

# ISAYA

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## ISAYLUKO 1

**U**mbono ka-Isaya, indodana ka-Amose, awubonayo ngoJuda neJerusalema emihleni ka-Uziya, noJothamu, no-Ahazi, noHezekiya, amakhosi akwaJuda.

<sup>2</sup> Yizwani, mazulu, ubeke indlebe, mhlaba, ngokuba uJehova ukhuluma uthi: “Ngikhulisile ngiphakamisile abantwana, kepha bangihlubukile.

<sup>3</sup> Inkabi iyamazi umniniyo nembongolo umkhombe womnikaziyo; u-Israyeli akazi, isizwe sami asiqondi.”

<sup>4</sup> Hawu, sizwe esonayo, bantu abasindwe ngububi, nzalo yababi, bantwana abonakeleyo! Bamshiyile uJehova, bamdelele oNgcwele ka-Israyeli, babuyele emuva.

<sup>5</sup> Ningabe nisashaywa kuphi, nisaqhubeka ukwambuka, na? Lonke ikhanda liyagula, nayo yonke inhliziyo ibuthakathaka.

<sup>6</sup> Kusukela ematheni onyawo kuze kube sekhanda akukho okuphelele, ngamanxeba nje, nemivimbo, nemidwa emisha; akukhanywanga ubovu, akuboshwanga, akuthanjiswanga ngamafutha.

<sup>7</sup> Izwe lakini liyihlane, imizi yenu ishisiwe ngomlilo, umhlabathi wenu udliwa ngabafokazi phambi kwenu, kuyihlane njengokuchitha kwabafokazi.

<sup>8</sup> Indodakazi yaseSiyoni isele njengexhiba esivini, nanjengedladla ensimini yamaselwa, nanjengomuzi ovinjezelweyo.

<sup>9</sup> Uma uJehova Sebawoti ebengasishiyelanga insali, besiyakuba njengeSodoma, sifane neGomora.

<sup>10</sup> Yizwani izwi likaJehova nina babusi baseSodoma, nibeke indlebe ekufundiseni kukaNkulunkulu wethu nina bantu baseGomora.

<sup>11</sup> “Iyini kimi imihlatshelo yenu eminingi na?” usho uJehova; “ngisuthile ngeminikelo yokushiswa yezinqama nangeyamanoni amathole akhuluphalisiweyo; negazi lezinkunzi nelamawundlu nelezimpongo angithokozi ngalo.

<sup>12</sup> Lapho nifika ukubona ubuso bami, ngubani okubize lokhu esandleni senu ukuba ninyathele amagceke ami na?

<sup>13</sup> Ningabe nisaletha iminikelo eyize yempuphu; impepho iyisinengiso kimi; ezokwethwasa kwenyanga namasabatha nokubiza imihlangano angivumi ububi kanye nemikhosi.

<sup>14</sup> Ezokwethwasa zenu kwenyanga nemikhosi yenu emisiweyo kuyazondwa ngumphefumulo wami; kungumthwalo phezu kwami, ngikhathele ngukukuthwala.

