabhathizo, 6 munye uNkulunkulu loYise
wabo bonke, ophezu kwabo bonke, langabo bonke,
lakini lonke. 7 Kodwa ngulowo lalowo wethu waphiwa
umusa njengokwesilinganiso sesipho sikaKristu. 8
Ngakho uthi: Ekwenyukeleni kwakhe phezulu wathumba
ukuthunjwa, wanika abantu izipho. 9 Lokhu-ke ukuthi:
Wenyuka, kuyini ngaphandle kokuthi laye wehlela kuqala
kungxenye ezingaphansi zomhlaba? 10 Owehlayo, nguye
owenyukela futhi khatshana ngaphezulu kwamazulu
wonke, ukuze agcwalise izinto zonke. 11 Yena
wasenika abanye babe ngabaphostoli, labanye babe
ngabaprofethi, labanye babe ngabavangeli, labanye babe
ngabelusi labafundisi, 12 ekupheleliswen kwabangcwele,
emsebenzini wenkonzo, ekwakhiweni komzimba kaKristu;
13 size sifike sonke ebunyeni bokholo, lobolwazi
lweNdodana kaNkulunkulu, endodeni epheleleyo,
esilinganisweni sesimo sokugcwala kukaKristu; 14 ukuze
singabe sisaba zinsane, ezizuliswa ngamagagasi njalo
ezithwalelwa le lale yiwo wonke umoya wemfundiso,
ngenkohliso yabantu, ngobuqili becebo lokuphambuka;
15 kodwa sikhulume iqiniso ethandweni sikhule kukho
konke kuye, oyinhloko, uKristu, 16 okuvela kuye
umzimba wonke, ohlanganiswe kuhle njalo ubambene,
ngokwelekelelana kwalo lonke ilunga, njengokusebenza
esilinganisweni saleso laleso isitho, wenza ukukhula
komzimba ekuzakheni kwawo ethandweni. 17 Ngakho
ngitsho lokho ngifakaza eNkosini, ukuthi lingabe
lisahamba lanjengabanye abezizwe behamba ebuzeni
bengqondo yabo, 18 befiphaziwe engqondweni, benziwe
abemzini empilweni kaNkulunkulu ngokungazi okukibo,
ngobulukhuni benhliziyo yabo; 19 abathi sebentunyile,
bazinikela emanyaleni, ekwenzeni kokungcola konke
ngomhawu. 20 Kodwa lina kalimfundanga ngokunjalo
uKristu, 21 uba-ke limzwile lafundiswa kuye, njengoba
iqiniso likuJesu; 22 ukuthi lilahle mayelana lohambo
lokuqala, umuntu omdala, owonakala mayelana
lezifiso zenkohliso; 23 njalo lenziwe batsha emoyeni
wengqondo yenu, 24 njalo lembathe umuntu omutsha,
odalwe njengokukaNkulunkulu ekulungeni lebungcweleni
beqiniso. 25 Ngakho lilahla amanga, khulumani iqiniso
ngulowo lalowo lomakhelwane wakhe; ngoba siyizitho
omunye komunye. 26 Thukuthelani lingoni; ilanga
kalingatshoni phezu kolaka lwenu; 27 futhi lingamniki
indawo udiyabhola. 28 Owebayo kangabe eseba; kodwa
kulalokhu kakhuthale, asebenze okuhle ngezandla zakhe,
ukuze abe lakho ukwabela olenswelo. 29 Kakungaphumi
emlonyeni wenu lalinye ilizwi elibolileyo, kodwa kuphela
okuhle okulungele ukwakha njengokufaneleyo, ukuze
kunike umusa kubo abezwayo. 30 Njalo lingamdabukisi
uMoya oyiNgcwele kaNkulunkulu, elaphawulwa ngaye
kuze kube lusuku lohlengo. 31 Konke ukubaba
lentukuthelo lolaka lomsindo lokunyeya kakususwe
kini, kanye layo yonke inzondo; 32 kodwa libe mnene
omunye komunye, lilesihawu, lithethelelane, njengalokhu
uNkulunkulu laye walithethelela kuKristu.

5 Ngakho banini ngabalandeli bakaNkulunkulu,
njengabantwana abathandekayo; 2 njalo lihambe
ethandweni, njengalokhu uKristu laye wasithanda,
wazinikelela thina abe ngumnikelo lomhlatshelo
kuNkulunkulu ukuba luqhatshi olumnandi. 3 Kodwa
ubufebe lakho konke ukungcola kumbe umhawu
kakungaphathwa lakanye phakathi kwenu, njengoba
kufanele abangcwele; 4 lamanyala, lokukhuluma
okuyize, kumbe ukusoma okulenhlamba, okuyizinto
ezingafanelanga; kodwa kulalokhu, ukubonga. 5 Ngoba
lokhu liyakwazi, ukuthi sonke isifebe, kumbe ongcolileyo,
kumbe olomhawu, ongumkhonzi wezithombe, kalalifa
embusweni kaKristu lokaNkulunkulu. 6 Kakungabi

lamuntu olikhohlisayo ngamazwi ayize; ngoba ngenxa
yalezizinto ulaka lukaNkulunkulu luyehlela phezu
kwabantwana bokungalaleli. **7** Ngakho lingabi
ngabahlanganyeli labo. **8** Ngoba lake laba ngumnyama,
kodwa khathesi liyikukhanya eNkosini; hambani
njengabantwana bokukhanya, **9** ngoba isithelo sikaMoya
sikubo bonke ubuhle lokulunga leqiniso, **10** lihlolisise
okuthokozisayo eNkosini; **11** njalo lingahlanganyeli
lemisebenzi yobumnyama engelazithelo, kodwa-ke
kulalokho solani; **12** ngoba kuthelela inhloni lokukhuluma
ngezinto ezenziwa yibo ekusithekeni. **13** Kodwa konke
okusolwayo yikukhanya kuyabonakaliswa; ngoba konke
okubonakaliswayo kuyikukhanya, **14** ngakho uthi:
Phaphama wena oleleyo uvuke kwabafileyo, njalo uKristu
uzakukhanyisela. **15** Ngakho qaphelani ukuthi lihamba
njani ngonanzelelo, kungabi njengezithutha, kodwa
njengabahlakaniphileyo, **16** lihlenga isikhathi, ngoba
insuku zimbi. **17** Ngakho lingabi yizithutha, kodwa
liqedisisa okuyintando yeNkosi. **18** Njalo lingadakwa
liwayini, okukulo umsindo, kodwa gcwaliswani nguMoya,
19 likhulumisana ngezihlabelelo langamahubo okudumisa
langezingoma zomoya, lihlabelele licule eNkosini
enhliziyweni yenu, **20** limbonga njalo uNkulunkulu
loBaba ngazo zonke izinto ebizweni leNkosi yethu
uJesu Kristu, **21** lizehlisela ngaphansi omunye komunye
ekumesabeni uNkulunkulu. **22** Bafazi, zehliseleni
ngaphansi kwawenu amadoda, njengeNkosini, **23**
ngoba indoda iyinhloko yomfazi, njengoba uKristu laye
eyinhloko yebandla, njalo yena unguMsindisi womzimba.
24 Kodwa njengoba-ke ibandla lehliselwe ngaphansi
kukaKristu, ngokunjalo labafazi kwawabo amadoda
kuyo yonke into. **25** Madoda, thandani abenu abafazi,
njengoKristu laye walithanda ibandla, wasezinikelela
lona; **26** ukuze azingcwelisele lona, eselihlambulule
ngesihlambo samanzi ngelizwi, **27** ukuze azimisele lona,
ibandla elilenkazimulo, elingelachatha, kumbe umxhele
kumbe okunye nje, kodwa ukuze libe ngcwele lingelacala.
28 Ngokunjalo amadoda afanele ukuthanda abawo
abafazi njengeyawo imizimba. Othanda owakhe umfazi,
uyazithanda yena; **29** ngoba kakho owake wazonda
eyakhe inyama, kodwa uyayondla ayiphathe kuhle,
njengalokhu leNkosi isenza kubandla; **30** ngoba siyizitho
zomzimba wakhe, okwenyama yakhe lokwamathambo
akhe. **31** Ngenxa yalokhu umuntu uzatshiya uyise lonina
anamathele kumkakhe, njalo laba ababili bazakuba
nyamanye. **32** Inkulu le imfihlo; kodwa mina ngikhuluma
ngoKristu lebandla. **33** Ngalokho lonke ngokukhethekileyo
lani-ke, ngulowo lalowo kathande ngokunjalo owakhe
umfazi njengaye; lomfazi ukuze ahloniphe indoda.

6 Bantwana, lalelani abazali benu eNkosini; ngoba lokhu
kulungile. **2** Hlonipha uyihlo lonyoko, okungumlayo
wokuqala olesithembiso, **3** ukuze kube kuhle kuwe,
njalo uphile isikhathi eside emhlabeni. **4** Lani bobaba,
lingabathukuthelisi abantwana benu, kodwa libondle
emlayweni lemfundisweni yeNkosi. **5** Zisebenzi,
lalelani amakhosi enu ngokwenyama, ngokwesaba
langokuthuthumela, ebuqothweni benhliziyo zenu,
njengakuKristu; **6** kungeyisikho ngenkonzo yamehlo
njengabathokozisa abantu, kodwa njengezisebenzi
zikaKristu, zisenza intando kaNkulunkulu ngenhliziyo,
7 lisebenza ngenhliziyo enhle kungathi kuseNkosini
njalo kungeyisikho ebantwini; **8** lisazi ukuthi loba yini
enhle ngulowo lalowo angayenza, enjalo uzayemukela
eNkosini, loba eyisigqili, loba engokhululekileyo. **9**
Lani makhosi, yenzani izinto ezifananayo kuzo,
liyekele ukuzisongela; lisazi ukuthi leyenu iNkosi
isemazulwini, njalo ukubandlulula umuntu kakukho
kuyo. **10** Elokucina, bazalwane bami, qinani eNkosini,
lebuninimandleni bamandla ayo. **11** Hlomani izikhali zonke
zikaNkulunkulu, ukuze libe lamandla okumelana lobuqili
bukadiyabhola; **12** ngoba kasibindani legazi lenyama,
kodwa lemibuso, lamandla, lababusi balumhlaba
wobumnyama balesisikhathi, lemimoya yamabutho obubi
ezindaweni zamazulu. **(aiōn g165)** **13** Ngakho hlomani
izikhali zonke zikaNkulunkulu, ukuze libe lamandla
okugxila osukwini olubi, lokuze kuthi lapho seliqede
konke, lime. **14** Ngakho manini, inkalo zenu zibotshiwe
ngeqiniso, lifake isivikelo sesifuba sokulunga, **15**
njalo ligqokise inyawo zenu ngokulunga kwevangeli
lokuthula; **16** phezu kwakho konke selithethe isihlangu
sokholo, elizakuba lamandla okucitsha ngaso yonke
imitshoko evuthayo yomubi. **17** Njalo thathani ikhowa
losindiso, lenkemba kaMoya, eyilizwi likaNkulunkulu,
18 ngawo wonke umkhuleko lonxuso likhuleka isikhathi
sonke kuMoya, lakulokhu lilinde ngesineke sonke
lonxuso ngabangcwele bonke, **19** langami, ukuze
ngiphiwe ilizwi ekuvuleni umlomo wami ngesibindi ukuze
ngazise imfihlo yevangeli, **20** engiyisithunywa ngalo
esisemaketaneni, ukuze ngikhulume ngesibindi kulo,
njengoba kungifanele ukuthi ngikhulume. **21** Kodwa
ukuze lani lazi izinto eziqondana lami, engikwenzayo,
uzalitshela konke uTikiko umzalwane othandekayo
lesikhonzi esithembekileyo eNkosini; **22** engimthume kini
ngakhona lokhu, ukuze lazi izinto eziqondana lathi, lokuthi
aduduze inhliziyo zenu. **23** Ukuthulakakube kubazalwane,
lothando kanye lokholo oluvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba
leNkosini uJesu Kristu. **24** Umusa kawube kubo bonke
abathanda iNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu ngokungonakaliyo.
Ameni.

KwabaseFiliphi

1 UPawuli loTimothi, izinceku zikaJesu Kristu, kubo
bonke abangcwele kuKristu Jesu abaseFiliphi,
kanye lababonisi labadikoni: 2 Umusa kawube kini
lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu leNkosini
uJesu Kristu. 3 Ngiyambonga uNkulunkulu wami
ekulikhumbuleni konke, 4 ngezikhathi zonke kuwo wonke
umkhuleko wami ngani lonke ngincenga ngentokozo, 5
ngokuhlanganyela kwenu evangelini, kusukela osukwini
lokuqala kuze kube khathesi; 6 ngilethemba lakhona
lokhu, ukuthi owaqalisa umsebenzi omuhle kini
uzawuphelelisa kuze kube sosukwini lukaJesu Kristu; 7
njengoba kulungile kimi ukuthi ngikhumbule lokhu ngani
lonke, ngoba ngilani enhliziyweni, ukuthi lekubotshweni
kwami, lekuvikeleni lekuqiniseleni ivangeli, lina lonke
lingabahlanganyeli bomusa wami. 8 Ngoba uNkulunkulu
ungumfakazi wami, wokuthi ngililangatha kangakanani
lonke emibilini kaJesu Kristu. 9 Njalo ngikhuleka lokhu,
ukuthi uthando lwenu luvame-ke lusanda ngokwanda
elwazini lekuqedisiseni konke, 10 ukuze lizivume izinto
ezinhle kakhulu, ukuze lihlambuluke lingasoleki kuze kube
sosukwini lukaKristu, 11 ligcwaliswe ngezithelo zokulunga
ezingoJesu Kristu, ebukhosini lodumo lukaNkulunkulu.
12 Kodwa ngithanda ukuthi lazi, bazalwane, ukuthi
izinto ezangehlelayo zenza kakhulu ukuqhutshelwa
phambili kwevangeli; 13 zize izibopho zami kuKristu
zibonakale esigodlweni sonke lakwabanye bonke, 14
labazalwane abanengi eNkosini, beqiniswe ngezibopho
zami, sebelesibindi esikhulu sokukhuluma ilizwi
ngokungesabi. 15 Abanye kambe batshumayela uKristu
ngomona langombango, labanye kambe ngenhliziyo
enhle; 16 laba batshumayela uKristu ngokuphikisana,
bengelaqiniso, besithi baletha ukuhlupheka ekubotshweni
kwami; 17 kodwa labo ngothando, besazi ukuthi
ngimiselwe ukuvikela ivangeli. 18 Kuyini pho?
Loba kunjalo kuyo yonke indlela, loba ekuzenziseni,
kumbe eqinisweni, uKristu uyatshunyayelwa; kulokhu-
ke ngiyathokoza, yebo ngizathokoza futhi. 19 Ngoba
ngiyazi ukuthi lokhu kuzaphendukela kimi esindisweni
ngomkhuleko wenu, langokwelekelela kukaMoya kaJesu
Kristu, 20 njengokulindela okukhulu lethemba lami,
ukuthi kangiyikuyangiswa ngalutho, kodwa ngesibindi
sonke, njengesikhathi sonke, lakhathesi uKristu
uzakhuliswa emzimbeni wami, loba ngempilo, kumbe
ngokufa. 21 Ngoba kimi ukuphila kunguKristu, lokufa
kuyinzuzo. 22 Kodwa uba ukuphila enyameni kuyisithelo
somsebenzi kimi, lengizakukhetha kangikwazi. 23 Ngoba
ngiminyezelwe ngokubili; ngilesifiso sokusuka lokuba
loKristu, okungcono kakhulukazi; 24 kodwa ukuhlala
enyameni kuyasweleka kakhulu ngenxa yenu. 25 Njalo
ngilalelithemba ngiyazi ukuthi ngizakuba khona, ngihlale
lani lonke, ekuqhubekeni kwenu lentokozweni yokholo,
26 ukuze ukuzincoma kwenu ngami kwengezwe kuKristu
Jesu kimi, ngobukhona bami kini futhi. 27 Kuphela
hambani ngokufanele ivangeli likaKristu, kuze kuthi,
loba ngifika ngilibona, loba ngingekho, ngizwe indaba
zenu, zokuthi limi emoyeni munye, ngangqondonye
lilwela ukholo lwevangeli ndawonye, 28 njalo lingethuswa
ngalutho ngabaphikisayo; okuyisibonakaliso kubo
sokubhubha, kodwa kini esosindiso, njalo lokhu kuvela
kuNkulunkulu; 29 ngoba lanikwa ngesihle esikhundleni
sikaKristu, kungeyisikho ukukholwa kuye kuphela, kodwa
lokumhluphekela; 30 lilokulwa okufananayo njengalokho
elakubona kimi, lelikuzwa kimi khathesi.

2 Ngakho uba kukhona inkuthazo kuKristu, uba kukhona
induduzo yothando, uba kukhona ubudlelwano
bukaMoya, uba kukhona imihelo lesihawu, 2 gcwalisani
intokozo yami, ukuze libe ngqondonye, libe lothando
olufananayo, libe lenhliziyonye, ukuqonda kunye; 3
lingenzi lutho ngokubangisana kumbe ngokuziqhenya,
kodwa ngokuthobeka liphakamise omunye komunye
ngcono kulani; 4 ngulowo lalowo angakhathaleli
okwakhe, kodwa ngulowo lalowo lokwabanye. 5
Ngoba kawube kini lowomqondo owawukhona lakuKristu
Jesu; 6 owathi esesimeni sikaNkulunkulu, kanakananga
ukuthi kuyikuphanga ukulingana loNkulunkulu, 7
kodwa wazidela, ethatha isimo senceku, enziwe
esimeni sabantu; 8 njalo eficwe elesimo njengomuntu,
wazithoba, waba ngolalelayo kwaze kwaba sekufeni,
yebo ukufa kwesiphambano. 9 Ngakho laye uNkulunkulu
wamphakamisa kakhulu, wamnika ibizo eliphezu kwalo
lonke ibizo; 10 ukuze kuthi ebizweni likaJesu lonke idolo
liguqe, elabezulwini, lelabemhlabeni, lelabangaphansi
komhlaba, 11 lenlimi zonke zivume ukuthi uJesu
Kristu uyiNkosi, kube ludumo kuNkulunkulu uYise.
12 Ngakho, bathandiweyo bami, njengalokho lilalela
ngezikhathi zonke, kungenjengebukhoneni bami kuphela,
kodwa khathesi ikakhulukazi ngingekho, fezani usindiso
lwenu ngokwesaba langokuthuthumela; 13 ngoba
kunguNkulunkulu osebenza kini kokubili ukuthanda
lokwenza njengentando yakhe enhle. 14 Yenzani zonke
izinto kungelakusola lokuphikisana, 15 ukuze lingasoleki
libe msulwa, abantwana bakaNkulunkulu abangelasici
phakathi kwesizukulwana esigobileyo lesiphambeneyo,
elikhanya phakathi kwaso njengokukhanya emhlabeni,
16 libonakalise ilizwi lempilo, ekuzincomeni kwami
osukwini lukaKristu, ukuthi kangigijimelanga ize, njalo
kangitshikatshikelanga ize. 17 Yebo, uba lami ngithululwa
njengomnikelo wokunathwayo phezu komhlatshelo
lenkonzo yokholo lwenu, ngiyathokoza njalo ngithokoza
kanye lani lonke; 18 ngenxa yalokho-ke thokozani lani
njalo lithokoze kanye lami. 19 Ngiyathemba-ke eNkosini
uJesu ukuthuma uTimothi kini masinyane, ukuze lami
ngithokoze lapho ngisazi izindaba zenu. 20 Ngoba
kangilaye olengqondo enjengeyakhe, ozananzelela
indaba zenu ngobuqotho, 21 ngoba bonke bazidingela

okwabo, kungeyisikho okukaKristu Jesu. 22 Kodwa
liyazi ukuqinisa kwakhe, ukuthi njengomntwana kuyise,
usebenzile lami evangelini. 23 Ngiyathemba-ke ukuhle
ngimthume yena, nxa sengibonisisile okuqondene lami;
24 kodwa ngiyathemba eNkosini, ukuthi lami ngizakuza
kini masinyane. 25 Kodwa ngibone kufanele ukuthi
ngithume kini uEpafrodithu, umzalwane lesisebenzi
lolibutho kanye lami, kodwa isithunywa senu, lesisebenzi
sokuswela kwami; 26 njengoba wayelilangatha lonke,
njalo ekhathazekile kakhulu, ngoba lezwa ukuthi
wayegula; 27 ngoba njalo wagula waphosa wafa, kodwa
uNkulunkulu wamhawukela, njalo kungeyisuye yena
yedwa, kodwa lami, ukuze ngingabi losizi phezu kosizi. 28
Ngakho ngitshisekela kakhulu ukumthuma, ukuze kuthi,
nxa limbona, lithokoze futhi, losizi lwami lunciphe. 29
Memukeleni-ke eNkosini ngentokozo yonke, libahloniphe
abanjalo-ke; 30 ngoba ngenxa yomsebenzi kaKristu
waphose wafa, edela impilo, ukuze aphelelise okusileleyo
komsebenzi wenu kimi.

3 Elokucina, bazalwane bami, thokozani eNkosini.
Ukulibhalela izinto ezifananayo, mina kakungidinisi,
kodwa lina kuyaliqinisa. 2 Nanzelelani izinja, linanzelele
izisebenzi ezimbi, linanzelele ukusika; 3 ngoba thina
siyikusoka, esikhonza uNkulunkulu ngoMoya, siziqhenya
kuKristu Jesu, njalo singathembeli enyameni; 4
lanxa mina ngilethemba futhi enyameni; uba omunye
ecabanga ukuthemba enyameni, mina kakhulu; 5
ngasokwa ngosuku lwesificaminwembili, ngingowohlanga
lukaIsrayeli, owesizwe sakoBhenjamini, umHebheru
wamaHebheru, ngokomlayo umFarisi, 6 ngokokukhuthala
ngazingela ibandla, ngokokulunga okusemlayweni
ngingasoleki. 7 Kodwa izinto ezaziyinzuzo kimi, lezo
ngazibala njengokulahlekelwa ngenxa kaKristu. 8
Yebo isibili, futhi ngikubala konke njengencithakalo
ngenxa yobuhlekazi bolwazi lukaKristu Jesu iNkosi
yami; okungenxa yakhe ngilahlekelwe yikho konke,
njalo ngakuthatha njengezibi, ukuze ngizuze uKristu,
9 njalo ngificwe kuye, ngingelakho okwami ukulunga
okuvela emlayweni, kodwa lokho okungokholo lukaKristu,
ukulunga okuvela kuNkulunkulu ngokholo; 10 ukuze
ngimazi yena lamandla okuvuka kwakhe, lokuhlanganyela
kwenhlupheko zakhe, ngenziwe ngifuze ukufa kwakhe,
11 uba kungenzeka ngifinyelele ekuvukeni kwabafileyo.
12 Kangitsho ukuthi sengikubambile, kumbe ukuthi
sengiphelelisiwe; kodwa ngixotshana lakho, ukuthi
futhi ngingakubambisisa lokho engabanjisiselwa khona
nguKristu Jesu. 13 Bazalwane, mina kangibali ukuthi mina
uqobo sengikubambisisile; kodwa kunye engikwenzayo,
ngikhohlwa okungemuva, ngizelulela kokungaphambili,
14 ngigijimela umzila ngokunxwanela emvuzweni wobizo
lwaphezulu lukaNkulunkulu kuKristu Jesu. 15 Ngakho
sonke esesiphelele, kasikhumbule lokhu; njalo uba
licabanga ulutho olwehlukeneyo, lalokhu uNkulunkulu
uzalembulela khona; 16 kodwa kulokhu esesifike kukho,
kasihambeni ngesimiso sinye, sikhumbule intonye.
17 Banini ngabahlanganyeli abangabalingiseli bami,
bazalwane, njalo baqaphelisiseni abahamba ngokunjalo,
njengoba lilathi njengesibonelo. 18 Ngoba abanengi
bahamba, engalitshela kanengi ngabo, lakhathesi
ngitsho ngezinyembezi ngithi, bayizitha zesiphambano
sikaKristu; 19 abakuphela kwabo kuyikubhujiswa,
abankulunkulu wabo uyisisu, lodumo lwabo lusehlazweni
labo, abacabanga izinto zomhlaba. 20 Ngoba ikithi
isemazulwini, lalapho esilindele ukuthi uMsindisi avele
khona, iNkosi uJesu Kristu; 21 ozaphendula umzimba
wethu wobuphansi, ukuze ufanane lomzimba wakhe
wenkazimulo, njengokusebenza elamandla ngitsho
okwehlisela ngaphansi kwakhe zonke izinto.

4 Ngakho, bazalwane bami abathandekayo
labalangathwayo, intokozo lomqhele wami,
manini liqine ngokunjalo eNkosini, bathandekayo. 2
Ngiyamncenga uYuwodiya, njalo ngiyamncenga uSintike,
ukuthi babe lomqondo munye eNkosini. 3 Ngiyakucela-
ke lawe, mnakwethu oqotho, siza labo abesifazana,
abasebenza kakhulu kanye lami evangelini, kanye
loKlementi, lezinye izisebenzi kanye lami, amabizo azo
asencwadini yempilo. 4 Thokozani eNkosini njalonjalo;
ngiyaphinda ngithi: Thokozani. 5 Ukubekezela kwenu
kakwaziwe yibo bonke abantu. INkosi iseduze. 6
Lingakhathazeki ngalutho, kodwa ezintweni zonke, izicelo
zenu kazaziwe kuNkulunkulu ngomkhuleko langonxuso
kanye lokubonga, 7 lokuthula kukaNkulunkulu,
okudlula ukuqedisisa konke, kuzalondoloza inhliziyo
zenu lemicabango yenu kuKristu Jesu. 8 Elokucina,
bazalwane, konke okuliqiniso, konke okuhloniphekayo,
konke okulungileyo, konke okuhlambulukileyo, konke
okuhle, konke okulodumo oluhle, uba kukhona okuhle
njalo uba kukhona okudumisekayo, nakanani ngakho
lokhu; 9 lelakufundayo njalo lakwemukela futhi lakuzwa
laselikubona kimi, zenzeni lezizinto; loNkulunkulu
wokuthula uzakuba lani. 10 Kodwa ngathokoza
kakhulu eNkosini, ukuthi khathesi selize lavuselela
ukunginanzelela, ebelinanzelela kambe, kodwa laswela
ithuba. 11 Kakusikho ukuthi ngitsho mayelana lenswelo;
ngoba mina sengifundile ukuthi ngeneliswe ezintweni
engikuzo. 12 Ngiyakwazi konke ukuthotshiswa,
futhi ngiyakwazi ukuba lokunengi kakhulu; kukho
konke lezintweni zonke sengifundisiwe futhi ukusutha
lokulamba, lokuba lokunengi kakhulu lokuswela. 13
Ngingakwenza konke ngoKristu engiqinisa. 14 Kodwa
lenze kuhle ngokuhlanganyela ekuhluphekeni kwami. 15
Liyazi futhi lani, beFiliphi, ukuthi ekuqaleni kwevangeli,
ekusukeni kwami eMakedoniya, kwakungekho bandla
elahlanganyela lami endabeni yokupha lokwemukela,
ngaphandle kwenu lodwa; 16 ngoba laseThesalonika
lathumela ekusweleni kwami kanye njalo laphinda. 17
Kungesikuthi ngidinga isipho, kodwa ngidinga isithelo

esengeza isikhwama senu. **18** Kodwa ngemukele konke
njalo ngengezelelwe; ngigcwele, ngengikwemukele
kuEpafrodithu izinto ezivela kini, uqhatshi olumnandi,
umnikelo owemukelekayo, othabisayo kuNkulunkulu. **19**
Kodwa uNkulunkulu wami uzagcwalisa yonke inswelo
yenu njengokwenotho yakhe ebukhosini, kuKristu Jesu.
20 Akube-ke kuNkulunkulu loBaba wethu udumo kuze
kube nini lanini. Ameni. **(aiōn g165)** **21** Bingelelani
wonke ongcwele okuKristu Jesu. Abazalwane abalami
bayalibingelela. **22** Bonke abangcwele bayalibingelela,
kodwa ikakhulu labo abendlu kaKesari. **23** Umusa
weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu kawube lani lonke. Ameni.

KwabaseKholose

1 UPawuli umphostoli kaJesu Kristu ngentando
kaNkulunkulu, loTimothi umzalwane, **2** kubo
abangcwele labazalwane abathembekileyo kuKristu
abaseKolose: Umusa kawube kini lokuthula okuvela
kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu leNkosini uJesu Kristu. **3**
Siyambonga uNkulunkulu loYise weNkosi yethu uJesu
Kristu, sikhuleka ngani njalonjalo, **4** sesizwile ngokholo
lwenu kuKristu Jesu, langothando olukwabangcwele
bonke, **5** ngethemba elibekelwe lona emazulwini, elezwa
ngalo ngaphambili ngelizwi leqiniso levangeli, **6** eselifikile
kini, njengalokhu lemhlabeni wonke, njalo lithela izithelo,
njengoba kunjalo laphakathi kwenu, kusukela ngosuku
elezwa laseliwazi umusa kaNkulunkulu ngeqiniso;
7 njengalokhu lani lafunda kuEpafra othandekayo
wethu inceku kanye lathi, oyisikhonzi esithembekileyo
sikaKristu ngani, **8** ositshele futhi ngothando lwenu
kuMoya. **9** Ngakho lathi, kusukela ngosuku esezwa
ngalo, kasiyekeli ukulikhulekela, lokucela ukuthi
ligcwaliswe ngolwazi lwentando yakhe ngenhlakanipho
yonke lokuqedisisa okungomoya, **10** ukuze lihambe
ngokufanele iNkosi kukho konke okuthokozisayo,
lithela izithelo kuwo wonke umsebenzi olungileyo
njalo likhule elwazini lukaNkulunkulu; **11** liqiniswe
ngamandla wonke njengokwamandla obukhosi bakhe,
ekubekezeleni konke lesineke, lenjabulo; **12** sibonge
uBaba owasenza safanela ekuhlanganyeleni kwelifa
labangcwele ekukhanyeni, **13** owasikhulula emandleni
obumnyama, wasesisa embusweni weNdodana
yothando lwakhe, **14** esilohlengo kuyo ngegazi layo,
uthethelelo lwezono. **15** Engumfanekiso kaNkulunkulu
ongabonwayo, izibulo lesidalwa sonke; **16** ngoba kuyo
zonke izinto zadalwa, ezisemazulwini lezisemhlabeni,
ezibonwayo lezingabonwayo, loba izihlalo zobukhosi,
loba ubuphathamandla, loba imibuso, loba amandla;
zonke izinto zidalwa ngayo zadalelwa yona; **17** yona-
ke ingaphambi kwazo zonke izinto, njalo ngayo zonke
izinto zibambene. **18** Njalo yona yinhloko yomzimba,
olibandla; eyikuqala, izibulo kwabafileyo, ukuze yona ibe
ngeyokuqala ezintweni zonke; **19** ngoba kwamthokozisa
uBaba ukuthi ukugcwala konke kuhlale kiyo, **20** njalo
ngayo enze izinto zonke zibuyisane laye uqobo, esenze
ukuthula ngegazi lesiphambano sayo, ngayo, loba
yizinto ezisemhlabeni loba ezisemazulwini. **21** Lani
elalikade lingabemzini lezitha ngengqondo emisebenzini
emibi, kodwa khathesi usebuyisene lani **22** emzimbeni
wenyama yayo ngokufa ukuthi alimise phambi kwakhe
lingcwele njalo lingelacala njalo lingasoleki, **23** uba-
ke lihlala ekholweni lisekelwe liqinile, lingasuswa
ethembeni levangeli elalizwayo, elatshunyayelwa kuso
sonke isidalwa esingaphansi kwezulu, engenziwe
isikhonzi salo mina Pawuli. **24** Khathesi-ke ngiyathokoza
ekulihluphekeleni kwami, njalo okusileleyo kwenhlupheko
zikaKristu ngiyakugcwalisa enyameni yami esikhundleni
somzimba wakhe, olibandla; **25** mina engenziwa isikhonzi
salo, njengokwesimiso sikaNkulunkulu enganikwa sona
maqondana lani, ukugcwalisa ilizwi likaNkulunkulu, **26**
imfihlo ebifihliwe kusukela ezikhathini zendulo njalo
kusukela kuzizukulwana; kodwa khathesi ibonakaliswe
kwabangcwele bakhe, **(aiōn g165)** **27** kubo uNkulunkulu
wathanda ukubazisa ukuthi iyini inotho yobukhosi
balimfihlo phakathi kwabezizwe, enguKristu phakathi
kwenu, ithemba lenkazimulo; **28** esimtshumayelayo
thina, sixwayisa wonke umuntu, sifundisa wonke umuntu
ngayo yonke inhlakanipho, ukuze silethe wonke umuntu
ephelele kuKristu Jesu; **29** engikutshikatshikelayo lami,
ngisilwa njengokusebenza kwakhe, okusebenza kimi
ngamandla.

2 Ngoba ngithanda ukuthi lazi ukuthi kukhulu
kangakanani ukulwa engilakho ngani
labaseLawodikeya, njalo ngobunengi balabo
abangabonanga ubuso bami enyameni, **2** ukuze inhliziyo
zabo ziduduzwe, behlanganiswe ethandweni, lenothweni
yonke yokuqinisekiswa okupheleleyo kokuqedisisa,
elwazini lwemfihlo kaNkulunkulu loBaba, lekaKristu, **3**
okufihlwe kuye izinto zonke eziligugu zenhlakanipho
lezolwazi. **4** Ngitsho lokhu-ke, ukuze kungabi lamuntu
olikhohlisayo ngamazwi ayengayo. **5** Ngoba lanxa
ngingekho ngenyama, kanti ngilani ngomoya, ngithokoza
ngibona ukuhlela kwenu, lokuqina kokholo lwenu
kuKristu. **6** Ngakho njengalokho limemukele uKristu Jesu
iNkosi, hambani kuye, **7** ligxilise impande lakhiwe kuye,
njalo liqiniswe ekholweni, njengokufundiswa kwenu,
lengeze kulo ekubongeni. **8** Nanzelelani hlezi kube khona
olithumbayo ngolwazi lwenhlakanipho langenkohliso
eyize, njengokomkhuba wabantu, njengokwemfundiso
zakuqala zomhlaba, njalo kungenjengokukaKristu; **9**
ngoba kuhlala kuye ukugcwala konke kobuNkulunkulu
ngomzimba, **10** njalo liphelelisiwe kuye, oyinhloko yakho
konke ukubusa lamandla; **11** elasokelwa kuye lani
ngokusoka okungenziwanga ngezandla, ngokuhlubula
umzimba wezono zenyama, ekusokeni kukaKristu, **12**
lingcwatshwe kanye laye ebhabhathizweni, elavuswa lani
kanye laye kulo ngokholo lokusebenza kukaNkulunkulu,
owamvusa kwabafileyo. **13** Lani lifile eziphambekweni
lokungasoki kwenyama yenu, ulenze laphila kanye laye,
eselithethelele zonke iziphambeko, **14** esesule incwadi
yezimiso emelana lathi, ephambene lathi, wayisusa
phakathi, eseyibethele esiphambanweni; **15** ebahlubule
ababusi lamandla, wabaveza obala, wathakazelela
ukubanqoba ngaso. **16** Ngakho kakungabi khona olilahla
ekudleni kumbe ekunatheni, loba endabeni yomkhosi
loba eyokuthwasa kwenyanga kumbe eyamasabatha;
17 eziyisithunzi sezinto ezizayo, kodwa umzimba
ungokaKristu. **18** Kakungabi lamuntu olemuka umvuzo
wenu ngobuqili, ethanda ukuzenza othobekileyo
lokukhonza izingilosi, engena ezintweni angazibonanga,

ezikhukhumeza ngeze ngengqondo yenyama yakhe, **19** njalo engabambi iNhloko, umzimba wonke ngamalunga lemisipha usondliwa njalo uhlanganiswa ngayo, ukhula ngokukhula kukaNkulunkulu. **20** Ngakho uba lafa kanye loKristu emfundisweni zakuqala zomhlaba, libophekeleni ngemikhuba ngokungathi liphila elizweni, **21** (ungabambi, unganambithi, ungathinti, **22** ezizaphela zonke ngokusetshenziswa) njengokwemilayo lezimfundiso zabantu? **23** Ezilesimo senhlakanipho ekukhonzeni kokuzenzela lekuzithobeni lekuphatheni nzima umzimba, kakusizi lutho ukumelana lokusuthisa inyama.

3 Ngakho uba livuswe loKristu, dingani okwaphezulu, lapho akhona uKristu ehlezi ngakwesokunene sikaNkulunkulu. **2** Nakanani ngezinto eziphezulu, kungeyisikho ngezinto ezisemhlabeni. **3** Ngoba lifile, lempilo yenu ifihlwe loKristu kuNkulunkulu. **4** Nxa ebonakaliswa uKristu, oyimpilo yethu, ngalesosikhathi lani lizabonakaliswa laye enkazimulweni. **5** Ngakho bulalani amalunga enu asemhlabeni, ukuphinga, ukungcola, inkanuko embi, ukufisa okubi, lomhawu, oyikukhonza izithombe, **6** okwehla ngalezizinto ulaka lukaNkulunkulu phezu kwabantwana bokungalaleli; **7** elake lahamba kuzo lani, lapho lalihlezi phakathi kwazo. **8** Kodwa khathesi lani khuphani konke lokhu, ulaka, ukuthukuthela, inzondo, inhlamba, ukukhuluma amanyala emlonyeni wenu; **9** lingaqambelani amanga, lokhu selimhlubule umuntu omdala lezenzo zakhe, **10** selembethe omutsha, owenziwa kutsha elwazini njengomfanekiso walowo owamdalayo; **11** okungekho umGriki lomJuda, ukusoka lokungasoki, owezizweni, umSikethiya, isigqili, okhululekileyo; kodwa uKristu uyikho konke lakukho konke. **12** Ngakho yembathani, njengabakhethiweyo bakaNkulunkulu, abangcwele labathandekayo, imihelo yesihawu, ububele, ukuzithoba, ubumnene, ukubekezela; **13** libekezelelane, lithethelelane uba umuntu elensolo komunye; njengoba loKristu walithethelela, ngokunjalo lani; **14** phezu kwakho konke-ke yembathani uthando, oluyisibopho sokuphelela. **15** Lokuthula kukaNkulunkulu kakubuse enhliziyweni zenu, elibizelwa kukho lani emzimbeni munye; futhi banini ngababongayo. **16** Ilizwi likaKristu kalihlale phakathi kwenu ngokwenotho enhlakanipheni yonke; lifundisane lilayane, ngezihlabelelo, lamahubo odumo, lengoma zomoya, lihlabelela lilomusa enhliziyweni zenu eNkosini. **17** Njalo konke loba yini eliyenzayo, elizwini loba esenzweni, konke kwenzeni ebizweni leNkosi uJesu, libonge uNkulunkulu loBaba ngaye. **18** Bafazi, zehliseleni ngaphansi kwawenu amadoda, njengokufanele eNkosini. **19** Madoda, thandani omkenu, lingabi lokubaba kubo. **20** Bantwana, lalelani abazali ezintweni zonke; ngoba lokhu kuyayithokozisa iNkosi. **21** Bobaba, lingabathukuthelisi abantwana benu, ukuze bangadani. **22** Zisebenzi, lalelani ezintweni zonke labo abangamakhosi njengokwenyama, kungeyisikho ngenkonzo yamehlo njengabathokozisa abantu, kodwa ngobuqotho benhliziyo, lisesaba uNkulunkulu; **23** njalo yonke loba yini eliyenzayo, yenzeni ngenhliziyo, njengeNkosini, njalo kungeyisikho ebantwini; **24** lisazi ukuthi eNkosini lizakwemukela umvuzo welifa; ngoba likhonza iNkosi uKristu. **25** Kodwa owenza okubi uzazemukelela okubi akwenzileyo; njalo kakukho ukubandlulula umuntu.

4 Makhosi, nikani izisebenzi okulungileyo lokulingeneyo, lisazi ukuthi lani lileNkosi emazulwini. **2** Khuthalani emkhulekweni, lilinde kuwo ngokubonga; **3** likhuleke ngesikhathi esifananayo ngathi futhi, ukuthi uNkulunkulu asivulele umnyango welizwi, ukukhuluma imfihlo kaKristu, lami engibotshwe ngenxa yayo; **4** ukuthi ngiyibonakalise, njengalokhu ngifanele ukukhuluma. **5** Hambani ngenhlakanipho mayelana labangaphandle, lihlenga isikhathi. **6** Ilizwi lenu kalihlale emuseni, linambitheke ngetshwayi, ukuze lazi ukuthi kulifanele njani ukuphendula lowo lalowo. **7** Konke okumaqondana lami uzalitshela uTikiko, umzalwane othandekayo lesikhonzi esithembekileyo lesisebenzi kanye lathi eNkosini; **8** engimthume kini kukho lokhu, ukuze azi indaba zenu lokuthi aduduze inhliziyo zenu; **9** kanye loOnesimo umzalwane othembekileyo lothandekayo, owakini. Bazalazisa konke okulapha. **10** Uyalibingelela uAristako oyisibotshwa kanye lami, loMarko umzawakhe kaBarnabasi, elemukela imilayo ngaye; uba efika kini, memukeleni, **11** loJesu othiwa nguJustusi, owabokusoka; laba bodwa yizisebenzi kanye lami embusweni kaNkulunkulu, ababa yinduduzo kimi. **12** Uyalibingelela uEpafra owakini, inceku kaKristu, elilwela emikhulekweni ngezikhathi zonke, ukuze lime liphelele ligcwaliswe entandweni yonke kaNkulunkulu. **13** Ngoba ngiyafakaza kuye ukuthi uyalitshisekela kakhulu labaseLawodikeya labaseHiyerapoli. **14** Uyalibingelela uLuka umelaphi othandekayo, loDema. **15** Bingelelani abazalwane abaseLawodikeya, loNimfa, lebandla elisemzini wakhe. **16** Njalo nxa isifundiwe lincwadi phakathi kwenu, bonani ukuthi ifundwe lebandleni labeLawodikeya, njalo ukuthi lani liyifunde leyo evela eLawodikeya. **17** Limtshele uArkipho lithi: Qaphela inkonzo oyemukele eNkosini, ukuthi uyiphelelise. **18** Isibingelelo ngesami isandla esikaPawuli. Khumbulani izibopho zami. Umusa kawube lani. Ameni.

