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ISAPHLUKO 1

Ke kaloku kwathi ngemihla yokulawula kwabagwebi, kwabakho indlala elizweni. Yahamba indoda yaseBhetelehem yakwaYuda, yaza yaphambukela elizweni lakwaMowabhi, yona nomkayo, noonyana bayo bobabini.

² Ke igama laloo ndoda lalinguElimeleki, igama lomkayo linguNahomi; amagama oonyana bayo babengooMalon noKiliyon, bengamaEfrata aseBhetelehem yakwaYuda. Baya ke elizweni lakwaMowabhi, baba khona.

³ Wafa uElimeleki indoda kaNahomi; washiywa ke yena noonyana bakhe bobabini.

⁴ Bazeka abafazi abangamaMowabhikazi; igama lomnye lalinguOrpa, igama lomnye lalinguRute; bahlala khona iminyaka eseshumini.

⁵ Bafa kananjalo bobabini ooMalon noKiliyon; washiywa ke loo mfazi ngoonyana bakhe bobabini nayindoda yakhe.

⁶ Wesuka yena noomolokazana bakhe, ebuya elizweni lakwaMowabhi; ngokuba weva eselizweni lakwaMowabhi, ukuba uYehova ubavelele abantu bakhe ngokubanika isonka.

⁷ Waphuma kuloo ndawo abekuyo, enoomolokazana bakhe bobabini; wahamba ngendlela ebuyela ezweni lakwaYuda.

⁸ Wathi uNahomi koomolokazana bakhe bobabini, Hambani, nibuyele elowo endlwini yonina; uYehova makanenzele inceba, njengoko nenze ngako kubafi nakum.

⁹ UYehova makaninike nifumane indawo yokuphumla, elowo endlwini yendoda yakhe. Wabanga; baliphakamisa ilizwi labo, balila.

¹⁰ Bathi kuye, Hayi, siya kubuyela nawe kubantu bakowenu.

¹¹ Wathi uNahomi, Buyani, zintombi zam; kungani na ukuba nihambe nam? Ndisenoonyana yini na embilinini wam, ukuze babe ngamadoda kuni?

¹² Buyani, zintombi zam; hambani, ngokuba sendikwaluphalele ukuba nendoda. Khona ukuba ndibe ndisithi, Ndisenethemba, nokuba bendithe ndaba ngonendoda ngobu busuku, nokuba bendithe ndazala oonyana,

¹³ beniya kuthi ngenxa yoko nilinde bade bakhule, yini na? Beniya kuthi ngenxa yoko nizibambe ningabi namadoda, yini na? Hayi, zintombi zam; ngokuba kukrakra kunene kum ngenxa yenu, kuba isandla sikaYehova siphumelene nam.

¹⁴ Baliphakamisa ilizwi labo, babuya balila. UOrpa wamanga uninazala; ke yena uRute wanamathela kuye.

¹⁵ Wathi yena, Uyabona, umkhuluwakazi wakho ubuyele kubantu bakowabo, nakoothixo bakowabo; buya nawe, ulandele umkhuluwakazi wakho.

¹⁶ Wathi uRute, Musa akundibongoza ngokuthi mandikushiye, ndibuye, ndingakulandeli; ngokuba apho uya khona, ndiya kuya nam; apho uya kuthi vu khona, ndiya kuthi vu

khona; abantu bakowenu baya kuba ngabantu bam, uThixo wakho abe nguThixo wam;

¹⁷ apho ufela khona, ndiya kufela khona, ndingcwatyelwe khona. Makenjenje uYehova kum, aphinde ukwenjenje: kukufa kodwa okuya kundahlula nawe.

¹⁸ Wabona ukuba uzimisele ukuhamba naye, wayeka ukuthetha kuye.

¹⁹ Bahamba ke bobabini, bada bafika eBhetelehem. Kwathi, xa bangenayo eBhetelehem, wamazama wonke umzi ngenxa yabo, bathi, NguNahomi na lo?

²⁰ Wathi kubo, Musani ukuthi ndinguNahomi; yithini ndinguMara, ngokuba uSomandla undenze ndakrakra kunene.

²¹ Ndemka mna ndizele; ke uYehova undibuyisa ndilambatha. Yini na ukuba nithi ndinguNahomi; uYehova engqinile nje ngam, uSomandla endenzele ububi nje.