- <sup>15</sup> Lapho nelula izandla zenu, ngiyakufihla kini amehlo ami; yebo, lapho nenza imikhuleko eminingi, angiyikuzwa; izandla zenu zigcwele igazi.
- <sup>16</sup> Gezani, nihlanzeke, nisuse ububi bezenzo zenu phambi kwamehlo ami, niyeke ukwenza okubi.
- <sup>17</sup> Fundani ukwenza okuhle, nifune ukwahlulela, niqondise abacindezeli, nahlulele izintandane, nimele umfelokazi.
- <sup>18</sup> “Wozani-ke, sithethe indaba,” usho uJehova; “noma izono zenu zibomvu kakhulu, ziyakuba mhlophe njengeqhwa; noma zibomvu njengokububende, ziyakuba njengoboya bezimvu.
- <sup>19</sup> Uma nivuma, nilalela, niyakudla okuhle kwezwe;
- <sup>20</sup> kepha uma nala, nihlubuka, niyakudliwa yinkemba,” ngokuba umlomo kaJehova ukhulumile.
- <sup>21</sup> Yeka umuzi othembekileyo waphenduka, waba yisifebe, wena owawugcwele ukwahlulela! Ukulunga kwakuhlezi khona, kepha manje ababulali.
- <sup>22</sup> Isiliva lakho seliphendukile amanyela; iwayini lakho lixubene namanzi.
- <sup>23</sup> Izikhulu zakho ziyizihlubuki nabangane bamasela; bonke bathanda izipho, balandela imivuzo; abahluleli izintandane, nendaba yomfelokazi ayifinyeleli kubo.
- <sup>24</sup> Ngelokho ithi iNkosi uJehova Sebawoti, uMninimandla ka-Israyeli: “E, ngiyakuzikhulula kwabamelene nami, ngiziphindisele ezitheni zami,
- <sup>25</sup> ngibuyisele isandla sami kuwe, ngicwengisise impela amanyela akho, ngisuse lonke ithini lakho,
- <sup>26</sup> ngibuyisele abahluleli bakho njengakuqala, nabeluleki bakho njengasekuqaleni, andukuba ubizwe ngokuthi uMuzi Wokulunga, uMuzi Othembekileyo.”
- <sup>27</sup> ISiyoni liyakuhlengwa ngokwahlulela nabaphendukayo kulo ngokulunga.
- <sup>28</sup> Izihlubuki nezoni ziyakubhujiswa kanyekanye, nabamshiyayo uJehova bayakuqedwa.
- <sup>29</sup> “Yebo, bayakuba namahloni ngama-oki enawanxanelayo, niyangaze ngamasimu enawakhethayo.
- <sup>30</sup> Ngokuba niyakuba njenge-oki elimaqabunga alo abunile, nanjengensimu engenamanzi.
- <sup>31</sup> Abanamandla bayakuba njengefilakisi, nemisebenzi yabo njengenhlansi; bayakusha bobabili kanyekanye, akuyikubakho ocimayo.”

## ISAHLUKO 2

**I**ndaba ayibonayo u-Isaya indodana ka-Amose ngoJuda neJerusalema.

- <sup>2</sup> Kuyakuthi ngezinsuku ezizayo intaba yendlu kaJehova iqiniswe esiqongweni sezintaba, iphakame kunamagquma, nezizwe zonke ziyakugobhozela khona.
- <sup>3</sup> Abantu abaningi bayakuhamba, bathi: “Wozani sikhuphukele entabeni kaJehova endlini kaNkulunkulu kaJakobe; uyakusifundisa izindlela zakhe, sihambe emikhondweni yakhe,” ngokuba umthetho uyakuvela eSiyoni, nezwi likaJehova eJerusalema.
- <sup>4</sup> Uyakwahlulela phakathi kwezizwe, anqume phakathi kwabantu abaningi; bayakukhanda izinkemba zabo zibe ngamakhuba, nemikhonto yabo ibe ngocelemba; isizwe asiyikuphakamisela isizwe inkemba, zingabe zisafunda ukulwa.
- <sup>5</sup> Wena ndlu kaJakobe, woza sihambe ekukhanyeni kukaJehova.
- <sup>6</sup> Ngokuba ushiyile abantu bakho, indlu kaJakobe, lokhu begcwele ezasempumalanga, behlola imihlola njengamaFilisti, bexhawulana nabantwana babezizwe.
- <sup>7</sup> Izwe lakubo ligcwele isiliva negolide, akukho ukuphela kwengecebo yabo; izwe lakubo

ligcwele futhi namahhashi, nokuphela kwezinqola akukho.

<sup>8</sup> Izwe lakubo ligcwele futhi nezithombe; bakhuleka kokwenziwe yizandla zabo nakwekwenzileyo iminwe yabo.

<sup>9</sup> Kepha abantu bayakufoliswa, namadoda ayakuthotshiswa; abayikuthethelelwa.

<sup>10</sup> Ngena edwaleni, ucashe othulini ngokwesabeka kukaJehova nangodumo lobukhosi bakhe.

<sup>11</sup> Amehlo omuntu aziphakamisileyo ayakuthotshiswa, nokuzikhukhumeza kwamadoda kuyakufola, kuphakame uJehova kuphela ngalolo suku.

<sup>12</sup> Ngokuba uJehova Sebwoti unosuku oluyakuba phezu kwakho konke okuzidlayo nokuzikhukhumezayo, naphezu kwakho konke okuphakemeyo, kuthotshiswe,

<sup>13</sup> naphezu kwayo yonke imisedari yaseLebanoni, emide nephakemeyo, naphezu kwawo onke ama-oki aseBashani,

<sup>14</sup> naphezu kwazo zonke izintaba ezinde, naphezu kwawo onke amagquma aphakemeyo,

<sup>15</sup> naphezu kwayo yonke imibhoshongo ephakemeyo, naphezu kwazo zonke izingange eziqinisiweyo,

<sup>16</sup> naphezu kwayo yonke imikhumbi yaseTharishishi, naphezu kwayo yonke imikhunjana enxanelekayo.