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1 UPawuli loSilivanu loTimothi, kubandla
labeThesalonika kuNkulunkulu uBaba, leNkosi
uJesu Kristu: Umusa kawube kini lokuthula okuvela
kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu, leNkosi uJesu Kristu.
2 Sibonga uNkulunkulu ngezikhathi zonke ngani
lonke, siliphatha emikhulekweni yethu, **3** sikhumbula
ngokungaphezi isenzo senu sokholo, lomsebenzi onzima
wothando, lokuqina kwethemba eNkosini yethu uJesu
Kristu, phambi kukaNkulunkulu loBaba wethu; **4** sisazi,
bazalwane abathandiweyo nguNkulunkulu, ukukhethwa
kwenu; **5** ngoba ivangeli lethu kalifikanga kini ngelizwi
kuphela, kodwa langamandla, langoMoya oNgcwele,
langokuqiniswa okukhulu, njengoba lisazi ukuthi sasinjani
phakathi kwenu ngenxa yenu. **6** Lani laba ngabalingisi
bethu labeNkosi, selilemukele ilizwi ekuhluphekeni
okukhulu lilentokozo kaMoya oNgcwele, **7** laze laba
yizibonelo kubo bonke abakholwayo eMakedoniya
leAkaya. **8** Ngoba kini kwezwakala ilizwi leNkosi,
kungeyisikho eMakedoniya leAkaya kuphela, kodwa
ukholo lwenu kuNkulunkulu lwaphumela lakuyo yonke
indawo, okokuthi kwakungasadingeki ukuthi sikhulume
ulutho. **9** Ngoba bona uqobo lwabo balandisa ngathi
ukuthi saba lokungena okunjani kini, lokuthi laphendukela
njani kuNkulunkulu livela ezithombeni, ukuthi likhonze
uNkulunkulu ophilayo loweqiniso, **10** lilindele iNdodana
yakhe ivela emazulwini, ayivusa kwabafileyo, uJesu
osihlangula elakeni oluzayo.

2 Ngoba liyazi lina, bazalwane, ukungena kwethu kini,
ukuthi kakubanga yize; **2** kodwa lanxa sasihluphekile
kuqala saphathwa kubi, njengoba lisazi, eFiliphi, saba
lesibindi kuNkulunkulu wethu sokukhuluma kini ivangeli
likaNkulunkulu phakathi kokulwa okukhulu. **3** Ngoba
inkuthazo yethu yayingayisiyo yokuduha njalo ingaveli
ekungcoleni, njalo ingengobuqili; **4** kodwa njengoba
sivunyelwe nguNkulunkulu ukuthi siphathiswe ivangeli,
sikhuluma ngokunjalo, kungenjengokuthokozisa abantu,
kodwa uNkulunkulu ohlola inhliziyo zethu. **5** Ngoba
kasizange size ngamazwi ayengayo, njengoba lisazi,
futhi kungeyisikho ngokufihla ubuhwaba; uNkulunkulu
ungumfakazi; **6** singadingi udumo ebantwini, futhi
olungaveli kini kumbe kwabanye, loba sasingaba
ngumthwalo njengabaphostoli bakaKristu, **7** kodwa
saba mnene phakathi kwenu njengomdlezane esingatha
abakhe abantwana. **8** Njengoba besilithanda kangaka,
sathokoza ukulinika kungeyisilo ivangeli likaNkulunkulu
kuphela, kodwa lemiphefumulo yethu uqobo, ngoba
laselingabathandekayo kithi. **9** Ngoba liyakhumbula,
bazalwane, ukutshikatshika lokulwisa kwethu; ngoba
ubusuku lemini sisebenza ukuze singabi ngumthwalo
lakomunye wenu, silitshumayeza ivangeli likaNkulunkulu.
10 Lina lingabafakazi, loNkulunkulu, ukuthi sasingcwele
njani njalo silungile futhi singasoleki kini elikholwayo;
11 njengoba-ke lisazi ukuthi ngulowo lalowo wenu,
njengoyise kwabakhe abantwana, salikhuthaza njani
saliduduza safakaza **12** ukuthi lihambe ngokufanele
uNkulunkulu olibizela embusweni lebukhosini bakhe.
13 Ngenxa yalokhu njalo thina kasiyekeli ukumbonga
uNkulunkulu, ukuthi selemukele ilizwi likaNkulunkulu
elalizwa kithi, lemukela kungeyisilo ilizwi labantu,
kodwa linjengeqiniso ilizwi likaNkulunkulu, osebenza
lakini elikholwayo. **14** Ngoba lina, bazalwane, laba
ngabalingiseli bamabandla kaNkulunkulu aseJudiya
kuKristu Jesu; ngoba lani lahlupheka lezizinto
kwabesizwe sakini uqobo, njengoba lawo kumaJuda,
15 abulala leNkosi uJesu labaprofethi bawo uqobo,
asizingela lathi, kawamthokozisi uNkulunkulu, amelana
labantu bonke, **16** esivimbela ukutshumayeza abezizwe
ukuze basindiswe, ukuze agcwalise izono zawo
njalonjalo; kodwa ulaka selwehlele phezu kwawo
kuze kube sekupheleni. **17** Kodwa thina, bazalwane,
lokhu sehlukaniswe lani okwesikhatshana, ngobuso,
kungeyisikho ngenhliziyo, sazama kakhulukazi ukuthi
sibone ubuso benu ngokulangatha okukhulu. **18** Ngakho
besifisa ukufika kini, ikakhulu mina Pawuli, lakanye
lokuphinda, kodwa uSathane wasivimbela; **19** ngoba
liyini ithemba lethu, kumbe intokozo, kumbe umqhele
wokuzincoma? Angithi yini futhi, phambi kweNkosi yethu
uJesu Kristu ekufikeni kwayo? **20** Ngoba lina liludumo
lentokozo yethu.

3 Kwathi-ke singaselakubekezela, sathi kuhle ukuthi
sitshiywe sodwa eAtene, **2** sasesithuma uTimothi
umzalwane wethu lesikhonzi sikaNkulunkulu lesisebenzi
kanye lathi evangelini likaKristu, ukuze aliqinise lokuthi
alikhuthaze ngokholo lwenu, **3** ukuze kunganyikinywa
lamunye kulezizinhlupheko; ngoba liyazi lina ukuthi
simiselwe lokhu. **4** Ngoba lathi siselani, salitshela
ngaphambili ukuthi sesizahlupheka, njengoba futhi
kwenzeka, lani liyakwazi. **5** Ngenxa yalokhu futhi
ngingaselakubekezela, ngathumela ukuthi ngazi ukholo
lwenu, hlezi mhlawumbe umlingi ulilingile, lokuthi
umtshikatshika wethu ube yize. **6** Kodwa khathesi
uTimothi usefikile kithi evela kini, usibikele indaba ezinhle
zokholo lothando lwenu, lokuthi lihlala lilomkhumbulo
omuhle ngathi, lifisa kakhulu ukusibona, njengoba-ke lathi
lina; **7** ngenxa yalokhu saduduzeka, bazalwane, ngani,
kukho konke ukuhlupheka losizi lwethu ngokholo lwenu;
8 ngoba khathesi siyaphila, uba lina limi liqinile eNkosini.
9 Ngoba sibongobani esingenanisa kuNkulunkulu ngani,
ngentokozo yonke esithokoza ngayo ngenxa yenu
phambi kukaNkulunkulu wethu? **10** Ebusuku lemini
siyakhuleka kakhulu sidlulisa amalawulo ukuze sibone
ubuso benu, siphelelise-ke okusileleyo kokholo lwenu.

11 Njalo kungathi uNkulunkulu uqobo loBaba wethu,
leNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu angaqondisa indlela yethu
kini; 12 njalo kungathi iNkosi ingalandisa njalo ilenze
lengezeleleke ethandweni omunye komunye lakubo
bonke, njengoba sinjalo lathi kini, 13 ukuze iqinise inhliziyo
zenu zingasoleki ebungcweleni, phambi kukaNkulunkulu
loBaba wethu, ekufikeni kweNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu
kanye labangcwele bakhe bonke.

4 Okunye-ke, bazalwane, siyalincenga silikhuthaza
eNkosini uJesu, njengalokhu lakwemukela kithi ukuthi
kulifanele njani ukuhamba lokumthokozisa uNkulunkulu,
ukuze lengezelele kukho kakhulu. 2 Ngoba liyazi
ukuthi milayo bani esalinika yona ngeNkosi uJesu. 3
Ngoba le yintando kaNkulunkulu, ukungcweliswa kwenu,
ukuthi lizithinte ekuphingeni; 4 ukuthi ngulowo lalowo
wenu kakwazi ukugcina esakhe isitsha ekungcweliseni
lekuhlonipheni, 5 kungeyisikho enkanukweni yesifiso,
njengabezizwe labo abangamaziyo uNkulunkulu. 6
Kakungabi khona oweqayo aqile umfowabo endabeni;
ngoba iNkosi ingumphindiseli ngazo zonke lezizinto,
njengoba lathi salitshela ngaphambili, safakaza. 7
Ngoba uNkulunkulu kasibizelanga emanyaleni, kodwa
ebungcweleni. 8 Ngakho lowo odelelayo, kadeleli
muntu, kodwa uNkulunkulu owasinika futhi uMoya wakhe
oyiNgcwele. 9 Kodwa mayelana lothando lobuzalwane
kalidingi ukuthi ngilibhalele; ngoba lina uqobo lifundisiwe
nguNkulunkulu ukuthi lithandane; 10 ngoba lani lenza
lokhu kubo bonke abazalwane abaseMakedoniya
yonke; kodwa siyalikhuthaza, bazalwane, ukuthi
lengezelele kakhulu, 11 njalo likhuthalele ukuba lokuthula
lokwenza okwenu, lokusebenza ngezenu izandla,
njengoba salilaya; 12 ukuze lihambe ngokuhlonitshwa
ngabangaphandle, lingasweli lutho. 13 Kodwa kangithandi
ukuthi lingabi lalwazi, bazalwane, ngalabo abaleleyo,
ukuze lingadabuki, njengabanye labo abangelathemba.
14 Ngoba uba sikholwa ukuthi uJesu wafa wavuka,
ngokunjalo-ke labo abalele kuJesu, uNkulunkulu
uzabaletha kanye laye. 15 Ngoba lokhu sikutsho kini
ngelizwi leNkosi, ukuthi thina esiphilayo esitshiywe kuze
kube sekufikeni kweNkosi, isibili kasiyikubaqalela labo
asebelele; 16 ngoba iNkosi uqobo izakwehla ivela
ezulwini ngesimemezelo sokulawula, ngelizwi lengilosi
eyinduna, langokukhala kophondo lukaNkulunkulu,
labafileyo kuKristu bazavuka kuqala; 17 kulandele thina
esiphilayo esitshiyiweyo, sizahluthunelwa kanye labo
emayezini siyehlangabeza iNkosi emoyeni; ngokunjalo
besesihlala leNkosi njalonjalo. 18 Ngakho duduzanani
ngalamazwi.

5 Kodwa ngezikhathi langemizuzu, bazalwane, kalisweli
ukuthi libhalelwe, 2 ngoba lina uqobo liyazi
kuhle kakhulu ukuthi usuku lweNkosi luzafika
ngokunjalo njengesela ebusuku; 3 ngoba nxa
besithi: Ukuthula lokuhlala kuhle, khona ukubhujiswa
okujumayo kuzabehlela, njengomhelo kowesifazana
okhulelweyo, njalo kabasoze baphunyuke. 4 Kodwa
lina, bazalwane, kalikho emnyameni, ukuze lolosuku
luliphuthume njengesela; 5 lina lonke lingabantwana
bokukhanya labantwana bemini; kasisibo abobusuku
loba abobumnyama; 6 ngakho-ke asingalali njengabanye
labo, kodwa asilinde siqonde. 7 Ngoba abalalayo balala
ebusuku; labadakwayo badakwa ebusuku. 8 Kodwa
thina esingabemini, asiqonde, sifake isivikelo sesifuba
sokholo lothando, lethemba losindiso libe likhowa, 9
ngoba uNkulunkulu kasimiselanga ulaka, kodwa ukuzuza
usindiso ngeNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, 10 owasifelayo,
ukuze loba siphapheme loba silele, siphile kanye laye. 11
Ngakho khuthazanani, lakhane, njengoba lani likwenza.
12 Kodwa siyalincenga, bazalwane, ukuthi libazi labo
abasebenza nzima phakathi kwenu, labaliphathayo
eNkosini, labalelulekayo, 13 njalo libahlonipha kakhulu
okwedlula amalawulo ethandweni ngenxa yomsebenzi
wabo. Hlalisanani ngokuthula. 14 Kodwa siyalikhuthaza,
bazalwane, yelulekani abangelamthetho, liduduze
abadanileyo, lisekele ababuthakathaka, libekezelele
bonke. 15 Qaphelani ukuthi kungabi khona ophindisela
omunye okubi ngokubi; kodwa dingisisani ngesikhathi
sonke okuhle lomunye komunye lakibo bonke. 16
Thokozani njalonjalo; 17 khulekani lingaphezi; 18 bongani
kukho konke; ngoba lokhu kuyintando kaNkulunkulu
kuKristu Jesu ngani. 19 Lingamcitshi uMoya; 20 lingadeleli
iziprofetho; 21 hlolisisani konke; libambelele kokuhle; 22
dedani kukho konke ukubonakala kobubi. 23 Kungathi
uNkulunkulu wokuthula uqobo angalenza libe ngcwele
ngokupheleleyo; njalo kungathi umoya wenu wonke
lomphefumulo lomzimba kungalondolozwa kungasoleki
ekufikeni kweNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu. 24 Uthembekile
yena olibizayo; laye ozakwenza lokhu. 25 Bazalwane,
sikhulekeleni. 26 Bingelelani abazalwane bonke
ngokwanga okungcwele. 27 Ngiyalifungisa ngeNkosi,
ukuthi lincwadi ifundwe kubo bonke abazalwane
abangcwele. 28 Umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu
kawube lani. Ameni.

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1 UPawuli loSilivanu loTimothi kubandla
labeThesalonika elikuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu
leNkosini uJesu Kristu: **2** Umusa kawube kini
lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu leNkosini
uJesu Kristu. **3** Simele ukumbonga uNkulunkulu
njalonjalo ngani, bazalwane, njengoba kufanele,
ngoba ukholo lwenu luyanda ngokungelakulinganiswa,
lothando lwalowo lalowo wenu lonke luyengezeleleka
komunye lomunye; **4** ngakho thina ngokwethu
siyazincoma ngani emabandleni kaNkulunkulu ngenxa
yokubekezela kwenu lokholo phakathi kokuzingelwa
kwenu konke lezinhlupheko elibekezela kuzo;
5 okuyisibonakaliso sokwahlulelwa okulungileyo
kukaNkulunkulu, ukuze kuthiwe lingabafanele umbuso
kaNkulunkulu, lani eliwuhluphekelayo; **6** njengoba kuyinto
elungileyo kuNkulunkulu ukuthi abuyisele ukuhlupheka
kwabalihluphayo, **7** njalo kini elihluphekayo, ukuphumula
kanye lathi, ekwembulweni kweNkosi uJesu evela
ezulwini lengilosi zamandla akhe, **8** emalangabini omlilo,
esenza impindiselo kwabangamaziyo uNkulunkulu,
lakwabangalaleli ivangeli leNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu; **9**
abazahlupheka ngesijeziso sokubhujiswa okulaphakade,
basuswe ebusweni beNkosi lenkazimulweni yamandla
akhe, **(aiōnios g166)** **10** mhla efika ukuthi adunyiswe
kubangcwele bakhe, njalo abatshazwe ekubo bonke
abakholwayo (ngoba ubufakazi bethu bakholeka
phakathi kwenu) ngalolosuku. **11** Ngenxa yalokho sihlala
silikhulekela lani, ukuze uNkulunkulu wethu alibone
lingabafanele ubizo, lokuze aphelelise yonke intando
enhle yobuhle bakhe lomsebenzi wokholo ngamandla;
12 ukuze ibizo leNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu lidunyiswe kini,
lani kuye, njengomusa kaNkulunkulu wethu loweNkosi
uJesu Kristu.

2 Siyalincenga-ke, bazalwane, mayelana lokufika
kweNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, lokubuthana kwethu
kuyo, **2** ukuthi lingaphangisi liqhuqhiswe engqondweni,
kumbe lethuswe, loba ngumoya, loba yilizwi, loba
yincwadi ngokungathi ivela kithi, ngokungathi usuku
lukaKristu selufikile. **3** Kakungabi lamuntu olikhohlisayo
langayiphi indlela; ngoba aluyikufika ngaphandle
kokuthi ukuhlubuka kufike kuqala, lomuntu wesono
embulwe, indodana yokubhujiswa, **4** omelana
azikhukhumeze phezu kwakho konke okuthiwa
nguNkulunkulu loba yinto ekhonzwayo, aze ahlale
ethempelini likaNkulunkulu njengoNkulunkulu, ezitshaya
uNkulunkulu. **5** Kalikhumbuli yini ukuthi ngiseselani
ngalitshela lezizinto? **6** Selikwazi khathesi okuvimbelayo,
ukuze embulwe ngesakhe isikhathi. **7** Ngoba
imfihlo yokungabi lomthetho isasebenza; kuphela
kukhona ovimbelayo okwalesisikhathi, aze asuswe
phakathi, **8** khona-ke ezakwembulwa oNgelamthetho,
iNkosi ezamqeda ngokuphefumula komlomo wayo,
izambhubhisa ngokubonakala kokufika kwayo; **9**
lowo okufika kwakhe kunjengokusebenza kukaSathane
emandleni wonke lezibonakalisweni lezimangalisweni
zamanga, **10** lenkohlisweni yonke yokungalungi
kulabo ababhubhayo, ngoba kabemukelanga uthando
lweqiniso ukuze basindiswe. **11** Ngenxa yalokhu-
ke uNkulunkulu uzabathumezela amandla enkohliso,
ukuze bakholwe amanga; **12** ukuze balahlwe bonke
abangakholwanga iqiniso, kodwa bathokoza kukho
ukungalungi. **13** Kodwa thina simele ukubonga
uNkulunkulu njalonjalo ngani, bazalwane abathandwa
beNkosi, ukuthi uNkulunkulu walikhethela usindiso
kusukela ekuqaleni, ekungcwelisweni koMoya, lokholo
lweqiniso; **14** owalibizela kulokhu ngevangeli lethu,
ekuzuzeni inkazimulo yeNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu.
15 Ngakho-ke, bazalwane, manini liqine, libambelele
ezimfundisweni elazifundiswayo, loba ngelizwi, kumbe
ngencwadi yethu. **16** Kakuthi-ke iNkosi yethu uJesu
Kristu uqobo, loNkulunkulu, ngitsho uBaba wethu
owasithandayo, lowasinika induduzo elaphakade
lethemba elihle ngomusa, **(aiōnios g166)** **17** aduduze
inhliziyo zenu, aliqinise emazwini lemisebenzini yonke
emihle.

3 Elokucina, bazalwane, sikhulekeleni, ukuze ilizwi
leNkosi ligijime, lidunyiswe, njengalokhu kwaba njalo
lakini, **2** lokuthi sikhululwe ebantwini abangaqondanga
lababi; ngoba ukholo kayisilo lwabo bonke. **3** Kodwa
iNkosi ithembekile, ezaliqinisa ilivikele komubi. **4**
Silethemba-ke eNkosini ngani, ukuthi izinto esililaya zona,
lani liyazenza njalo lizazenza. **5** Kodwa iNkosi sengathi
ingaqondisa inhliziyo zenu ethandweni lukaNkulunkulu,
lekubekezeleni kukaKristu. **6** Siyalilaya-ke, bazalwane,
ebizweni leNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, ukuthi lizehlukanise
laye wonke umzalwane ohamba ngokungafanelanga,
njalo kungenjengomlayo elawemukela kithi. **7** Ngoba
liyazi ngokwenu ukuthi lifanele lisilingise njani; ngoba
kasihambanga ngokungafanelanga phakathi kwenu,
8 njalo kasidlanga kudla komuntu ngesihle, kodwa
ekutshikatshikeni lekusebenzeni nzima, ubusuku lemini
sisebenza, ukuze singabi ngumthwalo lakomunye
wenu; **9** kungesikuthi sasingelalungelo, kodwa ukuze
sizinikele kini njengesibonelo sokusilingisela. **10** Ngoba
lalapho silani, salilaya lokhu ukuthi: Uba umuntu
engafuni ukusebenza, akumelanga adle. **11** Ngoba
sizwa ukuthi abanye phakathi kwenu bahambahamba
ngokungafanelanga, kabasebenzi lutho, kodwa besenza
izinto ezingelamsebenzi. **12** Abanjalo-ke siyabalaya
sibakhuthaze ngeNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, ukuze
basebenze ngokuthula badle okwabo ukudla. **13** Lani,
bazalwane, lingadinwa yikwenza okuhle. **14** Kodwa uba
umuntu engalaleli ilizwi lethu ngencwadi, mqapheliseni

lowo, njalo lingahlangani laye, ukuze abe lenhloni;
15 njalo lingamphathi njengesitha, kodwa melulekeni
njengomzalwane. **16** Sengathi-ke iNkosi yokuthula uqobo
ingalinika ukuthula ngesikhathi sonke ngendlela zonke.
INkosi kayibe lani lonke. **17** Isibingelelo ngesami isandla
esikaPawuli, okuluphawu kuyo yonke incwadi; ngibhala
ngokunjalo. **18** Umusa weNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu
kawube lani lonke. Ameni.

1 KuThimothi

1 UPawuli, umphostoli kaJesu Kristu njengokomlayo
kaNkulunkulu uMsindisi wethu, loweNkosi uJesu
Kristu ithemba lethu, **2** kuTimothi umntanami
weqiniso ekholweni: Umusa, isihawu, ukuthula okuvela
kuNkulunkulu uBaba wethu loJesu Kristu iNkosi
yethu. **3** Njengoba ngakukhuthaza ukuthi uhlale
eEfesu, ngisiya eMakedoniya, ukuze ulaye abathile
ukuthi bangafundisi imfundiso eyehlukileyo, **4** futhi
bangananzeleli izinganekwane lendaba zosendo
olokuzalana ezingapheliyo, ezibanga ukuphikisana
kulokwakha kukaNkulunkulu okusekholweni. **5** Kodwa
injongo yomlayo luthando oluvela enhliziyweni emhlophe
lakusazela esihle lekholweni olungelakuzenzisa; **6**
kulokhu abathile abaduhe kukho baphambukela
ekukhulumeni okuyize, **7** befuna ukuthi babe
ngabafundisi bomlayo, bengaqedisisi lezinto abazitshoyo,
kumbe langezinto abaziqinisayo. **8** Kodwa siyazi
ukuthi umlayo ulungile, uba umuntu ewusebenzisa
ngokomlayo, **9** esazi lokhu, ukuthi umlayo kawubekelwa
olungileyo, kodwa abangelamlayo labangalaleliyo,
abeyisa uNkulunkulu labayizoni, abangangcwele
labangakholwayo, ababulala oyise lababulala onina,
ababulala abantu, **10** izifebe, abesilisa abalalanayo,
abathumba abantu, abaqambimanga, abephula
izifungo, njalo nxa kukhona okunye okuphambene
lemfundiso ephilileyo, **11** njengokwevangeli lenkazimulo
kaNkulunkulu obusisiweyo, engaphathiswa lona. **12**
Ngiyambonga-ke owanginika amandla, uKristu Jesu
iNkosi yethu, ukuthi wangibona ngithembekile, wangimisa
enkonzweni, **13** engangikade ngingumhlambazi
lomzingeli lomthuki; kodwa ngahawukelwa, ngoba
ngangikwenza ngokungazi ekungakholweni; **14** kodwa
umusa weNkosi yethu wengezelelwa kakhulu kanye
lokholo lothando olukuKristu Jesu. **15** Lithembekile
lelilizwi njalo lifanele ukwemukelwa konke, ukuthi uKristu
Jesu weza emhlabeni ukusindisa izoni, engiyinduna
yazo mina; **16** kodwa ngenxa yalokhu ngahawukelwa,
ukuze kimi engiyinduna uJesu Kristu abonakalise
konke ukubekezela, ngibe yisibonelo kwabazakholwa
kuye empilweni ephakade. **(aiōnios g166)** **17** Kuyo-ke
iNkosi eyisimakade, engabhubhiyo, engelakubonwa,
uNkulunkulu yedwa ohlakaniphileyo, kakube udumo
lobukhosi kuze kube nini lanininini. Ameni. **(aiōn
g165)** **18** Lumlayo ngiwunika wena, mntanami Timothi,
njengeziprofetho ezenzakala kuqala ngawe, ukuze
ngazo ulwe ukulwa okuhle, **19** ubamba ukholo
lesazela esihle, abanye abasininayo, bachithekelwa
ngumkhumbi mayelana lokholo; **20** okukubo uHimeneyo
loAleksandro, engibanikele kuSathane, ukuze bafunde
ukuthi bangahlambazi.

2 Ngakho kuqala kukho konke ngikhuthaza ukuthi
ukunxusa, imikhuleko, ukulabhela, ukubonga
kwenzelwe abantu bonke; **2** amakhosi, labo bonke
abayiziphathamandla, ukuze sichithe impilo elokuthula
lepholileyo kukho konke ukukhonza uNkulunkulu
lenhlonipho; **3** ngoba lokhu kuhle kuyemukeleka
phambi kukaNkulunkulu uMsindisi wethu, **4** ofuna
ukuthi bonke abantu basindiswe njalo beze elwazini
lweqiniso. **5** Ngoba munye uNkulunkulu, njalo munye
umlamuli phakathi kukaNkulunkulu labantu, umuntu
uKristu Jesu, **6** owazinikela yena ukuba lihlawulo
labo bonke, ubufakazi ngezikhathi ezifaneleyo, **7** mina
engamiselwa khona ukuba ngumtshumayeli lomphostoli
(ngikhuluma iqiniso kuKristu, kangiqambi manga)
umfundisi wabezizwe ekholweni leqinisweni. **8** Ngakho
ngifisa ukuthi amadoda akhuleke kuyo yonke indawo,
ephakamisa izandla ezingcwele, engelalaka lokuxabana.
9 Ngokunjalo labesifazana bazicecise ngezigqoko
ezifaneleyo, lenhlonipho lokuqonda, kungabi ngenwele
ezelukiweyo, kumbe igolide, kumbe amapharele, kumbe
izembatho ezidulayo, **10** kodwa, okufanele abesifazana
abathi bakhonza uNkulunkulu, ngemisebenzi emihle. **11**
Owesifazana kafunde ngokuthula ekuzithobeni konke.
12 Kodwa kangivumeli owesifazana ukuthi afundise,
kumbe abe lamandla phezu kowesilisa, kodwa abe
ekuthuleni. **13** Ngoba uAdamu wabunjwa kuqala, emva
kwalokho uEva; **14** futhi uAdamu kakhohliswanga, kodwa
owesifazana esekhohlisiwe waba sesiphambekweni, **15**
kodwa uzasindiswa ngokuzala abantwana, uba behlala
ekholweni lethandweni lebungcweleni kanye lokuqonda.

3 Lithembekile ilizwielithi: Uba umuntu efisa isikhundla
sombonisi, ufisa umsebenzi omuhle; **2** ngakho
kumele ukuthi umbonisi abe ngongasolekiyo, indoda
yomfazi munye, ozithintayo, oqondileyo, oziphatha
ngokufaneleyo, ophatha kuhle izihambi, olelisu
lokufundisa; **3** angabi yisidakwa, angabi ngothanda
ukulwa, anganxwaneli inzuzo embi, kodwa abe mnene,
angabi ngothanda ukuxabana, angabi ngothanda
imali; **4** ephatha kuhle owakhe umuzi, elabantwana
abalalela ngenhlonipho yonke, **5** ngoba uba umuntu
engakwazi ukuphatha owakhe umuzi, angaligcina
njani ibandla likaNkulunkulu? **6** Kangabi ngosanda
ukukholwa, hlezi ngokukhukhunyezwa awele ekulahlweni
kukadiyabhola. **7** Kumele futhi ukuthi abe lobufakazi
obuhle kwabangaphandle, hlezi awele ekuthukweni
lemjibileni kadiyabhola. **8** Ngokunjalo abadikoni
bahlonipheke, bangabi ndimimbili, bangananzi iwayini
elinengi, bangafisi inzuzo embi, **9** babambe imfihlo
yokholo esazeleni esimhlophe. **10** Laba-ke kabaqale
bahlolwe, okulandelayo kabakhonze uba bengasoleki.
11 Ngokunjalo omkabo babe ngabahloniphekayo,
abanganyeyiyo, abazithintayo, bethembekile ezintweni
zonke. **12** Abadikoni kababe ngamadoda amfazi

munye, aphatha kuhle abantwana leyawo imizi. 13 Ngoba abakhonze kuhle bazizuzela isimilo esihle,
lesibindi esikhulu ekholweni olukuKristu Jesu. 14 Lezizinto ngikubhalela zona, ngithemba ukuza kuwe
masinyane; 15 kodwa uba ngibambeka, ukuze wazi
ukuthi kufanele uziphathe njani endlini kaNkulunkulu,
elibandla likaNkulunkulu ophilayo, insika lesisekelo
seqiniso. 16 Kuyavunywa-ke ukuthi yinkulu imfihlo
yokukhonza uNkulunkulu: UNkulunkulu wabonakaliswa
enyameni, wathiwa ulungile kuMoya, wabonwa zingilosi,
watshunyayelwa ezizweni, wakholeka emhlabeni,
wenyuselwa ebukhosini.

4 UMoya-ke utsho ngokucacileyo ukuthi ngezikhathi
zokucina abanye bazahlehlela nyovane ekholweni,
balalele omoya abaduhisayo lemfundiso zamadimoni, 2
ekuzenziseni kwabaqambimanga, betshiswe kwezabo
izazela ngensimbi etshisayo, 3 besalela ukuthathana,
bezila ukudla uNkulunkulu akudalileyo ekwemukelweni
lokubonga ngabakholwayo labazi iqiniso; 4 ngoba
sonke isidalwa sikaNkulunkulu sihle, kakulahlwa
lutho, uba lwemukelwa kanye lokubonga; 5 ngoba
luyangcweliswa ngelizwi likaNkulunkulu langomkhuleko.
6 Uba ubeluleka lezizinto abazalwane uzakuba yisikhonzi
esihle sikaJesu Kristu, wondliwe emazwini okholo,
lawemfundiso enhle oyilandelayo ngokunanzelela.
7 Kodwa wale inganekwane ezimbi lezezalukazi.
Uzejwayeze ukukhonza uNkulunkulu; 8 ngoba
ukwejwayeza umzimba kulokusiza okuncinyane; kodwa
ukukhonza uNkulunkulu kusiza ezintweni zonke,
kulesithembiso sempilo yalamuhla lezayo. 9 Lithembekile
ilizwi njalo lifanele konke ukwemukelwa. 10 Ngoba
ngalokho lathi siyasebenza nzima futhi siyathukwa
ngoba sithembele kuNkulunkulu ophilayo onguMsindisi
wabo bonke abantu, ikakhulu wabakholwayo. 11 Laya
ngalezizinto ufundise. 12 Kungabi lamuntu odelela
ubutsha bakho, kodwa woba yisibonelo kwabakholwayo
elizwini, ekuhambeni, ethandweni, emoyeni, ekholweni,
ekuhlambulukeni. 13 Ngize ngifike, nanzelela ekubaleni,
ekulayeni, ekufundiseni. 14 Ungadeleli isiphiwo esikuwe,
owasiphiwa ngesiprofetho kanye lokubekwa izandla
zobudala. 15 Nakana ngalezizinto, ube kulezizinto,
ukuze ukuqhubeka kwakho kubonakale phakathi kwabo
bonke. 16 Zinanzelele wena lemfundiso. Hlala kulezizinto;
ngoba ngokwenza lokho uzazisindisa wena kanye lalabo
abakuzwayo.

5 Ungamkhalimeli omdala, kodwa meluleke njengoyihlo;
abatsha njengabafowenu; 2 abesifazana abadala
njengonyoko; abesifazana abatsha njengabodadewenu,
ekuhlambulukeni konke. 3 Hlonipha abafelokazi
abangabafelokazi isibili. 4 Kodwa uba umfelokazi
othile elabantwana loba abazukulu, kabafunde kuqala
ukuhlonipha indlu yakwabo, kabenanise umkhondo
kubazali; ngoba lokhu kuhle kuyemukeleka phambi
kukaNkulunkulu. 5 Lowo-ke ongumfelokazi isibili osele
yedwa uthembele kuNkulunkulu, uhlala ekunxuseni
lemikhulekweni ebusuku lemini. 6 Kanti lowo ozinikela
ekuzithokoziseni, ufile ephila. 7 Laya-ke ngalezizinto,
ukuze bangasoleki. 8 Kodwa uba umuntu engondli
abakibo, ikakhulu abendlu yakhe, uluphikile ukholo,
futhi mubi kulongakholwayo. 9 Kangabalwa umfelokazi
ongaphansi kweminyaka engamatshumi ayisithupha,
umfazi owake wenda endodeni kanye, 10 onconywa
ngemisebenzi emihle, uba ondle abantwana, uba
engenise izihambi, uba egezise inyawo zabangcwele,
uba esize abahluphekayo, uba ekhuthalele wonke
umsebenzi omuhle. 11 Kodwa abafelokazi abatsha ubale;
ngoba nxa sebelenkanuko ezimelana loKristu, bafuna
ukwenda; 12 balokulahlwa, ngoba bachithile ukholo
lwabo lokuqala. 13 Futhi-ke ngesikhathi esifananayo
bafunda ukuvilapha bezula lezindlu, futhi bengavilaphi
kuphela, kodwa babuye bahlebe bengena kokungeyisikho
okwabo, bekhuluma okungafanelanga. 14 Ngakho
ngifisa ukuthi abafelokazi abatsha bende, bazale
abantwana, baphathe umuzi wabo, banganiki isitha
lathuba lokuthuka. 15 Ngoba lakhathesi abanye
sebephambuke balandela uSathane. 16 Uba okholwayo
owesilisa kumbe okholwayo owesifazana elabafelokazi,
kabasize, njalo ibandla lingathwaliswa nzima, ukuze
lisize abangabafelokazi isibili. 17 Abadala abaphatha
kuhle bafanele ukuhlonitshwa ngokuphindiweyo, ikakhulu
labo abasebenza nzima elizwini lekufundiseni; 18 ngoba
umbhalo uthi: Ungayifaki isayeke inkabi ebhulayo; futhi
uthi: Isisebenzi sifanele iholo laso. 19 Ungalemukeli icala
elimelana lomdala, ngaphandle phambi kwabafakazi
ababili kumbe abathathu. 20 Abonayo basole phambi
kwabo bonke, ukuze abanye labo babe lokwesaba.
21 Ngiyakulayisisa phambi kukaNkulunkulu leNkosi
uJesu Kristu lengilosi ezikhethiweyo, ukuze uzigcine
lezizinto ngokungaqumi ngaphambili, ungenzi lutho
ngokubandlulula. 22 Ungaphangisi ukubeka izandla
phezu komuntu, futhi ungahlanganyeli ezonweni
zabanye; uzigcine wena umsulwa. 23 Ungabe
usanatha amanzi wodwa, kodwa sebenzisa iwayini
elilutshwana, ngenxa yesisu sakho lemikhuhlane yakho
futhifuthi. 24 Izono zabanye abantu zisobala, zibaqalela
ukuya ekugwetshweni; kanti ezabanye ziyalandela.
25 Ngokunjalo lemisebenzi emihle isobala; laleyo
eyehlukileyo ingeke ifihlakale.

6 Bonke abangaphansi kwejogwe, izigqili, kabathi
amakhosi abo afanele konke ukuhlonitshwa,
ukuze ibizo likaNkulunkulu lemfundiso kungahlanjazwa;
2 labalamakhosi akholwayo bangawadeleli, ngoba
engabazalwane; kodwa kulalokhu kabawasebenzele,
ngoba ekholwa njalo ethandeka, abahlanganyeli
benzuzo. Fundisa njalo ukhuthaze lezizinto. 3 Uba
kukhona ofundisa okwehlukileyo, njalo engavumelani
lamazwi aphilileyo, aweNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu,

lemfundiso evumelana lokukhonza uNkulunkulu, **4**
uyazikhukhumeza, engazi lutho, kodwa ubulawa yinkani
lemibuzo lokuphikisana ngamazwi, okuvela kukho
umona, umbango, ukuthuka, imicabango emibi, **5**
ukuxabaxabana kwabantu abangqondo yabo yonakele,
labalahlekelwe liqiniso, besithi ukukhonza uNkulunkulu
kuyindlela yenzuzo. Zehlukanise labanjalo. **6** Kodwa
ukukhonza uNkulunkulu lokwenela kuyinzuzo enkulu;
7 ngoba kasizanga lalutho emhlabeni; kusobala ukuthi
kasiyikusuka lalutho; **8** kodwa uba silokudla lezembatho
sizakweneliswa yikho. **9** Kodwa abafisa ukunotha
bawela ekulingweni lemjibileni, lenkanukweni ezinengi
zobuphukuphuku ezilimazayo, ezicwilisela abantu
encithakalweni lekubhujisweni; **10** ngoba uthando
lwemali luyimpande yakho konke okubi; abanye
beyifisa, baduhile ekholweni, bazigwaza ngenhlungu
ezinengi. **11** Kodwa wena, O muntu kaNkulunkulu,
balekela lezizinto; njalo udingisise ukulunga, ukwesaba
uNkulunkulu, ukholo, uthando, ukubekezela, ubumnene.
12 Lwana ukulwa okuhle kokholo, ubambelele empilweni
ephakade, owabizelwa kuyo, wavuma uvumo oluhle
phambi kwabafakazi abanengi. **(aiōnios g166)** **13**
Ngiyakulaya phambi kukaNkulunkulu ophilisa konke,
loKristu Jesu owafakaza uvumo oluhle phambi
kukaPontiyusi Pilatu, **14** ukuthi ugcine umthetho
ungelasici, ungasoleki, kuze kube sekubonakaleni
kweNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, **15** ozakubonakalisa
ngezakhe izikhathi obusisiweyo loSomandla oyedwa,
iNkosi yamakhosi, loMbusi wababusi, **16** yena yedwa
olokungafi, ohlala ekukhanyeni okungelakusondelelwa,
akulamuntu ebantwini owambonayo, kumbe ongambona;
okukuye udumo lamandla aphakade. Ameni. **(aiōnios**
g166) **17** Laya abanothileyo emhlabeni wakhathesi ukuthi
bangazigqaji, bangathembeli ekungaqondini kwenotho,
kodwa kuNkulunkulu ophilayo osipha ngokunotha
zonke izinto ukuze sithokoze, **(aiōn g165)** **18** benze
okuhle, banothe emisebenzini emihle, balungele ukupha,
ukwabelana ngesihle, **19** bazibekele isisekelo esihle
sibekelwa okuzayo, ukuze babambe impilo elaphakade.
20 O Timothi, londoloza kuhle okubekwe kuwe,
uxwaye ukukhuluma okuyize okungcolileyo lokuphikisana
kwalokho okuthiwa lulwazi kungeyisilo, **21** okuthe abanye
ngokukuvuma baduha ekholweni. Umusa kawube lawe.
Ameni.

2 KuThimothi

1 UPawuli umphostoli kaJesu Kristu ngentando
kaNkulunkulu, njengokwesithembiso sempilo
ekuKristu Jesu, **2** kuTimothi, umntanami othandekayo:
Umusa, isihawu, ukuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu
uBaba, loKristu Jesu iNkosi yethu. **3** Ngiyambonga
uNkulunkulu, engimkhonzayo kusukela kubokhokho
esazeleni esimhlophe, njengalokhu ngikukhumbula
ngokungaphezi emikhulekweni yami ebusuku lemini,
4 ngilangatha ukukubona, ngikhumbula inyembezi
zakho, ukuze ngigcwaliswe ngentokozo, **5** nxa ngibeka
emkhumbulweni ukholo olungelakuzenzisa olukuwe,
olwaluhlezi kugogo wakho uLoyisi kuqala lakunyoko
uYunike, njalo ngithemba ukuthi lukhona lakuwe.
6 Ngenxa yalesisizatho ngiyakukhumbuza ukuthi
uvuselele isipho sikaNkulunkulu, esikuwe ngokubekwa
kwezandla zami. **7** Ngoba uNkulunkulu kasinikanga
umoya wobugwala, kodwa owamandla lowothando
lowokuqonda. **8** Ngakho ungabi lanhloni ngobufakazi
beNkosi yethu, loba ngami isibotshwa sayo; kodwa
kumele uhlupheke kanye levangeli njengamandla
kaNkulunkulu, **9** owasisindisayo, njalo wasibiza ngobizo
olungcwele, kungeyisikho njengemisebenzi yethu kodwa
ngokwelakhe icebo langomusa, asinika wona kuKristu
Jesu kungakafiki izibanga zezikhathi, **(aiōnios g166)**
10 kodwa oselubonakaliswe khathesi ngokubonakala
koMsindisi wethu uJesu Kristu, owachitha ukufa,
waseletha ekukhanyeni impilo lokungabhubhi ngevangeli,
11 engamiselwa lona mina ukuba ngumtshumayeli
lomphostoli lomfundisi wezizwe. **12** Ngenxa yalesisizatho
lami ngiyahlupheka lezizinto, kodwa kangilanhloni;
ngoba ngiyamazi engikholwe kuye, njalo ngileqiniso
ukuthi ulamandla okulondoloza lokho engikubeke kuye
kuze kufike lolosuku. **13** Bambelela kusibonelo samazwi
aphilileyo owawezwayo kimi, ekholweni lethandweni
olukuKristu Jesu. **14** Lokhu okuhle okuphathisiweyo
kulondoloze ngoMoya oNgcwele ohlezi kithi. **15**
Uyakwazi lokhu, ukuthi bonke abaseAsiya bangihlamuka,
okukubo uFigelo loHermogene. **16** Sengathi iNkosi
inganika umusa indlu kaOnesiforo; ngoba wangivuselela
kanengi, njalo wayengelanhloni ngeketane lami, **17**
kodwa ekufikeni kwakhe eRoma, wangidingisisa kakhulu
wasengithola; **18** sengathi iNkosi ingamnika ukuthi athole
isihawu eNkosini ngalolosuku; lokuthi zingaki izinto
angenzela zona eEfesu, uyakwazi wena kuhle kakhulu.