²² Wabuya ke uNahomi enoRute umMowabhikazi, umolokazana wakhe, owabuya elizweni lakwaMowabhi; bafika bona eBhetelehem ekuqalekeni kokuvunwa kwerhasi.

ISAHLUKO 2

Ke kaloku uNahomi ebenesihlobo sendoda yakhe, indoda esisityebi emzalwaneni kaElimeleki; igama layo libe linguBhohazi.

² Wathi uRute umMowabhikazi kuNahomi, Makhe ndiye entsimini, ndibhikice izikhwebu emva kwalowo ndiya kubabalwa nguye. Wathi kuye, Hamba, ntombi yam.

³ Wahamba waya, wabhikica entsimini emva kwabavuni. Ithamsanqa lakhe lawela phezu kwesahlulo sentsimi kaBhohazi, obengowomzalwane kaElimeleki.

⁴ Wathi gqi uBhohazi, evela eBhetelehem, wathi kubavuni, UYehova makabe nani. Bathi kuye, UYehova makakusikelele.

⁵ Wathi uBhohazi kwindodana yakhe ephethe abavuni, Yekabani na le nkazana?

⁶ Yaphendula indodana ephethe abavuni, yathi. Yinkazana engumMowabhikazi, efike noNahomi, bevela elizweni lakwaMowabhi;

⁷ yathi ke, Makhe ndibhikice, ndibuthe phakathi kwezithungu emva kwabavuni; yeza ke, yema kwakusasa kwada kwangoku; ukuhlala kwayo endlwini kukancinane.

⁸ Wathi uBhohazi kuRute, Uyeva na, ntombi yam? Musa ukuya kubhikica ntsimini yimbi; kananjalo uze ungadluli apha; namathela wenjenje kumthinjana wam lo;

⁹ amehlo akho makabe sentsimini oyivunayo wona, uwulandele; yabona, abafana bakwam ndibawisele umthetho wokuba bangakuchukumisi; xa unxaniweyo, yiya ezityeni, usele into ekhiwe ngabafana.

¹⁰ Wawa ngobuso bakhe, waqubuda emhlabeni, wathi kuye, Kutheni na ukuba ndibabalwe nguwe, undibuke, ndiyinkazana yolunye uhlanga nje?

¹¹ Waphendula uBhohazi, wathi kuye, Ndiyixelelwe kakuhle yonke into oyenzileyo kunyokozala, emva kokufa kwendoda yakho; ukuba ushiye uyihlo nonyoko, nelizwe owazalelwa kulo, weza ebantwini obungabazi ngaphambili.

¹² UYehova makakubuyekeze ukwenza kwakho, uzaliseke umvuzo wakho ovela kuYehova uThixo kaSirayeli, oze wazimela phantsi kwamaphiko akhe wena.

¹³ Wathi yena, Mandibabalwe nguwe, nkosi yam; ngokuba undithuthuzele, ngokuba uthethe kakuhle nomkhonzazana wakho, ndingenjengomnye wabakhonzazana bakho nje.

¹⁴ Wathi uBhohazi kuye, Ngexesha lokudla sondela apha, udle isonka, uncinde iviniga ngeqhekeza lakho. Wahlala phantsi ngasecaleni labavuni. Wamnika ikhweba; wadla, wahlutha, washiya.

¹⁵ Wesuka ke waya kubhikica; uBhohazi waluwisela umthetho ulutsha olulolwakhe, wathi,

Makabhikice naphakathi kwezithungu, ningamdanisi;

¹⁶ nimrholele nokumrholela inxenye ezithungwini, nishiye, abhikice, ningamkhalimeli.

¹⁷ Wabhikica entsimini leyo kwada kwahlwa; wayibhula into abeyibhikicile, yanga yiefa yerhasi.

¹⁸ Wathwala, waya ekhaya; wayibona uninazala into ayibhikicileyo; wakurhola, wamnika abekushiyele akuba ehluthi.

¹⁹ Wathi uninazala kuye, Ubhikice phi na namhla? Ubusebenza phi na? Makasikelelwe okubukileyo wena. Wamxelela uninazala umntu abesebenza kuye, wathi, Igama lendoda endisebenze kuyo namhla nguBhohazi.