<sup>17</sup> Ukuzikhukhumeza kwabantu kuyakufoliswa, nokuziphakamisa kwamadoda kuyakuthotshiswa, kuphakame uJehova kuphela ngalolo suku,

<sup>18</sup> ziphele izithombe, zithi nya.

<sup>19</sup> Bayakungena emihumeni yamadwala nasemigodini yomhlaba ngokwesabeka kukaJehova nangodumo lobukhosi bakhe, lapho evuka ukushaya umhlaba ngovalo.

<sup>20</sup> Ngalolo suku abantu bayakulahla kuwo amavukuzi nakuwo amalulwane izithombe zabo zesiliva nezithombe zabo zegolide, abazenzele zona ukuba bakhuleke kuzo,

<sup>21</sup> ukuze bangene emihumeni yamadwala nasemifantwini yeziwa ngokwesabeka kukaJehova nangodumo lobukhosi bakhe, lapho evuka ukushaya umhlaba ngovalo.

<sup>22</sup> Bayekeni abantu okusemakhaleni abo kukhona ukuphefumula nje, ngokuba babalwa njengantoni na?

### ISAHLUKO 3

**N**gokuba bheka, iNkosi uJehova Sebwoti iyasusa eJerusalema nakwaJuda uzime nodondolo, lonke uzime lwesinkwa nalo lonke uzime lwamanzi:

<sup>2</sup> amaqhawe namadoda empi, abahluleli nabaprofethi, ababhuli namalunga,

<sup>3</sup> izinduna zamashumi ayisihlanu nabantu abanodumo, abeluleki nezingcweti ezihlakaniphileyo, nabanolwazi lokulumba.

<sup>4</sup> Ngiyakubanika abafana babe yizikhulu zabo, nezingane ziyakubabusa.

<sup>5</sup> Abantu bayakucindezelana, kube yilowo nalowo, yebo, yilowo nalowo nomakhelwane wakhe; abantwana bayakubhensela abadala, nabadelelekileyo abanodumo.

<sup>6</sup> Lapho umuntu eyakubamba umfowabo endlini kayise ethi: “Wena unengubo, yiba ngumbusi wethu, le ncithakalo ibe phansi kwesandla sakho,”

<sup>7</sup> ngalona lolo suku uyakudazuluka athi: “Angiyikuba ngumelaphi, ngokuba endlini yami akukho sinkwa, akukho ngubo; ningangibeki umbusi wabantu.”

<sup>8</sup> Ngokuba iJerusalema likhubekile, noJuda uwile, lokhu izilimi zabo nezenzo zabo ziphambene noJehova ukucunula amehlo enkazimulo yakhe.

<sup>9</sup> Ukukhetha kwabo ubuso kuyafakaza ngabo; benza izono zabo obala njengeSodoma,

abazifihli. Maye kuyo imiphefumulo yabo! Ngokuba bazenzele okubi.

<sup>10</sup> Yishoni kolungileyo ukuthi kuyakuba kuhle kuye, ngokuba bayakudla izithelo zezenzo zabo.

<sup>11</sup> Maye komubi! Kuyakuba kubi kuye, ngokuba uyakubuyiselwa izenzo zezandla zakhe.

<sup>12</sup> Abantu bami-ke izingane ziyabacindezela, nabesifazane bayababusa. O bantu bami, abaniholayo bayanidukisa; bachitha indlela yemikhondo yakho.

<sup>13</sup> UJehova usesukumile ukuyokulwa, umi ukuthetha amacala ezizwe.

<sup>14</sup> UJehova uyakungena ekwahluleleni namalunga abantu bakhe nezikhulu zabo ngokuthi: “Yinina eniqedile isivini, impango yabampofu isezindlini zenu.

<sup>15</sup> Nichobozeleni abantu bami, nigaye ubuso babampofu, na?” isho iNkosi uJehova Sebawoti.

<sup>16</sup> Wathi futhi uJehova: “Ngenxa yokuba amadodakazi aseSiyoni eziphakamisa, ehamba elula izintamo, eqhikiza amehlo, ehamba ecokama ekuhambeni kwawo, ekhenceza ngezinyawo zawo,

<sup>17</sup> ngalokho iNkosi iyakuzenza izimpandla izinkakhayi zamadodakazi aseSiyoni, uJehova awanqunise.”