2 Ngakho wena, mntanami, qiniswa emuseni
okuKristu Jesu. **2** Lezinto owazizwa kimi
phakathi kwabafakazi abanengi, zinikele ebantwini
abathembekileyo, abazakuba lamandla okufundisa
labanye. **3** Ngakho wena hlupheka ngobunzima,
njengebutho elihle likaJesu Kristu. **4** Kakho osebenza
njengebutho okhanywa zindaba zempilo, ukuze
amkholise lowo ombuthileyo. **5** Futhi nxa umuntu
laye encintisana, kanikwa umqhele ngaphandle
kokuthi encintisana ngokomthetho. **6** Kufanele umlimi
osebenza kakhulu emukele kuqala izithelo. **7** Nakana
ngezinto engizitshoyo; njalo sengathi iNkosi ingakunika
ukuqedisisa ezintweni zonke. **8** Khumbula ukuthi
uJesu Kristu wavuswa kwabafileyo, owenzalo kaDavida,
njengokwevangeli lami; **9** engihlupheka kulo okubi
kuze kube kuzibopho, njengomenzi wobubi; kanti
ilizwi likaNkulunkulu kalibotshwanga. **10** Ngakho
ngikubekezelele konke ngenxa yabakhethiweyo, ukuze
labo bazuze usindiso olukuKristu Jesu, kanye lobukhosi
obuphakade. **(aiōnios g166)** **11** Lithembekile ilizwi elithi:
Ngoba uba safa kanye laye, sizaphila kanye laye futhi;
12 uba sibekezela, lathi sizabusa kanye laye; uba
simphika, laye uzasiphika; **13** uba singathembeki, yena
uhlala ethembekile; angeziphike yena. **14** Bakhumbuze
lezizinto, ulayisise phambi kweNkosi ukungaphikisi
ngamazwi kokungasizi lutho, kodwa ekuduhisweni
kwabezwayo. **15** Khuthalela ukuthi uziveze kuNkulunkulu
uthembekile, isisebenzi esingelambangela yokuba
lenhloni, esiqondisa kuhle ilizwi leqiniso. **16** Kodwa xwaya
ukukhuluma okungcolileyo okuyize; ngoba bazaqhubeka
ekungamesabini uNkulunkulu okukhulu, **17** lelizwi labo
lizabhibhidla okwemvukuzane; okukubo uHimeneyo
loFileto; **18** abaduhileyo eqinisweni, besithi ukuvuka
kwabafileyo sekudlule, begenqula ukholo lwabanye.
19 Loba kunjalo isisekelo sikaNkulunkulu simi siqinile,
silaloluphawu lokuthi: INkosi iyabazi abangabayo, lokuthi:
Wonke obiza ibizo likaKristu kehlukane lokungalungi. **20**
Kodwa endlini enkulu kakukho izitsha zegolide lezesiliva
kuphela, kodwa lezesihlahla lezebumba, njalo ezinye
ngezenhlonipho, kodwa ezinye ngezokungahlonitshwa.
21 Ngakho uba umuntu ezihlambulula kulezizinto,
uzakuba yisitsha senhlonipho, esingcwelisiweyo, njalo
esilosizo kumninindlu, sesilungiselwe wonke umsebenzi
omuhle. **22** Balekela-ke inkanuko yobutsha, kodwa
udingisise ukulunga, ukholo, uthando, ukuthula kanye
labo ababiza iNkosi kuvela enhliziyweni emhlophe. **23**
Kodwa yala ukuphikisana okobuthutha lokokungafundi,
usazi ukuthi kubanga ukulwa. **24** Inceku yeNkosi-
ke kayifanele ukulwisa, kodwa ukuba mnene kubo
bonke, ibe lelisu lokufundisa, ibekezele, **25** ibeluleke
ngobumnene abalenkani; mhlawumbe uNkulunkulu
angabanika ukuphenduka baye kulwazi lweqiniso, **26**
njalo basanguluke kumjibila kadiyabhola, ababanjwe
nguye entandweni yakhe.

3 Kodwa yazi lokhu, ukuthi ensukwini zokucina
kuzafika izikhathi ezinzima. **2** Ngoba abantu
bazakuba ngabazithandayo, abathanda imali,
abazikhukhumezayo, abazigqajayo, abahlambazayo,
abangalaleli abazali, abangabongiyo, abangangcwele,
3 abangelathando ngemvelo, abangelakuxoliswa,
abahlebayo, abangazikhuziyo, abalolaka, abangathandi

okuhle, 4 abanikela abanye, abalamawala,
abazikhukhumezayo, abathanda intokozo kulokuthanda
uNkulunkulu, 5 abalesimo sokukhonza uNkulunkulu,
kodwa amandla akho bewaphika; labanjalo baxwaye. 6
Ngoba okuvela kubo labo ngabanyenyela ezindlini, njalo
bathumbe abesifazana ababuthakathaka abasindwa
yizono, bebuswa zinkanuko eziyinhlobonhlobo, 7
befunda njalonjalo, futhi bengasoze babelakho ukufika
elwazini lweqiniso. 8 Njengoba-ke uJanesi loJambere
bamelana loMozisi, ngokunjalo lalaba bamelana leqiniso,
abantu abalengqondo eyonakeleyo, abangasizi lutho
mayelana lokholo. 9 Kodwa kabayikuqhubekela phambili;
ngoba ubuthutha babo buzakuba sobala kubo bonke,
njengoba kwaba njalo lakobabo. 10 Kodwa wena
ulandele ngokunanzelela imfundiso yami, ukuziphatha,
injongo, ukholo, ukubekezela, uthando, ukuqinisela, 11
ukuzingelwa, izinhlupheko, njengalokhu okwangehlela
eAntiyoki, eIkoniyuma, eListra, ukuzingelwa okunjani
engakuthwalayo; njalo kukho konke iNkosi yangophula.
12 Isibili labo bonke abathanda ukuphila ngokwesaba
uNkulunkulu kuKristu Jesu bazazingelwa; 13 kodwa
abantu ababi labakhohlisi bazaqhubekela phambili
bedlulisa ebubini, bekhohlisa njalo bekhohliswa. 14
Kodwa wena mana kulezozinto ozifundileyo lowaqiniseka
kuzo, usazi ukuthi uzifunde kubani, 15 lokuthi kusukela
ebuntwaneni wayazi imibhalo engcwele, elamandla
okukuhlakaniphisa kube sesindisweni ngokholo
olukuKristu Jesu. 16 Wonke umbhalo waphefumulelwa
nguNkulunkulu, njalo ulungele imfundiso, ukukhalimela,
ukuqondisa, ukufundisa okusekulungeni; 17 ukuze
umuntu kaNkulunkulu aphelele, alungisiselwe wonke
umsebenzi omuhle.

4 Ngakho mina ngiyalayisisa phambi kukaNkulunkulu,
leNkosi uJesu Kristu, ozakwahlulela abaphilayo
labafileyo, ekubonakaleni kwakhe lembusweni wakhe,
2 tshumayela ilizwi, ulunge ngesikhathi esilungileyo,
ngesikhathi esingalunganga, sola, ukhuze, weluleke,
ekubekezeleni konke lemfundisweni. 3 Ngoba kuzakuba
lesikhathi lapho bengayikuvuma imfundiso ephilileyo,
kodwa ngokowabo umhawu bazazibuthelelela abafundisi,
belunywa zindlebe; 4 njalo bazafulathelisa indlebe zabo
eqinisweni, bazaphambukela ezinganekwaneni. 5 Kodwa
wena qonda ezintweni zonke, ubekezelele inhlupheko,
wenze umsebenzi womvangeli, ugcwalise inkonzo
yakho. 6 Ngoba mina sengithululwe njengomnikelo
wokunathwayo, lesikhathi sokusuka kwami sesifikile. 7
Ngilwile ukulwa okuhle, ngiqedile uhambo, ngilondolozile
ukholo; 8 kusukela khathesi, ngibekelwe umqhele
wokulunga, ezanginika wona ngalolosuku iNkosi,
umahluleli olungileyo; kodwa kungeyisimi ngedwa,
kodwa labo bonke abathanda ukubonakala kwayo. 9
Khuthala ukuza kimi masinyane; 10 ngoba uDema
ungihlamukile, ethande umhlaba wakhathesi, waya
eThesalonika; uKresena eGalathiya, uTitosi eDalmathiya.
(aiōn g165) 11 ULuka yedwa ulami. Thatha uMarko
ubuye laye; ngoba uloncedo kakhulu kimi enkonzweni.
12 Kodwa uTikiko ngimthume eEfesu. 13 Ulethe
isembatho engasitshiya kuKarpo eTrowasi, nxa ubuya,
lezingwalo, ikakhulu incwadi zesikhumba. 14 UAleksandro
umkhandi wethusi wangitshengisa okubi okunengi;
sengathi iNkosi ingambuyisela njengokwemisebenzi
yakhe; 15 umxwaye lawe, ngoba wamelana kakhulukazi
lamazwi ethu. 16 Ekuziphenduleleni kwami kwakuqala
kwakungekho muntu owangimelayo, kodwa bonke
bangihlamuka; sengathi kungebalelwe kubo. 17 Kodwa
iNkosi yangimela, yangipha amandla, ukuze ngami
ukutshumayela kupheleliswe, lezizwe zonke zizwe;
ngasengikhululwa emlonyeni wesilwane, 18 njalo iNkosi
izangikhulula kuwo wonke umsebenzi omubi, njalo
izangisindisela umbuso wayo wezulu; kakube kuyo
ubukhosi kuze kube phakade laphakade. Ameni. (aiōn
g165) 19 Bingelela uPriska loAkwila, lendlu kaOnesiforo.
20 UErastu wasala eKorinte; kodwa uTrofimu ngamtshiya
eMilethu egula. 21 Khuthala ufike ubusika bungakafiki.
UYubulu uyakubingelela, loPudeni, loLino, loKlawudiya,
labo bonke abazalwane. 22 INkosi uJesu Kristu kayibe
lomoya wakho. Umusa kawube lani. Ameni.

KuThithusi

1 UPawuli, inceku kaNkulunkulu, lomphostoli
kaJesu Kristu, njengokokholo lwabakhethiweyo
bakaNkulunkulu lolwazi lweqiniso olunjengokukhonza
uNkulunkulu, **2** ethembeni lempilo elaphakade,
uNkulunkulu ongaqambi manga alithembisa zingakafiki
izibanga zesikhathi, **(aiōnios g166)** **3** kodwa wabonakalisa
ngezikhathi ezifaneleyo ilizwi lakhe ngokutshumayela
mina engakuphathiswayo njengokulaya kukaNkulunkulu
uMsindisi wethu, **4** kuTitosi umntanami isibili njengokholo
esiluhlanganyele sonke: Umusa, isihawu, ukuthula
okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba, leNkosini uJesu Kristu
uMsindisi wethu. **5** Ngenxa yalokhu ngakutshiya eKrete,
ukuze ulungise lezozinto eziseleyo, njalo ubeke abadala
kuwo wonke umuzi, njengoba mina ngakulaya; **6**
uba kukhona ongasolekiyo, indoda elomfazi munye,
elabantwana abakholwayo, abangasolwa ngokuganga,
loba ngokungalaleli. **7** Ngoba kufanele umbonisi abe
ngongasolekiyo, njengomphathindlu kaNkulunkulu;
ongayisiso siqholo, ongathukutheli masinyane, ongesiso
sidakwa, ongathandi ukulwa, ongafisi inzuzo embi,
8 kodwa ophatha kuhle izihambi, othanda okuhle,
oziphathayo, oqondileyo, ongcwele, ozithintayo, **9**
ebambelela elizwini elithembekileyo njengokwemfundiso,
ukuze laye abe lamandla okukhuthaza ngemfundiso
ephilileyo, lokwehlula labo abalenkani. **10** Ngoba
kulabanengi labo abangalaleliyo, abakhuluma okuyize
labakhohlisayo, ikakhulu labo abokusoka, **11** imilomo
yabo imele ukufakwa isayeke, abagenqula imizi yonke,
befundisa izinto ezingafanelanga, ngenxa yenzuzo embi.
12 Omunye kubo, owabo umprofethi, wathi: AmaKrete
ahlezi engabaqambimanga, izilo ezimbi, iziminzi
ezivilaphayo. **13** Lobubufakazi buqinisile. Ngalesosizatho
balayisise ngobukhali, ukuze baphile ekholweni,
14 bangalaleli inganekwane zamaJuda, lemithetho
yabantu abafulathela iqiniso. **15** Kwabahlambulukileyo
konke kuhlambulukile; kodwa kwabangcolileyo
labangakholwayo kakulalutho oluhlanzekileyo; kodwa
lengqondo lezazela zabo kungcolile. **16** Bavuma
ukuthi bayamazi uNkulunkulu, kodwa bemphika
ngezenzo, besenyanyeka, labangalaleliyo, lakuwo
wonke umsebenzi omuhle kabasizi lutho.

2 Kodwa wena khuluma izinto ezifanele imfundiso
ephilileyo. **2** Amadoda amadala ukuthi azithinte,
ahlonipheke, engaqondileyo, ephilile ekholweni,
ethandweni, ekubekezeleni; **3** abesifazana abadala
ngokunjalo ukuthi baziphathe ngokufanele abangcwele,
bangabi ngabahlebayo, bangafuywa liwayini elinengi,
abafundisi bokuhle, **4** ukuze bafundise abesifazana
abatsha ukuthi baqonde, babengabathandi babomkabo,
bathande abantwana babo, **5** abaqondileyo, bemhlophe,
begcina amakhaya, belungile, bezehlisela ngaphansi
kwawabo amadoda, ukuze ilizwi likaNkulunkulu
lingadunyazwa. **6** Abesilisa abatsha ngokunjalo
ubakhuthaze ukuthi babe ngabaqondileyo; **7** mayelana
lazo zonke izinto zitshengise uyisibonelo sezenzo ezinhle:
Ekufundiseni okungabolanga, ubunzulu, ukuqonda,
8 ilizwi eliphilileyo, elingasolekiyo; ukuze omelana
lani abe lenhloni, aswele ulutho olubi angalukhuluma
ngani. **9** Khuthaza izigqili ukuthi zizehlisele ngaphansi
kwawazo amakhosi, zikholeke ezintweni zonke,
zingaphikisi, **10** zingantshontshi, kodwa zitshengise
konke ukuthembeka okuhle, ukuze zicecise imfundiso
kaNkulunkulu uMsindisi wethu ezintweni zonke. **11** Ngoba
ubonakele umusa kaNkulunkulu osindisayo ebantwini
bonke, **12** usifundisa ukuthi, sidele ukungakhonzi
uNkulunkulu lenkanuko zomhlaba, siphile ngokuqonda
langokulunga langokwesaba uNkulunkulu emhlabeni
wakhathesi, **(aiōn g165)** **13** silindele ithemba elibusisiweyo
lokubonakala kwenkazimulo kaNkulunkulu omkhulu
loMsindisi wethu uJesu Kristu, **14** owazinikelela thina,
ukuze asihlenge ebubini bonke, azihlambululele isizwe
esikhethekileyo, esitshisekela imisebenzi emihle. **15**
Khuluma lezizinto, ukhuthaze, ukhuze ulamandla wonke.
Kungabi khona umuntu okudelelayo.

3 Bakhumbuze ukuthi bazehlisele ngaphansi kwababusi
leziphathamandla, babalalele, balungele wonke
umsebenzi omuhle, **2** bangahlebi muntu, bangabi
yizilwi, babekezele, batshengise bonke ubumnene
ebantwini bonke. **3** Ngoba lathi kade sasiyiziphukuphuku,
singalaleli, sikhohliswa, sisebenzela inkanuko lentokozo
ezinenginengi, siphila ebubini lemoneni, sizondeka,
sizondana. **4** Kodwa lapho sekubonakele umusa lothando
lukaNkulunkulu uMsindisi wethu kubantu, **5** kungeyisikho
okuvela ezenzweni zokulunga esazenzayo thina, kodwa
njengokwesihawu sakhe wasisindisa, ngokugeziswa
kokuzalwa kutsha lokuvuselelwa koMoya oNgcwele,
6 owamthulula ngokwengezelelweyo phezu kwethu,
ngoJesu Kristu uMsindisi wethu, **7** ukuze silungisiswe
ngomusa wakhe, sibe yizindlalifa ngokwethemba
lempilo elaphakade. **(aiōnios g166)** **8** Lithembekile
ilizwi, njalo ngithanda ukuthi uqinise isibili ngalezizinto,
ukuze abakholwa kuNkulunkulu bakhuthalele ukuma
emisebenzini emihle. Lezi yizinto ezinhle ezilosizo
ebantwini; **9** kodwa xwaya imibuzo yobuthutha lendaba
zosendo olokuzalana lombango lokuphikisana ngomlayo;
ngoba kazisizi futhi ziyize. **10** Umuntu obhazukayo
emva kwesilayo sokuqala lesesibili, mdele, **11** usazi
ukuthi onjalo uphambukile, uyona, uyazilahla yena. **12**
Nxa ngizathuma uArtema kuwe loba uTikiko, khuthala
uze kimi eNikapoli; ngoba ngizimisele ukuhlala khona
ebusika. **13** Khuthala uncedise uZena isazumthetho
loApolosi ekuhambeni kwabo, ukuze kungabi lalutho
oluswelakalayo kubo. **14** Abakithi-ke labo kabafunde
ukuma emisebenzini emihle yokudingekayo kusweleka,
ukuze bangabi ngabangelazithelo. **15** Bonke abalami

bayakubingelela. Bingelela abasithandayo ekholweni.
Umusa kawube lani lonke. Ameni.

UFilimoni

1 UPawuli isibotshwa sikaKristu Jesu loTimothi
umzalwane, kuFilimoni othandekayo lesisebenzi
kanye lathi, 2 lakuApifiya othandekayo, lakuArkipho
owebutho kanye lathi, lakubandla elisendlini yakho: 3
Umusa kawube kini lokuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu
uBaba wethu leNkosini uJesu Kristu. 4 Ngiyambonga
uNkulunkulu wami, ngikuphatha ngezikhathi zonke
emikhulekweni yami, 5 ngisizwa ngothando lwakho
langokholo olalo eNkosini uJesu lakubo bonke
abangcwele, 6 ukuze ukuhlanganyela kokholo lwakho
kube lamandla elwazini lwento yonke enhle ekini kuKristu
Jesu. 7 Ngoba silentokozo enkulu lenduduzo ethandweni
lwakho, ngoba imibilini yabangcwele yavuselelwa
ngawe, mzalwane. 8 Ngalokho, lanxa ngilesibindi
esikhulu kuKristu sokuthi ngikulaye into efaneleyo, 9
kanti ngenxa yothando kungcono ukuthi ngincenge,
nginjengonje, uPawuli omdala, esengiyisibotshwa futhi
sikaJesu Kristu. 10 Ngiyakuncenga ngomntanami,
engimzeleyo kuzibopho zami, uOnesimo, 11 okade
engelasizo kuwe, kodwa khathesi-ke ulosizo kuwe
lakimi, 12 engimbuyisela kuwe; kodwa wena, memukele,
okuyikuthi imibilini yami; 13 ebengifisa mina ukumbamba
abe lami, ukuze angisebenzele esikhundleni sakho
kuzibopho zevangeli; 14 kodwa kangithandanga ukwenza
ulutho ngaphandle kwemvumo yakho, ukuze okuhle
kwakho kungabi ngokokubanjwa ngamandla, kodwa
njengokwesihle. 15 Ngoba mhlawumbe wehlukaniswa
lawe okwesikhatshana ngenxa yalokhu, ukuze ubuye
umemukele phakade; **(aiōnios g166)** 16 angabe esaba
njengesigqili, kodwa ngaphezu kwesigqili, umzalwane
othandekayo, ikakhulu kimi, kodwa kakhulu kangakanani
kuwe konke enyameni leNkosini. 17 Ngakho uba usithi
ngingumhlanganyeli lawe, memukele njengami. 18
Kodwa uba ekone ngolutho kumbe elomlandu, lokho
kubalele kimi; 19 mina Pawuli ngibhale ngesandla
sami, mina ngizahlawula; ukuthi ngingatsho kuwe
ukuthi lawe uqobo ulomlandu oseleyo kimi. 20 Yebo,
mzalwane, sengathi ngingaba lentokozo ngawe eNkosini;
uvuselele imibilini yami eNkosini. 21 Ngikubhalele
ngithemba ukulalela kwakho, ngisazi ukuthi lawe
uzakwenza okungaphezu kwalokho engikutshoyo. 22
Futhi ngesikhathi esifananayo ungilungisele lami indawo
yokuhlala; ngoba ngiyathemba ukuthi ngemikhuleko yenu
ngizanikwa kini. 23 Uyakubingelela uEpafra oyisibotshwa
kanye lami kuKristu Jesu, 24 uMarko, uAristako, uDema,
uLuka, izisebenzi kanye lami. 25 Umusa weNkosi yethu
uJesu Kristu kawube lomoya wenu. Ameni.

KumaHebheru

1 UNkulunkulu owakhuluma endulo kubobaba
ngabaprofethi ngezigaba ngezigaba langendlela
ezinengi, **2** kulezinsuku zokucina ukhulume kithi
ngeNdodana, ayimise ibe yindlalifa yezinto zonke,
owadala ngayo futhi imihlaba, **(aiōn g165)** **3** yona
eyikubenyezela kwenkazimulo, lomfuziselo uqobo
wobukhona bakhe, njalo ithwele izinto zonke ngelizwi
lamandla ayo, lapho isiyenzile ngokwayo ukuhlanjululwa
kwezono zethu, yahlala phansi ngakwesokunene
soBukhulu obuphezulu, **4** isiyenziwe yaphakama kakhulu
kulezingilosi, njengalokhu izuze ilifa lebizo elikhulu
kulalezo. **5** Ngoba kukuyiphi yezingilosi ake watsho
kuyo ukuthi: Wena uyiNdodana yami, mina lamuhla
ngikuzele? Lokuthi futhi: Mina ngizakuba nguYise
kiyo, yona-ke ibe yiNdodana kimi? **6** Futhi mhla
ephinda eletha olizibulo emhlabeni, uthi: Lengilosi
zonke zikaNkulunkulu kazimkhonze. **7** Lakuzingilosi
uthi: Owenza ingilosi zakhe imimoya, lenceku zakhe
ilangabi lomlilo; **8** kodwa eNdodaneni uthi: Isihlalo sakho
sobukhosi, Nkulunkulu, singesaphakade laphakade;
intonga yombuso wakho yintonga yokulunga. **(aiōn
g165)** **9** Uthandile ukulunga, wazonda ububi; ngenxa
yalokhu, uNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu wakho ukugcobile
ngamagcobo entokozo kulabanakwenu. **10** Lokuthi:
Wena Nkosi, ekuqaleni wasekela umhlaba, lamazulu
ayimisebenzi yezandla zakho; **11** kuzabhubha lokho,
kodwa wena umi njalonjalo; futhi kuzaguga konke
njengesigqoko, **12** lanjengesembatho uzakugoqa,
kuzaphendulwa-ke; kodwa wena unguwe unjalo,
leminyaka yakho kayiyikuphela. **13** Kukuyiphi-ke
yezingilosi ake atsho kuyo ukuthi: Hlala ngakwesokunene
sami, ngize ngibeke izitha zakho zibe yisenabelo senyawo
zakho? **14** Kazisibo yini zonke omoya abasebenzayo
abathunyelwe ukukhonza ngenxa yalabo abazakudla
ilifa losindiso?

2 Ngenxa yalokhu kufanele siqaphelisise izinto
esizizwileyo, hlezi mhlawumbe sikhukhulwe. **2** Ngoba
uba ilizwi elakhulunywa zingilosi laqiniseka, lakho konke
ukuphambuka lokungalaleli kwemukela ukuphindisela
ngokufaneleyo, **3** thina sizaphepha njani uba sidelela
usindiso olungaka? Olwaqala ukukhulunywa yiNkosi,
lwaqiniswa kithi yilabo abayizwayo, **4** uNkulunkulu
efakaza kanye labo ngezibonakaliso lezimangaliso,
lemisebenzi yamandla eyizinhlobonhlobo, lokwabelwa
kukaMoya oNgcwele, njengokwentando yakhe. **5** Ngoba
kehliselanga ngaphansi kwezingilosi ilizwe elizayo,
esikhuluma ngalo. **6** Kodwa omunye ufakazile endaweni
ethile esithi: Umuntu uyini, ukuthi umkhumbule, kumbe
indodana yomuntu, ukuthi uyinanze? **7** Wamenza
waba phansi kancinyane kulezingilosi; wamethwesa
umqhele wenkazimulo lodumo; wammisa phezu
kwemisebenzi yezandla zakho; **8** izinto zonke wazehlisela
ngaphansi kwenyawo zakhe. Ngoba ekwehliseni
izinto zonke ngaphansi kwakhe, katshiyanga lutho
olungehliselwanga kuye. Kodwa khathesi kasikaziboni
izinto zonke zehliselwe kuye. **9** Kodwa siyambona uJesu,
owenziwa waba phansi kancinyane kulezingilosi, ngenxa
yenhlupheko yokufa, etheswe umqhele wobukhosi
lodumo, ukuze ngomusa kaNkulunkulu azwele wonke
ukufa. **10** Ngoba kwakumfanele, ezikhona zonke izinto
ngenxa yakhe, lezikhona zonke ngaye, ukuthi, lapho
eletha abantwana abanengi enkazimulweni, amphelelise
umkhokheli wosindiso lwabo ngezinhlupheko. **11**
Ngoba lalowo ongcwelisayo labangcwelisiweyo, bonke
bavela koyedwa; ngalesosizatho kalanhloni ukubabiza
ngokuthi ngabafowabo, **12** esithi: Ngizatshumayela ibizo
lakho kubafowethu, ngizakuhlabelela indumiso phakathi
kwebandla. **13** Futhi-ke: Mina ngizathemba kuye. Futhi-
ke: Khangela mina labantwana uNkulunkulu anginike
bona. **14** Ngakho njengoba abantwana behlanganyele
inyama legazi, laye uqobo wahlanganyela khona lokho,
ukuze ngokufa amchithe yena obelamandla okufa,
ongudiyabhola, **15** abakhulule labo bonke abathi
ngokwesaba ukufa impilo yabo yonke babebanjwe
ebugqilini. **16** Ngoba isibili kazithatheli izingilosi,
kodwa uzithathela inzalo kaAbrahama. **17** Ngenxa
yalokho kwamfanela ukuthi abe njengabafowabo kuzo
zonke izinto, ukuze abe ngumpristi omkhulu olesihawu
lothembekileyo ezintweni ezimayelana loNkulunkulu,
ukuze enze inhlawulo yokuthula ngezono zabantu. **18**
Ngoba kulokhu ahlupheke kukho yena uqobo elingwa,
ulamandla okusiza abalingwayo.

3 Ngakho, bazalwane abangcwele, bahlanganyeli
bobizo lwasezulwini, qaphelani umphostoli lompristi
omkhulu wovumo lwethu, uKristu Jesu, **2** othembeke
kulowo owammisayo, njengoMozisi laye wayenjalo
endlini yakhe yonke. **3** Ngoba kwathiwa lo ufanele
udumo olukhulu kuloMozisi, njengoba ulodumo olukhulu
kulendlu ayakhileyo. **4** Ngoba yonke indlu yakhiwa
ngothile; kodwa owakha izinto zonke nguNkulunkulu.
5 UMozisi kambe wayethembekile endlini yonke
yakhe njengenceku, kuze kube yibufakazi bezinto
ebezizakhulunywa; **6** kodwa uKristu njengendodana
phezu kwendlu yakhe; esiyindlu yakhe thina, uba-ke
sibambelela ngokuqina isibindi lokuziqhenya kwethemba
kuze kube sekupheleni. **7** Ngakho njengoba uMoya
oyiNgcwele esithi: Lamuhla uba lilizwa ilizwi lakhe, **8**
lingazenzi zibe lukhuni inhliziyo zenu, njengekucunuleni,
ngosuku lokulingwa enkangala, **9** lapho oyihlo
bangilinga, bengihlola, basebebona imisebenzi yami
okweminyaka engamatshumi amane; **10** ngakho
ngasithukuthelela lesosizukulwana, ngathi: Bayaduha
kokuphela enhliziyweni; lalaba kabazazanga indlela
zami; **11** ngaze ngafunga ekuthukutheleni kwami ngathi:
Kabayikungena ekuphumuleni kwami. **12** Nanzelelani,

bazalwane, hlezi kuzakuba khona loba nini phakathi
komunye wenu inhliziyo embi yokungakholwa, ekuduheni
kuNkulunkulu ophilayo; 13 kodwa khuthazanani insuku
ngensuku, kusathiwa lamuhla, ukuze kungabi khona
kini owenziwa lukhuni ngenkohliso yesono; 14 ngoba
sesibe ngabahlanganyeli bakaKristu, uba-ke sibambisisa
isiqalo sokuqiniseka kuze kube sekupheleni; 15
kusathiwa: Lamuhla uba lilizwa ilizwi lakhe, lingazenzi
zibe lukhuni inhliziyo zenu, njengekucunuleni. 16 Ngoba
abanye sebezwile bathukuthelisa, kodwa kakusibo
bonke labo abaphuma eGibhithe ngoMozisi. 17
Kodwa ngobani athukutheliswa yibo okweminyaka
engamatshumi amane? Kakusibo labo abonayo yini,
abazidumbu zabo zawela enkangala? 18 Ngobani-
ke afunga kubo ukuthi kabazukungena ekuphumuleni
kwakhe, ngaphandle kwalabo abangalalelanga? 19
Ngakho siyabona ukuthi babengelakungena ngenxa
yokungakholwa.

4 Ngakho, kasesabe, hlezi, lapho sisekhona isithembiso
sokungena ekuphumuleni kwakhe, kube khona
omunye wenu obonakala esehluleka ukufinyelela kukho;
2 ngoba lathi satshunyayezwa ivangeli, lanjengabo;
kodwa ilizwi abalizwayo kalibasizanga bona, lokhu
lingahlanganananga lokholo kulabo abalizwayo; 3 ngoba
thina esikholwayo siyangena ekuphumuleni, njengoba
watsho ukuthi: Njengoba ngifungile ekuthukutheleni
kwami ngathi: Kabayikungena ekuphumuleni kwami;
lanxa imisebenzi yayiqediwe kusukela ekusekelweni
komhlaba. 4 Ngoba utshilo kwenye indawo ngosuku
lwesikhombisa kanje: UNkulunkulu wasephumula
ngosuku lwesikhombisa emisebenzini yakhe yonke; 5
lakulindawo uthi futhi: Kabayikungena ekuphumuleni
kwami. 6 Ngakho lokhu kusalele ukuthi abanye
bangene kukho, lalabo abatshunyayezwa ivangeli
kuqala kabangenanga ngokungalaleli, 7 ubuya aqume
usuku oluthile athi: Lamuhla, utsho ngoDavida,
emva kwesikhathi esingaka, njengokwatshiwo ukuthi:
Lamuhla uba lizalizwa ilizwi lakhe, lingazenzi zibe
lukhuni inhliziyo zenu. 8 Ngoba uba uJoshuwa
wayebaphumuzile, wayengayikukhuluma emva kwalokhu
ngolunye usuku. 9 Ngakho kubasalele abantu
bakaNkulunkulu ukuphumula kwesabatha. 10 Ngoba
ongenileyo ekuphumuleni kwakhe laye usephumule
emisebenzini yakhe, njengoNkulunkulu kweyakhe. 11
Ngakho asikhuthalele ukungena kulokhokuphumula,
ukuze kungabi lowela kulesisibonelo sokungalaleli. 12
Ngoba ilizwi likaNkulunkulu liphilile, lilamandla, libukhali
kulaloba yiyiphi inkemba esika nhlangothi zombili,
lihlaba kuze kube sekwehlukanisweni komphefumulo
lomoya, lamalunga lomnkantsho, njalo lingumhloli
okhaliphileyo wemicabango lezizindlo zenhliziyo. 13
Futhi kakulalutho oludaliweyo olungabonakaliyo phambi
kwakhe; kodwa zonke izinto zembuliwe zisobala
emehlweni akhe esilokuzilanda kuye. 14 Ngakho lokhu
silompristi omkhulu kakhulu, odlulele emazulwini, uJesu
iNdodana kaNkulunkulu, asibambelele kusivumo sethu.
15 Ngoba kasilaye umpristi omkhulu ongelakuzwelana
lobuthakathaka bethu, kodwa owalingwa kukho konke
njengathi, engelasono. 16 Ngakho kasisondele ngesibindi
esihlalweni sobukhosi somusa, ukuze semukele isihawu,
sithole umusa wosizo ngesikhathi esifaneleyo.

5 Ngoba wonke umpristi omkhulu, okhethwa ebantwini,
umiselwa abantu ezintweni ezimayelana loNkulunkulu,
ukuze anikele izipho lemihlatshelo ngenxa yezono;
2 ongababekezelela abangaziyo labaduhayo, lokhu
laye egonjolozelwe yibuthakathaka; 3 njalo ngenxa
yalokhu kufanele ukuthi anikelele izono, njengokwabantu,
kunjalo langokwakhe. 4 Futhi kakulamuntu ozithathela le
inhlonipho, kodwa obizwa nguNkulunkulu, lanjengoAroni.
5 Ngokunjalo loKristu kazidumisanga yena ukuba
ngumpristi omkhulu, kodwa lowo owathi kuye: Wena
uyiNdodana yami, lamuhla mina ngikuzele. 6 Njengoba
esitsho futhi kwenye indawo ukuthi: Wena ungumpristi
kuze kube phakade ngokohlobo lukaMelkizedeki. (aiōn
g165) 7 Owathi ensukwini zenyama yakhe, esenikele
imikhuleko kanye lokunxusa elokukhala okukhulu
langezinyembezi kuye olamandla okumsindisa ekufeni,
futhi wezwiwa ngenxa yokwesaba kwakhe uNkulunkulu,
8 loba eyiNdodana, wafunda ukulalela ezintweni
ahlupheka ngazo, 9 esephelelisiwe waba yisisusa
sosindiso olulaphakade kubo bonke abamlalelayo; (aiōnios
g166) 10 ebizwa nguNkulunkulu ngokuthi ungumpristi
omkhulu ngokohlobo lukaMelkizedeki. 11 Esilokunengi
esingakutsho ngaye futhi okulukhuni ukulichasisela,
lokhu selaba buthundu ekuzweni. 12 Ngoba lapho
ebelifanele ukuba ngabafundisi, ngenxa yesikhathi,
liswela futhi ukuthi kube khona olifundisayo, ukuthi ziyini
izimiso zakuqala zamazwi kaNkulunkulu; selingabafanele
uchago, kungeyisikho-ke ukudla okuqinileyo. 13
Ngoba wonke odla uchago kalalwazi olupheleleyo
elizwini lokulunga; ngoba uyingane. 14 Kodwa ukudla
okuqinileyo kungokwabakhulileyo, asebesebenzise
izingqondo ngokwejwayela ekwehlukaniseni konke
okuhle lokubi.

6 Ngakho, sitshiya izinto zakuqala zemfundiso kaKristu,
kasiqhubekele kokupheleleyo, singabeki futhi
isisekelo sokuphenduka emisebenzini efileyo, lesokholo
kuNkulunkulu, 2 esemfundiso yobhabhathizo, lesokubeka
izandla, lesokuvuka kwabafileyo, lesokwahlulelwa
okulaphakade. (aiōnios g166) 3 Lalokhu sizakwenza,
nxa uNkulunkulu evuma. 4 Ngoba kakulakwenzeka
ukuthi labo asebake bakhanyiswa, banambitha isipho
sezulwini, baba ngabahlanganyeli bakaMoya oNgcwele,
5 banambitha ilizwi elihle likaNkulunkulu, lamandla elizwe
elizayo, (aiōn g165) 6 basebehlamuka, labo-ke ukuthi
babuye bavuselwe ekuphendukeni, lokhu bephinda
bezibethelela iNdodana kaNkulunkulu, beyithela ihlazo

obala; 7 ngoba umhlabathi onatha izulu elifika kanengi
phezu kwawo, ubusumilisa imibhida ebasizayo labo
olinywa yibo, wemukela isibusiso esivela kuNkulunkulu;
8 kodwa lowo oveza ameva lokhula oluhlabayo,
uyaliwa njalo useduze lokuqalekiswa, okuphela kwakho
kusekutshisweni. 9 Kodwa siqiniseka ngani izinto
ezingcono, bathandekayo, leziqondene losindiso, lanxa
sikhuluma njalo; 10 ngoba uNkulunkulu kayisuye
ongalunganga ukuthi akhohlwe umsebenzi wenu
lomsebenzi onzima wothando elalubonakalisa ebizweni
lakhe, ngokusebenzela abangcwele lisabasebenzela. 11
Kodwa sifisa ukuthi ngulowo lalowo wenu akubonakalise
lokhukukhuthala ekuqinisekeni okupheleleyo kwethemba
ekupheleni; 12 ukuze lingabi ngabavilaphayo, kodwa
abalingisi babo abathi ngokholo langokubekezela
badla ilifa lezithembiso. 13 Ngoba lapho uNkulunkulu
ethembisa kuAbrahama, ngoba wayengelaye omkhulu
kulaye angafunga ngaye, wazifunga yena, 14
esithi: Isibili ngizakubusisa lokukubusisa, lokwandisa
ngizakwandisa. 15 Langokunjalo esebekezele wazuza
isithembiso. 16 Ngoba isibili abantu bayafunga
ngomkhulu kulabo, lesifungo sokuqinisa siyisiphetho
sakho konke ukuphikisana kubo. 17 Okwathi uNkulunkulu
kukho, ethanda ukubonisa ngokwengezelelweyo kakhulu
kuzindlalifa zesithembiso ukungaphenduki kwecebo
lakhe, walamula ngesifungo, 18 ukuze, ngezinto
ezimbili ezingaphendukiyo, okukuzo okungelakwenzeka
ukuthi uNkulunkulu aqambe amanga ngazo, sibe
lenduduzo elamandla, thina esibalekele ukuphephela
ukuthi sibambelele ethembeni elibekwe phambi kwethu;
19 esilalo njengengwegwe yomphefumulo eqinileyo
legxilileyo, lingena kokuphakathi kweveyili; 20 lapho
isigijimi esingumanduleli sasingenela khona, uJesu,
esaba ngumpristi omkhulu ephakadeni ngokohlobo
lukaMelkizedeki. **(aiōn g165)**

7 Ngoba uMelkizedeki lo, inkosi yeSalema, umpristi
kaNkulunkulu oPhezukonke, owahlangabeza
uAbrahama mhla ebuya ekubulaleni amakhosi,
wasembusisa, 2 uAbrahama laye wamabela okwetshumi
kwakho konke; kuqala uphendulelwa ngokuthi inkosi
yokulunga, emva kwalokhu besekuthiwa futhi inkosi
yeSalema, okuyikuthi inkosi yokuthula; 3 engelayise,
engelanina, engelasendo, engelakuqala kwensuku
kumbe ukuphela kwempilo, kodwa esenziwe wafanana
leNdodana kaNkulunkulu, uhlala engumpristi laphakade.
4 Bonani-ke ukuthi mkhulu kangakanani lo, ngitsho
uAbrahama ukhokho amnika okwetshumi kwezimpango.
5 Lalabo abavela emadodaneni kaLevi abemukela
ubupristi balomlayo wokwemukela okwetshumi
ebantwini ngokomthetho, okuyikuthi kubafowabo,
lanxa bevela ekhalweni lukaAbrahama; 6 kodwa yena
ongabalelwa osendweni lwabo, wemukela okwetshumi
kuAbrahama, wasembusisa lowo owayelezithembiso.
7 Njalo kungelakuphikwa ngitsho ukuthi: Omncinyane
ubusiswa ngomkhulu. 8 Lapha-ke abantu abafayo
bemukela okwetshumi; kodwa lapho esemukela lowo
okufakazwa ngaye ukuthi uyaphila. 9 Kungatshiwo-
ke, uLevi laye owemukela okwetshumi wanikela
okwetshumi ngoAbrahama; 10 ngoba wayesesekhalweni
lukayise, mhla uMelkizedeki emhlangabeza. 11
Ngakho-ke uba kwakukhona ukuphelela ngobupristi
bukaLevi (ngoba isizwe sanikwa umlayo ngaphansi
kwabo), kwakusaswelekelani ukuthi kuvele omunye
umpristi ngokohlobo lukaMelkizedeki, lokungatshiwo
ngokwendlela kaAroni? 12 Ngoba uba ubupristi
buphendulwa, kuyadingeka ukuthi kube khona
lokuphendulwa komlayo. 13 Ngoba lowo okukhulunywa
ngaye lezizinto ungowesinye isizwe, okungabanga khona
kuso owanakekela ilathi. 14 Ngoba kusobala ukuthi iNkosi
yethu yavela koJuda, isizwe uMozisi angakhulumanga
lutho ngaso mayelana lobupristi. 15 Njalo kusesobala
ngokwengezelelwe kakhulu, uba sekusima omunye
umpristi njengokofuzo lukaMelkizedeki, 16 ongenziwanga
ngokomthetho wesimiso senyama, kodwa ngokwamandla
empilo engelakuphela; 17 ngoba ufakaza esithi:
Wena ungumpristi kuze kube nininini ngokohlobo
lukaMelkizedeki. **(aiōn g165)** 18 Ngoba ukubekwa
eceleni komthetho wokuqala kwenziwa ngenxa
yobuthakathaka lokungasizi lutho kwawo; 19 ngoba
umlayo kawuzanga wenze ulutho luphelele, kodwa
uyisingeniso sethemba elingcono, esisondela ngalo
kuNkulunkulu. 20 Njalo okungangokuthi kenziwanga
ngaphandle kwesifungo, 21 (ngoba bona baba
ngabapristi ngaphandle kwesifungo, kodwa yena
ngesifungo, ngalowo owathi kuye: INkosi yafunga njalo
kayiyikuzisola yathi: Wena ungumpristi kuze kube
nininini ngokohlobo lukaMelkizedeki;) **(aiōn g165)** 22
ngalokho uJesu waba yisibambiso sesivumelwano
esingcono. 23 Lalabo babebanengi ababa ngabapristi,
ngoba bavinjelwa yikufa ukuthi bahlale njalo; 24
kodwa lo, ngenxa yokuthi uhlala kuze kube phakade,
ulobupristi obungadluliyo. **(aiōn g165)** 25 Ngenxa yalokho
laye ulamandla okusindisa ngokupheleleyo abeza
kuNkulunkulu ngaye, lokhu ephilela njalo ukubanxusela.
26 Ngoba umpristi omkhulu onjalo usifanele, ongcwele,
ongelacala, ongelasici, owehlukaniswe lezoni, lowenziwa
waphakama kulamazulu; 27 ongadingi insuku ngensuku,
njengabapristi abakhulu, ukunikela imihlatshelo esenzela
ezakhe izono kuqala, emva kwalokho ezabantu; ngoba
lokho wakwenza kanye mhla ezinikela yena. 28 Ngoba
umlayo uyamisa abantu babe ngabapristi abakhulu,
abalobuthakathaka; kodwa ilizwi lesifungo elalandela
umlayo lamisa iNdodana ephelelisiweyo kuze kube
nininini. **(aiōn g165)**

8 Ngakho isiqokoqela sezinto esazikhulumayo yikuthi:
Silompristi omkhulu onje, owahlala ngakwesokunene

sesihlalo sobukhosi soMkhulu emazulwini, 2 isikhonzi
sendawo ezingcwele lesethabhanekele eliqotho, iNkosi
eyalimisayo, njalo kungesimuntu; 3 ngoba wonke
umpristi omkhulu umiselwe ukunikela iminikelo
lemihlatshelo; ngakho kuyadingeka ukuthi laye
abe lakho okuthile angakunikela. 4 Ngoba uba
ubesemhlabeni, ubengeyikuba ngumpristi lakanye, ngoba
bakhona abapristi abanikela iminikelo ngokomlayo,
5 abakhonza isibonelo lesithunzi sezinto zezulwini,
njengoMozisi elaywe nguNkulunkulu esezakwenza
ithabhanekele, ngoba wathi: Qaphela ukuthi wenze
zonke izinto njengomfanekiso owaboniswa wona
entabeni. 6 Kodwa khathesi-ke uzuze inkonzo enhle
kakhulu, njengalokhu laye engumlamuli wesivumelwano
esingcono, esimiswe phezu kwezithembiso ezingcono. 7
Ngoba uba lesosivumelwano esakuqala besingasoleki,
bekungayikudingwa indawo yesesibili. 8 Ngoba ebasola
uthi: Khangela insuku ziyeza, kutsho iNkosi, njalo
ngizakwenza isivumelwano esitsha lendlu kaIsrayeli
lendlu kaJuda; 9 esingenjengesivumelwano engasenza
laboyise mhla ngibabamba ngesandla ukubakhupha
elizweni leGibhithe; ngoba bona kabahlalanga
esivumelwaneni sami, lami kangibananzanga, itsho
iNkosi. 10 Ngoba yilesi isivumelwano engizavumelana
ngaso lendlu kaIsrayeli emva kwalezonsuku, itsho
iNkosi, ngizafaka imilayo yami engqondweni yabo,
lenhliziyweni zabo ngiyibhale; ngibe nguNkulunkulu
kubo, bona-ke bazakuba ngabantu kimi. 11 Njalo
kabayikufundisa ngulowo lalowo umakhelwane wakhe,
njalo ngulowo lalowo umfowabo, esithi: Yazi iNkosi;
ngoba bonke bazangazi, kusukela komncinyane wabo
kuze kufike komkhulu wabo. 12 Ngoba ngizakuba
lesihawu ekungalungini kwabo, lezono zabo lobubi babo
kangisayikukukhumbula. 13 Ngokuthi: Isivumelwano
esitsha, senze esokuqala saba ngesigugileyo. Njalo
osekugugile lokudala sekuseduze lokunyamalala.