²⁰ Wathi uNahomi kumolokazana wakhe, Makasikelelwe yena nguYehova, ongayekelelanga ukwenza inceba yakhe kwabaphilileyo nakwabafileyo. Wathi uNahomi kuye, Indoda leyo iyalamana nathi; ingowabakhululi bethu.

²¹ Wathi uRute umMowabhikazi, Kananjalo ithe yona kum, Uze unamathele kulutsha olulolwam, lude lulugqibe lonke uvuno olulolwam.

²² Wathi uNahomi kuRute umolokazana wakhe, Kulungile, ntombi yam, ukuba uphume nomthinjana wakhe, ukuze ungafikelwa mntu ukwenye intsimi.

²³ Wanamathela kumthinjana kaBhohazi, wabhikica, kwada kwagqitywa ukuvunwa kwerhasi nokuvunwa kwengqolowa; wahlala noninazala.

ISAHLUKO 3

Wathi uNahomi uninazala kuye, Ntombi yam, ndingakufuneli na ukuphumla okokulungela?

² Kaloku akasihlobo sethu na uBhohazi, lowo umthinjana ubunawo? Nanko esela irhasi ngobu busuku esandeni.

³ Zihlambe, uthambise, unxibe iingubo zakho, uhle uye esandeni. Uze ungazazisi endodeni leyo, ide igqibe ukudla nokusela.

⁴ Wothi, ukulala kwayo phantsi, uqonde indawo eye kulala kuyo, uye uyityhile ingubo ngasezinyaweni zayo, ulale phantsi; yokuxelela ke yona into owoyenza.

⁵ Wathi kuye, Yonke into oyithethayo ndoyenza.

⁶ Wehla ke waya esandeni, wenza ngako konke abemwisele umthetho ngako uninazala.

⁷ Wadla uBhohazi, wasela, yachwayitha intliziyo yakhe; waya walala phantsi ekupheleni kwentlaba. Waya ke ecotha, wamtyhila ingubo ngasezinyaweni zakhe, walala phantsi.

⁸ Kwathi phakathi kobusuku, yothuka indoda leyo, yaguquka, yabona kulele inkazana ngasezinyaweni zayo.

⁹ Yathi, Ungubani? Wathi, NdinguRute, umkhonzazana wakho; twabulula isondo lengubo yakho phezu komkhonzazana wakho, ngokuba ungumkhululi wena.

¹⁰ Yathi, Usikelelwe nguYehova, ntombi yam. Inceba yakho yamva nje ingaphezu kweyokuqala, ungalandelanga madodana nje, nokuba ngasweleyo nokuba nganobutyebi.

¹¹ Kaloku ke, ntombi yam, musa ukoyika; konke okuthethileyo ndokwenzela; ngokuba bonke abantu bomzi wakowethu bayazi ukuba uyinkazana enesidima.

¹² Ewe! Kuyinene, ndingumkhululi inyaniso. Ke kukho umkhululi osondeleyo kuwe kunam.

¹³ Lala ngobu busuku; kothi kusasa, ukuba uthe wakukhulula ngentlawulelo, kulunge, makakukhulule ngentlawulelo; ke ukuba akathanga akunanze ukukukhulula ngentlawulelo, ndokukhulula ngentlawulelo mna, ehleli nje uYehova. Lala kude kuse.

¹⁴ Walala ke ngasezinyaweni zakhe kwada kwasa; wavuka bengekanakanani abantu.

Yathi, Makungaziwa ukuba bekuze inkazana esandeni.

¹⁵ Yathi, Ethe ingubo yakho yokwaleka, ukhongozele. Wakhongozela ke ngayo.

Yalinganisa izilinganiso zerhasi ezithandathu, yamthwalisa; wagoduka.

¹⁶ Waya kuninazala, wathi yena, Utheni, ntombi yam? Wamxelela konke emenzele khona indoda leyo.

¹⁷ Wathi, Indinike ezi zilinganiso zerhasi; ngokuba yayisithi, Musa ukuya kunyokozala ulambatha.

¹⁸ Wathi, Hlala, ntombi yam, ude wazi okuya kuhla; kuba indoda leyo ayiyi kuphumla, ingakuphelisanga oku namhla.

ISAHLUKO 4

Ke kaloku wenyuka uBhohazi, waya esangweni lomzi, wahlala khona; nanko egqitha umkhululi lowa abethetha yena uBhohazi; wathi, Wa, Nantsi, khawuphambukele apha, uhlale phantsi.