<sup>18</sup> Ngalolo suku iNkosi iyakususa imihlobiso yawo: izigqizo, nemiqhele, nezimbedu ezinjengenyanga,

<sup>19</sup> neziqhaza, namasongo, nezimvakazi,

<sup>20</sup> nezigqoko, nemihlobiso yemilenze, nezibhamba, nemifuma, neziq,

<sup>21</sup> nezindandatho, namacici ekhala,

<sup>22</sup> nezambatho zemikhosi, nezangaphezulu, namatshali, nezingalathi,

<sup>23</sup> nezibuko, neleni elicolekileyo, nemishuqulo, nezilembu.

<sup>24</sup> Kuyakuthi esikhundleni samakha kube ngukubola, nasesikhundleni sebhande igoda, nasesikhundleni sezinwele ezilungisiweyo impandla, nasesikhundleni sesidiya isibhamba sendwangu yamasaka, nasesikhundleni sobuhle isishada.

<sup>25</sup> Amadoda akho ayakuwa ngenkamba namaqhawe akho ngokulwa.

<sup>26</sup> Amasango alo ayakukhala, alile; liyakuba yize, lihlale emhlabathini.

## ISAHLUKO 4

**N**galolo suku abesifazane abayisikhombisa bayakubamba indoda inye, bathi: “Siyakudla isinkwa sethu, sembathe izingubo zethu. Masibizwe kuphela ngegama lakho, ususe ihlazo lethu.”

<sup>2</sup> Ngalolo suku ihlumela likaJehova liyakuba lihle, libe nenkazimulo, nezithelo zomhlaba ziyakuba nodumo nobuhle kwabaphunyukileyo bakwa-Israyeli.

<sup>3</sup> Kuyakuthi yena oshiyiwe eSiyoni naye osele eJerusalema, bathiwe bangcwele, bonke abalotshelwe ukuphila eJerusalema,

<sup>4</sup> lapho iNkosi igezile insila yamadodakazi aseJerusalema, nalapho isihlanzile igazi laseJerusalema phakathi kwalo ngomoya wokwahlulela nangomoya wokushisa.

<sup>5</sup> UJehova uyakudala phezu kwayo yonke indawo yentaba yaseSiyoni naphezu kwemihlangano yayo ifu nomusi emini nokukhanya kwelangabi lomlilo ebusuku, ngokuba phezu kwayo yonke inkazimulo kuyakuba khona isivikelo.

<sup>6</sup> Kuyakuba khona idokodo, libe ngumthunzi ekushiseni kwemini nesiphephelo nesivikelo esivunguvungwini nasemvuleni.

## ISAHLUKO 5

**M**angihlabelele ngothandiweyo wami, isihlabelelo sothandiweyo wami ngesivini sakhe. Othandiweyo wami wayenesivini egqumeni elivundile kakhulu;

<sup>2</sup> wasimba, wakhapha amatshe aso, wasitshala ngomvini omuhle, wakha isiqongo sokulinda phakathi kwaso, waqopha isikhamo kuso, wethemba ukuthi siyakuthela izithelo zomvini, kepha saveza izithelo zasendle.

<sup>3</sup> “Manje nina enakhileyo eJerusalema namadoda akwaJuda, ake nahlulele phakathi kwami nesivini sami.

<sup>4</sup> Nga kwenziwani futhi esivinini sami engingakwenzanga kuso na? Kungani ukuba lapho ngithembe ukuthi siyakuthela izithelo zomvini, saveza izithelo zasendle, na?

<sup>5</sup> Sengiyakunitshela engiyakukwenza kuso isivini sami: ngiyakususa uthango lwaso, ukuze sidliwe, ngidilize ugange lwaso, ukuze sinyathelwe.

<sup>6</sup> Ngiyakusenza sibe yincithakalo; asiyikuthenwa, asiyikulinywa, kepha kuyakuvela amakhakhasi nameva; futhi ngiyakuyala amafu ukuba anganisi imvula phezu kwaso.”

<sup>7</sup> Ngokuba isivini sikaJehova Sebwoti siyindlu ka-Israyeli, namadoda akwaJuda ayisithombo sakhe esithandekayo; wabheka ukwahlulela, kepha bheka, ngukucindezela, yebo, ukulunga, kepha bheka, ngukukhala.

<sup>8</sup> Wo kubona abahlanganisa indlu nendlu, besondeza insimu nensimu, kuze kungabe kusaba khona indawo, kwakhe nina nodwa emhlabeni!