9 Ngakho isibili lesosivumelwano sakuqala sasilezimiso
zenkonzo kaNkulunkulu, lendawo engcwele
yemhlabeni. 2 Ngoba kwakhiwa ithabhanekele;
elokuqala okwakukhona kulo uluthi lwesibane letafula
lezinkwa zokubukiswa, elibizwa ngokuthi yindawo
engcwele. 3 Langemva kweveyili lesibili kwakukhona
ithabhanekele elibizwa ngokuthi yingcwele yezingcwele,
4 lilesitsha segolide sokutshisela impepha, lomtshokotsho
wesivumelwano obhadwe ngegolide inhlangothi zonke,
okwakukhona kuwo inqayi yegolide elemana, lenduku
kaAroni eyahlumayo, lezibhebhe zesivumelwano; 5
laphezu kwawo amakherubhi enkazimulo asibekele
isihlalo somusa; esingekhulume ngalezizinto khathesi
ngokukhethekileyo. 6 Sezilungisiwe lezizinto ngokunjalo,
abapristi bangena njalonjalo ethabhanekeleni lokuqala
bephelelisa imisebenzi yokukhonza uNkulunkulu; 7
kodwa kwelesibili kwakungena kanye ngomnyaka umpristi
omkhulu yedwa, kungeyisikho ngaphandle kwegazi,
azinikelela yena leziphambeko zabantu; 8 uMoya
oyiNgcwele utshengisa lokhu, ukuthi indlela eya endaweni
engcwele kayikembulwa, lapho lisemi ithabhanekele
lokuqala; 9 okwakungumfanekiso walesosikhathi,
okwanikelwa kulo iminikelo kanye lemihlatshelo,
engelakho ukuphelelisa okhonzayo maqondana lesazela,
10 kuphela kokudliwayo, lokunathwayo, lokugeza
okuzinhlobonhlobo lezimiso zenyama, ezibekwe phezu
kwabo kuze kufike isikhathi sokulungisiswa. 11 Kodwa
uKristu esefikile, engumpristi omkhulu wezinto ezinhle
ezizayo, ngethabhanekele elikhulu leliphelelelyo kulelinye,
elingenziwanga ngezandla, okuyikuthi, elingeyisilo
lalokhukudalwa, 12 futhi kungeyisikho ngegazi
lezimbuzi lelamathole, kodwa ngelakhe igazi wangena
kanye endaweni engcwele, esezuze ukuhlengwa
okulaphakade. **(aiōnios g166)** 13 Ngoba uba igazi
lezimbuzi lelezinkunzi, lomlotha wethokazi, kufafaza
abangcolileyo, kungcwelisa kuze kube sekuhlambulukeni
kwenyama, 14 kakhulu kangakanani igazi likaKristu,
owathi ngoMoya ophakade wazinikela kuNkulunkulu
engelasici, lizahlambulula isazela senu emisebenzini
efileyo, ukukhonza uNkulunkulu ophilayo? **(aiōnios g166)**
15 Langenxa yalokhu ungumlamuli wesivumelwano
esitsha, ukuze, lokhu ukufa sekufikile ekuhlengeni
kweziphambeko ngesikhathi sesivumelwano sokuqala,
ababiziweyo bemukele isithembiso selifa laphakade.
(aiōnios g166) 16 Ngoba lapho okukhona incwadi yelifa,
kufuneka ukuthi kubikwe ukufa komenzi wencwadi
yelifa. 17 Ngoba incwadi yelifa isebenza kwabafileyo,
lokhu kayikabi lamandla lapho ephila umenzi wencwadi
yelifa. 18 Ngakho laso esokuqala kasimiswanga
ngaphandle kwegazi. 19 Ngoba lapho usumenyezelwe
umthetho wonke ngokomlayo nguMozisi ebantwini
bonke, wathatha igazi lamathole lelembuzi, kanye
lamanzi loboya bezimvu obubomvu lehisope, wafafaza
kokubili ugwalo uqobo labantu bonke, 20 esithi:
Leli ligazi lesivumelwano uNkulunkulu alilaya ngaso.
21 Ngokunjalo wasefafaza ngegazi lethabhanekele
lezitsha zonke zenkonzo. 22 Njalo phose zonke izinto
zihlanjululwa ngegazi ngokomthetho, langaphandle
kokuchitheka kwegazi kakubi khona uthethelelo. 23
Ngokunjalo kwakudingeka ukuthi imifanekiso yezinto
zemazulwini ihlanjululwe ngalezizinto, kodwa izinto
zezulwini uqobo ngemihlatshelo engcono kulale. 24
Ngoba uKristu kangenanga endaweni ezingcwele
ezenziwe ngezandla, ezingumfanekiso weziqotho, kodwa
ezulwini uqobo, ukuthi khathesi abonakalele thina
phambi kobuso bukaNkulunkulu; 25 kungeyisikuthi futhi
ukuze azinikele kanengi, njengalokhu umpristi omkhulu
engena endaweni engcwele umnyaka ngomnyaka legazi
lokunye; 26 uba kwakunjalo wayemele ukuhlupheka
kanengi selokhu kwasekelwa umhlaba; kodwa khathesi
ubonakaliswe kanye ekupheleni kwesikhathi ukuze
asuse izono ngomhlatshelo wakhe uqobo. **(aiōn g165)**

27 Njalo njengalokhu kumiselwe abantu ukuthi bafe
kanye, kodwa emva kwalokhu ukwahlulelwa; 28
ngokunjalo uKristu, esenikelwe kanye ukuze athwale
izono zabanengi, ngokwesibili uzabonakala ngaphandle
kwesono kwabamlindeleyo, kube lusindiso.

10 Ngoba umlayo ulesithunzi sezinto ezinhle ezizayo,
ungeyisiwo umfanekiso oqotho wezinto, ungeze
waba lamandla ngaleyomihlatshelo enikelwa njalonjalo
iminyaka ngeminyaka ukubenza baphelele labo
abasondelayo. 2 Uba kwakunjalo nga kayimanga
yini ukunikelwa, ngoba abakhonzayo babengasayikuba
lasazela sezono, sebehlanjululwe kanye? 3 Kodwa
kuleyomihlatshelo kukhona ukukhunjulwa kwezono
umnyaka ngomnyaka; 4 ngoba kakulakwenzeka
ukuthi igazi lezinkunzi lelezimbuzi lisuse izono;
5 ngakho esefika emhlabeni uthi: Umhlatshelo
lomnikelo kawuwuthandanga, kodwa ungilungisele
umzimba; 6 iminikelo yokutshiswa lemihlatshelo yesono
kawuyithokozelanga; 7 ngasengisithi: Khangela, ngiza
(kumqulu wogwalo kulotshwe ngami) ukwenza intando
yakho, Nkulunkulu. 8 Kuqala esithi: Umhlatshelo
lomnikelo leminikelo yokutshiswa leminikelo yezono
kawuyithandanga njalo kawuyithokozelanga, yona
enikelwa ngokomlayo, 9 wasesithi: Khangela, ngiza
ukwenza intando yakho, Nkulunkulu. Ususa okokuqala,
ukuze amise okwesibili. 10 Kuleyontando singcwelisiwe,
ngokunikelwa komzimba kaJesu Kristu kanye. 11 Laye
wonke umpristi kambe uyema insuku ngensuku ekhonza,
njalo enikela kanengi leyomihlatshelo, engasoze yaba
lamandla okususa izono; 12 kodwa yena, esenikele
umhlatshelo waba munye ngenxa yezono ephakadeni
wahlala phansi ngakwesokunene sikaNkulunkulu, 13
kusukela khathesi ulindele zize zenziwe izitha zakhe
isenabelo senyawo zakhe. 14 Ngoba ngomnikelo munye
uphelelisile ephakadeni labo abangcwelisiweyo. 15
LoMoya oyiNgcwele laye uyafakaza kithi; ngoba emva
kokuthi esetshilo kuqala uthi: 16 Lesi yisivumelwano
engizavumelana labo ngaso emva kwalezonsuku,
kutsho iNkosi: Ngizafaka imilayo yami enhliziyweni
zabo, njalo ngizayibhala engqondweni zabo; 17
lezono zabo lobubi babo kangisoze ngikukhumbule
futhi. 18 Lapho-ke okukhona uthethelelo lwalokhu,
kakuselamnikelo ngesono. 19 Ngakho, bazalwane,
silesibindi sokungena kwezingcwele ngegazi likaJesu,
20 ngendlela entsha lephilayo, asivulele yona ngeveyili,
eliyinyama yakhe, 21 futhi silaye umpristi omkhulu
phezu kwendlu kaNkulunkulu, 22 kasisondele ngenhliziyo
eqinisileyo ekuqinisekeni okuphelelelyo kokholo, inhliziyo
zifafazwe esazeleni sokubi, lomzimba ugeziswe
ngamanzi acwebileyo; 23 kasibambisise isivumo
sethemba lethu singanyikinyeki, ngoba uthembekile
owathembisayo; 24 njalo kasiqaphelisisane ekuvuseleni
uthando lemisebenzi emihle, 25 singayekeli ukuhlangana
kwethu, njengomkhuba wabanye, kodwa kasikhuthale,
futhi ikakhulu, njengoba libona usuku lusondela. 26
Ngoba uba sisona ngabomo emva kokuthi semukele
ulwazi lweqiniso, kakusekho umhlatshelo ngezono, 27
kodwa ukulindela okuthile okwesabekayo kokulahlwa,
lolaka lomlilo ozaqeda izitha. 28 Umuntu odelela
umlayo kaMozisi ufa ngaphandle kwesihawu ngabafakazi
ababili loba abathathu; 29 pho, licabanga ukuthi
uzathiwa ufanele ukujeziswa kabuhlungu kanganani
onyathelela phansi iNdodana kaNkulunkulu, njalo othi
igazi lesivumelwano, angcweliswa ngalo, liyiluthonje,
njalo odelela uMoya womusa? 30 Ngoba siyamazi
owathi: Impindiselo ngeyami, mina ngizabuyisela, itsho
iNkosi; futhi uphinde athi: INkosi izakwahlulela abantu
bayo. 31 Kuyesabeka ukuwela ezandleni zikaNkulunkulu
ophilayo. 32 Kodwa khumbulani insuku zamandulo,
okwathi ngazo selikhanyisiwe lakhuthazela empini enkulu
yezinhlupho; 33 kokunye, lapho lenziwa umbukiso
ngenhlamba langezinhlupheko; kokunye, lapho laba
ngabahlanganyeli balabo ababephathwa ngokunjalo. 34
Ngoba lani lazwelana lezibopho zami, lavuma ngentokozo
ukuphangwa kwempahla zenu, lisazi ukuthi ngaphakathi
kwenu lilempahla engcono lemiyo emazulwini. 35
Ngakho lingalahli isibindi senu, esilomvuzo omkhulu. 36
Ngoba kumele libe lokubekezela, ukuze kuthi, seliyenzile
intando kaNkulunkulu, lemukele isithembiso. 37 Ngoba
kuseyisikhatshana nje, ozayo uzafika, njalo kazukulibala;
38 kodwa olungileyo uzaphila ngokholo; njalo uba
ehlehlela emuva, umphefumulo wami kawuthokozi ngaye.
39 Kodwa thina kasisibo balabo abahlehlela emuva
ekubhujisweni, kodwa balabo abakholwa ekusindisweni
komphefumulo.

11 Ngakho ukholo luyikuqiniseka kwezinto
ezithenjwayo, ubufakazi bezinto ezingabonwayo.
2 Ngoba ngalo abadala bafakazelwa. 3 Ngokholo
sibona ukuthi imihlaba yadalwa ngelizwi likaNkulunkulu,
kuze kuthi izinto ezibonwayo kazivelanga ezintweni
ezibonakalayo. (aiōn g165) 4 Ngokholo uAbela wanikela
kuNkulunkulu umhlatshelo ongcono kuloKhayini,
owazuza ngawo ubufakazi bokuthi ulungile, uNkulunkulu
efakazela izipho zakhe; langalo efile usakhuluma. 5
Ngokholo uEnoki wasuswa ukuze angaboni ukufa, njalo
katholwanga, ngoba uNkulunkulu wayesemsusile; ngoba
engakasuswa wafakazelwa ngokuthi umthokozisile
uNkulunkulu; 6 kodwa ngaphandle kokholo kakwenzeki
ukumthokozisa; ngoba ozayo kuNkulunkulu umele
akholwe ukuthi ukhona, lokuthi ungumvuzi walabo
abamdingisisayo. 7 Ngokholo uNowa exwayisiwe
nguNkulunkulu ngezinto ebezingakabonwa, esesaba,
wakha umkhumbi wosindiso lwendlu yakhe; alahla
umhlaba ngawo, wasesiba yindlalifa yokulunga
ngokokholo. 8 Ngokholo uAbrahama walalela ebizwa
ukuthi aphume aye endaweni ayezayemukela ibe
yilifa; waphuma, engazi lapho aya khona. 9 Ngokholo
wahlala njengomuntu wezizweni elizweni lesithembiso,

njengelemzini, ehlala emathenteni loIsaka loJakobe,
ababeyizindlalifa kanye laye zalesosithembiso; 10 ngoba
wayelindele umuzi olezisekelo, omqambi wesimo lomakhi
wawo nguNkulunkulu. 11 Ngokholo laye uSara uqobo
wazuza amandla okwemukela inhlanyelo, esedlulelwe
yisikhathi wabeletha, ngoba wathi uthembekile lowo
owathembisayo. 12 Ngakho-ke bazalwa ngoyedwa,
lalezizinto zivela kosefile, abangangenkanyezi zezulu
ngobunengi, langangetshebetshebe elisekhunjini
lolwandle elingelakubalwa. 13 Bonke laba bafela
ekholweni, bengemukelanga izithembiso, kodwa
bazibonela khatshana, baqiniseka, bazigona, njalo
bavuma ukuthi bangabezizwe lezihambi emhlabeni. 14
Ngoba abatsho izinto ezinje batshengisa ukuthi badinga
ilizwe lakibo. 15 Uba-ke kambe babecabanga ngalelo
ababesuke kulo, babengaba lethuba lokubuyela; 16
kodwa khathesi-ke balangatha elingcono, elingelezulwini;
ngakho uNkulunkulu kalanhloni ngabo, ukuthiwa
nguNkulunkulu wabo; ngoba ubalungisele umuzi. 17
Ngokholo uAbrahama wanikela uIsaka lapho ehlolwa,
lalowo owemukela izithembiso wayenikela ozelwe
yedwa wakhe, 18 okwakuthiwe kuye: KuIsaka inzalo
yakho izabizwa; 19 wathi uNkulunkulu ulamandla
okuvusa lakwabafileyo; lapho laye amzuze evela khona
ngokulinganisa. 20 Ngokholo uIsaka wabusisa uJakobe
loEsawu ngezinto ezizayo. 21 Ngokholo uJakobe
esesifa wabusisa lowo lalowo wamadodana kaJosefa,
wasekhonza ebambelele phezu kodondolo lwakhe. 22
Ngokholo uJosefa esesifa wakhuluma ngokuphuma
kwabantwana bakoIsrayeli, waselayezela ngamathambo
akhe. 23 Ngokholo uMozisi esezelwe wafihlwa ngabazali
bakhe inyanga ezintathu, ngoba babona ukuthi
ngumntwana omuhle; njalo bengawesabi umthetho
wenkosi. 24 Ngokholo uMozisi esekhulile wala ukuthiwa
uyindodana yendodakazi kaFaro, 25 kulalokho wakhetha
ukuphathwa kubi kanye labantu bakaNkulunkulu
kulokuthi abe lentokozo yesono isikhatshana; 26 wathi
ukuthukwa kukaKristu kuyinotho enkulu kulamagugu
eGibhithe; ngoba wayekhangele umvuzo. 27 Ngokholo
watshiya iGibhithe, engalwesabi ulaka lwenkosi; ngoba
waqinisela kungathi uyambona oNgabonwayo. 28
Ngokholo wagcina iphasika lokufafazwa kwegazi, ukuze
lowo obhubhisa amazibulo angabathinti. 29 Ngokholo
badabula uLwandle oluBomvu njengemhlabathini
owomileyo; okwathi amaGibhithe bekulinga lokho
baminzwa. 30 Ngokholo imiduli yeJeriko yadilika,
isibhodiwe insuku eziyisikhombisa. 31 Ngokholo
uRahabi isifebe kabhubhanga kanye labangakholwanga,
esezemukele izinhloli ngokuthula. 32 Ngisezathini?
Ngoba ngingaphelelwa yisikhathi ngilandisa ngoGidiyoni
loBaraki loSamsoni loJefitha loDavida loSamuweli
labaprofethi; 33 abathi ngokholo banqoba imibuso,
benza ukulunga, bazuza izithembiso, bavala imilomo
yezilwane, 34 bacitsha amandla omlilo, baphepha
ubukhali benkemba, bazuza amandla ebuthakathakeni,
baqina empini, baxotsha amabutho awezizwe. 35
Abesifazana bemukela abafileyo babo bevela ekuvukeni;
labanye bazwiswa ubuhlungu, bengemukeli ukukhululwa,
ukuze bazuze ukuvuka okungcono; 36 abanye balingwa
ngokwenziwa inhlekisa lokutshaywa, futhi langezibopho
langentolongo; 37 bakhandwa ngamatshe, basahwa
phakathi, balingwa, bafa ekubulaweni ngenkemba;
bazula bembethe izigogo zezimvu lezigogo zezimbuzi,
baswela, bazwiswa ubuhlungu, baphathwa kubi, 38
(umhlaba ongabafanelanga bona) bazula ezinkangala
lezintabeni lezimbalwini lemihomeni yomhlaba. 39
Labo bonke laba, befakazelwe ngokholo kabazuzanga
isithembiso, 40 lokhu uNkulunkulu wayesinakekele
ngaphambili okungcono, ukuze kuthi ngaphandle kwethu
bangapheleliswa.

12 Ngakho-ke lathi sigonjolozelwe liyezi elikhulu
kangaka labafakazi, asilahle konke okusindayo
lesono esisithandele lula, asigijime ngokubekezela
umjaho esiwumiselweyo, 2 sikhangele kuJesu umqalisi
lomphelelisi wokholo lwethu, owathi ngenxa yentokozo
ayimiselweyo, waqinisela esiphambanweni, edelela
ihlazo, wahlala ngakwesokunene sesihlalo sobukhosi
sikaNkulunkulu. 3 Ngakho mqapheliseni yena owaqinisela
kuyo impikisano engaka lezoni emelane laye, ukuze
lingadinwa, liphelelwe ngamandla emiphefumulweni
yenu. 4 Kalikamelani lakho kuze kube segazini lisilwa
lesono; 5 njalo selikhohliwe inkuthazo, ekhuluma kini
njengemadodaneni eyokuthi: Ndodana yami, ungadeleli
ukulaya kweNkosi, njalo ungapheli amandla, nxa
usolwa yiyo; 6 ngoba iNkosi iyalaya emthandayo; njalo
itshaye ngesiswepu yonke indodana eyemukelayo. 7
Uba likhuthazela ekulayweni, uNkulunkulu uyaliphatha
njengamadodana; ngoba yiyiphi indodana uyise
angayilayiyo? 8 Kodwa uba lingelakulaywa, okuthi bonke
bangabahlanganyeli bakho, ngakho lingabokufetshwa
njalo kalisiwo amadodana. 9 Futhi-ke sasilabo obaba
benyama yethu abasilayayo njalo sabahlonipha; pho,
kasiyikuzehlisela ngaphansi kukaYise wemimoya kakhulu
kulalokho, siphile? 10 Ngoba bona kambe basilaya
okwensuku ezinlutshwana, njengokubona kwabo; kodwa
yena kube yikusizakala kwethu, ukuze sihlanganyele
ubungcwele bakhe. 11 Lakho konke ukulaywa okukhona
kakubonakali angathi ngokwentokozo, kodwa ngokosizi;
emva kwalokho-ke kuyabalethela isithelo sokuthula
sokulunga abaqeqetshwa ngakho. 12 Ngakho qinisani
izandla ezibuthakathaka lamadolo axegayo; 13 njalo
lenzele inyawo zenu indlela eziqondileyo, ukuze
okuqhulayo kungenyeli, kodwa kulalokho kusiliswe.
14 Nxwanelani ukuthula labo bonke, lobungcwele,
ngaphandle kwalokho kakulamuntu ozayibona iNkosi;
15 liqaphelisa ukuze kungabi khona osilelayo emuseni
kaNkulunkulu; kungamili lampande yokubaba ikhathaze,
njalo ngayo abanengi bangcoliswe; 16 kakungabi lamuntu

oyisifebe kumbe ongakhonzi uNkulunkulu, njengoEsawu,
owathengisa ubuzibulo bakhe ngokudla okukodwa. **17**
Ngoba liyazi ukuthi lemva kwalokho, esethanda ukudla
ilifa lesibusiso, waliwa; ngoba kayitholanga indawo
yokuphenduka, lanxa wayidingisisa ngezinyembezi.
18 Ngoba kalizanga entabeni engathintwa, lemlilweni
ovuthayo, lekufiphaleni, lemnyameni, lesivunguvungwini,
19 lekukhaleni kophondo, lelizwini lamazwi, okwathi labo
abezwayo bancenga ukuthi kungabe kusakhulunywa
ilizwi kubo; **20** ngoba babengelakukumela lokho
okwalaywayo ukuthi: Ngitsho lenyamazana uba ithinta
intaba, izakhandwa ngamatshe, kumbe itshokwe
ngomtshoko; **21** njalo, kwakusesabeka kangaka
lokho okwabonwayo, uMozisi wathi: Ngilovalo,
ngiyathuthumela. **22** Kodwa lize entabeni iSiyoni,
lemzini kaNkulunkulu ophilayo, eJerusalema yasezulwini,
lakuzigidi zengilosi ezingelakubalwa, **23** lemhlanganweni
omkhulu lebandleni lamazibulo abhalwe emazulwini,
lakuNkulunkulu umahluleli wabo bonke, lakumimoya
yabalungileyo abaphelelisiweyo, **24** lakuJesu umlamuli
wesivumelwano esitsha, legazini lokufafaza elikhuluma
izinto ezingcono kulelikaAbela. **25** Qaphelani ukuthi
lingamali okhulumayo. Ngoba uba bengaphephanga
labo abala lowo owakhuluma okuvela kuNkulunkulu
emhlabeni, kakhulu kangakanani thina esimfulathelayo
lowo okhuluma evela emazulwini; **26** olizwi lakhe
ngalesosikhathi lanyikinya umhlaba, kodwa khathesi
uthembisile, wathi: Ngizaphinda kanye ukunyikinya
kungeyisiwo umhlaba wodwa, kodwa lezulu. **27** Lalokhu
ukuthi: Ngizaphinda kanye, kutshengisa ukususwa
kwezinto ezinyikinywayo, kungathi ezenziweyo,
ukuze kusale izinto ezinganyikinywayo. **28** Ngakho
njengoba sisemukela umbuso ongelakunyikinyekiswa,
asibe lomusa esingamkhonza uNkulunkulu ngawo
ngokwemukelekayo kanye lokuthobeka lokwesaba
uNkulunkulu; **29** ngoba-ke uNkulunkulu wethu ungumlilo
oqothulayo.

13 Kalume njalo uthando lobuzalwane. **2**
Lingakhohlwa ukungenisa izihambi; ngoba
ngalokho abanye bangenisa izingilosi bengazi. **3**
Khumbulani izibotshwa, ngokungathi libotshwe kanye
lazo; abaphethwe kubi, ngokungathi lani liphethwe
kubi emzimbeni. **4** Umtshado uhlonitshwa kubo
bonke, lombheda ungangcoliswa; kodwa uNkulunkulu
uzagweba iziphingi lezifebe. **5** Indlela yempilo kayingabi
ngeyokuthanda imali, yeneliswani yizinto elilazo; ngoba
yena utshilo ukuthi: Kangisoze ngakulahla, njalo
kangisoze ngakutshiya. **6** Ngakho singatsho ngesibindi
sithi: INkosi ingumsizi wami, njalo kangiyikwesaba
umuntu azakwenza kimi. **7** Khumbulani abakhokheli
benu, abakhulume kini ilizwi likaNkulunkulu; liqaphelise
ukuphela kokuhamba kwabo, lilingisele ukholo lwabo. **8**
UJesu Kristu unguye izolo lalamuhla lephakadeni. **(aiōn
g165)** **9** Lingaduhiswa yizimfundiso eziyinhlobonhlobo
lezingaziwayo; ngoba kuhle ukuthi inhliziyo iqiniswe
ngomusa, kungabi ngokudla, abangasizwanga yikho
ababebambelela kukho. **10** Silalo ilathi, abangelalungelo
lokudla kulo abakhonza ithabhanekele. **11** Ngoba
lezozinyamazana, ogazi lazo langeniswa ngumpristi
omkhulu endaweni ezingcwele ngenxa yesono,
izidumbu zazo zitshiswa ngaphandle kwenkamba.
12 Ngakho laye uJesu, ukuze angcwelise abantu
ngelakhe igazi, wahlupheka ngaphandle kwesango. **13**
Ngakho-ke asiphumele kuye ngaphandle kwenkamba,
sithwele ihlazo lakhe. **14** Ngoba kasilawo umuzi
omiyo lapha, kodwa sidinga ozayo. **15** Ngakho
asinikele njalonjalo kuNkulunkulu ngaye umnikelo
wendumiso, okutsho isithelo sendebe sivuma ibizo
lakhe. **16** Kodwa lingakhohlwa ukwenza okuhle
lokuphana; ngoba uNkulunkulu uyathokoza ngeminikelo
enjalo. **17** Lalelani abakhokheli benu, lizehlisele
ngaphansi kwabo; ngoba laba balinda imiphefumulo
yenu, njengabazalandisa; ukuze bakwenze lokhu
ngenjabulo, njalo bengabubuli; ngoba kungalisizi
lokhu. **18** Sikhulekeleni; ngoba siyathemba ukuthi
silesazela esihle, sifisa ukuhamba kuhle ezintweni
zonke; **19** njalo ngiyalincenga ngokwengezelelwe
kakhulu ukuthi likwenze lokhu, ukuze ngibuyiselwe kini
ngokuphangisa. **20** Kungathi uNkulunkulu wokuthula
owamkhuphula kwabafileyo uMelusi omkhulu wezimvu
ngegazi lesivumelwano saphakade, iNkosi yethu
uJesu, **(aiōnios g166)** **21** angaliphelelisa kuwo wonke
umsebenzi omuhle ukuze lenze intando yakhe,
esebenza kini lokho okumthokozisayo phambi kwakhe,
ngoJesu Kristu, kakube kuye ubukhosi kuze kube nini
lanini. Ameni. **(aiōn g165)** **22** Kodwa ngiyalincenga,
bazalwane, lemukeleni ngesineke ilizwi lenkuthazo;
ngoba ngilibhalele ngamafitshane. **23** Yazini ukuthi
umzalwane uTimothi ukhululwe, uba efika masinyane,
ngizalibona ngilaye. **24** Bingelelani bonke abakhokheli
benu, labo bonke abangcwele. Abavela eIthaliya
bayalibingelela. **25** Umusakawube lani lonke. Ameni.

UJakhobe

1 UJakobe, inceku kaNkulunkulu leyeNkosi
uJesu Kristu, kuzo izizwe ezilitshumi lambili
ezisekuhlakazekeni, ngiyabingelela. **2** Kubaleni
ukuthi kuyintokozo yonke, bazalwane bami, nxa
liwela ezilingweni ezizinhlobonhlobo, **3** lisazi ukuthi
ukuhlolwa kokholo lwenu kuveza ukubekezela; **4** kodwa
ukubekezela kakube lomsebenzi opheleleyo, ukuze libe
ngabapheleleyo liphelelisiwe, lingasileli ngalutho. **5**
Njalo uba kukhona kini oswele inhlakanipho, kacele
kuNkulunkulu ophanayo ngesihle kubo bonke, futhi
engasoli, njalo uzayinikwa. **6** Kodwa kacele ekholweni
engathandabuzi ngalutho; ngoba othandabuzayo
unjengegagasi lolwandle eliqhutshwa ngumoya lizuliswe.
7 Ngoba lowomuntu kangacabangi ukuthi uzazuza ulutho
eNkosini. **8** Indoda enhliziyombili iyaphenduphenduka
endleleni zayo zonke. **9** Lomzalwane ophansi
kazincome ekuphakameni kwakhe; **10** kodwa onothileyo
ekuthotshisweni kwakhe; ngoba njengeluba lotshani
uzadlula. **11** Ngoba ilanga liphuma lilokutshisa, libunise
utshani, leluba labo liwohloke, lobuhle bokubonakala
kwalo bunyamalale; ngokunjalo lesinothi sizanyamalala
ezindleleni zaso. **12** Ubusisiwe umuntu obekezelela
isilingo; ngoba esehloliwe uzakwemukela umqhele
wempilo, iNkosi eyawuthembisa kwabayithandayo.
13 Kakulamuntu olingwayo omele athi: Ngilingwa
nguNkulunkulu; ngoba uNkulunkulu kalasilingo sokubi,
laye uqobo kalingi muntu. **14** Kodwa ngulowo lalowo
uyalingwa, lapho eyengwa ngezakhe inkanuko, ehugwa;
15 kuthi lapho inkanuko isikhulelwe ibelethe isono; lesono
lapho sesiphelele sizala ukufa. **16** Lingakhohliswa,
bazalwane bami abathandekayo. **17** Sonke isipho esihle
laso sonke isipho esipheleleyo sivela phezulu, sehla
sivela kuYise wezibane, okungekho kuye ukuguquka,
kumbe isithunzi sokuphenduka. **18** Ngokuthanda kwakhe
wasizala ngelizwi leqiniso, ukuze sibe njengezithelo
zokuqala zezidalwa zakhe. **19** Ngakho, bazalwane
bami abathandekayo, wonke umuntu umele aphangise
ukuzwa, aphuze ukukhuluma, aphuze ukuthukuthela;
20 ngoba ukuthukuthela kwendoda kakwenzi ukulunga
kukaNkulunkulu. **21** Ngakho selihlubule amanyala wonke
lokwanda kakhulu kobubi, lemukele ngobumnene ilizwi
eligxunyekiweyo, elilamandla okusindisa imiphefumulo
yenu. **22** Kodwa banini ngabenzi belizwi, lingabi
ngabezwayo kuphela, lizikhohlisa lina ngokwenu.
23 Ngoba uba umuntu engumuzwi welizwi futhi
engesimenzi, yena ufanana lendoda ebuka ubuso
bayo bemvelo esibukweni; **24** ngoba iyazibuka,
ibisisuka, ibisihle ikhohlwa ukuthi ibinjani. **25** Kodwa
lowo okhangelisisa emlayweni opheleleyo, lowo
owenkululeko, abesebambelela kuwo, yena engesimuzwi
okhohlwayo kodwa engumenzi womsebenzi, lo uzakuba
ngobusisiweyo ekwenzeni kwakhe. **26** Uba umuntu
phakathi kwenu esithi uyakholwa, uba engalufaki itomu
ulimi lwakhe, kodwa akhohlise inhliziyo yakhe, ukukholwa
kwalowo kuyize. **27** Ukukholwa okuhlanzekileyo
lokungangcoliswanga phambi kukaNkulunkulu ngitsho
uBaba yilokhu, ukuhambela izintandane labafelokazi
ekuhluphekeni kwabo, lokuzilondoloza engelasici
kokomhlaba.

2 Bazalwane bami, kungeyisikho ngokubandlulula
abantu libe lokholo lweNkosi yethu uJesu
Kristu, iNkosi yenkazimulo. **2** Ngoba uba kungena
emhlanganweni wenu indoda elendandatho yegolide
lesembatho esikhazimulayo, besekungena longumyanga
olesembatho esingcolileyo, **3** beselinanzelela ogqoke
isembatho esikhazimulayo beselisithi kuye: Wena
hlala lapha kuhle; beselisithi kongumyanga: Wena
mana lapho, loba: Hlala lapha ngaphansi kwesenabelo
senyawo zami; **4** pho, kalibandlululi phakathi kwenu,
njalo laba ngabahluleli abalemicabango emibi yini? **5**
Zwanini, bazalwane bami abathandekayo. UNkulunkulu
kabakhethanga yini abayanga balumhlaba, benothile
ekholweni, njalo bezindlalifa zombuso awuthembisayo
kwabamthandayo? **6** Kodwa lina libadumazile abayanga.
Abanothileyo kabalicindezeli yini, njalo akusibo yini
abalidonsela ekwahlulelweni? **7** Bona kabalihlambazi
yini ibizo elihle elibizwa ngalo? **8** Uba liphelelisa umlayo
wobukhosi, ngokombhaloothi: Wothanda umakhelwane
wakho njengalokhu uzithanda wena, lenza kuhle; **9**
kodwa uba libandlulula abantu, lenza isono, lilahlwa
ngumlayo njengabaweqayo. **10** Ngoba loba ngubani
ogcina umlayo wonke, kodwa akhubeke kokukodwa,
uba lecala kuyo yonke. **11** Ngoba owathi: Ungafebi;
wathi futhi: Ungabulali; uba-ke ungafebi, kodwa ubulala,
usungumeqi womlayo. **12** Khulumani ngokunjalo lenze
njalo, njengabazakwahlulelwa ngomlayo wenkululeko.
13 Ngoba ukwahlulelwa okungelasihawu kungokwalowo
ongenzanga isihawu; njalo isihawu sizincoma kukho
ukwahlulela. **14** Kusizani, bazalwane bami, uba umuntu
esithi ulokholo, kodwa engelamisebenzi? Lolokholo
lungamsindisa yini? **15** Uba-ke umzalwane loba
umzalwanekazi behambaze njalo beswela ukudla
kwensuku ngensuku, **16** omunye wenu abesesithi
kubo: Hambani ngokuthula, likhudumale lisuthe; kodwa
lingabaniki izinto ezidingwa ngumzimba, lokho kusizani?
17 Kunjalo lokholo, uba lungelamisebenzi, lufile
ngokwalo. **18** Kodwa omunye uzakuthi: Wena ulokholo,
mina-ke ngilemisebenzi; ngitshengisa ukholo lwakho
ngaphandle kwemisebenzi yakho, lami emisebenzini
yami ngizakutshengisa ukholo lwami. **19** Wena
uyakholwa ukuthi uNkulunkulu munye; wenza kuhle;
lamadimoni ayakholwa, njalo athuthumele. **20** Kodwa
uyathanda ukwazi yini, O siphukuphuku, ukuthi ukholo
olungelamisebenzi lufile? **21** UAbrahama ubaba wethu
kalungisiswanga yini ngemisebenzi, esenikele indodana
yakhe ulsaka phezu kwelathi? **22** Uyabona ukuthi ukholo

lwalusebenza kanye lemisebenzi yakhe, lokuthi ukholo
lwapheleliswa ngemisebenzi, **23** kwasekugcwaliswa
umbhalo othi: LoAbrahama wakholwa uNkulunkulu,
kwasekubalelwa kuye ukuthi kuyikulunga, wasebizwa
ngokuthi ngumngane kaNkulunkulu. **24** Ngakho-ke
liyabona ukuthi umuntu uyalungisiswa ngemisebenzi,
futhi kungesikuthi ngokholo kuphela. **25** Ngokunjalo-ke
loRahabi isifebe kalungisiswanga ngemisebenzi yini,
esezemukele izithunywa, eseziphumise ngenye indlela?
26 Ngoba njengalokhu umzimba ngaphandle komoya
ufile, ngokunjalo lokholo ngaphandle kwemisebenzi
lufile.

3 Lingabi ngabafundisi abanengi, bazalwane bami,
lisazi ukuthi sizakwemukela isigwebo esikhulu. **2**
Ngoba sonke siyakhubeka ezintweni ezinengi. Uba
umuntu engakhubeki elizwini, lowo uyindoda epheleleyo,
elamandla okukhina lomzimba wonke. **3** Khangela,
sifaka amatomu emilonyeni yamabhiza ukuze asilalele,
sibe sesiqondisa umzimba wonke wawo kwenye indlela.
4 Khangela, lemikhumbi, lanxa imikhulu kangaka njalo
iqhutshwa yimimoya elamandla, iyaqondiswa kwenye
indlela ngephinyana nje, lapho isifiso somtshayeli
esifuna khona. **5** Lunjalo lolimi luyisitho esincinyane,
kanti luzincoma kakhulu. Khangela, umlilo omncinyane
uyatshisa izigodo ezingakanani! **6** Ulimi lalo lungumlilo,
umhlaba wobubi; lunjalo ulimi lubekwe phakathi
kwezitho zethu, lungcolisa umzimba wonke, luthungele
indlela yempilo, njalo luthungelwa yisihogo. **(Geenna
g1067)** **7** Ngoba yonke imvelo yokubili izinyamazana
lezinyoni, kokubili ezihuquzelayo lezidalwa zolwandle,
iyathanjiswa njalo isithanjisiwe ngemvelo yabantu; **8**
kodwa ulimi kakulamuntu ongaluthambisa; luyibubi
obungelakunqotshwa, lugcwele ubuhlungu obubulalayo.
9 Ngalo siyabonga uNkulunkulu ngitsho uBaba, langalo
siqalekisa abantu abenziwe ngesimo sikaNkulunkulu;
10 emlonyeni munye kuyaphuma ukubonga lenhlamba.
Lezizinto kazifanelanga, bazalwane bami, zenzeke njalo.
11 Kambe umthombo emlonyeni munye ungagobhoza
yini okumnandi lokubabayo? **12** Kambe, bazalwane
bami, umkhiwa ungathela imihlwathi yini, loba ivini
umkhiwa? Ngokunjalo kakulamthombo oveza amanzi
alitshwayi lamnandi. **13** Ngubani ohlakaniphileyo
loqedisisayo phakathi kwenu? Katshengise imisebenzi
yakhe ekuziphatheni kuhle ngobumnene benhlakanipho.
14 Kodwa uba lilomhawu obabayo lombango enhliziyweni
yenu, lingazincomi liqambele amanga iqiniso. **15**
Lokhu kayisiyo inhlakanipho eyehla ivela phezulu,
kodwa ingeyomhlaba, ngeyemvelo, eyamadimoni. **16**
Ngoba lapho okukhona umhawu lombango, lapho
kukhona isiphithiphithi laso sonke isenzo esibi. **17**
Kodwa inhlakanipho evela phezulu eyokuqala ihlanzekile,
emva kwalokho ibe lokuthula, ibe mnene, ilalele,
igcwele isihawu lezithelo ezinhle, kayilakubandlulula futhi
ingelakuzenzisa. **18** Lesithelo sokulunga sihlanyelwa
ekuthuleni kulabo abenza ukuthula.