² Waphambuka, wahlala. Wathabatha ishumi lamadoda kumadoda amakhulu omzi, wathi, Hlalani apha; ahlala ke.

³ Wathi kumkhululi lowo, Isahlulo somhlaba obungowomzalwana wethu uElimeleki, uthengise ngaso uNahomi, obuye elizweni lakwaMowabhi;

⁴ ndathi ke mna, mandivule indlebe yakho, ndithi, Wuthenge ngaphambi kwaba bahleliyo apha, phambi kwamadoda amakhulu abantu bakowethu. Ukuba uyawukhulula ngentlawulelo, wukhulule ngentlawulelo; ukuba akuwukhululi ngentlawulelo, ndixelele ndazi; ngokuba akukho bani unokuwukhulula ngentlawulelo, ingenguwe; ndisemva kwakho mna. Wathi, Ndowukhulula ngentlawulelo mna.

⁵ Wathi uBhohazi, Mhlenikweni uwuzuzayo umhlaba esandleni sikaNahomi, uwuzuza nakuRute, umMowabhi, umkamfi, ukuba uvuse igama lomfi elifeni lakhe.

⁶ Wathi umkhululi lowo, Andinakuzikhululela ngentlawulelo ngokwam, hleze ndilonakalise elam ilifa. Zikhululele ngentlawulelo isilunga sam eso; ngokuba andinako mna ukuwukhulula ngentlawulelo.

⁷ Ke kaloku kwakusithiwa kudala kwaSirayeli, ukukhulula ngentlawulelo nokwanana, ukuze yonke into ibe iqiniselwe, ubani anyothule imbadada yakhe ayinike ummelwane wakhe; oko kwaye kububungqina kwaSirayeli.

⁸ Wathi umkhululi lowo kuBhohazi, Zithengele. Wanyothula imbadada yakhe.

⁹ Wathi ke uBhohazi kumadoda amakhulu nakubantu bonke, Ningamangqina namhla, ukuba ndikuthengile konke okukaElimeleki, nako konke okukaKiliyon noMalon, esandleni sikaNahomi;

¹⁰ noRute umMowabhi, umkaMalon, ndimzuzile ukuba abe ngumkam, ukuze kuvuswe igama lomfi elifeni lakhe, linganyulwa igama lomfi ebazalwaneni bakhe, nasesangweni lendawo yakhe: ningamangqina namhla.

¹¹ Bathi bonke abantu abasesangweni namadoda amakhulu, Singamangqina. UYehova makamenze lo mfazi ungenayo endlwini yakho, abe njengoRakeli nanjengoLeya, abayakhayo indlu kaSirayeli bobabini, avelise amandla e-Efrata, akwenzele udumo eBhetelehem;

¹² indlu yakho ibe njengendlu kaPeretse, awamzalayo uTamare kuYuda, ngembewu leyo aya kukunika uYehova ngale ntombazana.

¹³ UBhohazi wamzeka ke uRute waba ngumkakhe, wamngena; waza uYehova wamnika ukuzala; wazala unyana.

- ¹⁴ Bathi abafazi kuNahomi, Makabongwe uYehova ongakuyekelanga uswele umkhululi namhla; igama lakhe malivakale kwaSirayeli;
- ¹⁵ abe ngumbuyisi womphefumlo kuwe, nomnqaki wezimvi zakho; ngokuba umolokazana wakho okuthandayo, lowo ulungileyo kuwe ngaphezu koonyana abasixhenxe, umzele.
- ¹⁶ UNahomi wamthabatha umntwana lowo, wambeka esifubeni sakhe, waba ngumondli wakhe.
- ¹⁷ Lwamthiya igama ummelwanekazi, lwathi, UNahomi uzalelwe unyana, lwathi igama lakhe nguObhedi; yena nguyise kaYese, uyise kaDavide.
- ¹⁸ Yiyo le ke inzala kaPeretse: uPeretse wazala uHetseron;
- ¹⁹ uHetseron wazala uRam; uRam wazala uAminadabhi;
- ²⁰ uAminadabhi wazala uNashon; uNashon wazala uSalemon;
- ²¹ uSalemon wazala uBhohazi; uBhohazi wazala uObhedi;
- ²² UObhedi wazala uYese; uYese wazala uDavide.

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