<sup>9</sup> UJehova Sebwoti wathi ezindlebeni zami: “Impela izindlu eziningi ziyakuba yincithakalo, nezinkulu nezinhle zingabi namuntu ohlala kuzo.

<sup>10</sup> Ngokuba ama-eka ayishumi esivini ayakuthela ibhati elilodwa, nehomere lembewu liyakuthela i-efa nje.”

<sup>11</sup> Wo kubona abavuka ekuseni, ukuze balandele uphuzo olunamandla, balibale kuze kuhlwe, bashe iwayini!

<sup>12</sup> Ihabu nogubhu, isigubhu negenkle, newayini kukhona emadilini abo, kepha abanakekeli imisebenzi kaJehova, nezenzo zezandla zakhe abaziboni.

<sup>13</sup> Ngalokho abantu bami bayathunjwa bengazi, nabadumileyo babo bayalamba, nezixuku zabo zigangathekile ngokoma.

<sup>14</sup> Ngalokho indawo yabafileyo yandisile isifiso sayo, yavula umlomo wayo ngokungalinganiswayo; kwehlela kuyo amakhosi abo, nesixuku sabo esixokozelayo, kanye nabajabulayo phakathi kwabo.

<sup>15</sup> Abantu bayafoliswa, namadoda ayathotshiswa, namehlo abaziphakamisayo ayathotshiswa,

<sup>16</sup> kepha uJehova Sebwoti uphakeme ekwahluleleni, uNkulunkulu oNgcwele ungcwelisiwe ngokulunga.

<sup>17</sup> Amawundlu ayakuklaba njengasemadlelweni awo, nasezincithakalweni zabacebileyo kuyakuklaba amazinyane.

<sup>18</sup> Wo kubona abadonsa ukona ngezintambo zamanga, nezono kungathi ngamagoda ezingqola,

<sup>19</sup> abasho ukuthi: “Makaphuthume, asheshise umsebenzi wakhe ukuba siwubone, kusondele isiluleko soNgcwele ka-Israyeli, sifike ukuba sisazi!”

<sup>20</sup> Wo kubona abasho okubi ukuthi kungokuhle, nokuhle ukuthi kungububi, ababeka ubumnyama bube ngukukhanya, nokukhanya kube ngubumnyama, babeke nokubabayo kube ngubumtoti, nobumtoti bube ngokubabayo!

<sup>21</sup> Wo kubona abahlakaniphile emehlweni abo nabaqondile ekuboneni kwabo!

- <sup>22</sup> Wo kubona abangamaqhawe ngokuphuza iwayini namadoda anamandla ngokuxubanisa uphuzo olunamandla,
- <sup>23</sup> abathetha ababi ngenxa yemivuzo, basuse ukulunga kwabalungileyo!
- <sup>24</sup> Ngalokho njengolimi lomlilo ludla amabibi, nezikhotha ezomileyo zizika elangabini, impande yabo iyakuba njengokubola, nembali yabo iyakuthuquka njengebhuqu, ngokuba balahlile umthetho kaJehova Sebawoti, balidelela izwi loNgcwele ka-Israyeli.
- <sup>25</sup> Ngalokho intukuthelo kaJehova iyavuthela isizwe sakhe; welulela isandla sakhe kuso, uyasishaya; izintaba ziyathuthumela, nezidumbu zabo ziyimfucumfucu phakathi ezitaladini; kukho konke lokhu intukuthelo yakhe ayibuyi, isandla sakhe siseluliwe.
- <sup>26</sup> Uyakuphakamisela isizwe esikude ibhandela, asihlabele ikhwelo ekugcineni komhlaba; bheka, uyeza masinyane ngejubane.
- <sup>27</sup> Akakho oyakukhathala, akhubeke kuso; akakho oyakozela, alale; ibhande lezinkalo zabo aliyikuthukuluka, nomchilo wezicathulo zabo awuyikugqabuka,
- <sup>28</sup> bona abamicibisholo yabo ibukhali, nayo yonke iminsalo yabo insaliwe; izinyawo zamahhashi abo ziyakubalwa njengensengetsha, namasondo abo njengesivunguvungu.
- <sup>29</sup> Ukubhonga kwabo kunjengokwengonyamakazi, bayakubhonga njengamabhongo ebhubesi, yebo, bayakugwavuma, babambe impango yabo, bamuke nayo, kungekho oyophulayo.
- <sup>30</sup> Bayakugwavuma phezu kwabo ngalolo suku njengokuduma kolwandle; uma umuntu ebuka umhlaba, bheka, naso isigayegaye sobumnyama, nokukhanya kwenziwe mnyama ngamafu awo.