4 Zivela ngaphi izimpi lokulwa phakathi kwenu? Kakuveli
lapha yini, enkanukweni zenu ezilwayo ezithweni
zenu? **2** Liyafisa, kodwa kalilalutho; liyabulala njalo
lilomhawu, kodwa lingeke lazuza; liyalwa futhi lenza
impi, kodwa kalilalutho, ngoba kaliceli; **3** liyacela
njalo kalemukeli, ngoba licela kubi, ukuze likuchithele
enkanukweni zenu. **4** Zifebe lezifebekazi, kalazi yini ukuthi
uthando lomhlaba luyibutha kuNkulunkulu? Ngakho
loba ngubani othanda ukuba ngumngane womhlaba,
wenziwa isitha sikaNkulunkulu. **5** Kumbe licabanga
yini ukuthi umbhalo utsho ize: Umoya ohlala kithi
ufisela kumona? **6** Kodwa uyanika umusa omkhulu;
ngakho uthi: UNkulunkulu umelana labazigqajayo,
kodwa abathobekileyo uyabapha umusa. **7** Ngakho
zehliseleni kuNkulunkulu, melanani lodiyabhola, njalo
uzalibalekela. **8** Sondelani kuNkulunkulu, laye uzasondela
kini; gezani izandla, zoni, njalo lihlanze izinhliziyo, lina
banhliziyombili. **9** Danani lilile likhale; ukuhleka kwenu
kakuphendulwe ukulila, lentokozo ukudana. **10** Zithobeni
phambi kweNkosi, njalo izaliphakamisa. **11** Lingahlebani,
bazalwane. Lowo ohleba umzalwane, amehlulele
umzalwane wakhe, uhleba umlayo, ehlulele umlayo;
kodwa uba usehlulela umlayo, kawusumenzi womlayo,
kodwa umahluleli. **12** Munye ummisumlayo, olamandla
okusindisa lokubhubhisa; wena ungubani owahlulela
omunye? **13** Minani-ke lina elithi: Lamuhla loba kusasa
sizakuya emzini othile, sihlale khona umnyaka owodwa
sithengiselane sizuze; **14** elingakwaziyo okwakusasa.
Ngoba iyini impilo yenu? Ngoba iyinkungu ebonakala
okwesikhatshana, emva kwalokho ibisinyamalala; **15**
endaweni yalokho ngabe lithi: Uba iNkosi ivuma, njalo
sizaphila, sibe sesisenza lokhu kumbe lokhuyana. **16**
Kodwa khathesi liyazincoma ekuzigqajeni kwenu; konke
ukuzincoma okunje kubi. **17** Ngakho lowo okwaziyo
ukwenza okuhle kodwa engakwenzi, kuyisono kuye.

5 Minani-ke lina abanothileyo, khalani lilile ngenxa
yenhlupheko zenu ezilehlelayo. **2** Inotho yenu
ibolile, lezembatho zenu zidliwe yinundu; **3** igolide
lenu lesiliva kuthombile, lokuthomba kwakho kuzakuba
yibufakazi kini, njalo kuzakudla inyama yenu njengomlilo.
Lizibekela inotho ensukwini zokuphela. **4** Khangela,
umvuzo wezisebenzi ezigunde amasimu enu, ogodlwe
yini ngokuqilibezela, uyakhala; lokukhala kwabavuni
kungene endlebeni zeNkosi yamabandla. **5** Libusile
ngokuzithokozisa emhlabeni, latamasa; linonise inhliziyo
zenu njengosukwini lokuhlatshwa, **6** lilahlile, labulala
olungileyo; kamelananga lani. **7** Ngakho bekezelani,
bazalwane, kuze kube sekufikeni kweNkosi. Khangela,
umlimi uyalindela isithelo somhlabathi esiligugu,
asibekezelele, size sizuze izulu elokuqala lelokucina. **8**
Lani bekezelani, liqinise inhliziyo zenu, ngoba ukufika

kweNkosi kuyasondela. **9** Lingasolani, bazalwane, ukuze
lingalahlwa; khangela, uMahluleli umi emnyango. **10**
Thathani isibonelo sokuhlupheka, bazalwane bami,
lesokubekezela, abaprofethi abakhuluma ebizweni
leNkosi. **11** Khangela, sithi babusisiwe ababekezelayo;
lizwile ukubekezela kukaJobe, laselibona ukucina
kweNkosi, ukuthi iNkosi ilesihawu esikhulu lobubele.
12 Kodwa phambi kwakho konke, bazalwane bami,
lingafungi, loba ngezulu, loba ngomhlaba, loba ngasiphi
esinye isifungo; kodwa kakuthi uyebo wenu abe nguyebo,
lohatshi nguhatshi; ukuze lingaweli ekulahlweni. **13**
Kukhona ohluphekayo yini phakathi kwenu? Kakhuleke.
Kukhona othokozayo yini? Kahlabele indumiso. **14**
Kukhona ogulayo phakathi kwenu yini? Kabizele kuye
abadala bebandla, babesebekhuleka phezu kwakhe,
bamgcobe ngamafutha ebizweni leNkosi; **15** lomkhuleko
wokholo uzamsindisa ogulayo, leNkosi izamlulamisa;
uba-ke enzile izono, uzazithethelelwa. **16** Vumani
iziphambeko omunye komunye, likhulekelane, ukuze
lisiliswe. Umkhuleko oqinileyo wolungileyo ulamandla
kakhulu. **17** UElija wayengumuntu olemizwa efanana
leyethu, wasekhuleka lokukhuleka ukuthi lingani; njalo
kalinanga emhlabeni okweminyaka emithathu lenyanga
eziyisithupha; **18** wasebuya ekhuleka, lezulu lanika
izulu, lomhlaba wathela isithelo sawo. **19** Bazalwane,
uba omunye kini ephambuka eqinisweni, lomunye
angambuyisa, **20** yazi ukuthi obuyise isoni ekuduheni
kwendlela yaso uzasindisa umphefumulo ekufeni,
asibekele inkithinkithi yezono.

1 UPhetro

1 UPetro, umphostoli kaJesu Kristu, kwabemzini
abakhethiweyo bokuhlakazeka kwePontusi,
iGalathiya, iKaphadosiya, iAsiya, leBithiniya, **2**
njengokolwazi ngaphambili lukaNkulunkulu uBaba,
ekungcwelisweni koMoya, ekulaleleni lekufafazweni
kwegazi likaJesu Kristu: Umusa lokuthula kakwandiswe
kini. **3** Ubusisiwe uNkulunkulu, ngitsho uYise weNkosi
yethu uJesu Kristu, owasizala kutsha ngesihawu
sakhe esikhulu ethembeni eliphilileyo ngokuvuka
kukaJesu Kristu kwabafileyo, **4** elifeni elingaboliyo
lelingangcolanga lelingabuniyo, elilondolozelwe
lona emazulwini, **5** lina elilondolozwe ngamandla
kaNkulunkulu ngokholo kusindiso olulungiselwe
ukwembulwa esikhathini sokucina. **6** Elithokoza kuso,
lanxa okwesikhatshana khathesi, uba kudingeka,
lisezahlupheka ezilingweni eziyizinhlobonhlobo, **7**
ukuze ukulingwa kokholo lwenu, oluligugu kakhulu
okwedlula igolide elibhubhayo, selihlolwe ngomlilo,
kuficwe kulendumiso lenhlonipho lodumo, ekwembulweni
kukaJesu Kristu; **8** elingambonanga limthanda, elithi
khathesi lingamboni kodwa likholwe kuye, liyathokoza
ngentokozo engakhulumekiyo ledumisekayo, **9** lizuze
isiphetho sokholo lwenu, usindiso lwemiphefumulo
yenu. **10** Ngalolusindiso abaprofethi babuzisisa
njalo bahlolisisa, abaprofetha ngomusa oza kini; **11**
babuza ukuthi yisiphi loba sinjani isikhathi uMoya
kaKristu owayekibo osikhombayo, efakaza ngaphambili
ngenhlupheko eziqondene loKristu, langobukhosi emva
kwalezo; **12** okwembulwa kubo ukuthi kungeyisikho kubo,
kodwa kithi babesebenza lezizinto, eselizitshunyayezwa
yilabo abalitshumayeza ivangeli ngoMoya oNgcwele
othunywe evela ezulwini, izinto ingilosi ezilangatha
ukuzihlolisisa. **13** Ngakho zibopheni inkalo zengqondo
yenu, liqondile, lithembe ngokupheleleyo emuseni
olethwe kini ekwembulweni kukaJesu Kristu; **14**
njengabantwana abalalelayo, lingahambelani lesimo
sezinkanuko ezazikhona mandulo kokungazi kwenu,
15 kodwa njengoba owalibizayo engcwele, lani banini
ngcwele kukho konke ukuziphatha; **16** ngoba kulotshiwe
ukuthi: Banini ngcwele, ngoba mina ngingcwele. **17**
Njalo uba libiza lithi: Baba, owahlulela ngulowo lalowo
ngokomsebenzi wakhe engabandlululi, chithani isikhathi
sokuba yizihambi kwenu ekwesabeni; **18** lisazi ukuthi
kalihlengwanga ngezinto ezingabhubha, isiliva kumbe
igolide, ekuhambeni kwenu okuyize elakwemukela
kubobaba, **19** kodwa ngegazi likaKristu eliligugu
kungathi ngelewundlu elingelasici lelingelabala. **20**
Isibili owamiswa ngaphambili phambi kwesisekelo
somhlaba, kodwa wabonakaliswa ezikhathini zokucina
ngenxa yenu, **21** elikholwa ngaye kuNkulunkulu,
owamvusa kwabafileyo, wasemnika ubukhosi, ukuze
ukholo lethemba lenu kube kuNkulunkulu. **22**
Selihlanze imiphefumulo yenu ekulaleleni kweqiniso
ngoMoya ethandweni lwabazalwane ngokungazenzisi,
thandanani ngokutshiseka okuvela enhliziyweni
emhlophe; **23** selizelwe ngokutsha okungeyisikho
okuvela enhlanyelweni engabola, kodwa engaboliyo,
ngelizwi likaNkulunkulu eliphilayo lelimiyo ephakadeni.
(aiōn g165) **24** Ngoba yonke inyama injengotshani,
labo bonke ubukhosi bomuntu bunjengeluba lotshani.
Utshani buyabuna, leluba labo liwohloke; **25** kodwa
ilizwi leNkosi limi kuze kube sephakadeni. Laleli yilizwi
elatshunyayelwa kini ngevangeli. **(aiōn g165)**

2 Ngakho lahlani ububi bonke lobuqili bonke lokuzenzisa
lomhawu lokuhleba konke, **2** njengezingane ezisanda
ukuzalwa, fisani uchago olungaqungwanga lwelizwi,
ukuze likhuliswe ngalo, **3** uba-ke selinambithile ukuthi
iNkosi ilomusa. **4** Elizayo kuyo, ilitshe eliphilayo, elaliwa
isibili ngabantu, kodwa kuNkulunkulu likhethiwe, liligugu,
5 lani njengamatshe aphilayo lakhiwe indlu yokomoya,
ubupristi obungcwele, ukuze linikele imihlatshelo
yokomoya eyemukelekayo kuNkulunkulu ngoJesu Kristu.
6 Ngakho kukhona lembhalweni ukuthi: Khangela
ngiyabeka eSiyoni ilitshe lengonsi, elikhethiweyo
eliligugu; lokholwa kuye kasoze ayangeke. **7** Ngakho
kini elikholwayo uligugu; kodwa kwabangalaleliyo, ilitshe
abakhi abalalayo, leli selibe yinhloko yengonsi, **8** lelitshe
lokukhubekisa, ledwala lokuwisa; abakhubeka elizwini,
bengalaleli; okuyikho labo ababekumiselwe; **9** kodwa
lina liluhlanga olukhethiweyo, ubupristi bobukhosi, isizwe
esingcwele, abantu abatholiweyo, ukuze litshumayele
jikelele ukulunga kwalowo owalibiza livela emnyameni
laya ekukhanyeni kwakhe okumangalisayo; **10**
elalikade lingeyisibo abantu, kodwa khathesi lingabantu
bakaNkulunkulu; elalingahawukelwanga, kodwa khathesi
selihawukelwe. **11** Bathandekayo, ngiyalincenga
njengabemzini lezihambi ukuthi lizithinte enkanukweni
zenyama, ezilwa lomphefumulo; **12** lilokuhamba
okuhle phakathi kwabezizwe, ukuze kuthi, ekulihlebeni
njengabenzi bobubi, ezenzweni ezinhle abazibonileyo
bangadumisa uNkulunkulu osukwini lokuhanjelwa. **13**
Ngakho zehliseleni ngaphansi kwaso sonke isimiso
sabantu ngenxa yeNkosi; loba kuyinkosi, njengebusayo;
14 loba kubabusi, njengabathunywe yiyo ekujezisweni
kwabenzi bobubi, kodwa kube lodumo lwabenzi bokuhle.
15 Ngoba injalo intando kaNkulunkulu, ukuthi ngokwenza
okuhle lifake isayeke emlonyeni wokungazi kwabantu
abayizithutha; **16** njengabakhululekileyo, kodwa lingabi
lenkululeko njengesigubuzelo sobubi, kodwa njengezigqili
zikaNkulunkulu. **17** Hloniphani bonke. Thandani
ubuzalwane. Mesabeni uNkulunkulu. Hloniphani
inkosi. **18** Zinceku, zehliseleni ngaphansi kwamakhosi
ngokwesaba konke, kungeyisikho kulawo alungileyo
lamnene kuphela, kodwa lakulawo angaqondanga.
19 Ngoba lokhu kungumusa, uba umuntu ethwala

izinhlupheko ngenxa yesazela kuNkulunkulu, ehlupheka
ngokungafanelanga. 20 Ngoba kulenzuzo bani, uba
lisona beselitshaywa libekezela? Kodwa uba lisenza
okuhle njalo lihlupheke libekezela, lokhu kungumusa
kuNkulunkulu. 21 Ngoba labizelwa lokho, ngoba uKristu
laye wasihluphekela, esitshiyela isibonelo, ukuze lilandele
izinyathelo zakhe; 22 ongenzanga isono, lenkohliso
kayificwanga emlonyeni wakhe; 23 owathi ethukwa
kazaphindisela ngokuthuka, ehlupheka kazasongela,
kodwa wazinikela kulowo owahlulela ngokulunga; 24
yena ngokwakhe owathwala izono zethu emzimbeni
wakhe esihlahleni, ukuze kuthi, sesifile esonweni, siphile
ekulungeni; okungemivimvinya yakhe lisilisiwe. 25 Ngoba
lalinjengezimvu ezilahlekayo; kodwa khathesi selibuyele
kuMelusi loMbonisi wemiphefumulo yenu.

3 Ngokunjalo bafazi, zehliseleni ngaphansi kwawenu
amadoda, ukuze kuthi, uba-ke bekhona abangalaleli
ilizwi, bazuzwe ngaphandle kwelizwi ngokuziphatha
kwabafazi, 2 enanzelela ukuhamba kwenu
okuhlambulukileyo ekwesabeni. 3 Okuceca kwenu
kakungabi ngokwangaphandle okokweluka inwele,
lokokugqiza igolide, kumbe okokugqoka izembatho;
4 kodwa umuntu osithekileyo wenhliziyo, entweni
engagugiyo yomoya omnene lokuthula, oligugu elikhulu
phambi kukaNkulunkulu. 5 Ngoba kudala bazicecisa
ngokunjalo labesifazana abangcwele ababethemba
uNkulunkulu, bezehlisela ngaphansi kwawabo amadoda;
6 njengoSara owamlalela uAbrahama, wambiza ngokuthi
nkosi, eselingamadodakazi akhe, uba lisenza okuhle
njalo lingesatshiswa langokukodwa okwesabekayo. 7
Ngokunjalo madoda, hlalisanani ngokolwazi, limhloniphe
owesifazana njengesitsha esibuthakathaka, njengoba
labo beyizindlalifa zomusa wempilo kanye lani,
ukuze imikhuleko yenu ingavinjelwa. 8 Okokucina-
ke, banini nhliziyonye lonke, lizwelane, lithande
abazalwane, libe lobubele, lilomusa; 9 lingaphindiseli
okubi ngokubi, kumbe ukuthuka ngokuthuka; kodwa
esikhundleni salokhu busisani, lisazi ukuthi labizelwa
lokho, ukuze lidle ilifa lesibusiso. 10 Ngoba lowo
ofuna ukuthanda impilo, lokubona insuku ezinhle,
kanqande ulimi lwakhe kokubi, lendebe zakhe ukuze
zingakhulumi inkohliso; 11 kaphambuke kokubi,
abesesenza okuhle; adinge ukuthula, njalo akunxwanele.
12 Ngoba amehlo eNkosi aphezu kwabalungileyo,
lendlebe zayo zingasemkhulekweni wabo; kodwa ubuso
beNkosi bumelana labenza okubi. 13 Pho ngubani
ongalilimaza, uba lingabalingisi bokuhle? 14 Kodwa
uba lani lihlupheka ngenxa yokulunga, libusisiwe; njalo
lingesabi ukwethusa kwabo, njalo lingakhathazeki; 15
kodwa ngcwelisani iNkosi uNkulunkulu enhliziyweni
zenu; beselihlala lizilungisele ukuphendula wonke
olibuza isizatho ngethemba elikini, kanye lobumnene
lokwesaba, 16 lilesazela esihle, ukuze kuthi kulokho
abalihleba ngakho njengabenzi bobubi bayangeke,
labo abathuka ukuziphatha kwenu okuhle kuKristu.
17 Ngoba kungcono ukuhlupheka lisenza okuhle, uba
intando kaNkulunkulu ikuthanda, kulokuhlupheka lisenza
okubi. 18 Ngoba loKristu wahlupheka kanye ngenxa
yezono, olungileyo esikhundleni sabangalunganga,
ukuze asise kuNkulunkulu; owabulawa enyameni,
kodwa wenziwa waphila ngoMoya, 19 ayesehambe
ngawo laye watshumayela kumimoya esentolongweni,
20 eyababekade bengalaleli, lapho ukubekezela
kukaNkulunkulu kwakukade kulindele, ensukwini
zikaNowa lapho umkhumbi wawusakhiwa, okwasindiswa
kuwo abalutshwana, okuyikuthi imiphefumulo
eyisificaminwembili, ngamanzi. 21 Umfuziselo wawo
lubhabhathizo olusisindisayo lathi khathesi, kungeyisikho
ukususwa kwengcekeza yenyama, kodwa ukucela
kwesazela esihle kuNkulunkulu, ngokuvuka kukaJesu
Kristu, 22 oseye ezulwini, ekhona ngakwesokunene
sikaNkulunkulu, izingilosi leziphathamandla lamandla
sekwehliselwe ngaphansi kwakhe.

4 Njengoba uKristu wasihluphekela enyameni, hlomani
lani ngengqondo efananayo, ngoba ohlupheke
enyameni, useyekele isono, 2 ukuze isikhathi
esiseleyo enyameni lingabe lisaphilela inkanuko zabantu,
kodwa intando kaNkulunkulu. 3 Ngoba kwanele kithi
ukuthi isikhathi sempilo esedlulileyo siqhube intando
yabezizwe, lapho sasihamba emanyaleni, ezinkanukweni,
ekudakweni, ekuminzeni, ekunatheni, lekukhonzeni
izithombe okuyangisayo; 4 abamangala kukho, nxa
lingagijimi ndawonye kulokhukuthululeka kwamanyala,
belihlambaza; 5 abazaziphendulela kulowo olungele
ukwahlulela abaphilayo labafileyo. 6 Ngoba ngenxa
yalokhu ivangeli latshunyayelwa lakwabafileyo, ukuze
bahlulelwe ngokwabantu enyameni, kodwa baphile
ngokukaNkulunkulu emoyeni. 7 Kodwa ukuphela
kwezinto zonke sekusondele; ngakho qondani lilinde
lisemikhulekweni; 8 kodwa phambi kwakho konke banini
lothando oluvuthayo omunye komunye, ngoba uthando
luzasibekela inkithinkithi yezono; 9 phathanani kuhle
ekwethekelaneni, ngaphandle kokusola; 10 ngulowo
lalowo njengesiphiwo asemukeleyo, kasisebenze
omunye komunye, njengabaphathi abalungileyo bomusa
kaNkulunkulu ozinhlobonhlobo; 11 uba umuntu
ekhuluma, kakhulume njengamazwi kaNkulunkulu;
uba umuntu esebenza, kasebenze njengokuvela
emandleni uNkulunkulu awanikayo; ukuze uNkulunkulu
adunyiswe kuzo zonke izinto ngoJesu Kristu, okukuye
ubukhosi lamandla kuze kube nini lanini. Ameni.
(aiōn g165) 12 Bathandekayo, lingamangali ngesilingo
esitshisayo esiphezu kwenu esilihlolayo, ngokungathi
lehlelwe yinto engaziwayo; 13 kodwa njengoba
lihlanganyela inhlupheko zikaKristu, thokozani, ukuze
kuthi lekwembulweni kwenkazimulo yakhe lithokoze
lijabule kakhulu. 14 Uba lithukwa ngenxa yebizo

likaKristu, libusisiwe; ngoba uMoya wenkazimulo
lokaNkulunkulu uhlezi phezu kwenu; ngabo-ke
uyathukwa, kodwa ngani uyadunyiswa. **15** Kodwa
kakungabi khona owakini ohlupheka njengombulali,
loba isela, loba umenzi wokubi, loba njengozigaxa
endabeni zabanye; **16** kodwa uba ehlupheka
njengomKristu, kangabi lanhloni, kodwa kadumise
uNkulunkulu ngenxa yalokhu. **17** Ngoba sekuyisikhathi
sokuthi ukwahlulela kuqale endlini kaNkulunkulu;
njalo uba kuqala kithi, kuzakuba yini ukuphela
kwalabo abangalalelanga ivangeli likaNkulunkulu? **18**
Uba-ke olungileyo esindiswa ngobulukhuni, oweyisa
uNkulunkulu lesoni uzabonakala ngaphi? **19** Ngakho-
ke labo abahluphekayo ngokwentando kaNkulunkulu,
njengakuMdali othembekileyo kabanikele eyabo
imiphefumulo ekwenzeni okuhle.

5 Abadala abaphakathi kwenu ngiyabakhuthaza
engingomdala kanye labo lomfakazi wenhlupheko
zikaKristu, lomhlanganyeli wenkazimulo ezakwembulwa:
2 Yelusani umhlambi kaNkulunkulu ophakathi kwenu,
liwubonise kungabi ngokubanjwa ngamandla, kodwa
ngesihle; njalo kungabi ngenxa yenzuzo elihlazo, kodwa
ngokuvuma, **3** futhi lingabi njengababusi kulabo elabelwa
bona, kodwa libe yizibonelo zomhlambi. **4** Kuzakuthi
lapho uMelusi omkhulu esebonakele lizakwemukela
umqhele wobukhosi ongabuniyo. **5** Ngokunjalo,
batsha, zehliseleni ngaphansi kwabadala; njalo lonke
zehliseni omunye komunye, zembathiseni ukuthobeka;
ngoba uNkulunkulu umelana labazigqajayo, kodwa
abathobekileyo uyabapha umusa. **6** Ngakho zehliseleni
ngaphansi kwesandla sikaNkulunkulu esilamandla,
ukuze aliphakamise ngesikhathi esifaneleyo, **7** liphosela
phezu kwakhe inkathazo zenu zonke, ngoba yena
uyalikhathalela. **8** Qondani, lilinde, ngoba isitha senu,
udiyabhola, siyabhoda njengesilwane esibhongayo
sidinga esingamginya; **9** limelane laye liqinile ekholweni,
lisazi ukuthi zona lezonhlupho zapheleliswa kubazalwane
benu abasemhlabeni. **10** Kodwa uNkulunkulu womusa
wonke, owasibizela ebukhosini bakhe obuphakade
kuKristu Jesu, sesihlupheke okwesikhatshana, sengathi
yena angaliphelelisa, aliqinise, alinike amandla, alisekele.
(aiōnios g166) **11** Kakube kuye inkazimulo lamandla
kuze kube nini lanini. Ameni. **(aiōn g165)** **12** NgoSilivanu
ongumzalwane othembekileyo kini, ngokubona kwami,
ngibhale ngokufitshane, ngikhuthaza njalo ngifakaza
ukuthi lo ngumusa oqotho kaNkulunkulu, elimi kuwo.
13 Ibandla eliseBhabhiloni elikhethiweyo kanye lani
liyalibingelela, loMarko indodana yami. **14** Bingelelanani
ngokwanga kothando. Ukuthula kakube kini lonke
elikuKristu Jesu. Ameni.

2 UPhetro

1 USimoni Petro, inceku lomphostoli kaJesu Kristu,
kulabo abazuze ukholo oluligugu njengathi
ngokulunga kukaNkulunkulu wethu loMsindisi wethu
uJesu Kristu: **2** Kakwandiswe kini umusa lokuthula
elwazini lukaNkulunkulu lolukaJesu iNkosi yethu. **3**
Njengamandla akhe obuNkulunkulu asinike zonke
izinto ezimayelana lempilo lokukhonza uNkulunkulu,
ngokolwazi lwalowo owasibiza ngobukhosi langobuhle;
4 okungakho siphiwe izithembiso ezinkulu kakhulu
leziligugu, ukuze ngalezi libe ngabahlanganyeli bemvelo
yobuNkulunkulu, seliphephe ekuboleni okusemhlabeni
ngenxa yenkanuko. **5** Njalo ngenxa yalokhu-ke selenze
yonke inkuthalo, yengezelelani ukulunga ekholweni
lwenu, lekulungeni ulwazi, **6** lelwazini ukuzithiba,
lekuzithibeni ukubekezela, lekubekezeleni ukwesaba
uNkulunkulu, **7** lekwesabeni uNkulunkulu uthando
lwabazalwane, lethandweni lwabazalwane uthando.
8 Ngoba uba lezizinto zikhona kini, njalo zisanda,
kaziyikulenza livilaphe njalo lingabi lezithelo elwazini
lweNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu; **9** ngoba ongelazo
lezizinto, uyisiphofu ubonela eduze, esekhohlwe
ukuthi wahlanjululwa ezonweni zakhe ezindala. **10**
Ngakho, bazalwane, tshisekelani kakhulu ukuqinisa
ubizo lokhetho lwenu; ngoba uba lisenza lezizinto,
kalisoze likhubeke loba nini. **11** Ngoba ngokunjalo
lizakwengezelelwa ngokukhulu ukungena embusweni
ophakade weNkosi yethu loMsindisi uJesu Kristu. **(aiōnios g166)**
12 Ngakho kangisoze ngiyekele ukulikhumbuza
njalonjalo ngalezizinto, lanxa lisazi, njalo liqinisiwe
eqinisweni elikhona. **13** Njalo ngibona kulungile
ukuthi, nxa ngisesekhona kulelithabhanekele, ngilivuse
ngesikhumbuzo; **14** ngisazi ukuthi kuyaphangisa
ukususwa kwethabhanekele lami, njengalokhu leNkosi
yethu uJesu Kristu ingitshengisile. **15** Kodwa lami
ngizakhuthala ukuthi ngezikhathi zonke emva kokusuka
kwami libe lesikhumbuzo salezizinto. **16** Ngoba
sasingalandeli izinganekwane zobuqili, lapho silazisa
amandla lokuza kweNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu, kodwa
sasingabazibonelayo ubukhulu bayo. **17** Ngoba wemukela
udumo lobukhosi okuvela kuNkulunkulu uBaba, lapho
ilizwi elinje lafikiswa kuye ngenkazimulo yobukhosi lisithi:
Le yiNdodana yami ethandekayo mina engithokoza
kuyo; **18** lalelilizwi thina salizwa livela ezulwini, lapho
sasilaye entabeni engcwele. **19** Njalo silelizwi eliqinileyo
kakhulu lesiprofetho, elenza kuhle ukuliqaphelisa
njengesibane esikhanyayo endaweni emnyama, luze
lukhanye usuku, lekhwezi liphumele enhliziyweni zenu;
20 lisazi lokhu kuqala, ukuthi kasikho isiprofetho sombhalo
esivela kungcazelo engeyakhe. **21** Ngoba kakuzanga
kulethwe isiprofetho ngentando yomuntu, kodwa abantu
abangcwele bakaNkulunkulu bakhuluma beqhutshwa
nguMoya oNgcwele.

2 Kodwa kwakukhona labaprofethi bamanga
phakathi kwabantu, njengoba lakini kuzakuba
khona abafundisi bamanga, abazangenisa ngensitha
imfundiso ezehlukanisayo ezichithayo, bephika leNkosi
eyabathengayo, bezehlisela ukuchitheka okuphangisayo,
2 labanengi bazalandela incithakalo zabo; okungabo
indlela yeqiniso izahlanjazwa, **3** njalo emhawini ngamazwi
alungisiweyo bazakwenza inzuzo ngani; okulahlwa
kwabo kwakudala kakulibalanga, lencithakalo yabo
kayiwozeli. **4** Ngoba uba uNkulunkulu engaziyekelanga
ingilosi ezonayo, kodwa eziphosela esihogweni ezinikela
emaketaneni obumnyama ukuze zigcinelwe isigwebo;
(Tartaroō g5020) **5** njalo kaliyekelanga ilizwe lendulo, kodwa
walondoloza owesificaminwembili uNowa umtshumayeli
wokulunga, mhla eletha uzamcolo emhlabeni wabeyisa
uNkulunkulu; **6** ngokuyichitha eyitshisa imizi yeSodoma
leGomora waseyilahla, waseyenza isibonelo kulabo
abazakweyisa uNkulunkulu; **7** wasemophula uLothi
olungileyo, owahlutshwa yikuhamba ngamanyala
kwabangalunganga; **8** ngoba lowo olungileyo,
ehlala phakathi kwabo, ngokubona lokuzwa insuku
ngensuku wazwisa ubuhlungu umphefumulo wakhe
olungileyo ngemisebenzi yabo engelamthetho; **9** iNkosi
iyakwazi ukubophula ekulingweni labo abamkhonzayo
uNkulunkulu, lokubagcina abangalunganga kuze kube
lusuku lwesigwebo, bajeziswe; **10** kodwa ikakhulu
bona abalandela inyama enkanukweni engcolileyo,
labadelela ubukhosi. Abangakhathaliyo, abalenkani,
kabesabi ukuhlambaza ubukhosi; **11** kanti ingilosi,
ezinkulu ngamandla langengalo, kazilethi isigwebo
senhlamba ukumelana labo phambi kweNkosi. **12** Kodwa
laba, njengezinyamazana ngemvelo ezingelangqondo
ezazalelwa ukubanjwa lokubulawa, bahlambaza
izinto abangazaziyo, bazabhujiswa ekuboleni kwazo,
13 bazakwemukela umvuzo wokungalungi, abathi
kuyintokozo ukuminza emini; bayisici loyangiso, bejabula
enkohlisweni zabo, besidla idili lani, **14** balamehlo agcwele
ubufebe, labangayekeli isono, bayenga imiphefumulo
ebuthakathaka, belenhliziyo ezejwayele ubuhwaba,
abantwana besiqalekiso; **15** batshiye indlela eqondileyo
baduha, balandela indlela kaBalami kaBosori, owathanda
inzuzo yokungalungi, **16** kodwa waba lokusolwa
kwesakhe isiphambeko; ubabhemi oyisimungulu,
ekhuluma ngelizwi lomuntu, wanqanda ubuhlanya
bomprofethi. **17** Laba bayimithombo engelamanzi,
amayezi aqhutshwa yisiphepho, okugcinelwe bona
ubumnyama bomnyama kuze kube phakade. **(questioned)**
18 Ngoba bakhuluma okokuziqakisa okweze, babayenga
ngenkanuko zenyama langobufebe labo abaphunyuke
sibili kubo abahamba ekuduheni, **19** bebathembisa
inkululeko, bona uqobo beyizigqili zokubola; ngoba
lowo umuntu ehlulwe ngaye, lakuye wenziwa isigqili.
20 Ngoba uba sebephunyukile ekungcoleni komhlaba
ngolwazi lweNkosi loMsindisi uJesu Kristu, besebebuya

behilelwa behlulwa yikho, izinto zokucina sezibe zimbi
kubo kulezokuqala. 21 Ngoba ngabe kwaba ngcono
kubo uba babengayazanga indlela yokulunga, kulokuthi
sebeyazile bafulathele umlayo ongcwele onikelwe kibo.
22 Kodwa kubehlele lokhu okwesaga esiqinisileyo esithi:
Inja ibuyela kwawayo amahlanzo; lengulube ensikazi
egezileyo ekugiqikeni edakeni.

3 Incwadi le eyesibili, bathandekayo, ngilibhalela yona
khathesi; okungazo zombili ngivusa ingqondo yenu
eqotho ngokulikhumbuza, 2 ukuze likhumbule amazwi
akhulunywa ngaphambili ngabaprofethi abangcwele,
lomlayo wethu esingabaphostoli beNkosi loMsindisi; 3
lisazi lokhu kuqala, ukuthi ekucineni kwensuku kuzafika
abahleka usulu, behamba ngokwezabo inkanuko, 4
njalo besithi: Singaphi isithembiso sokuza kwakhe?
Ngoba selokhu obaba balala, konke kumi kunjalo
kusukela ekuqaleni kokudalwa. 5 Ngoba lokhu kabakwazi
ngabomo, ukuthi amazulu ayekhona kusukela endulo,
lomhlaba, ukhona uvela emanzini njalo ukhona ngamanzi,
ngelizwi likaNkulunkulu, 6 okungalo ilizwe elalikhona
labhujiswa ngokugcwaliswa ngamanzi; 7 kodwa amazulu
lomhlaba okukhona khathesi kubekiwe ngalona lelolizwi,
kugcinelwe umlilo osukwini lokwahlulelwa lokubhujiswa
kwabantu abeyisa uNkulunkulu. 8 Kodwa lintonye
kakumelanga ingaziwa kini, bathandekayo, ukuthi usuku
olulodwa eNkosini lunjengeminyaka eyinkulungwane,
leminyaka eyinkulungwane njengosuku olulodwa. 9
INkosi kayiphuzisi isithembiso, njengalokhu abanye
besithi yikuphuza; kodwa iyasibekezelela, ingathandi
ukuthi lamunye abhubhe kodwa ukuthi bonke bafinyelele
ekuphendukeni. 10 Kodwa usuku lweNkosi luzafika
njengesela ebusuku, okuzakuthi ngalo amazulu adlule
ngokuhlokoma, lokokuqala kuzadilizwa ngokutshisa
okukhulu, lomhlaba lemisebenzi ekuwo kuzatshiswa.
11 Njengoba zonke lezizinto zidilizwa, kumele libe
ngabanjani ekuhambeni okungcwele lekukhonzeni
uNkulunkulu, 12 lilindele lilangazelela ukufika kosuku
lukaNkulunkulu, okungalo amazulu azakutsha adilizwe,
lokokuqala kuncibilike ngokutshisa okukhulu. 13 Kodwa
ngokwesithembiso sakhe silindele amazulu amatsha
lomhlaba omutsha, okuhlala kukho ukulunga. 14
Ngakho, bathandekayo, lilindele lezizinto, tshisekelani
ukuthi lificwe nguye ekuthuleni lingelacwatshana njalo
lingasoleki. 15 Beselisithi ukubekezela kweNkosi yethu
kulusindiso, njengalokhu lomzalwane wethu othandekayo
uPawuli walibhalela, ngokwenhlakanipho eyaphiwa
yena; 16 njengoba kunjalo lencwadini zakhe zonke,
ekhuluma kuzo ngalezizinto, okukuzo kukhona izinto
ezithile ezilukhuni ukuzwisiseka, okuthi abangaziyo
labangaqinanga bazihlanekele, lanjengakweminye
imibhalo, kube kokwabo ukubhujiswa. 17 Ngakho
lina, bathandekayo, lisazi mandulo, xwayani, ukuze
lingaduhiswa yinkohliso yabangelamlayo, liwe kokwenu
ukuqina. 18 Kodwa khulani emuseni lelwazini lweNkosi
yethu loMsindisi uJesu Kristu. Ubukhosi kabube kuye
lakhathesi njalo kuze kube lusuku lwaphakade. Ameni.
(aiōn g165)

1 UJohane

1 Lokho okwakukhona kusukela ekuqaleni,
esakuzwayo, esakubonayo ngamehlo ethu,
esakukhangelayo, lezandla zethu zakuphatha, mayelana
leLizwi leMpilo; **2** leMpilo yabonakaliswa, sasesiyibona,
njalo siyafakaza silitshumayeza leyoMpilo elaphakade,
eyayiloYise, yasibonakaliswa kithi; **(aiōnios g166)** **3** lokho
esikubonileyo sasesikuzwa, silitshumayeza khona,
ukuze lani libe lobudlelwano lathi; njalo ngeqiniso
le inhlanganyelo eyethu ikanye loYise njalo kanye
leNdodana yakhe uJesu Kristu; **4** lalezizinto silibhalela
zona, ukuze intokozo yenu igcwaliswe. **5** Lokhu-
ke ngumbiko esiwuzwe kuye sesiwutshumayela kini,
ukuthi uNkulunkulu uyikukhanya, njalo kabukho kuye
ubumnyama lakanye. **6** Uba sisithi silobudlelwano laye,
kube kanti sihamba ebumnyameni, siqamba amanga,
njalo kasenzi iqiniso; **7** kodwa uba sihamba ekukhanyeni,
njengalokhu yena esekukhanyeni, silobudlelwano
omunye lomunye, legazi likaJesu Kristu iNdodana
yakhe liyasihlambulula kuso sonke isono. **8** Uba sisithi
kasilasono, siyazikhohlisa, leqiniso kalikho kithi. **9** Uba
sivuma izono zethu, uthembekile futhi ulungile ukuze
asithethelele izono zethu, njalo asihlambulule kukho
konke ukungalungi. **10** Uba sisithi kasonanga, simenza
umqambimanga, lelizwi lakhe kalikho kithi.

2 Bantwanyana bami, ngilibhalela lezizinto, ukuze
lingoni. Njalo loba ngubani nxa esona, siloMmeli
kuYise, uJesu Kristu olungileyo; **2** njalo yena uyinhlawulo
yokuthula yezono zethu; futhi kungeyisizo ezethu
zodwa, kodwa lezomhlaba wonke. **3** Langalokho
siyakwazi ukuthi siyamazi, uba sigcina imilayo yakhe.
4 Lowo othi: Ngiyamazi, futhi engagcini imilayo
yakhe, ungumqambimanga, leqiniso kalikho kuye; **5**
kodwa lowo ogcina ilizwi lakhe, ngeqiniso uthando
lukaNkulunkulu luphelelisiwe kuye. Ngalokho siyazi
ukuthi sikuye. **6** Lowo othi uhlala kuye ufanele laye
uqobo ahambe kanje, njengoba laye wahamba. **7**
Bazalwane, kangilibhaleli umlayo omutsha, kodwa
umlayo omdala, elalilawo kusukela ekuqaleni; umlayo
omdala uyilizwi elalizwayo kusukela ekuqaleni. **8**
Ngiphinda ngilibhalele umlayo omutsha, into eliqiniso
kuye, lakini; ngoba ubumnyama buyadlula, lokukhanya
kweqiniso sekukhanya. **9** Lowo othi usekukhanyeni,
futhi ezonda umzalwane wakhe, usemnyameni kuze
kube lakhathesi. **10** Othanda umzalwane wakhe,
uhlala ekukhanyeni, njalo kakulasikhubo kuye. **11**
Kodwa ozonda umzalwane wakhe usebumnyameni,
njalo uhamba ebumnyameni, futhi kakwazi lapho
aya khona, ngoba ubumnyama buwaphumputhekisile
amehlo akhe. **12** Ngiyalibhalela, bantwanyana, ngoba
izono zenu lizithethelelwe ngenxa yebizo lakhe. **13**
Ngiyalibhalela, bobaba, ngoba limazile yena okhona
kusukela ekuqaleni. Ngiyalibhalela lina, majaha, ngoba
limnqobile omubi. Ngiyalibhalela lina, bantwanyana,
ngoba limazile uYise. **14** Ngilibhalele, bobaba, ngoba
limazile okhona kusukela ekuqaleni. Ngilibhalele, majaha,
ngoba lilamandla lelizwi likaNkulunkulu lihlala kini njalo
limnqobile omubi. **15** Lingawuthandi umhlaba loba
izinto ezisemhlabeni. Uba umuntu ethanda umhlaba,
uthando lukaYise kalukho kuye; **16** ngoba konke
okusemhlabeni, inkanuko yenyama, lenkanuko yamehlo,
lokuzigqaja kwempilo, kakuveli kuYise kodwa kuvela
emhlabeni. **17** Lomhlaba uyedlula, lenkanuko zawo;
kodwa owenza intando kaNkulunkulu uhlala kuze
kube nininini. **(aiōn g165)** **18** Bantwanyana, kuyisikhathi
sokucina; njalo njengalokhu lezwa ukuthi umphikuKristu
uyeza, lakhathesi abanengi sebengabaphikuKristu;
ngalokhu siyazi ukuthi kuyisikhathi sokucina. **19**
Baphuma kithi, kodwa babengesibo abakithi; ngoba uba
babengabakithi, ngabe bahlala lathi; kodwa baphuma
ukuze babonakalise ukuthi kabasibo bonke abakithi.
20 Kodwa lina lilokugcotshwa okuvela koNgcwele,
njalo liyazi izinto zonke. **21** Kangilibhalelanga ngoba
lingalazi iqiniso, kodwa ngoba liyalazi, njalo ngoba
kakulamanga lakanye avela eqinisweni. **22** Ngubani
ongumqambimanga ngaphandle kwalowo ophikayo
ukuthi uJesu unguKristu? Yena ungumphikuKristu, ophika
uYise leNdodana. **23** Wonke ophika iNdodana laye
kalaye uYise; ovuma iNdodana uloYise laye. **24** Lina-
ke elakuzwayo kusukela ekuqaleni kakuhlale kini. Uba
kuhlala kini elakuzwayo kusukela ekuqaleni, lani lizahlala
eNdodaneni lakuBaba. **25** Njalo yilesi isithembiso yena
asithembisa sona, impilo elaphakade. **(aiōnios g166)** **26**
Lezizinto ngalibhalela ngalabo abalikhohlisayo. **27** Lina-
ke ukugcotshwa elakwemukela kuye kuhlala kini, njalo
kalisweli ukuthi umuntu alifundise; kodwa njengoba lokhu
ukugcotshwa kuyalifundisa ngakho konke, futhi kuqinisile,
njalo kayisiwomanga, futhi njengoba kwalifundisa,
lizahlala kuye. **28** Khathesi-ke, bantwanyana, hlalani
kuye; ukuze kuthi lapho ebonakala sibe lesibindi, singabi
lenhloni phambi kwakhe ekufikeni kwakhe. **29** Uba lisazi
ukuthi ulungile, liyazi ukuthi wonke owenza ukulunga
uzelwe nguye.

3 Khangelani uthando olungaka asinika lona uYise
ukuthi sithiwe singabantwana bakaNkulunkulu.
Ngenxa yalokho umhlaba kawusazi, ngoba ungamazanga
yena. **2** Bathandekayo, khathesi singabantwana
bakaNkulunkulu, njalo kakukabonakali esizakuba yikho.
Kodwa siyazi ukuthi uba ebonakala, sizakuba njengaye,
ngoba sizambona njengoba enjalo. **3** Laye wonke
olalelithemba kuye uyazihlambulula, njengoba yena
ehlambulukile. **4** Wonke owenza isono weqa lomlayo;
ngoba isono siyikweqa umlayo. **5** Njalo liyazi ukuthi
yena wabonakaliswa, ukuze asuse izono zethu; lesono
kasikho kuye. **6** Wonke ohlala kuye koni; wonke owonayo
kambonanga, futhi kamazanga. **7** Bantwanyana, kungabi

khona olikhohlisayo; owenza ukulunga ulungile, njengoba
yena elungile; 8 owenza isono uvela kudiyabhola, ngoba
udiyabhola wona kusukela ekuqaleni. Ngalokhu iNdodana
kaNkulunkulu yabonakaliswa, ukuze ichithe imisebenzi
kadiyabhola. 9 Wonke ozelwe nguNkulunkulu kenzi
isono, ngoba inhlanyelo yakhe ihlala kuye; futhi angone,
ngoba ezelwe nguNkulunkulu. 10 Ngalokhu kuyabonakala
abantwana bakaNkulunkulu labantwana bakadiyabhola;
wonke ongenzi okulungileyo kaveli kuNkulunkulu, laye
ongamthandiyo umzalwane wakhe. 11 Ngoba yilo umbiko
elawuzwa kusukela ekuqaleni, ukuthi asithandane;
12 kungenjengoKhayini owavela komubi, wasebulala
umfowabo. Njalo kungani wambulala? Ngoba imisebenzi
yakhe yayimibi, kodwa eyomfowabo yayilungile. 13
Lingamangali bazalwane bami, uba umhlaba ulizonda.
14 Thina siyazi ukuthi sesidlule ekufeni saya empilweni,
ngoba siyabathanda abazalwane. Ongamthandiyo
umzalwane uhlezi ekufeni. 15 Wonke ozonda umzalwane
wakhe ungumbulali; liyazi ukuthi kakho umbulali lakanye
olempilo elaphakade ehlezi kuye. **(aiōnios g166)** 16
Ngalokhu siyalwazi uthando lukaNkulunkulu, ngoba
yena wasibekela phansi impilo yakhe; lathi sifanele
ukubabekela phansi impilo abazalwane. 17 Kodwa loba
ngubani olempahla yomhlaba, njalo ebona umzalwane
wakhe eswele, abesemvalela imibilini yakhe, uthando
lukaNkulunkulu luhlala njani kuye? 18 Bantwanyana
bami, kasingathandi ngelizwi kumbe ngolimi, kodwa
ngezenzo langeqiniso. 19 Futhi ngalokho siyazi
ukuthi singabeqiniso, njalo sizaqinisa inhliziyo zethu
phambi kwakhe, 20 ngoba uba inhliziyo yethu isilahla,
uNkulunkulu mkhulu kulenhliziyo yethu, futhi uyazi zonke
izinto. 21 Bathandekayo, uba inhliziyo zethu zingasilahli,
silesibindi kuNkulunkulu, 22 njalo loba yini esiyicelayo,
siyayemukela ivela kuye, ngoba sigcina imilayo yakhe,
njalo senza izinto ezithandekayo phambi kwakhe. 23 Njalo
yilo umlayo wakhe, ukuthi sikholwe ebizweni leNdodana
yakhe uJesu Kristu, njalo sithandane, njengoba wasipha
umlayo. 24 Logcina imilayo yakhe, uhlala kuye, laye
kuye. Ngalokhu-ke siyazi ukuthi uhlala kithi, ngoMoya
asiphe wona.

4 Bathandekayo, lingakholwa wonke umoya, kodwa
hlolani omoya, ukuthi bavela kuNkulunkulu yini;
ngoba banengi abaprofethi bamanga abaphumele
emhlabeni. 2 Ngalokhu liyamazi uMoya kaNkulunkulu:
Wonke umoya ovumayo ukuthi uJesu Kristu uzile
enyameni, uvela kuNkulunkulu; 3 futhi wonke umoya
ongavumiyo ukuthi uJesu Kristu usezile enyameni,
kaveli kuNkulunkulu; lalo ungowomphikuKristu, eselizwile
ukuthi uyeza, lakhathesi usekhona emhlabeni. 4 Lina
lingabakaNkulunkulu, bantwanyana, futhi libanqobile;
ngoba mkhulu okini kulalowo osemhlabeni. 5 Bona
bangabomhlaba; ngenxa yalokho bakhuluma okuvela
emhlabeni, njalo umhlaba uyabezwa. 6 Thina
singabakaNkulunkulu; omaziyo uNkulunkulu, uyasizwa;
ongeyisuye kaNkulunkulu, kasizwa. Ngalokhu siyamazi
umoya weqiniso lomoya wokuduha. 7 Bathandekayo,
asithandaneni; ngoba uthando luvela kuNkulunkulu,
laye wonke othandayo, uzelwe nguNkulunkulu, futhi
uyamazi uNkulunkulu. 8 Ongathandiyo, kamazi
uNkulunkulu; ngoba uNkulunkulu uluthando. 9 Ngalokhu
uthando lukaNkulunkulu lwabonakaliswa kithi, ukuthi
uNkulunkulu wathuma iNdodana yakhe ezelwe yodwa
emhlabeni, ukuze siphile ngayo. 10 Uthando lukulokhu,
kungesikuthi thina samthanda uNkulunkulu, kodwa
ukuthi yena wasithanda, wasethuma iNdodana yakhe
ukuthi ibe yinhlawulo yokuthula ngezono zethu. 11
Bathandekayo, uba uNkulunkulu wasithanda ngokunje,
lathi sifanele ukuthandana. 12 Kakulamuntu owake
wabona uNkulunkulu; uba sithandana, uNkulunkulu
uhlala kithi, lothando lwakhe luphelelisiwe kithi. 13
Ngalokhu siyazi ukuthi sihlala kuye, laye kithi, ngoba
usinikile okukaMoya wakhe. 14 Thina sesibonile
siyafakaza ukuthi uYise uyithumile iNdodana ibe
nguMsindisi womhlaba. 15 Loba ngubani ovumayo
ukuthi uJesu uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu, uNkulunkulu
uhlala kuye, laye kuNkulunkulu. 16 Thina sesisazi
sakholwa uthando uNkulunkulu alalo kithi. UNkulunkulu
uluthando, njalo ohlala ethandweni uhlala kuNkulunkulu,
loNkulunkulu kuye. 17 Ngalokhu uthando luphelelisiwe
lathi, ukuze sibe lesibindi osukwini lokwahlulelwa, ngoba
njengalokhu enjalo yena, sinjalo lathi kulumhlaba.
18 Kakukho ukwesaba ethandweni, kodwa uthando
olupheleleyo luyaxotsha ukwesaba, ngoba ukwesaba
kulobuhlungu; lowesabayo kapheleliswanga ethandweni.
19 Thina siyamthanda, ngoba yena wasithanda kuqala.
20 Uba umuntu esithi: Ngiyamthanda uNkulunkulu,
njalo ezonda umzalwane wakhe, ungumqambimanga;
ngoba ongamthandiyo umzalwane wakhe ambonileyo,
angamthanda njani uNkulunkulu angambonanga? 21
Njalo silalumlayo ovela kuye, ukuthi othanda uNkulunkulu,
kamthande lomzalwane wakhe.

5 Wonke okholwa ukuthi uJesu unguKristu uzelwe
nguNkulunkulu; laye wonke othanda umzali
uthanda lozelwe nguye. 2 Ngalokho siyazi ukuthi
siyabathanda abantwana bakaNkulunkulu, nxa sithanda
uNkulunkulu, njalo sigcina imilayo yakhe; 3 ngoba
lolu luthando lukaNkulunkulu, ukuthi sigcine imilayo
yakhe; lemilayo yakhe kayinzima. 4 Ngoba konke
okuzelwe nguNkulunkulu kuyawunqoba umhlaba; lalokho
yikunqoba okunqoba umhlaba, ukholo lwethu. 5
Ngubani onqoba umhlaba, ngaphandle kokholwa ukuthi
uJesu uyiNdodana kaNkulunkulu? 6 Lo nguye oweza
ngamanzi legazi, uJesu Kristu; kungeyisikho ngamanzi
kuphela, kodwa ngamanzi legazi. LoMoya nguye
ofakazayo, ngoba uMoya uliqiniso. 7 Ngoba bathathu
abafakazayo ezulwini, uYise, uLizwi, loMoya oNgcwele;
laba abathathu banye. 8 Njalo bathathu abafakazayo
emhlabeni, uMoya, lamanzi, legazi; laba abathathu

bahlanganyela intonye. **9** Uba sisemukela ubufakazi
babantu, ubufakazi bukaNkulunkulu bukhulu; ngoba lobu
yibufakazi bukaNkulunkulu, abufakazileyo ngeNdodana
yakhe. **10** Okholwa eNdodaneni kaNkulunkulu ulobufakazi
phakathi kwakhe ngokwakhe; ongakholwa uNkulunkulu,
umenze abe ngumqambimanga, ngoba engakholwanga
ubufakazi uNkulunkulu abufakazileyo ngeNdodana
yakhe. **11** Yilobu-ke ubufakazi, ukuthi uNkulunkulu
usinikile impilo elaphakade, lale impilo iseNdodaneni
yakhe. **(aiōnios g166)** **12** Olayo iNdodana ulempilo;
ongelayo iNdodana kaNkulunkulu kalampilo. **13**
Lezizinto ngizibhalela lina elikholwa ebizweni leNdodana
kaNkulunkulu, ukuze lazi ukuthi lilempilo elaphakade,
lokuze likholwe ebizweni leNdodana kaNkulunkulu.
(aiōnios g166) **14** Njalo yilesi isibindi esilaso kuye, ukuthi
uba sicela ulutho ngokwentando yakhe, uyasizwa; **15**
uba-ke sisazi ukuthi uyasizwa, loba yini esiyicelayo,
siyazi ukuthi sesilezicelo esizicela kuye. **16** Uba umuntu
ebona umzalwane wakhe esona isono esingasi ekufeni,
uzacela, njalo uzamnika impilo labo abangonelanga
ekufeni. Sikhona isono esisa ekufeni; kangitsho ukuthi
ancenge ngaleso; **17** konke ukungalungi kuyisono;
njalo kukhona isono esingasi ekufeni. **18** Siyazi ukuthi
wonke ozelwe nguNkulunkulu koni; kodwa ozelwe
nguNkulunkulu uyazigcina, lomubi kamthinti. **19** Siyazi
ukuthi singabakaNkulunkulu, lokuthi umhlaba wonke ulele
ebubini. **20** Njalo siyazi ukuthi iNdodana kaNkulunkulu
isifikile, yasinika ukuqedisisa ukuze simazi oweqiniso;
njalo sikuye oweqiniso, eNdodaneni yakhe uJesu Kristu.
Yena unguNkulunkulu weqiniso, lempilo elaphakade.
(aiōnios g166) **21** Bantwanyana, zilondolozeni ezithombeni.
Ameni.

2 UJohane

1 Umdala kunkosikazi ekhethiweyo lakubantwana bayo,
mina engibathanda ngeqiniso, njalo kungeyisimi
ngedwa kodwa labo bonke asebelazi iqiniso, **2** ngenxa
yeqiniso elihlala kithi, lelizakuba lathi kuze kube
nininini: **(aiōn g165)** **3** Kakube lani umusa, isihawu,
ukuthula okuvela kuNkulunkulu uYise, leNkosini uJesu
Kristu iNdodana kaBaba, eqinisweni lethandweni. **4**
Ngathokoza kakhulukazi ukuthi ngithole ebantwaneni
bakho abahamba eqinisweni, njengoba semukela
umlayo kuYise. **5** Khathesi-ke ngiyakuncenga,
nkosikazi, kungenjengokuthi ngikubhalela umlayo
omutsha, kodwa lowo esasilawo kusukela ekuqaleni,
ukuze sithandane. **6** Njalo yilolu uthando, ukuthi
sihambe ngokwemilayo yakhe. Yilo umlayo, njengoba
lezwa kusukela ekuqaleni, ukuthi lihambe kiwo. **7**
Ngoba abakhohlisi abanengi sebengene emhlabeni
abangavumiyo ukuthi uJesu Kristu weza enyameni.
Lo ngumkhohlisi lomphikuKristu. **8** Ziqapheleni
ukuze singalahlekelwa yizinto esesizisebenzile, kodwa
semukele umvuzo opheleleyo. **9** Wonke oweqayo
njalo ongahlali emfundisweni kaKristu, kalaNkulunkulu;
ohlala emfundisweni kaKristu, lowo ulabo bobabili uYise
leNdodana. **10** Uba kufika umuntu kini, njalo engalethi le
imfundiso, lingamemukeli endlini, futhi lingambingeleli;
11 ngoba lowo ombingelelayo, uhlanganyela lemisebenzi
yakhe emibi. **12** Ngilezinto ezinengi zokulibhalela,
kangithandanga ukubhala ngephepha leyinki; kodwa
ngithemba ukuza kini, ngikhulume lani umlomo
ngomlomo, ukuze intokozo yethu igcwale. **13** Abantwana
bakadadewenu okhethiweyo bayakubingelela. Ameni.

3 UJohane

1 Umdala, kuye uGayusi othandekayo, mina
engimthanda ngeqiniso. 2 Sithandwa, kuzo zonke
izinto ngifisa ukuthi uphumelele njalo uphile, njengalokhu
umphefumulo wakho uphumelela. 3 Ngoba ngathokoza
kakhulukazi, lapho kufika abazalwane, befakazela
iqiniso lakho, njengoba wena uhamba eqinisweni. 4
Kangilantokozo enkulu edlula lezizinto, ukuthi ngizwe
ukuthi abantwana bami bahamba eqinisweni. 5
Sithandwa, wenza ngokuthembeka loba yikuphi okwenza
kubazalwane lakwabemzini, 6 abafakazele uthando
lwakho phambi kwebandla; uzakwenza kuhle uba
ubaphelekezela ngokufanele uNkulunkulu. 7 Ngoba
ngenxa yebizo lakhe baphumile bengemukeli lutho
kwabezizwe. 8 Ngakho thina sifanele ukubemukela
abanjalo, ukuze sibe yizisebenzi kanye leqiniso. 9
Ngabhalela ibandla; kodwa uDiyotrefe othanda ukuba
ngowokuqala kubo kasemukeli. 10 Ngakho, uba ngifika,
ngizakhumbuza imisebenzi yakhe ayenzayo, uyasihleba
ngamazwi amabi; futhi kakholiswa yilezizinto, yena
uqobo kemukeli abazalwane, uyabalela lalabo abathanda
ukukwenza, njalo uyabaxotsha ebandleni. 11 Sithandwa,
ungakulingiseli okubi, kodwa okuhle. Owenza okuhle
ungokaNkulunkulu; kodwa owenza okubi kambonanga
uNkulunkulu. 12 NgoDemetriyu kufakazwe yibo bonke,
langeqiniso uqobo; lathi futhi siyafakaza, lani liyazi ukuthi
ubufakazi bethu buqinisile. 13 Bengilezinto ezinengi
zokubhala, kodwa kangithandi ukukubhalela ngeyinki
losiba; 14 kodwa ngithemba ukukubona masinyane,
sibe sesikhuluma umlomo ngomlomo. Ukuthula kakube
kuwe. Abangane bayakubingelela. Bingelela abangane
ngamabizo.

UJuda

1 UJuda inceku kaJesu Kristu, lomfowabo kaJakobe,
kwabangcweliswe nguNkulunkulu uBaba, labagcinwe
nguJesu Kristu, ababiziweyo: 2 Kakwandiswe kini
isihawu lokuthula lothando. 3 Bathandekayo, lapho
ngisenza yonke inkuthalo yokulibhalela ngosindiso
oluhlanganyelwayo, ngaswela ukulibhalela ngilikhuthaze
ukuthi lilwele ngoqotho ukholo olwanikwa kanye
abangcwele. 4 Ngoba sekungenile ngokunyenya
abantu abathile, ababhalelwa ngaphambili lokhukulahlwa
kudala, abeyisa uNkulunkulu, abaphendula umusa
kaNkulunkulu wethu ube ngamanyala, njalo bephika
uMbusi oyedwa uNkulunkulu, leNkosi yethu uJesu
Kristu. 5 Kodwa ngithanda ukulikhumbuza, loba
belikwazi lokhu kanye, ukuthi iNkosi, isisindise
isizwe elizweni iGibhithe, yabuye yababhubhisa labo
abangakholwanga. 6 Lengilosi ezingagcinanga ubukhosi
bazo bakuqala, kodwa zatshiya eyazo indawo yokuhlala,
uzigcinele isigwebo sosuku olukhulu, ngezibopho
ezaphakade ngaphansi kobumnyama. **(aïdios g126)**
7 NjengeSodoma leGomora lemizi eyizingelezeleyo,
ezinikele ekuphingeni ngendlela efanana lalezo, isilandele
enye inyama, yenziwa isibonelo obala, yahlupheka
isijeziso somlilo ophakade. **(aiōnios g166)** 8 Ngokunjalo
lalaba bephupha bayona inyama, njalo badelela ukubusa,
bahlambaze ubukhosi. 9 Kanti uMikayeli ingilosi
eyinduna, lapho ebanga lodiyabhola ephikisa ngesidumbu
sikaMozisi, kabanga lesibindi sokumlethela isigwebo
senhlamba, kodwa wathi: INkosi kayikukhalimele. 10
Kodwa laba bathuka konke abangakwaziyo; lakho
konke abakwaziyo ngemvelo njengezinyamazana
ezingelangqondo, bazonakalisa kulezizinto. 11 Maye
kubo! Ngoba bahambe ngendlela kaKhayini, futhi
baziwisele ekuduheni kukaBalami ngenxa yenzuzo,
lenkanini kaKora babhubhile. 12 Laba bayizici emadilini
enu othando, nxa beledili lani, ngokungesabi bayazondla;
amayezi angelamanzi, bephetshulwa yimimoya; izihlahla
zamaphethelo ekwindla, ezingelazithelo, ezife kabili,
sezisitshulwe; 13 amagagasi olwandle aphosekayo,
abhubhudla awazo amahlazo; inkanyezi eziduhayo,
okugcinelwe bona ubumnyama bomnyama kuze kube
phakade. **(aiōn g165)** 14 Njalo uEnoki laye owesikhombisa
kusukela kuAdamu waprofetha ngabo esithi: Khangela,
iNkosi yafika labangcwele bayo abayizigidi, 15 ukwenza
isigwebo esimelana labo bonke, lokubalahla bonke
abeyisa uNkulunkulu phakathi kwabo ngenxa yezenzo
zabo zonke zokungesabi uNkulunkulu abazenzayo
beseyisa uNkulunkulu, langawo wonke amazwi anzima
izoni ezeyisa uNkulunkulu eziwakhulume emelene
laye. 16 Laba ngabangungunayo, abasolayo, behamba
ngokwenkanuko zabo, lomlomo wabo ukhuluma
izinto zokuzikhukhumeza, bebuka abantu ngenxa
yenzuzo. 17 Kodwa lina bathandekayo, khumbulani
amazwi akhulunywa ngaphambili ngabaphostoli beNkosi
yethu uJesu Kristu; 18 ukuthi bathi kini, kuzakuba
khona abahleka usulu ngesikhathi sokucina, behamba
ngokwenkanuko zabo zokweyisa uNkulunkulu. 19 Yibo
laba abenza izehlukaniso, bangabemvelo, kabalaMoya.
20 Kodwa lina, bathandekayo, lizakhe ekholweni lwenu
olungcwele kakhulu, likhuleke likuMoya oNgcwele, 21
zigcineni ethandweni lukaNkulunkulu, lilindele isihawu
seNkosi yethu uJesu Kristu kuze kube sempilweni
elaphakade. **(aiōnios g166)** 22 Beselibahawukela abanye
lehlukanise; 23 kodwa lisindise abanye ngokwesaba
libahluthuna emlilweni, lizonda lesembatho esoniwe
ngokuvela enyameni. 24 Kuye-ke olamandla okulilinda
ekukhubekeni, lokulimisa phambi kwenkazimulo yakhe
lingelasici entokozweni enkulu, 25 kuye uNkulunkulu
yedwa ohlakaniphileyo uMsindisi wethu, kakube
inkazimulo lobukhulu, ubukhosi lamandla, lakhathesi
lakulo lonke iphakade. Ameni. **(aiōn g165)**

Isambulo

1 Isambulelo sikaJesu Kristu, amnika sona uNkulunkulu,
ukuze abonise inceku zakhe izinto ezimele
ukwenzeka ngokuphangisa, esethume ngengilosi yakhe
wazibonakalisa kunceku yakhe uJohane, **2** owafakaza
ilizwi likaNkulunkulu, lobufakazi bukaJesu Kristu, lakho
konke akubonayo. **3** Ubusisiwe ofunda, lalabo abezwa
amazwi alesisiprofetho, besebegcina izinto ezilotshiweyo
kuso; ngoba isikhathi siseduze. **4** UJohane kumabandla
ayisikhombisa aseAsiya: Umusa kawube kini lokuthula
okuvela kuye okhona lowayekhona lozakuza; lakubomoya
abayisikhombisa abaphambi kwesihlalo sakhe sobukhosi;
5 lakuJesu Kristu, umfakazi othembekileyo, olizibulo
kwabafileyo lombusi wamakhosi omhlaba. Kuye
owasithandayo, wasigezisa ezonweni zethu egazini
lakhe; **6** owasenza saba ngamakhosi labapristi
kuNkulunkulu uYise; kakube kuye ubukhosi lamandla
kuze kube nini lanini. Ameni. **(aiōn g165)** **7** Khangela
uyeza kanye lamayezi, futhi lonke ilihlo lizambona, lalabo
abamgwazayo; lezizwe zonke zomhlaba zizalila ngenxa
yakhe. Yebo. Ameni. **8** Mina nginguAlfa loOmega, ukuqala
lokucina, kutsho iNkosi, ekhona leyayikhona lezakuza,
uSomandla. **9** Mina uJohane, longumzalwane wenu,
lohlanganyela kanye lani ekuhluphekeni lembusweni
lekubekezeleni kukaJesu Kristu, ngangisesihlengeni
esithiwa yiPatmosi, ngenxa yelizwi likaNkulunkulu
langenxa yobufakazi bukaJesu Kristu. **10** NgangikuMoya
ngosuku lweNkosi; futhi ngezwa ngemva kwami
ilizwi elikhulu kungathi ngelophondo, **11** lisithi:
Mina nginguAlfa loOmega, ukuqala lokucina; lokuthi:
Okubonayo kubhale encwadini, ukuthumele emabandleni
ayisikhombisa aseAsiya, eEfesu, leSemerna, lePergamo,
leTiyathira, leSardisi, leFiladelfiya, leLawodikeya. **12**
Ngasengitshibilika ukuze ngibone ilizwi elikhuluma
lami. Sengitshibilikile ngabona iziqobane zezibane
zegolide eziyisikhombisa, **13** laphakathi kweziqobane
zezibane eziyisikhombisa onjengeNdodana yomuntu,
embethe isembatho esifika ezinyaweni futhi ezibophe
ezithandele ngeqhele legolide emabeleni; **14** njalo
ikhanda lakhe lenwele zakhe kwakumhlophe njengoboya
bezimvu, njengeliqhwa elikhithikileyo; lamehlo akhe
enjengelangabi lomlilo, **15** lenyawo zakhe zazinjengethusi
elikhazimulayo, njengelivutha esithandweni; lelizwi
lakhe lalinjengenhlokomo yamanzi amanengi; **16**
futhi elenkanyezi eziyisikhombisa esandleni sakhe
sokunene, lemlonyeni wakhe kwaphuma inkemba
ebukhali inhlangothi zombili; lobuso bakhe bunjengelanga
elikhanya emandleni alo. **17** Njalo ngathi ngimbona,
ngawela ngasezinyaweni zakhe njengofileyo; wasebeka
isandla sakhe sokunene phezu kwami esithi kimi:
Ungesabi; mina ngingowokuqala lowokucina, **18**
lophilayo; njalo ngangifile futhi khangela, ngiyaphila kuze
kube nini lanini. Ameni. Njalo ngilezihluthulelo zesihogo
lezokufa. **(aiōn g165, Hadēs g86)** **19** Bhala izinto ozibonileyo,
lezinto ezikhona, lezinto ezizakuba khona emva kwalezi:
20 Imfihlo yenkanyezi eziyisikhombisa ozibonileyo
esandleni sami sokunene, leziqobane zezibane
zegolide eziyisikhombisa. Inkanyezi eziyisikhombisa
ziyizithunywa zamabandla ayisikhombisa; leziqobane
zezibane eziyisikhombisa ozibonileyo zingamabandla
ayisikhombisa.

2 Kuso isithunywa sebandla leEfesu bhala uthi: Lezizinto
uyazitsho lowo ophethe inkanyezi eziyisikhombisa
esandleni sakhe sokunene, ohamba phakathi
kweziqobane zezibane zegolide eziyisikhombisa, **2**
uthi: Ngiyayazi imisebenzi yakho, lomsebenzi wakho
onzima, lokubekezela kwakho, lokuthi ungebamele
ababi, lokuthi ubahlolile labo abazithi bangabaphostoli
kodwa bengeyisibo, wasubathola bengabaqambimanga,
3 wasuthwala, ulokubekezela, wakhuthala ngenxa
yebizo lami, kawudinwanga. **4** Kodwa ngilokumelene
lawe ukuthi udelile uthando lwakho lwakuqala. **5**
Ngakho khumbula lapho owe khona, ubusuphenduka
wenze imisebenzi yakuqala; uba kungenjalo, ngizakuza
kuwe ngokuphangisa, ngizasusa isiqobane sesibane
sakho endaweni yaso, uba ungaphenduki; **6** kanti
ulalokhu ukuthi uyayizonda imisebenzi yamaNikolayitha,
engiyizondayo lami. **7** Lowo olendlebe kezwe
lokho akutshoyo uMoya emabandleni. Onqobayo
ngizamnika ukuthi adle okwesihlahla sempilo esiphakathi
kweParadise likaNkulunkulu. **8** Lakuso isithunywa
sebandla leSemerna bhala uthi: Lezizinto utsho
owokuqala lowokucina, owayefile njalo uyaphila:
9 Ngiyayazi imisebenzi lokuhlupheka lobuyanga
bakho (kanti unothile) lenhlamba yalabo abathi
bangamaJuda, kanti bengeyisiwo, kodwa belisinagoge
likaSathane. **10** Ungesabi lutho lwalezozinto ozahlupheka
ngazo; khangela udiyabhola uzaphosela abanye kini
entolongweni, ukuze lilingwe; futhi lizakuba lenhlupheko
insuku ezilitshumi. Bana ngothembekileyo kuze kube
sekufeni, njalo ngizakunika umqhele wempilo. **11**
Olendlebe kezwe lokho akutshoyo uMoya emabandleni.
Onqobayo kasoze alinyazwa yikufa kwesibili. **12**
Lakuso isithunywa sebandla elisePergamo bhala uthi:
Lezizinto utsho lowo olenkemba ebukhali inhlangothi
zombili: **13** Ngiyayazi imisebenzi yakho, lalapho
ohlala khona, lapho okukhona isihlalo sobukhosi
sikaSathane; njalo ugcinile ibizo lami, kawuphikanga
ukholo lwami, ngitsho ensukwini zikaAntipasi, umfakazi
wami othembekileyo, owabulawelwa phakathi kwenu,
lapho uSathane ahlala khona; **14** kodwa ngilezinto
ezinlutshwana ezimelene lawe, ukuthi ulabo lapho
ababambelela emfundisweni kaBalami, owafundisa
uBalaki ukuphosa isikhubekiso phambi kwabantwana
bakoIsrayeli, sokuthi badle okuhlatshelwe izithombe
lokuthi baphinge. **15** Ngokunjalo lawe ulabo ababambelela
emfundisweni yamaNikolayitha, into engiyizondayo.

16 Phenduka; uba kungenjalo, ngizakuza kuwe
ngokuphangisa, ngizakulwa ngimelene labo ngenkemba
yomlomo wami. 17 Olendlebe kezwe lokho akutshoyo
uMoya emabandleni. Onqobayo ngizamnika ukuthi
adle okwemana efihliweyo, njalo ngizamnika ilitshe
elimhlophe, laphezu kwelitshe ibizo elitsha elilotshiweyo,
okungelamuntu olaziyo ngaphandle kolemukelayo.
18 Lakuso isithunywa sebandla eliseTiyathira bhala
uthi: Lezizinto itsho iNdodana kaNkulunkulu, elamehlo
ayo anjengelangabi lomlilo, lenyawo zayo zifanana
lethusi elikhazimulayo: 19 Ngiyayazi imisebenzi
yakho, lothando, lokukhonza, lokholo, lokubekezela
kwakho, lemisebenzi yakho, ukuthi eyokucina minengi
kuleyokuqala. 20 Kodwa ngilezinto ezinlutshwana
ezimelene lawe, ukuthi uvumele owesifazana uJezebeli,
ozibiza ngokuthi ungumprofethikazi, ukufundisa aduhise
inceku zami, ukuthi ziphinge lokuthi zidle okuhlatshelwe
izithombe. 21 Futhi ngamnika ithuba lokuthi
aphenduke ekufebeni kwakhe, njalo kaphendukanga. 22
Khangela mina ngizamphosela embhedeni, labaphingayo
laye ekuhluphekeni okukhulu, uba bengaphenduki
emisebenzini yabo. 23 Njalo ngizabulala abantwana
bakhe ngokufa; lamabandla wonke azakwazi ukuthi
nginguye ohlola izinso lezinhliziyo; futhi ngizalinika,
ngulowo lalowo, ngokwemisebenzi yenu. 24 Kodwa
ngikhuluma lani labanye abaseTiyathira, bonke
abangelayo le imfundiso, labangakwaziyo okujulileyo
kukaSathane, njengokutsho kwabo: Kangiyikulethesa
omunye umthwalo. 25 Kodwa lokho elilakho
kubambisiseni, ngize ngifike. 26 Lonqobayo logcina
imisebenzi yami kuze kube sekupheleni, ngizamnika
amandla phezu kwezizwe; 27 njalo uzazibusa ngentonga
yensimbi; zizaphahlazwa njengezimbiza zebumba;
njengalokhu lami ngikwemukele kuBaba. 28 Futhi
ngizamnika indonsakusa. 29 Olendlebe kezwe lokho
akutshoyo uMoya emabandleni.

3 Lakuso isithunywa sebandla eliseSardisi bhala uthi:
Lezizinto utsho lowo olabomoya abayisikhombisa
bakaNkulunkulu, lenkanyezi eziyisikhombisa: Ngiyayazi
imisebenzi yakho, ukuthi ulebizo lokuthi uyaphila,
kanti ufile. 2 Woba ulindile, uqinise izinto eziseleyo
esezizakufa; ngoba kangitholanga imisebenzi yakho
iphelelisiwe phambi kukaNkulunkulu. 3 Khumbula-
ke ukuthi ukwemukele wakuzwa njani, ubusukugcina,
uphenduke. Uba-ke ungalindi, ngizakuza phezu kwakho
njengesela, njalo kawusoze walazi ihola engizakuza
ngalo phezu kwakho. 4 Ulamabizo amalutshwana
ngitsho eSardisi, angangcolisanga izembatho zawo;
njalo bazahamba lami bekwezimhlophe, ngoba bafanele.
5 Onqobayo, lowo uzagqokiswa izembatho ezimhlophe;
futhi kangisoze ngilesule ibizo lakhe egwalweni lwempilo,
njalo ngizalivuma ibizo lakhe phambi kukaBaba, laphambi
kwengilosi zakhe. 6 Olendlebe kezwe lokho uMoya
akutshoyo emabandleni. 7 Lakuso isithunywa sebandla
eliseFiladelfiya bhala uthi: Lezizinto utsho oNgcwele,
oQotho, olesihluthulelo sikaDavida, ovula njalo kungavali
muntu, avale futhi kungavuli muntu: 8 Ngiyayazi
imisebenzi yakho; khangela, ngimise phambi kwakho
umnyango ovuliweyo, njalo kakulamuntu ongawuvala,
ngoba ulamandla amancinyane, njalo uligcinile ilizwi lami,
futhi kawuliphikanga ibizo lami. 9 Khangela ngizakunika
abavela esinagogeni likaSathane, abathi bangamaJuda,
bengeyisiwo, kodwa beqamba amanga; khangela
ngizabenza ukuthi beze baguqe phambi kwenyawo
zakho, njalo bazi ukuthi mina ngikuthandile. 10 Ngoba
ugcinile ilizwi lokubekezela kwami, lami ngizakulondoloza
kuhola lokulingwa okuzafika emhlabeni wonke, ukulinga
abakhileyo phezu komhlabathi. 11 Khangela, ngiyeza
ngokuphangisa; bambisisa olakho, ukuze kungabi
khona okwemuka umqhele wakho. 12 Onqobayo,
ngizamenza insika ethempelini likaNkulunkulu wami;
njalo kasoze aphinde aphume phandle, futhi ngizabhala
ibizo likaNkulunkulu wami phezu kwakhe, lebizo lomuzi
kaNkulunkulu wami, iJerusalema entsha, eyehla ivela
ezulwini kuNkulunkulu wami, lebizo lami elitsha. 13
Olendlebe kezwe lokho uMoya akutshoyo emabandleni.
14 Lakuso isithunywa sebandla lamaLawodikeya bhala
uthi: Lezizinto utsho uAmeni, umfakazi othembekileyo
loqotho, owokuqala kokudaliweyo kukaNkulunkulu: 15
Ngiyayazi imisebenzi yakho, ukuthi njalo kawuqandi futhi
kawutshisi. Kungathi ngabe uyaqanda kumbe utshise! 16
Ngokunjalo, ngoba ubuthukuthuku, njalo ungaqandi futhi
ungatshisi, ngizakukhafula emlonyeni wami. 17 Ngoba
uthi: Nginothile, senginothile njalo kangisweli lutho,
kanti kawazi ukuthi wena ungohluphekayo lohawulayo
longumyanga loyisiphofu lonqunu; 18 ngiyakweluleka
ukuthi uthenge kimi igolide elicengwe ngomlilo, ukuze
unothe; lezembatho ezimhlophe, ukuze wembathe,
lehlazo lobuze bakho lingembulwa; njalo ugcobe amehlo
akho ngamagcobo amehlo, ukuze ubone. 19 Mina bonke
engibathandayo, ngiyabasola ngibatshaye. Ngakho
tshiseka uphenduke. 20 Khangela, ngimi emnyango
ngiqoqoda; uba umuntu esizwa ilizwi lami, abesevula
umnyango, ngizangena kuye, ngidle laye, laye lami. 21
Onqobayo, ngizamnika ukuthi ahlale lami esihlalweni sami
sobukhosi, njengalokhu lami nganqoba, ngasengihlala
loBaba esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi. 22 Olendlebe
kezwe lokho uMoya akutshoyo emabandleni.

4 Emva kwalezizinto ngabona, futhi khangela,
umnyango uvulekile ezulwini, lelizwi lokuqala
engalizwayo linjengelophondo likhuluma lami, lisithi:
Yenyukela lapha, njalo ngizakutshengisa izinto ezimele
zenzeke emva kwalezizinto. 2 Njalo ngahle ngaba
kuMoya; khangela-ke, isihlalo sobukhosi samiswa
ezulwini, laphezu kwesihlalo sobukhosi ohleziyo; 3
njalo ohleziyo wayebonakala efanana lelitshe ijaspi
lesardiyusi, lomchilowamakhosikazi wawuzingelezele
isihlalo sobukhosi ubonakala njenge-emeraldi. 4

Lezihlalo zobukhosi ezingamatshumi amabili lane
zazihanqe isihlalo sobukhosi; laphezu kwezihlalo
zobukhosi ngabona abadala abangamatshumi amabili
lane behlezi, bembethe izembatho ezimhlophe, njalo
belemiqhele yegolide emakhanda abo. 5 Lesihlalweni
sobukhosi kwaphuma imibane lemidumo lamazwi;
lezibane zomlilo eziyisikhombisa zazibhebha phambi
kwesihlalo sobukhosi, ezingomoya abayisikhombisa
bakaNkulunkulu; 6 laphambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi
kwakukhona ulwandle lwengilazi, lufanana lekristali.
Laphakathi kwesihlalo sobukhosi lekuzingelezeleni
kwesihlalo sobukhosi kwakukhona izidalwa ezine
eziphilayo zigcwele amehlo ngemuva laphambili. 7
Lesidalwa esiphilayo sokuqala sasifanana lesilwane,
lesidalwa esiphilayo sesibili sasifanana lethole, lesidalwa
esiphilayo sesithathu sasilobuso njengomuntu, lesidalwa
esiphilayo sesine sasifanana lokhozi oluphaphayo;
8 lezidalwa ezine eziphilayo zilempiko eziyisithupha
ileso laleso ngokukhethekileyo emaceleni wonke,
langaphakathi zigcwele amehlo, njalo kazilakuphumula
emini lebusuku, zisithi: Ingcwele, ingcwele, ingcwele,
iNkosi uNkulunkulu uSomandla, owayekhona lokhona
lozakuza. 9 Kuthi lapho izidalwa eziphilayo zimnika
ubukhosi lodumo lokubongwa lowo ohlezi esihlalweni
sobukhosi, ophilayo kuze kube nini lanini, **(aiōn g165)** 10
abadala abangamatshumi amabili lane baziwisela phansi
phambi kohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi, basebemkhonza
ophilayo kuze kube nini lanini, bephosela imiqhele yabo
phambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi, besithi: **(aiōn g165)** 11
Ufanele, Nkosi, ukwemukela ubukhosi, lodumo lamandla;
ngoba wena wadala izinto zonke, langentando yakho
zikhona, zadalwa.

5 Ngasengibona esandleni sokunene sowayehlezi
esihlalweni sobukhosi ugwalo olubhalwe ngaphakathi
langemuva, lunanyekiwe ngempawu eziyisikhombisa.
2 Ngasengibona ingilosi elamandla imemeza ngelizwi
elikhulu isithi: Ngubani ofanele ukuvula ugwalo,
lokuqhaqha impawu zalo? 3 Njalo kwakungelamuntu
ezulwini, kumbe emhlabeni, kumbe ngaphansi komhlaba,
owayelamandla okuvula ugwalo, kumbe ukulukhangela.
4 Mina ngasengikhala kakhulu, ngoba kungatholwanga
loyedwa ofanele ukuluvula lokulufunda ugwalo, kumbe
ukulukhangela. 5 Omunye wabadala wasesithi kimi:
Ungakhali; khangela, inqobile iNgonyama evela esizweni
sakoJuda, iMpande kaDavida, ukuthi ivule ugwalo lokuthi
iqhaqhe impawu zalo eziyisikhombisa. 6 Ngasengibona,
futhi khangela phakathi kwesihlalo sobukhosi, lezidalwa
ezine eziphilayo, langaphakathi kwabadala, iWundlu
limi kungathi lihlatshiwe, lilempondo eziyisikhombisa
lamehlo ayisikhombisa, okungomoya abayisikhombisa
bakaNkulunkulu abathunyelwe emhlabeni wonke. 7
Laselisiza, laluthatha ugwalo esandleni sokunene sohlezi
esihlalweni sobukhosi. 8 Kuthe seliluthethe ugwalo,
izidalwa ezine eziphilayo labadala abangamatshumi
amabili lane bawela phansi phambi kweWundlu, ngulowo
lalowo elamachacho lemiganu yegolide igcwele impepha
eyimikhuleko yabangcwele. 9 Basebehlabelela ingoma
entsha, besithi: Ukufanele ukuluthatha ugwalo, lokuvula
impawu zalo, ngoba wahlatshwa, wasusihlengela
uNkulunkulu ngegazi lakho sivela kuyo yonke imihlobo
lezinlimi labantu lezizwe, 10 wasusenza saba ngamakhosi
labapristi kuNkulunkulu wethu; njalo sizabusa emhlabeni.
11 Ngasengibona, ngezwa ilizwi lengilosi ezinengi zihanqe
isihlalo sobukhosi lezidalwa eziphilayo labadala; lenani
lazo laliyizigidi zezigidi, lenkulungwane zezinkulungwane,
12 zisithi ngelizwi elikhulu: Lifanele iWundlu elahlatshwayo
ukwemukela amandla lenotho lenhlakanipho lengalo
lodumo lobukhosi lokudunyiswa. 13 Laso sonke isidalwa
esisezulwini, lemhlabeni, langaphansi komhlaba, lezinto
eziselwandle, lakho konke okukikho, ngakuzwa kusithi:
Kuye ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi lakulo iWundlu kakube
ukudunyiswa lodumo lobukhosi lamandla kuze kube
nini lanini. **(aiōn g165)** 14 Lezidalwa ezine eziphilayo
zathi: Ameni. Labadala abangamatshumi amabili lane
baziwisela phansi, basebekhonza ophilayo kuze kube
phakade laphakade.

6 Ngasengibona lapho iWundlu selivule olunye
lwezimpawu, ngezwa esinye sezidalwa ezine
eziphilayo sisithi, njengelizwi lomdumo: Woza ubone!
2 Ngasengibona, khangela-ke, ibhiza elimhlophe,
loligadileyo eledandili; kwasekunikelwa kuye umqhele,
wasephuma enqoba, lokuze anqobe. 3 Lalapho
selivule uphawu lwesibili, ngezwa isidalwa esiphilayo
sesibili sisithi: Woza ubone! 4 Kwasekuphuma elinye
ibhiza elibomvu; loligadileyo kwanikwa kuye ukususa
ukuthula emhlabeni, lokuthi babulalane; kwasekunikelwa
kuye inkemba enkulu. 5 Lalapho selivule uphawu
lwesithathu, ngezwa isidalwa esiphilayo sesithathu
sisithi: Woza ubone! Ngasengibona, khangela-ke, ibhiza
elimnyama, loligadileyo elesikali esandleni sakhe.
6 Ngasengisizwa ilizwi phakathi kwezidalwa ezine
eziphilayo lisithi: Ingcebethu yamabele ngodenariyo,
lengcebethu ezintathu zebhali ngodenariyo; lamafutha
lewayini ungakoni. 7 Lalapho selivule uphawu lwesine,
ngezwa ilizwi lesidalwa sesine lisithi: Woza ubone! 8
Ngasengibona, khangela-ke, ibhiza eliliganu, loligadileyo,
ibizo lakhe linguKufa, lesihogo salandelana laye.
Kwasekunikelwa kukho amandla okubulala kuze kube
yingxenye yesine yomhlaba, ngenkemba langendlala
langokufa, langezilo zomhlaba. **(Hadēs g86)** 9 Lalapho
selivule uphawu lwesihlanu, ngabona ngaphansi
kwelathi imiphefumulo yalabo ababebulewe ngenxa
yelizwi likaNkulunkulu, langenxa yobufakazi ababelabo.
10 Basebememeza ngelizwi elikhulu besithi: Koze
kube nini, Nkosi, engcwele leqotho, ungagwebi
uphindisele igazi lethu kulabo abakhileyo emhlabeni? 11
Kwasekunikwa kulowo lalowo izembatho ezimhlophe,

kwasekuthiwa kubo, bake baphumule okwesikhatshana,
baze bapheleliswe abayizinceku kanye labo labazalwane
babo ababezabulawa lanjengabo. 12 Ngasengibona lapho
selivule uphawu lwesithupha, khangela-ke, kwaba khona
ukuzamazama okukhulu komhlaba, lelanga laba mnyama
njengesaka eliloboya, lenyanga yaba njengegazi, 13
lenkanyezi zezulu zawohlokela emhlabeni, njengesihlahla
somkhiwa siwohloza izithelo zaso eziluhlaza, sinyikinywa
ngumoya omkhulu. 14 Lezulu lamuka njengogwalo
olugoqwayo, layo yonke intaba lesihlenge kwasuswa
endaweni zakho, 15 lamakhosi omhlaba, lezikhulu,
labanothileyo, lenduna ezinkulu, labalamandla, laso
sonke isigqili, laye wonke okhululekileyo, bacatsha
ezimbalwini lemadwaleni ezintaba, 16 besithi ezintabeni
lemadwaleni: Welani phezu kwethu, lisifihle ebusweni
bakhe ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi, lelakeni lweWundlu;
17 ngoba usuku olukhulu lolaka lwakhe selufikile; njalo
ngubani olamandla okuma?

7 Emva kwalezizinto-ke ngabona ingilosi ezine
zimi emagumbini womane omhlaba zibambe
imimoya emine yomhlaba, ukuze kungavunguzi
moya emhlabeni, kumbe olwandle, loba kwesisodwa
isihlahla. 2 Ngasengibona enye ingilosi isenyuka
isuka lapho eliphuma khona ilanga, ilophawu
lukaNkulunkulu ophilayo; yasimemeza ngelizwi
elikhulu kungilosi ezine, okwakunikwe kuzo ukona
umhlaba lolwandle, 3 isithi: Lingoni umhlaba,
kumbe ulwandle, kumbe izihlahla, size siphawule
izinceku zikaNkulunkulu wethu emabunzini azo. 4
Ngasengisizwa inani elababephawulwa: Zinkulungwane
ezilikhulu lamatshumi amane lane ababephawulwayo
ezizweni zonke zabantwana bakoIsrayeli; 5
esizweni sakoJuda kwaphawulwa abazinkulungwane
ezilitshumi lambili; esizweni sakoRubeni kwaphawulwa
abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili; esizweni sakoGadi
kwaphawulwa abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili; 6
esizweni sakoAsheri kwaphawulwa abazinkulungwane
ezilitshumi lambili; esizweni sakoNafithali kwaphawulwa
abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili; esizweni
sakoManase kwaphawulwa abazinkulungwane
ezilitshumi lambili; 7 esizweni sakoSimeyoni
kwaphawulwa abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili;
esizweni sakoLevi kwaphawulwa abazinkulungwane
ezilitshumi lambili; esizweni sakoIsakari kwaphawulwa
abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili; 8 esizweni
sakoZebuloni kwaphawulwa abazinkulungwane
ezilitshumi lambili; esizweni sakoJosefa kwaphawulwa
abazinkulungwane ezilitshumi lambili; esizweni
sakoBhenjamini kwaphawulwa abazinkulungwane
ezilitshumi lambili. 9 Emva kwalezizinto ngabona,
khangela-ke, ixuku elikhulu, okungelamuntu ongalibala,
elivela kuzo zonke izizwe lemihlobo labantu lezindimi,
limi phambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi laphambi kweWundlu,
lembethe izembatho ezimhlophe, lengatsha zezihlahla
zamalala ezandleni zabo; 10 njalo limemeza ngelizwi
elikhulu, lisithi: Usindiso kuNkulunkulu wethu ohlezi
esihlalweni sobukhosi, lakulo iWundlu. 11 Lengilosi
zonke zazimi zihanqe isihlalo sobukhosi labadala
lezidalwa ezine eziphilayo, zasezisiwa ngobuso
bazo phambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi, zasezikhonza
uNkulunkulu, 12 zisithi: Ameni. Ukudunyiswa lobukhosi
lenhlakanipho lokubonga lodumo lamandla lengalo
kakube kuNkulunkulu wethu kuze kube nini lanini. Ameni.
(aiōn g165) 13 Omunye wabadala wasephendula, esithi
kimi: Laba abembethe izembatho ezimhlophe, ngobani,
futhi bavela ngaphi? 14 Ngasengisithi kuye: Nkosi,
nguwe owaziyo. Wasesithi kimi: Laba yibo abaphuma
ekuhluphekeni okukhulu, basebehlamba izembatho
zabo benza izembatho zabo zaba mhlophe egazini
leWundlu. 15 Ngakho baphambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi
sikaNkulunkulu, bamkhonza emini lebusuku ethempelini
lakhe; lohleziyo esihlalweni sobukhosi uzabasibekela.
16 Kabasayikulamba, njalo kabasayikoma, lelanga
kaliyikuwela phezu kwabo, kumbe lokutshisa; 17
ngoba iWundlu elingaphakathi kwesihlalo sobukhosi
lizabondla, libakhokhelele emithonjeni ephilayo yamanzi;
loNkulunkulu uzakwesula zonke inyembezi emehlweni
abo.

8 Lapho selivule uphawu lwesikhombisa, kwaba
khona ukuthula ezulwini okungaba yingxenye
yehola. 2 Ngasengibona ingilosi eziyisikhombisa ezazimi
phambi kukaNkulunkulu, njalo kwanikelwa kizo impondo
eziyisikhombisa. 3 Kwasekufika enye ingilosi, yasisima
elathini, ilomganu wegolide wokutshisela impepha,
yasiphiwa impepha enengi, ukuze iyinikele lemikhuleko
yabo bonke abangcwele phezu kwelathi legolide
eliphambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi. 4 Lentuthu yempepha
yenyuka lemikhuleko yabangcwele esandleni sengilosi
phambi kukaNkulunkulu. 5 Ingilosi yasithatha umganu
wokutshisela impepha, yasiwugcwalisa ngomlilo welathi,
yasiwuphosela emhlabeni; kwasekusiba khona amazwi
lemidumo lemibane lokuzamazama komhlaba. 6 Kwathi
ingilosi eziyisikhombisa ezazilempondo eziyisikhombisa
zazilungiselela ukuze zizikhalise. 7 Ingilosi yokuqala
yasilukhalisa uphondo, kwasekusiba khona isiqhotho
lomlilo kuhlanganiswe legazi, kwasekuphoselwa
emhlabeni; lengxenye yesithathu yezihlahla yatshiswa,
labo bonke utshani obuluhlaza batshiswa. 8 Ingilosi
yesibili yasilukhalisa uphondo; kwasekuphoselwa
olwandle okunjengentaba enkulu evutha umlilo.
Lengxenye yesithathu yolwandle yaba ligazi; 9
kwasekusifa ingxenye yesithathu yezidalwa eziselwandle
ezilempilo, lengxenye yesithathu yemikhumbi yachithwa.
10 Ingilosi yesithathu yasilukhalisa uphondo, kwasekusiwa
ezulwini inkanyezi enkulu ibhebha njengesibane,
yasiwela phezu kwengxenye yesithathu yemifula, laphezu
kwemithombo yamanzi. 11 Lebizo lenkanyezi lalithiwa
nguMhlonyane; lengxenye yesithathu yamanzi yaba

ngumhlonyane, labantu abanengi bafa ngamanzi, ngoba
ayenziwe ababa. 12 Ingilosi yesine yasilukhalisa
uphondo, kwasekutshaywa ingxenye yesithathu yelanga
lengxenye yesithathu yenyanga lengxenye yesithathu
yezinkanyezi, ukuze kufiphazwe ingxenye yesithathu
yazo, lengxenye yesithathu yemini ingakhanyi, lobusuku
ngokunjalo. 13 Ngasengibona, ngasengisizwa ingilosi
eyodwa iphapha phakathi laphakathi kwezulu, isithi
ngelizwi elikhulu: Maye, maye, maye kulabo abakhileyo
emhlabeni, kumazwi aseleyo empondo zengilosi
ezintathu esezizakhala!

9 Ingilosi yesihlanu yasilukhalisa uphondo,
ngasengibona inkanyezi ivela ezulwini isiwele
emhlabeni, kwasekunikelwa kuyo isihluthulelo segodi
lomgodi ongelamkhawulo. (Abyssos g12) 2 Yasivula
igodi lomgodi ongelamkhawulo, kwasekusenyuka
intuthu emgodini njengentuthu yesithando esikhulu,
kwasekufiphazwa ilanga lomoya ngentuthu yomgodi.
(Abyssos g12) 3 Kwasekuphuma isikhonyane entuthwini
seza emhlabeni, kwasekunikwa kuso amandla,
njengabofezela bomhlaba belamandla. 4 Kwasekuthiwa
kuso singoni utshani bomhlaba, loba yini eluhlaza,
loba yisiphi isihlahla, ngaphandle kwabantu kuphela
abangelaphawu lukaNkulunkulu emabunzini abo. 5
Kwasekunikwa kuso ukuthi singababulali, kodwa
bahlutshwe inyanga ezinhlanu; lobuhlungu baso
babunjengobuhlungu bukafezela, lapho eluma
umuntu. 6 Langalezonsuku abantu bazadinga
ukufa, kodwa bangakutholi; bazafisa ukufa, kodwa
ukufa kuzababalekela. 7 Lezimo zesikhonyane
zazinjengamabhiza alungiselwe impi, lemakhanda
aso kwakukhona okunjengemiqhele enjengegolide,
lobuso baso babunjengobuso babantu. 8 Njalo
sasilenwele ezinjengenwele zabesifazana, lamazinyo
aso ayenjengawezilwane. 9 Futhi sasilezivikelo
zesifuba ezinjengezivikelo zesifuba zensimbi, lomdumo
wempiko zaso wawunjengomdumo wezinqola zamabhiza
amanengi egijimela empini. 10 Njalo sasilemisila
efanana leyabofezela, njalo kwakulendonsi emisileni
yaso; lamandla aso ayengawokona abantu inyanga
ezinhlanu; 11 futhi sasilenkosi phezu kwaso, ingilosi
yomgodi ongelamkhawulo; ibizo layo ngesiHebheru
linguAbadoni, langesiGriki ilebizo elithiwa nguApoliyoni.
(Abyssos g12) 12 Umaye oyedwa usedlulile; khangela
kuseza omaye ababili emva kwalezizinto. 13 Ingilosi
yesithupha yasilukhalisa uphondo; ngasengisizwa ilizwi
livela empondweni ezine zelathi legolide eliphambi
kukaNkulunkulu, 14 lisithi kungilosi yesithupha
eyayilophondo: Khulula ingilosi ezine ezibotshiweyo
emfuleni omkhulu iYufrathi. 15 Zasezikhululwa ingilosi
ezine ezazilungiselwe ihola losuku lenyanga lomnyaka,
ukuze zibulale ingxenye yesithathu yabantu. 16
Lenani lamabutho agade amabhiza laliyizigidi ezimbili
zezigidi; ngasengisizwa inani lawo. 17 Ngasengiwabona
ngokunje amabhiza embonweni, labagadi bawo,
belezivikelo zesifuba zomlilo lezehiyakinte lezesibabule;
lamakhanda amabhiza ayenjengamakhanda ezilwane,
lemilonyeni yawo kwaphuma umlilo lentuthu
lesibabule. 18 Ngalezi ezintathu kwabulawa ingxenye
yesithathu yabantu, ngomlilo langentuthu langesibabule
okwaphuma emilonyeni yawo. 19 Ngoba amandla
awo asemlonyeni wawo, lemisileni yawo; ngoba
imisila yawo injengezinyoka ilamakhanda, langawo
ayalimaza. 20 Labaseleyo babantu, abangabulawanga
kulezinhlupheko, kabaphendukanga emisebenzini
yezandla zabo, ukuthi bangakhonzi amadimoni,
lezithombe zegolide lezesiliva lezethusi lezelitshe
lezesihlahla, njalo ezingaboniyo, lezingezwayo,
lezingahambiyo; 21 futhi kabaphendukanga ekubulaleni
kwabo, kumbe ekuthakatheni kwabo, loba ekuphingeni
kwabo, kumbe ekwebeni kwabo.

10 Ngasengibona enye ingilosi elamandla isehla ivela
ezulwini; yembethe iyezi, lomchilowamakhosikazi
usekhanda layo, lobuso bayo babunjengelanga, lenyawo
zayo zinjengensika zomlilo; 2 njalo yayilogwalo
oluncinyane oluvulekileyo esandleni sayo; yasimisa
unyawo lwayo lokunene phezu kolwandle, lolwekhohlo
phezu komhlabathi, 3 yamemeza ngelizwi elikhulu
njengesilwane sibhonga; kwathi isimemezile, imidumo
eyisikhombisa yakhuluma amazwi ayo, 4 kwathi
imidumo eyisikhombisa isikhulume amazwi ayo,
ngasengizabhala; ngasengisizwa ilizwi livela ezulwini,
lisithi kimi: Namathisela ngophawu izinto imidumo
eyisikhombisa ezikhulumileyo, ungazibhali lezizinto. 5
Lengilosi engayibona imi phezu kolwandle laphezu
komhlabathi yaphakamisela isandla sayo ezulwini, 6
yafunga ngaye ophilayo kuze kube nini lanini, owadala
izulu lezinto ezikulo, lomhlaba lezinto ezikuwo, lolwandle
lezinto ezikulo, ukuthi kakusayikuba lesikhathi; (aiōn
g165) 7 kodwa ensukwini zelizwi lengilosi yesikhombisa,
isizakhalisa uphondo, kuzabe sekuphelelisiwe imfihlo
kaNkulunkulu, njengoba watshumayela kwezakhe inceku
abaprofethi. 8 Lelizwi engalizwa livela ezulwini,
lakhuluma lami futhi, lathi: Hamba uyethatha ugwalo
oluncinyane oluvulekileyo olusesandleni sengilosi emi
phezu kolwandle laphezu komhlabathi. 9 Ngasengisiya
engilosini, ngisithi kuyo: Nginika ugwalo oluncinyane.
Yasisithi kimi: Luthathe uludle uluqede; futhi luzababisa
isisu sakho, kodwa emlonyeni wakho luzaba mnandi
njengoluju. 10 Ngasengiluthatha ugwalo oluncinyane
esandleni sengilosi, ngaludla ngaluqeda, lwaselusiba
emlonyeni wami njengoluju, ubunandi; kwathi sengiludlile,
isisu sami sababa. 11 Yasisithi kimi: Kumele ukuthi
uphinde uprofethe ebantwini lezizweni lezindimini
lemakhosini amanengi.

11 Kwasekunikelwa kimi umhlanga ofanana lodondolo,
njalo ingilosi yema isithi: Sukuma, ulinganise
ithempeli likaNkulunkulu, lelathi, labakhonzayo kulo.
2 Kodwa iguma elingaphandle kwethempeli ulitshiye
ngaphandle, futhi ungalilinganisi; ngoba linikelwe
ezizweni; njalo zizanyathelela phansi umuzi ongcwele
inyanga ezingamatshumi amane lambili. **3** Njalo ngizanika
amandla kubafakazi bami ababili, njalo bazaprofetha
insuku eziyinkulungwane lamakhulu amabili lamatshumi
ayisithupha, begqoke amasaka. **4** Laba bayizihlahla
ezimbili zemihlwathi, leziqobane zezibane ezimbili ezimi
phambi kukaNkulunkulu womhlaba. **5** Uba kukhona
othanda ukubalimaza, umlilo uphuma emlonyeni wabo,
uqothule izitha zabo; njalo uba umuntu efisa ukubalimaza,
ngokunjalo kumele abulawe. **6** Laba balamandla okuvala
izulu, ukuze izulu lingani ngensuku zokuprofetha kwabo,
futhi balamandla phezu kwamanzi, okuthi bawaphendule
abe ligazi, lokutshaya umhlaba ngayo yonke inhlupheko,
ngaso sonke isikhathi abathanda ngaso. **7** Kuzakuthi
sebebuqedile ubufakazi babo, isilo esiphuma emgodini
ongelamkhawulo sizakulwa impi labo, besesibanqoba,
sibabulale. **(Abyssos g12)** **8** Lezidumbu zabo zizakuba
semgwaqweni womuzi omkhulu, othiwa ngokomoya
iSodoma leGibhithe, lapho leNkosi yethu eyabethelelwa
khona. **9** Labavela ebantwini lemihlotsheni lendimini
lezizweni bazakhangela izidumbu zabo okwensuku
ezintathu lengxenye yosuku, bengavumeli ukuthi
izidumbu zabo zibekwe emangcwabeni. **10** Labakhileyo
emhlabeni bazathokoza ngabo bathabe, bathumezelane
izipho, ngoba lababaprofethi ababili babahlupha
abakhileyo emhlabeni. **11** Kwathi emva kwalezonsuku
ezintathu lengxenye yosuku, uMoya wempilo wavela
kuNkulunkulu wangena kubo, basebesima ngenyawo
zabo, lokwesaba okukhulu kwehlela kwabababonayo.
12 Basebesizwa ilizwi elikhulu livela ezulwini, lisithi
kubo: Yenyukelani lapha. Basebesenyukela ezulwini
beseyezini. Lezitha zabo zibabona. **13** Langalelohola
kwaba khona ukuzamazama okukhulu komhlaba,
lokwetshumi komuzi kwawa, kwasekusifa amabizo abantu
abayizinkulungwane eziyisikhombisa ekuzamazameni
komhlaba; labaseleyo batshaywa luvalo, banika
udumo kuNkulunkulu wezulu. **14** Umaye wesibili
usedlule; khangela-ke, umaye wesithathu uyeza
ngokuphangisa. **15** Ingilosi yesikhombisa yasilukhalisa
uphondo, kwasekusiba lamazwi amakhulu ezulwini,
esithi: Imibuso yomhlaba isingeyeNkosi yethu, lekaKristu
wayo, njalo izabusa kuze kube nini lanini. **(aiōn g165)**
16 Labadala abangamatshumi amabili lane, abahlezi
ezihlalweni zabo zobukhosi phambi kukaNkulunkulu,
bathi mbo ngobuso babo phansi, basebekhonza
uNkulunkulu, **17** besithi: Siyakubonga, Nkosi Nkulunkulu
Somandla, okhona lowayekhona lozakuza, ngoba
uthethe amandla akho amakhulu, ubusile. **18** Lezizwe
sezithukuthele, lolaka lwakho selufikile, lesikhathi
sabafileyo ukuthi bahlulelwe, lesokunika umvuzo
ezincekwini zakho abaprofethi labangcwele labesaba
ibizo lakho, abancinyane labakhulu, lesokubhubhisa
ababhubhisa umhlaba. **19** Kwasekuvulwa ithempeli
likaNkulunkulu ezulwini, kwasekubonakala umtshokotsho
wesivumelwano sakhe ethempelini lakhe; kwasekusiba
lemibane lamazwi lemidumo lokuzamazama komhlaba
lesiqhotho esikhulu.

12 Kwasekubonakala isibonakaliso esikhulu ezulwini,
owesifazana embethe ilanga, lenyanga ingaphansi
kwenyawo zakhe, njalo kukhona ekhanda lakhe umqhele
wenkanyezi ezilitshumi lambili; **2** njalo ekhulelwe,
wakhala ngobuhlungu bomhelo, futhi wayesebuhlungwini
bokubeletha. **3** Kwasekubonakala esinye isibonakaliso
ezulwini, khangela-ke umgobho omkhulu obomvu,
olamakhanda ayisikhombisa lempondo ezilitshumi,
lemiqhele eyisikhombisa emakhanda awo. **4** Lomsila
wawo wadonsa ingxenye yesithathu yenkanyezi zezulu,
waziphosela emhlabeni; njalo umgobho wema phambi
kowesifazana obesezabeletha, ukuze kuthi, esebelethile,
umimilize umntwana wakhe. **5** Wasebeletha indodana,
isilisa, ezabusa izizwe zonke ngentonga yensimbi;
lomntanakhe wahluthulelwa kuNkulunkulu lesihlalweni
sakhe sobukhosi. **6** Lowesifazana wabalekela enkangala,
lapho ayelendawo eyayilungiswe nguNkulunkulu, ukuze
bamondle khona insuku eziyinkulungwane lamakhulu
amabili lamatshumi ayisithupha. **7** Kwasekusiba lempi
ezulwini; uMikayeli lengilosi zakhe balwa bemelene
lomgobho; lomgobho walwa ulengilosi zawo, **8** njalo
babengelakunqoba, lendawo yawo kayabe isatholakala
ezulwini. **9** Umgobho omkhulu wasuphoswa, inyoka
endala, ebizwa ngokuthi nguDiyabhola njalo uSathane,
okhohlisa umhlaba wonke; waphoselwa emhlabeni,
lengilosi zakhe zaphoswa kanye laye. **10** Ngasengisizwa
ilizwi elikhulu ezulwini, lisithi: Khathesi sekufike usindiso
lamandla lombuso kaNkulunkulu wethu, lamandla
kaKristu wakhe; ngoba uphoselwe phansi ummangaleli
wabazalwane bethu, obamangalelayo emini lebusuku
phambi kukaNkulunkulu. **11** Njalo bona bamnqobile
ngegazi leWundlu langelizwi lobufakazi babo, njalo
kabathandanga impilo yabo kwaze kwaba sekufeni.
12 Ngalokho thokozani, mazulu lani elihlala kuwo.
Maye kulabo abakhileyo emhlabeni lolwandle, ngoba
udiyabhola wehlele kini elolaka olukhulu, esazi ukuthi
ulesikhathi esifitshane. **13** Kwathi umgobho usubonile
ukuthi uphoselwe emhlabeni, wazingela owesifazana
owayezele umntwana wesilisa. **14** Kwasekunikwa
owesifazana impiko ezimbili zokhozi olukhulu, ukuze
aphaphele enkangala endaweni yakhe, lapho ondliwa
khona okwesikhathi, lezikhathi lengxenye yesikhathi,
asuke ebusweni benyoka. **15** Lenyoka yakhafula
amanzi emlonyeni wayo ngemva kowesifazana kungathi
ngumfula, ukuze immukise ngalumfula. **16** Lomhlaba
wamsiza owesifazana, umhlaba wasukhamisa umlomo

wawo, waginya umfula umgobho owawuwukhafule
emlonyeni wawo. 17 Umgobho wasumthukuthelela
owesifazana, wasusuka wayakulwa impi labaseleyo
benzalo yakhe, labo abagcina imilayo kaNkulunkulu
abalobufakazi bukaJesu Kristu.

13 Ngasengisima etshebetshebeni lolwandle;
ngasengibona isilo sikhuphuka olwandle,
silamakhanda ayisikhombisa lempondo ezilitshumi,
laphezu kwempondo zaso imiqhele elitshumi,
laphezu kwamakhanda aso kulebizo lenhlamba. 2
Lesilo engasibonayo sasinjengengwe, lenyawo zaso
zazinjengezebhere, lomlomo waso unjengomlomo
wesilwane. Njalo umgobho wasinika amandla awo,
lesihlalo sawo sobukhosi, legunya elikhulu. 3
Ngasengibona elinye lamakhanda aso kungathi
lilimele okokufa; lenxeba laso lokufa selapholiswa;
umhlaba wonke wasumangala ngemva kwesilo; 4
basebewukhonza umgobho owasinika isilo amandla,
basebesikhonza isilo, besithi: Ngubani ofanana lesilo?
Ngubani ongalwa laso? 5 Kwasekunikelwa kuso
umlomo wokukhuluma izinto ezinkulu lezinhlamba,
kwasekunikelwa kuso amandla okusebenza inyanga
ezingamatshumi amane lambili. 6 Sasesivula
umlomo waso ukuhlambaza okumelane loNkulunkulu,
lokuhlambaza ibizo lakhe, lethabhanekele lakhe, lalabo
abahlezi ezulwini. 7 Kwasekunikelwa kuso ukuthi silawule
impi labangcwele, lokubanqoba; kwasekunikelwa kuso
amandla phezu kwawo wonke umhlobo lolimi lesizwe.
8 Labo bonke abakhileyo emhlabeni bazasikhonza,
labo amabizo abo angabhalwanga egwalweni lwempilo
lweWundlu elahlatshwayo selokhu kwasekelwa umhlaba.
9 Uba umuntu elendlebe, kezwe. 10 Uba umuntu
ethumba, uya ekuthunjweni; uba umuntu ebulala
ngenkemba, yena kumele abulawe ngenkemba. Lapha
kulokubekezela lokholo lwabangcwele. 11 Ngasengibona
esinye isilo sisenyuka emhlabeni, sasilempondo ezimbili
njengewundlu, sasesikhuluma njengomgobho. 12 Njalo
sasebenzisa wonke amandla esilo sokuqala phambi
kwaso, futhi senza ukuthi umhlaba labakhileyo kuwo
bakhonze isilo sokuqala, esinxeba laso lokufa lapholiswa.
13 Sasesisenza izibonakaliso ezinkulu, saze senza ukuthi
lomlilo wehle uvela ezulwini uze emhlabeni, phambi
kwabantu. 14 Sasesiduhisa abakhileyo emhlabeni
ngalezozibonakaliso ezanikelwa kuso ukuzenza phambi
kwesilo, sisithi kwabakhileyo emhlabeni, kabasenzele
umfanekiso isilo ebesilenxeba lenkemba, sasesiphila.
15 Sanikwa futhi ukupha umfanekiso wesilo umoya,
ukuze umfanekiso wesilo lawo ukhulume, besesisenza
ukuthi bonke abangakhonziyo umfanekiso wesilo
babulawe. 16 Sasesisenza bonke, abancinyane
labakhulu, labanothileyo labayanga, labakhululekileyo
lezigqili, ukuthi baphiwe uphawu esandleni sabo
sokunene, loba emabunzini abo, 17 ukuze kungabi
khona olakho ukuthenga loba ukuthengisa, ngaphandle
kwalowo olophawu, loba ibizo lesilo loba inombolo
yebizo laso. 18 Nansi inhlakanipho. Olokuqedisisa
kabale inombolo yesilo; ngoba iyinombolo yomuntu,
lenombolo yaso ingamakhulu ayisithupha lamatshumi
ayisithupha lesithupha.

14 Ngasengibona, khangela-ke, iWundlu limi
entabeni iSiyoni, njalo lilezinkulungwane ezilikhulu
lamatshumi amane lane, belebizo likaYise libhalwe
emabunzini abo. 2 Ngasengisizwa ilizwi livela
ezulwini, njengelizwi lamanzi amanengi, lanjengelizwi
lomdumo omkhulu; ngasengisizwa ilizwi labatshaya
amachacho betshaya amachacho abo, 3 basebehlabela
kungathi yingoma entsha phambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi,
laphambi kwezidalwa ezine eziphilayo labadala;
njalo kakho owayengayifunda ingoma, ngaphandle
kwabayizinkulungwane ezilikhulu lamatshumi amane
lane, abahlengiweyo emhlabeni. 4 Labo yibo
abangangcoliswanga ngabesifazana; ngoba bazintombi.
Yibo abalandela iWundlu loba lisiya ngaphi; laba
bathengwa ebantwini, izithelo zokuqala kuNkulunkulu
leWundlwini. 5 Lemlonyeni wabo kakuficwanga nkohliso;
ngoba bengelasici phambi kwesihlalo sobukhosi
sikaNkulunkulu. 6 Ngasengibona enye ingilosi iphapha
phakathi laphakathi kwezulu, ilevangeli laphakade,
ukulitshumayela kwabakhileyo emhlabeni, lakuso sonke
isizwe, lomhlobo, lolimi labantu, (aiōnios g166) 7 isithi
ngelizwi elikhulu: Mesabeni uNkulunkulu, beselimupha
udumo, ngoba isikhathi sesigwebo sakhe sesifikile, njalo
limkhonze owenza izulu lomhlaba lolwandle lemithombo
yamanzi. 8 Yasilandela enye ingilosi isithi: Iwile, iwile
iBhabhiloni, umuzi omkhulu, ngoba unathise izizwe
zonke okwewayini lolaka lokufeba kwawo. 9 Lengilosi
yesithathu yazilandela, isithi ngelizwi elikhulu: Uba
kukhona okhonza isilo lomfanekiso waso, njalo wemukela
uphawu ebunzini lakhe, kumbe esandleni sakhe, 10 laye
uzanatha okwewayini lolaka lukaNkulunkulu, elithululelwe
enkezweni yolaka lwakhe, lingaxutshaniswanga, njalo
uzahlutshwa kakhulu ngomlilo langesibabule phambi
kwengilosi ezingcwele, laphambi kweWundlu; 11 lentuthu
yokuhlutshwa kwabo ithunqa kuze kube nini lanini;
njalo kabalakuphumula emini lebusuku laba abakhonza
isilo lomfanekiso waso, njalo uba ekhona owemukela
uphawu lwebizo laso. (aiōn g165) 12 Nanku ukubekezela
kwabangcwele; nampa abagcina imilayo kaNkulunkulu
lokholo lukaJesu. 13 Ngasengisizwa ilizwi elivela ezulwini
lisithi kimi: Bhala uthi: Babusisiwe abafileyo befela
eNkosini kusukela khathesi. Yebo, kutsho uMoya, ukuze
baphumule ekutshikatshikeni kwabo; lemisebenzi yabo
ilandela kanye labo. 14 Ngasengibona, khangela-ke, iyezi
elimhlophe, laphezu kweyezi kuhlezi onjengeNdodana
yomuntu, elomqhele wegolide ekhanda lakhe, njalo
elesikela ebukhali esandleni sakhe. 15 Lenye ingilosi
yaphuma ethempelini, imemeza ngelizwi elikhulu kuye
ohlezi eyezini isithi: Ngenisa isikela yakho uvune, ngoba

sekufikile kuwe isikhathi sokuvuna, ngoba sesivuthiwe
isivuno somhlaba. 16 Ohlezi phezu kweyezi waseyiphosa
isikela yakhe emhlabeni, wasuvunwa umhlaba. 17 Enye
ingilosi yasiphuma ethempelini elisezulwini, layo ilesikela
ebukhali. 18 Lenye ingilosi yaphuma elathini, ilamandla
phezu komlilo, yasimemeza ngesimemezo esikhulu kuyo
elesikela ebukhali, isithi: Ngenisa isikela yakho ebukhali,
ububuthelela iziswenya zevini lomhlaba, ngoba
izithelo zalo sezivuthiwe. 19 Ingilosi yasiphosa isikela
yayo emhlabeni, yasivuna ivini lomhlaba, yasiphosela
esikhamelweni sewayini esikhulu solaka lukaNkulunkulu.
20 Lesikhamelo sewayini sanyathelwa ngaphandle
komuzi, kwasekuphuma igazi esikhamelweni sewayini
laze lafika ematomini amabhiza, laba ngamastadiyu
azinkulungwane lamakhulu ayisithupha.

15 Ngasengibona esinye isibonakaliso ezulwini
esikhulu lesimangalisayo, ingilosi eziyisikhombisa
zilezinhlupheko eziyisikhombisa zokucina, ngoba
lwapheleliswa kulezo ulaka lukaNkulunkulu. 2
Ngasengibona okungathi lulwandle lwengilazi luxubene
lomlilo, lalabo abanqobe isilo lomfanekiso waso
lophawu lwaso, lenombolo yebizo laso, bemi phezu
kolwandle lwengilazi, belamachacho kaNkulunkulu, 3
basebehlabela ingoma kaMozisi inceku kaNkulunkulu
lengoma yeWundlu, besithi: Mikhulu njalo iyamangalisa
imisebenzi yakho, Nkosi Nkulunkulu Somandla, zilungile
ziqotho indlela zakho, Nkosi yabangcwele. 4 Ngubani
ongayikukwesaba, Nkosi, abesedumisa ibizo lakho?
ngoba nguwe wedwa ongcwele; ngoba izizwe zonke
zizakuza zidumise phambi kwakho; ngoba izenzo
zakho zokulunga zibonakalisiwe. 5 Emva kwalezizinto
ngasengibona, khangela-ke, sekuvulwe ithempeli
lethabhanekele lobufakazi ezulwini; 6 kwasekuphuma
ethempelini lezi ingilosi eziyisikhombisa zilezinhlupheko
eziyisikhombisa, zembethe ilembu elihlanzekileyo
elikhazimulayo, njalo zibotshwe izifuba ngamaqhele
egolide; 7 lesinye sezidalwa ezine eziphilayo sanika
ingilosi eziyisikhombisa imiganu yegolide eyisikhombisa,
igcwele ulaka lukaNkulunkulu, ophila kuze kube nini
lanini. **(aiōn g165)** 8 Lethempeli lagcwaliswa intuthu
evela ebukhosini bukaNkulunkulu, lemandleni akhe; njalo
kwakungekho owayengangena ethempelini, kuze kuphele
izinhlupheko eziyisikhombisa zengilosi eziyisikhombisa.

16 Ngasengisizwa ilizwi elikhulu livela ethempelini,
lisithi kulezo ingilosi eziyisikhombisa: Hambani,
lithululele emhlabeni imiganu yolaka lukaNkulunkulu.
2 Eyokuqala yasihamba, yathululela umganu wayo
emhlabeni; kwasekuvela isilonda esibi esibuhlungu
ebantwini abalophawu lwesilo, labakhonza umfanekiso
waso. 3 Ingilosi yesibili yasithululela umganu wayo
olwandle; lwaselusiba ligazi njengelofileyo, lawo
wonke umphefumulo ophilayo wafa olwandle. 4
Ingilosi yesithathu yasithululela umganu wayo emifuleni
lemithonjeni yamanzi; yasisiba ligazi. 5 Ngasengisizwa
ingilosi yamanzi isithi: Ulungile, Nkosi, okhona
lowayekhona lozakuba khona, ngoba wagweba lezizinto;
6 ngoba bachitha igazi labangcwele lelabaprofethi,
ubanike labo igazi ukulinatha; ngoba bafanele. 7
Ngasengisizwa enye elathini isithi: Yebo, Nkosi
Nkulunkulu Somandla, ziqotho zilungile izigwebo
zakho. 8 Ingilosi yesine yasithululela umganu wayo
elangeni; kwasekunikelwa kulo ukuchochombisa abantu
ngomlilo. 9 Abantu basebetshiswa yikutshisa okukhulu,
basebehlambaza ibizo likaNkulunkulu olamandla phezu
kwalezo izinhlupheko, njalo kabaphendukanga ukumnika
udumo. 10 Ingilosi yesihlanu yasithululela umganu
wayo phezu kwesihlalo sobukhosi sesilo; lombuso
waso wafiphazwa; basebexhanxatha inlimi zabo ngenxa
yobuhlungu, 11 basebemhlambaza uNkulunkulu wezulu
ngenxa yobuhlungu babo langenxa yezilonda zabo,
njalo kabaphendukanga emisebenzini yabo. 12
Ingilosi yesithupha yasithululela umganu wayo emfuleni
omkhulu iYufrathi; lamanzi awo atsha, ukuze ilungiswe
indlela yamakhosi avela lapho eliphuma khona ilanga.
13 Ngasengibona kuphuma emlonyeni womgobho
lemlonyeni wesilo lemlonyeni womprofethi wamanga,
imimoya engcolileyo emithathu efanana lamaxoxo; 14
ngoba iyimimoya yamadimoni eyenza izibonakaliso,
ephumela emakhosini omhlabathi lawomhlaba wonke,
ukuwaqoqela ndawonye empini kwalolosuku olukhulu
lukaNkulunkulu uSomandla. 15 Khangela, ngiyeza
njengesela. Ubusisiwe olindayo, alondoloze izembatho
zakhe, ukuze angahambize, njalo babone ihlazo
lakhe. 16 Basebewaqoqela ndawonye endaweni ethiwa
ngesiHebheru iArmagedoni. 17 Ingilosi yesikhombisa
yasithululela umganu wayo emoyeni; kwasekuphuma
ilizwi elikhulu livela ethempelini lezulu, esihlalweni
sobukhosi lisithi: Sekwenzakele! 18 Kwasekusiba khona
amazwi lemidumo lemibane, kwasekusiba lokuzamazama
komhlaba okukhulu, okunje okungazanga kube khona
selokhu kwaba khona abantu emhlabeni, ukuzamazama
komhlaba okulamandla kangaka, okukhulu kangaka.
19 Umuzi omkhulu wasusiba yiziqamu ezintathu, lemizi
yabezizwe yawa; leBhabhiloni elikhulu lakhunjulwa
phambi kukaNkulunkulu, ukulinika inkezo yewayini
lentukuthelo yolaka lwakhe. 20 Sonke isihlenge
sasesibaleka, lentaba azaze zatholakala. 21 Lesiqhotho
esikhulu esilesisindo esinjengesethalenta, sawela
phezu kwabantu sivela ezulwini; labantu bamhlambaza
uNkulunkulu ngenxa yenhlupheko yesiqhotho; ngoba
inhlupheko yaso yayinkulu kakhulukazi.

17 Kwasekusiza enye yengilosi eziyisikhombisa
ezazilemiganu eyisikhombisa, yasikhuluma lami,
isithi kimi: Woza lapha, ngizakutshengisa isigwebo
sesifebe esikhulu, esihlezi phezu kwamanzi amanengi,
2 afeba laso amakhosi omhlaba, labakhileyo emhlabeni

badakwe liwayini lobufebe baso. 3 Yasingithwalela
enkangala ngikuMoya; ngasengibona owesifazana
ehlezi phezu kwesilo esibomvu, sigcwele amabizo
enhlamba, silamakhanda ayisikhombisa lempondo
ezilitshumi. 4 Njalo owesifazana wayembethe
okuyibubende lokubomvu, futhi ececiswe ngegolide
langamatshe aligugu langamapharele, elenkezo yegolide
esandleni sakhe, igcwele amanyala lokungcola kobufebe
bakhe, 5 njalo ebunzini lakhe kwakulotshiwe
ibizo lokuthi: IMFIHLO, IBHABHILONI ELIKHULU,
UNINA WEZIFEBE LOWAMANYALA OMHLABA. 6
Ngasengibona owesifazana edakwe ligazi labangcwele,
legazi labafakazi bakaJesu. Sengimbonile ngamangala
ngokumangala okukhulu. 7 Ingilosi yasisithi
kimi: Umangalelani? Mina ngizakutshela imfihlo
yowesifazana, leyesilo esimthweleyo, esilamakhanda
ayisikhombisa lempondo ezilitshumi. 8 Isilo, osibonileyo,
sasikhona, njalo kasisekho, futhi sizakwenyuka sivela
emgodini ongelamkhawulo, sibe sesisiya ekubhujisweni;
labakhileyo emhlabeni bazamangala, abamabizo abo
ayengabhalwanga egwalweni lwempilo, kusukela
ekusekelweni komhlaba, bebona isilo esasikhona,
njalo singasekho, lanxa sikhona. **(Abyssos g12)** 9
Nanku ukuqedisisa okulenhlakanipho. Amakhanda
ayisikhombisa azintaba eziyisikhombisa owesifazana
ahlezi khona phezu kwazo; 10 futhi angamakhosi
ayisikhombisa, amahlanu asewile, lenye ikhona, lenye
kayikafiki, njalo nxa isifikile imele ukuhlala isikhatshana.
11 Lesilo esasikhona, njalo singasekho, yona-ke
ingeyesificaminwembili, njalo ivela kwayisikhombisa,
ibisisiya ekubhujisweni. 12 Lempondo ezilitshumi,
ozibonileyo, zingamakhosi alitshumi, angakemukeli
umbuso, kodwa emukele amandla njengamakhosi
ngehola linye kanye lesilo. 13 Wona angqondonye,
njalo abela isilo awawo amandla lokubusa. 14 La
azakulwa leWundlu, njalo iWundlu lizawanqoba, ngoba
liyiNkosi yamakhosi loMbusi wababusi, labakanye lalo
ngababiziweyo labakhethiweyo labathembekileyo. 15
Yasisithi kimi: Amanzi owabonileyo, lapho esihlezi
khona isifebe, angabantu lamaxuku lezizwe lendimi.
16 Lempondo ezilitshumi, ozibonileyo esilweni, zona
zizasizonda isifebe, besezisichitha zisinqunule, zidle
inyama yaso, zisitshise ngomlilo. 17 Ngoba uNkulunkulu
ufakile enhliziyweni zazo ukuthi zenze ingqondo
yakhe, lokwenza ngqondonye, lokunika isilo umbuso
wazo, kuze kupheleliswe amazwi kaNkulunkulu. 18
Lowesifazana ombonileyo ungumuzi omkhulu olombuso
phezu kwamakhosi omhlaba.

18 Emva kwalezizinto-ke ngabona enye ingilosi
isehla ivela ezulwini, ilamandla amakhulu;
lomhlaba wakhanyiswa yikukhazimula kwayo. 2
Yasimemeza ngamandla, ngelizwi elikhulu isithi:
Iwile, iwile iBhabhiloni enkulu, isiyindawo yokuhlala
amadimoni, lentolongo yawo wonke umoya ongcolileyo,
lezongo layo yonke inyoni engcolileyo lezondekayo.
3 Ngoba izizwe zonke zinathe okwewayini lolaka
lobufebe bayo, lamakhosi omhlaba aphingile layo,
labathengisi bomhlaba banothile ngamandla okuzitika
ngenotho yayo. 4 Ngasengisizwa elinye ilizwi livela
ezulwini, lisithi: Phumani kuyo, bantu bami, ukuze
lingahlanganyeli kanye lezono zayo, lokuze lingemukeli
okwezinhlupheko zayo; 5 ngoba izono zayo zixhumene
zize zifike ezulwini, loNkulunkulu ukhumbule ukungalungi
kwayo. 6 Phindiselani kuyo njengokuphindisela kwayo
kini, liphinde kabili kuyo njengokwemisebenzi yayo;
enkezweni eyixubanisileyo, xubanisani kiyo kabili. 7
Njengokuzidumisa kwayo okungaka, izitika enothweni,
ngokunjalo kupheni yona ubuhlungu lokulila okungaka;
ngoba ithi enhliziyweni yayo: Ngihlezi ngiyindlovukazi,
njalo kangisuye umfelokazi, futhi kangisoze ngabona
ukulila. 8 Ngakho zizafika ngosuku lunye izinhlupheko
zayo, ukufa lokulila lendlala, futhi izatshiswa ngomlilo;
ngoba ilamandla iNkosi uNkulunkulu eyigwebayo. 9
Lamakhosi omhlaba aphinga layo ezitika enothweni
azayikhalela alile ngenxa yayo, lapho ebona intuthu
yokutsha kwayo, 10 esima khatshana ngokwesaba
kobuhlungu bayo, esithi: Maye, maye, umuzi omkhulu,
iBhabhiloni, umuzi olamandla, ngoba ngehola elilodwa
isigwebo sakho sifikile! 11 Labathengisi bomhlaba
bazayikhalela bayililele, ngoba kakulamuntu othenga
impahla yabo futhi; 12 impahla yegolide, leyesiliva,
leyelitshe eliligugu, leyepharele, leyelembu elicolekileyo
kakhulu, leyibubende, leyesilika, leyokubomvu; laso
sonke isihlahla esilephunga, laso sonke isitsha sempondo
zendlovu, laso sonke isitsha sesihlahla esiligugu
elikhulukazi, leyethusi, leyensimbi, leyelitshe elimhlophe;
13 lekinamoni, lokulephunga elimnandi, lenhlaka,
lempepha, lewayini, lamafutha, lempuphu ecolekileyo,
lengqoloyi, lezifuyo, lezimvu, lamabhiza, lezinqola,
lemizimba, lemiphefumulo yabantu. 14 Lezithelo zesifiso
somphefumulo wakho zisukile kuwe, lazo zonke izinto
ezinonileyo lezikhazimulayo zisukile kuwe, kawusoze
ubuye uzithole. 15 Abathengisi balezizinto, abanothe
ngayo, bazakuma khatshana ngokwesabeka kobuhlungu
bayo, bekhala belila, 16 njalo besithi: Maye, maye, lo
umuzi omkhulu, owawembathiswe ngelembu elicolekileyo
kakhulu lokuyibubende lokubomvu, uceciswe ngegolide
lelitshe eliligugu lamapharele! 17 Ngoba ngehola
elilodwa inotho engaka ichithiwe. Layo yonke induna
yomkhumbi, lalo lonke ixuku emikhunjini, labomkhumbi,
labo bonke abasebenza olwandle bema khatshana, 18
basebekhala bebona intuthu yokutsha kwayo, besithi:
Yiwuphi ofanana lawo umuzi omkhulu? 19 Basebethela
uthuli emakhanda abo, bememeza bekhala belila,
besithi: Maye, maye, umuzi omkhulu, khona lapho
bonke ababelemikhumbi olwandle banothe ngawo
ngenotho yawo; ngoba ngehola elilodwa uchithiwe!

20 Thokoza ngawo, zulu, lani baphostoli abangcwele
labaprofethi; ngoba uNkulunkulu ugwebe isigwebo senu
kuwo. 21 Lengilosi eyamandla yaphakamisa ilitshe
elinjengelitshe lokuchola elikhulu, yasiliphosela olwandle,
isithi: Ngokunjalo ngodlakela iBhabhiloni umuzi omkhulu
izaphoswa, njalo ingabe isaficwa lakanye. 22 Lomsindo
wabatshaya amachacho lowabahlabeleli lowabatshaya
imihlanga lowabatshaya izimpondo, kawusoze uphinde
uzwakale phakathi kwakho, layo yonke ingcwethi loba
eyawuphi umunwe kayisayikuficwa phakathi kwakho
lakanye, lomsindo welitshe lokuchola kawusoze uphinde
uzwakale phakathi kwakho, 23 lokukhanya kwesibane
kakusoze kusakhanya phakathi kwakho, lelizwi lomyeni
lomakoti kalisayikuzwakala phakathi kwakho lakanye;
ngoba abathengisi bakho bebeyizikhulu zomhlaba; ngoba
ngokuthakatha kwakho izizwe zonke zikhohlisiwe, 24
futhi kuyo kwaficwa igazi labaprofethi lelabangcwele,
lelabo bonke ababebulewe emhlabeni.

19 Emva kwalezizinto ngasengisizwa ilizwi elikhulu
elexuku elikhulu ezulwini, lisithi: Haleluya! Usindiso
lobukhosi lodumo lamandla kungokweNkosi uNkulunkulu
wethu; 2 ngoba izigwebo zakhe ziqotho zilungile;
ngoba usilahlile isifebe esikhulu, esonakalise umhlaba
ngobufebe baso, usephindisele igazi lenceku zakhe
esandleni saso. 3 Basebesithi ngokwesibili: Haleluya!
Lentuthu yaso ithunqa kuze kube nini lanini. **(aiōn
g165)** 4 Labadala abangamatshumi amabili lane
lezidalwa ezine eziphilayo zawela phansi zakhonza
uNkulunkulu ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi zisithi: Ameni!
Haleluya! 5 Ilizwi laseliphuma livela esihlalweni
sobukhosi, lisithi: Mdumiseni uNkulunkulu wethu, lina
lonke zinceku zakhe, labamesabayo, labancinyane,
labakhulu. 6 Ngasengisizwa kungathi yilizwi lexuku
elikhulu, njalo kungathi ngumdumo wamanzi amanengi,
njalo kungathi ngumsindo wemidumo elamandla,
kusithi: Haleluya! Ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu uSomandla
uyabusa. 7 Asithokoze sithabe kakhulu, besesisipha
udumo kuye; ngoba umtshado weWundlu usufikile,
lomkalo usezilungisele. 8 Kwasekuphiwa kuye ukuthi
embathe ilembu elicolekileyo kakhulu elihlanzekileyo
lelikhazimulayo; ngoba ilembu elicolekileyo kakhulu
liyikulunga kwabangcwele. 9 Yasisithi kimi: Bhala uthi:
Babusisiwe labo ababizelwe ekudleni kwantambama
komtshado weWundlu. Yasisithi kimi: La ngamazwi
aqotho kaNkulunkulu. 10 Ngasengiwela phansi enyaweni
zayo ukuyikhonza; yasisithi kimi: Qaphela ungakwenzi;
ngiyinceku kanye lawe labazalwane bakho abalobufakazi
bukaJesu; khonza uNkulunkulu; ngoba ubufakazi
bukaJesu bungumoya wesiprofetho. 11 Ngasengibona
izulu livuliwe, khangela-ke ibhiza elimhlophe, loligadileyo
ubizwa ngokuthi oThembekileyo loQotho, njalo
ngokulunga uyahlulela alwe. 12 Lamehlo akhe afanana
lelangabi lomlilo, lekhanda lakhe kulemiqhele eminengi;
njalo ulebizo elilotshiweyo, okungelamuntu olaziyo
ngaphandle kwakhe, 13 wasesembatha isembatho
esicwiliswe egazini; lebizo lakhe libizwa ngokuthi,
nguLizwi likaNkulunkulu. 14 Lamabutho ayesezulwini
amlandela egade amabhiza amhlophe, embethe ilembu
elicolekileyo kakhulu elimhlophe lelihlanzekileyo. 15
Emlonyeni wakhe kwasekuphuma inkemba ebukhali,
ukuze atshaye izizwe ngayo; njalo yena uzazibusa
ngentonga yensimbi; yena-ke uzanyathela isikhamelo
sevini sewayini lentukuthelo lolaka lukaNkulunkulu
uSomandla. 16 Njalo esembathweni lethangazini lakhe
ulebizo elibhalwe ukuthi: INKOSI YAMAKHOSI LOMBUSI
WABABUSI. 17 Ngasengibona ingilosi eyodwa imi
elangeni; yasimemeza ngelizwi elikhulu, isithi enyonini
zonke eziphaphayo phakathi laphakathi kwezulu: Wozani
libuthaniswe ekudleni kwantambama kukaNkulunkulu
omkhulu, 18 ukuze lidle inyama yamakhosi, lenyama
yenduna ezinkulu, lenyama yabalamandla, lenyama
yamabhiza leyabagadi bawo, lenyama yabo bonke,
abakhululekileyo kanye labayizigqili, labancinyane
labakhulu. 19 Ngasengibona isilo, lamakhosi omhlaba
lamabutho awo ebuthanele ukulwa impi laye ogade ibhiza,
kanye lebutho lakhe. 20 Isilo sasesibanjwa, njalo kanye
laso umprofethi wamanga owenza izibonakaliso phambi
kwaso, aduhisa ngazo labo ababelophawu lwesilo, lalabo
abakhonza umfanekiso waso; labo bobabili baphoselwa
bephila echibini lomlilo elivutha isibabule; **(Limnē Pyr
g3041 g4442)** 21 labaseleyo babulawa ngenkemba yogade
ibhiza, ephuma emlonyeni wakhe; lenyoni zonke zasutha
inyama yabo.

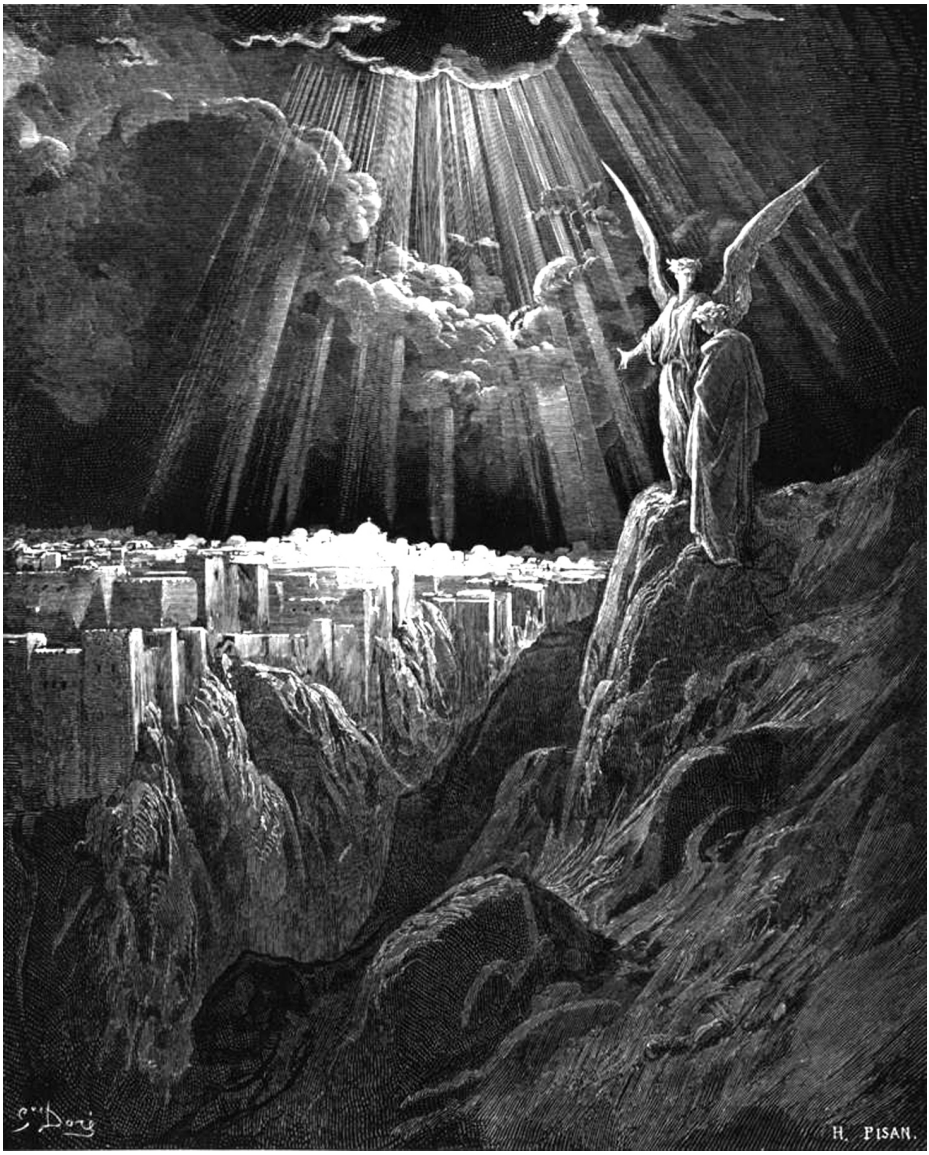
20 Ngasengibona ingilosi isehla ivela ezulwini,
ilesihluthulelo somgodi ongelamkhawulo, leketane
elikhulu esandleni sayo. **(Abyssos g12)** 2 Yasiwubamba
umgobho, inyoka endala, enguDiyabhola loSathane,
yasiwubopha okweminyaka eyinkulungwane, 3
yasiwuphosela emgodini ongelamkhawulo, yawuvalela,
yasibeka uphawu phezu kwawo, ukuze ungabe usaduhisa
izizwe, ize iphele iminyaka eyinkulungwane; lemva
kwalokhu kumele ukuthi ukhululwe okwesikhatshana.
(Abyssos g12) 4 Ngasengibona izihlalo zobukhosi,
basebehlala kuzo, lokwahlulela kwanikelwa kubo;
ngabona lemiphefumulo yalabo ababequnywe
amakhanda ngenxa yobufakazi bukaJesu langenxa
yelizwi likaNkulunkulu, lababengakhonzanga isilo, loba
umfanekiso waso, njalo bengemukelanga uphawu lwaso
ebunzini labo, lesandleni sabo; basebephila babusa
kanye loKristu iminyaka eyinkulungwane. 5 Kodwa
abaseleyo kwabafileyo kabaphindanga baphila ize iphele
iminyaka eyinkulungwane. Lokhu kuyikuvuka kokuqala. 6
Ubusisiwe njalo ungcwele olesabelo ekuvukeni kokuqala;
phezu kwalaba ukufa kwesibili kakulamandla, kodwa
bazakuba ngabapristi bakaNkulunkulu, labakaKristu,
njalo bazabusa kanye laye iminyaka eyinkulungwane. 7
Lalapho isiphelile iminyaka eyinkulungwane, uSathane
uzakhululwa entolongweni yakhe, 8 njalo uzaphumela

ukuduhisa izizwe ezisemagumbini amane omhlaba,
uGogi loMagogi, ukubabuthela empini; onani labo
lingangetshebetshebe lolwandle. 9 Basebesenyukela
ebubanzini bomhlaba, bazingelezela inkamba
yabangcwele lomuzi othandekayo; kwasekusehla umlilo
kuNkulunkulu ovela ezulwini, wasubaqothula; 10
lodiyabhola owayebaduhisile waphoselwa echibini lomlilo
lesibabule, lapho okukhona isilo lomprofethi wamanga;
njalo bazahlutshwa emini lebusuku kuze kube nini lanini.
(aiōn g165, Limnē Pyr g3041 g4442) 11 Ngasengibona
isihlalo sobukhosi esikhulu lesimhlophe lohlezi kuso,
omhlaba lezulu kwabalekela ubuso bakhe, njalo
kakutholelwanga ndawo. 12 Ngasengibona abafileyo
abancinyane labakhulu, bemi phambi kukaNkulunkulu,
lengwalo zavulwa; njalo olunye ugwalo lwavulwa,
olungolwempilo; abafileyo basebesahlulelwa ngezinto
ezibhalwe ezingwalweni, ngokwemisebenzi yabo. 13
Lolwandle lwabakhupha abafileyo ababekilo, njalo
ukufa lesihogo kwakhupha abafileyo ababekikho;
basebesahlulelwa, ngulowo lalowo, ngokwemisebenzi
yabo. (Hadēs g86) 14 Ukufa lesihogo kwasekuphoselwa
echibini lomlilo; lokhu kuyikufa kwesibili. (Hadēs g86,
Limnē Pyr g3041 g4442) 15 Uba-ke ekhona ongatholwanga
elotshiwe egwalweni lwempilo, waphoselwa echibini
lomlilo. (Limnē Pyr g3041 g4442)

21 Ngasengibona izulu elitsha lomhlaba omutsha;
ngoba izulu lokuqala lomhlaba wokuqala
kwasekudlulile, lolwandle lungasekho. 2 Mina Johane
ngasengibona umuzi ongcwele, iJerusalema entsha,
usehla uvela kuNkulunkulu ezulwini, ulungisiwe
njengomakoti ececiselwe umkakhe. 3 Ngasengisizwa
ilizwi elikhulu livela ezulwini, lisithi: Khangela,
ithabhanekele likaNkulunkulu lisebantwini, njalo uzahlala
labo, futhi bona bazakuba ngabantu bakhe, loNkulunkulu
uqobo uzakuba labo, enguNkulunkulu wabo; 4 njalo
uNkulunkulu uzakwesula zonke izinyembezi emehlweni
abo, lokufa kakusayikuba khona; kumbe ukulila,
kumbe ukukhala, loba ubuhlungu abusayikuba khona;
ngoba izinto zakuqala sezidlulile. 5 Wasesithi ohlezi
esihlalweni sobukhosi: Khangela, ngenza zonke izinto
zibentsha. Wasesithi kimi: Bhala; ngoba lamazwi aqinisile
njalo athembekile. 6 Wasesithi kimi: Sekwenzakele.
Mina nginguAlfa loOmega, ukuqala lokucina. Mina
ngizamnika owomileyo okuvela emthonjeni wamanzi
empilo ngesihle. 7 Onqobayo uzakudla ilifa lazo zonke
izinto; njalo ngizakuba nguNkulunkulu wakhe, laye abe
yindodana yami. 8 Kodwa amagwala labangakholwayo
labanengekayo lababulali leziphingi labathakathi
labakhonza izithombe labo bonke abaqambimanga,
bazakuba lesabelo sabo echibini elivutha umlilo
lesibabule, okuyikufa kwesibili. (Limnē Pyr g3041 g4442)
9 Kwasekusiza kimi enye yengilosi eziyisikhombisa
ezazilemiganu eyisikhombisa egcwele izinhlupheko
zokucina eziyisikhombisa, yasikhuluma lami, isithi: Woza
lapha, ngizakutshengisa umakoti, umkaWundlu. 10
Yasingithwala ngikuMoya yaya entabeni enkulu lende,
yasingitshengisa umuzi omkhulu, iJerusalema engcwele,
usehla uvela ezulwini kuNkulunkulu, 11 ulenkazimulo
kaNkulunkulu; ukukhanya kwawo kwakunjengelitshe
eliligugu elikhulukazi njengelitshe ijaspi, likhanyisa
njengekristali; 12 njalo ulomduli omkhulu lophakemeyo,
ulamasango alitshumi lambili, lemasangweni ingilosi
ezilitshumi lambili, lamabizo ebhalwe kiwo, angawezizwe
ezilitshumi lambili zabantwana bakoIsrayeli. 13
Empumalanga kwakulamasango amathathu; enyakatho,
amasango amathathu; eningizimu, amasango amathathu;
lentshonalanga, amasango amathathu. 14 Lomduli
womuzi wawulezisekelo ezilitshumi lambili, lakuzo
amabizo abaphostoli abalitshumi lambili beWundlu.
15 Lowayekhuluma lami wayelomhlanga wegolide,
ukuze alinganise umuzi, lamasango awo, lomduli
wawo. 16 Umuzi wawumiswe walingana inhlangothi
zozine, lobude bawo babungangobubanzi. Waselinganisa
umuzi ngomhlanga waba ngamastadiyu azinkulungwane
ezilitshumi lambili; ubude lobubanzi lokuphakama
kwawo kuyalingana. 17 Waselinganisa umduli wawo,
ingalo ezilikhulu lamatshumi amane lane, isilinganiso
somuntu, esingesengilosi. 18 Njalo kwakulesakhiwo
somduli wawo phakathi, ijaspi; lomuzi uligolide
elicwengekileyo, njengengilazi ehlanzekileyo. 19
Lezisekelo zomduli womuzi zazicociswe ngalo lonke
ilitshe eliligugu. Isisekelo sokuqala, ijaspi; esesibili,
isafire; esesithathu, ikalkedoni; esesine, i-emeraldi;
20 esesihlanu, isaridonikisi; esesithupha, isardiyusi;
esesikhombisa, ikrisolite; esesificaminwembili, ibherule;
esesificamunwemunye, itopazi; esetshumi, ikrisoprase;
esetshumi lanye, ihiyakinte; esetshumi lambili, i-ametiste.
21 Lamasango alitshumi lambili angamapharele alitshumi
lambili; yilelo ngalinye ngalinye lamasango lilipharele
linye; njalo isitalada somuzi sasiligolide elicwengekileyo,
njengengilazi ekhanyayo. 22 Njalo kangibonanga
ithempeli phakathi kwawo; ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu
uSomandla ulithempeli lawo, leWundlu. 23 Lomuzi
kawusweli langa, kumbe inyanga, ukuthi kukhanyise
kuwo; ngoba inkazimulo kaNkulunkulu iyawukhanyisa,
lesibane sawo liWundlu; 24 lezizwe zabasindisiweyo
zizahamba ekukhanyeni kwawo; lamakhosi omhlaba
aletha ubukhosi lodumo lwawo kuwo; 25 lamasango
awo kawasoze avalwe emini, ngoba kakuyikuba khona
ubusuku lapho; 26 njalo bazaletha kuwo ubukhosi
lodumo lwezizwe; 27 njalo kakusoze kwangena lolulodwa
ulutho olungcolileyo kuwo, njalo lokwenza okunengekayo
lamanga; ngaphandle kwabalotshiweyo egwalweni
lwempilo lweWundlu.

22 Wasengitshengisa umfula ocengekileyo wamanzi
empilo, ukhazimula njengekristali, uphuma
esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaNkulunkulu, leseWundlu. 2
Laphakathi kwesitalada sawo, njalo ngapha langapha

komfula kwakulesihlahla sempilo, sithela izithelo
ezilitshumi lambili, ileyo laleyo inyanga sithela isithelo
saso; lamahlamvu esihlahla ngawokwelatshwa kwezizwe.
3 Kakusayikuba khona lakanye isiqalekiso; kodwa
isihlalo sobukhosi sikaNkulunkulu leseWundlu sizakuba
kuwo; lenceku zakhe zizamkhonza, **4** zizabona ubuso
bakhe; lebizo lakhe lizakuba semabunzini azo. **5**
Lobusuku kabuyikuba khona lapho, njalo kazisweli
isibane lokukhanya kwelanga, ngoba iNkosi uNkulunkulu
iyazikhanyisela; njalo zizabusa kuze kube nini lanini. **(aiōn**
g165) **6** Wasesithi kimi: Lamazwi athembekile aqotho;
njalo iNkosi, uNkulunkulu wabaprofethi abangcwele,
ithumele ingilosi yayo ukutshengisa inceku zayo izinto
okumele zenzeke ngokuphangisa. **7** Khangela, ngiyeza
masinyane. Ubusisiwe owagcinayo amazwi esiprofetho
salolugwalo. **8** Futhi mina Johane nginguye owazibonayo
lezizinto lowazizwayo. Kuthe sengizizwile ngazibona,
ngawela phansi ukukhonza phambi kwenyawo zengilosi
eyangitshengisa lezizinto. **9** Yasisithi kimi: Qaphela
ungakwenzi; ngoba ngiyinceku kanye lawe, labazalwane
bakho abaprofethi, lalabo abagcina amazwi alolugwalo;
khonza uNkulunkulu. **10** Yasisithi kimi: Unganamathiseli
ngophawu amazwi esiprofetho salolugwalo; ngoba
isikhathi siseduze. **11** Owenza okungalunganga
kahlale esenza okungalunganga; longcolileyo ahlale
engcolile; lolungileyo ahlale elungisisiwe; longcwele
ahlale engcwelisiwe. **12** Khangela-ke, ngiyeza
masinyane, lomvuzo wami ukimi, ukuvuza ngulowo
lalowo njengokuzakuba ngumsebenzi wakhe. **13**
Mina nginguAlfa loOmega, isiqalo lesicino, owokuqala
lowokucina. **14** Babusisiwe labo abenza imilayo
yakhe, ukuze babe lelungelo esihlahleni sempilo,
babe sebengena emzini ngamasango; **15** kodwa
ngaphandle kukhona izinja labathakathi leziphingi
lababulali labakhonza izithombe laye wonke othanda njalo
esenza amanga. **16** Mina Jesu ngithume ingilosi yami
ukufakaza lezizinto kini emabandleni. Mina ngiyimpande
lenzalo kaDavida, indonsakusa ekhazimulayo. **17**
UMoya-ke lomakoti bathi: Woza! Lozwayo kathi:
Woza! Lowomileyo keze; lothandayo kathathe amanzi
empilo ngesihle. **18** Ngoba ngiyafakaza kuye wonke
ozwa amazwi esiprofetho salolugwalo: Uba umuntu
esengeza kulezizinto, uNkulunkulu uzakwengezelela
kuye izinhlupheko ezilotshwe kulolugwalo; **19** njalo uba
umuntu esusa okwamazwi ogwalo lwalesisiprofetho,
uNkulunkulu uzasusa isabelo sakhe egwalweni lwempilo,
lemzini ongcwele, lezintweni ezilotshiweyo kulolugwalo.
20 Ofakaza lezizinto uthi: Yebo, ngiyeza masinyane.
Ameni. Yebo, woza, Nkosi Jesu! **21** Umusa weNkosi
yethu uJesu Kristu kawube lani lonke. Ameni.



Mina Johane ngasengibona umuzi ongcwele, iJerusalema entsha, usehla uvela kuNkulunkulu ezulwini, ulungisiwe njengomakoti ececiselwe umkakhe. Ngasengisizwa ilizwi elikhulu livela ezulwini, lisithi: Khangela, ithabhanekele likaNkulunkulu lisebantwini, njalo uzahlala labo, futhi bona bazakuba ngabantu bakhe, loNkulunkulu uqobo uzakuba labo, enguNkulunkulu wabo;
Isambulo 21:2-3

Isiqondiso sabafundayo

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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 lwamagama

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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.

aïdios 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 possiblity, 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.

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.

Hadēs 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.

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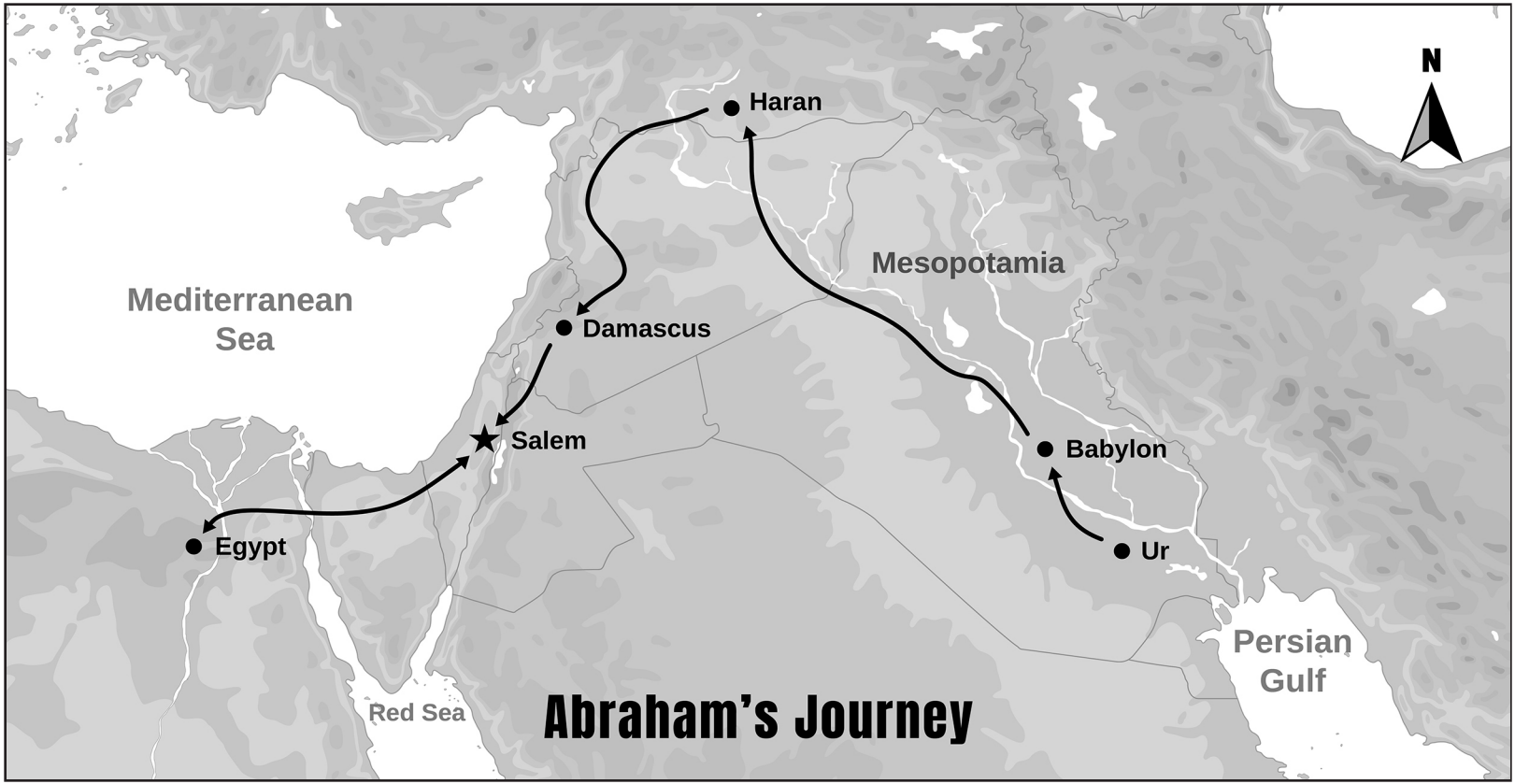
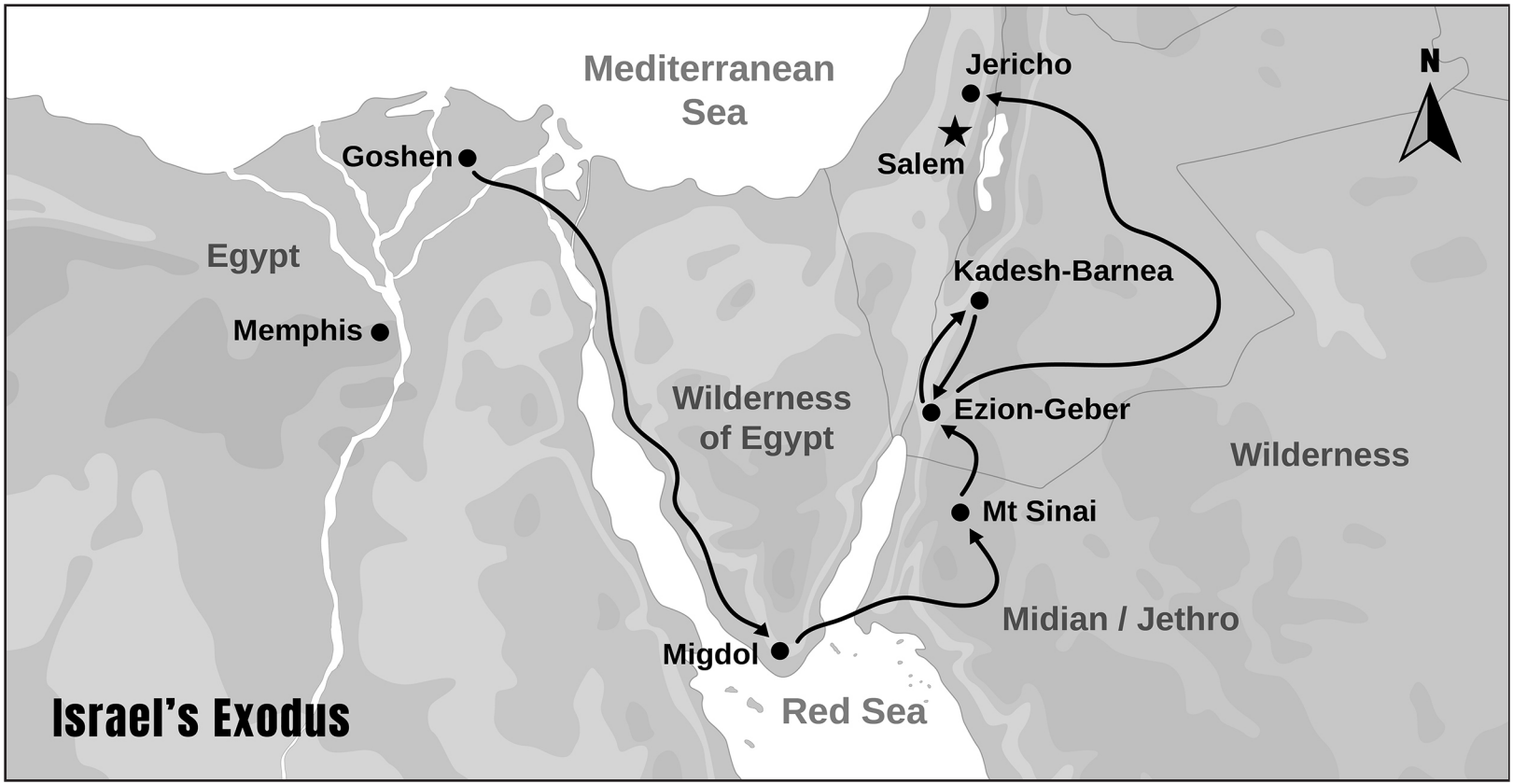
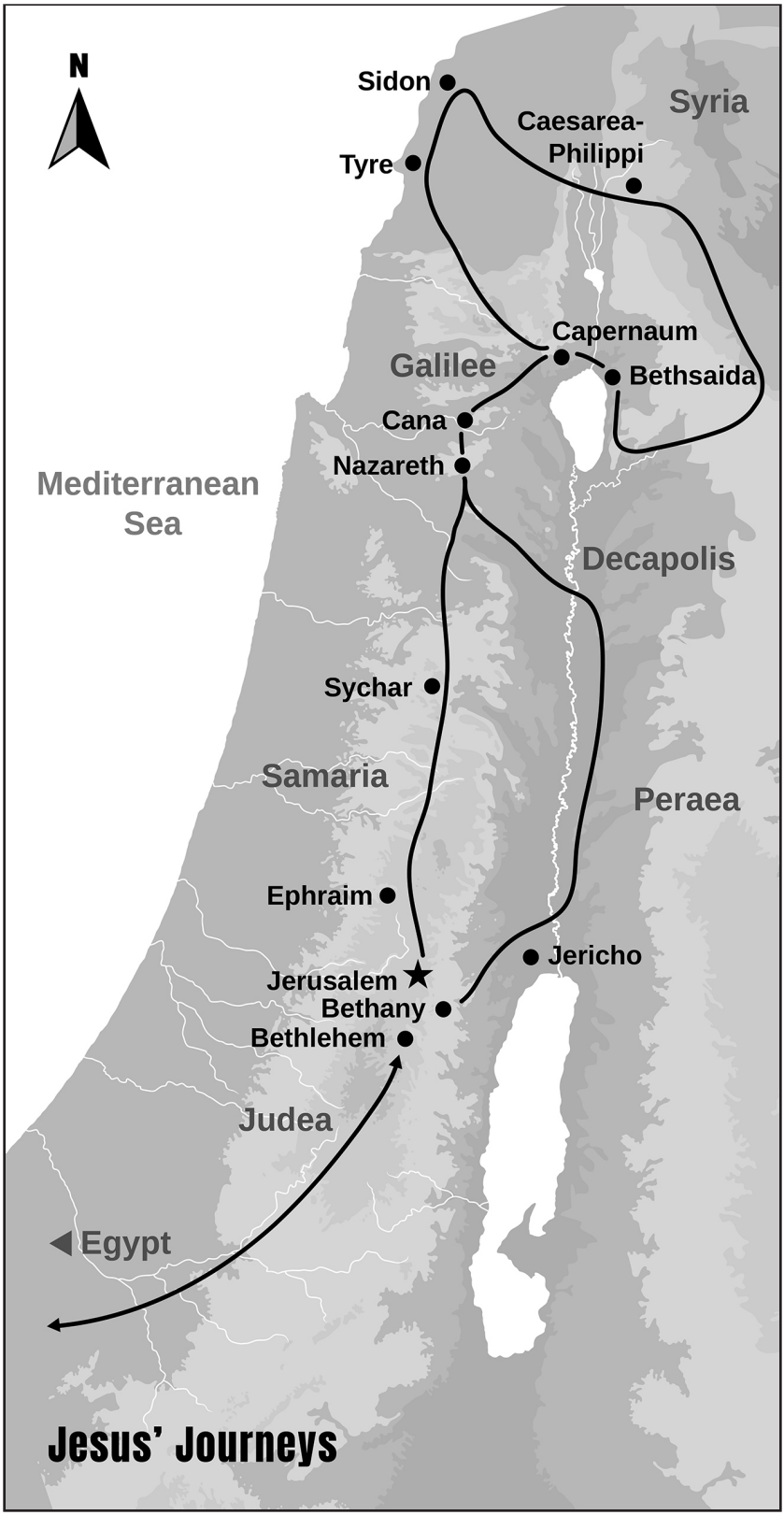


Ngokholo uAbrahama walalela ebizwa ukuthi aphume aye endaweni ayezayemukela ibe yilifa; waphuma, engazi lapho aya khona. - KumaHebheru 11:8



Kwasekusithi uFaro eseyekele abantu bahambe, uNkulunkulu kabakhokhelanga ngendlela yelizwe lamaFilisti, lanxa yayiseduze; ngoba uNkulunkulu wathi: Hlezi abantu bazisole nxa bebona impi, babuyele eGibhithe. - U-Eksodusi 13:17



Ngoba leNdodana yomuntu kayizanga ukukhonzwa, kodwa ukukhonza, lokunika impilo yayo ibe lihlawulo labanengi. - UMakho 10:45

UPawuli, inceku kaJesu Kristu, ebizelwe ukuba ngumphostoli, ehlukaniselwe ivangeli likaNkulunkulu, - KwabaseRoma 1:1

Creation 4004 B.C.

Adam and Eve created	4004
Tubal-cain forges metal	3300
Enoch walks with God	3017
Methuselah dies at age 969	2349
God floods the Earth	2349
Tower of Babel thwarted	2247
Abraham sojourns to Canaan	1922
Jacob moves to Egypt	1706
Moses leads Exodus from Egypt	1491
Gideon judges Israel	1245
Ruth embraces the God of Israel	1168
David installed as King	1055
King Solomon builds the Temple	1018
Elijah defeats Baal's prophets	896
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Assyrians conquer Israelites	721
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(The Annals of the World, James Uusher)

Jesus Christ born 4 B.C.

New Heavens and Earth

	Christ returns for his people
1956	Jim Elliot martyrd 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 marytyrd 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	
		Deceased believing		
		Deceased unbelieving		
	Angels	Holy		Genesis 1:31 No Fall No unholy Angels
		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?

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For God has bound all over to disobedience in order to show mercy to all

Isiphetho

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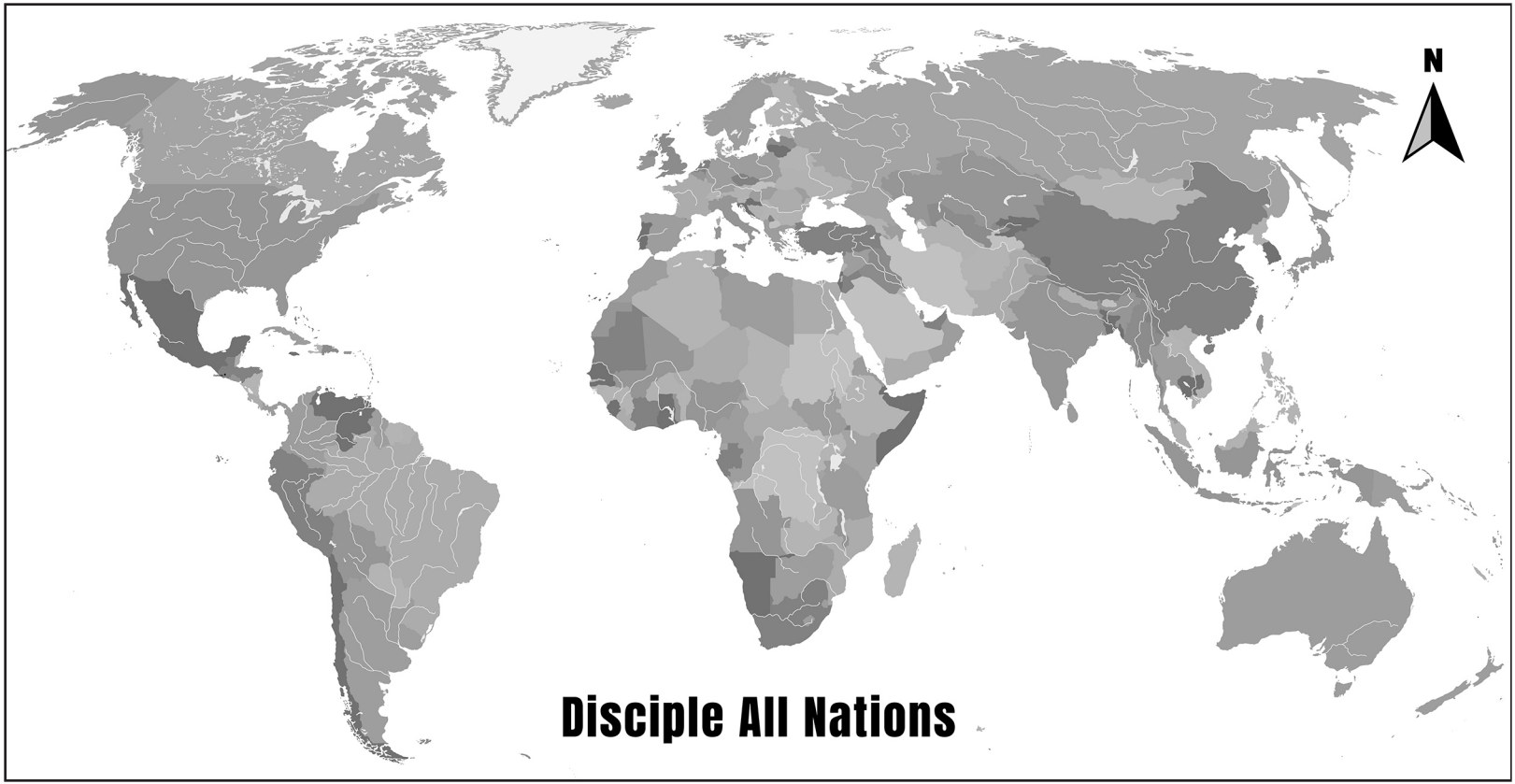
The Aionian Bible shows the location of eleven special Greek and Hebrew Aionian Glossary words to help us better understand God's love for individuals and for all mankind, and the nature of after-life destinies. The underlying Hebrew and Greek words typically translated as *Hell* show us that there are 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 guarrantee 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.



ngakho hambani lenze izizwe zonke zibe ngabafundi, libabhabhathiza ebizweni likaYise leleNdodana lelikaMoya oNgcwele; - UMathewu 28:19