## ISAHLUKO 6

- N**gomnyaka wokufa kwenkosi u-Uziya ngabona uJehova ehlezi esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi esiphezulu nesiphakemeyo, umsila wengubo yakhe ugcwalisa ithempeli.
- <sup>2</sup> Ngaphezu kwakhe kwakumi amaserafi; yilelo nalelo lalinamaphiko ayisithupha; ngamabili lamboza ubuso, nangamabili lamboza izinyawo, nangamabili landiza.
- <sup>3</sup> Elinye lamemeza kwelinye, lathi: “Ungcwele, ungcwele, ungcwele uJehova Sebawoti, wonke umhlaba ugcwele inkazimulo yakhe.”
- <sup>4</sup> Izinsika zomnyango zathuthumela ngezwi lomemezayo, indlu yagcwala umusi.
- <sup>5</sup> Ngase ngithi: “Maye kimi! Ngokuba ngiphelile, lokhu ngingumuntu ozindebe zakhe zingcolile, futhi ngihlezi phakathi kwabantu abazindebe zabo zingcolile, ngokuba amehlo ami abonile iNkosi uJehova Sebawoti.”
- <sup>6</sup> Kepha landizela kimi elinye lamaserafi liphethe ilahle elivuthayo esandleni salo, elalilithathe ngodlawu e-altare,
- <sup>7</sup> lathinta umlomo wami, lathi: “Bheka, lokhu kuthintile izindebe zakho; ububi bakho sebususiwe, nezono zakho zihlanguliwe.”
- <sup>8</sup> Futhi ngezwa izwi leNkosi lithi: “Ngiyakuthuma bani, ngubani oyakusiyela na?” Ngase ngithi: “Bheka, nangu mina; ngithume mina.”
- <sup>9</sup> Yathi: “Hamba usho kulaba bantu ukuthi: “ ‘Yizwani, yizwani, kepha ningaqondi; bonani, bonani, kepha ningazi.’ ”
- <sup>10</sup> Yenza inhliziyo yalaba bantu ukuba ikhuluphale, nezindlebe zabo zibe buthuntu, ufiphaze amehlo abo, funa babone ngamehlo abo, bezwe ngezindlebe zabo, baqonde ngenhliziyo yabo, babuye, baphiliswe.”
- <sup>11</sup> Ngase ngithi: “Nkosi, koze kube nini na?” Yathi: “Kuze kuchithwe imizi, kungabe kusaba

khona ohlala kuyo, nezindlu zingabe zisaba namuntu, nomhlaba uchitheke ube yize,

<sup>12</sup> uJehova aze adedisele kude abantu, nencithakalo ibe nkulu ezweni.

<sup>13</sup> Yebo, noma kusekhona inxenye yeshumi kulo, yona iyakubuye ishiswe njengomtherebinte ne-oki okusiqu sakho simi lapho kugawulwa khona; inzalo engcwele iyisiqu sakho.”

## ISAHLUKO 7

**K**wathi ezinsukwini zika-Ahazi indodana kaJothamu ka-Uziya, inkosi yakwaJuda, uResini inkosi yase-Aramu noPheka indodana kaRemaliya, inkosi yakwa-Israyeli, bakhuphukela eJerusalema ukulwa nalo, kepha babengenakulingqoba.

<sup>2</sup> Kwatshelwa indlu kaDavide ukuthi: “I-Aramu limise kwa-Efrayimi.” Yayisiqhaqhazela inhliziyo yakhe nenhliziyo yabantu bakhe njengemithi yasehlathini ithuthumela ngomoya.

<sup>3</sup> Kepha uJehova wathi ku-Isaya: “Mawuphume ukuhlangabeza u-Ahazi, wena noSheyari Jashubi indodana yakho, ngasekugcineni komsele wechibi lasenhla elingasendleleni yeNsimu Yomhlanzi,

<sup>4</sup> usho kuye ukuthi: ‘Xwaya, uthule; ungesabi, nenhliziyo yakho mayingadangali ngemisila emibili yalezi zikhuni ezithunqayo, ngokuvutha kolaka lukaResini ne-Aramu nolwendodana kaRemaliya.

<sup>5</sup> Ngokuba i-Aramu no-Efrayimi nendodana kaRemaliya bacebile okubi ngawe, bathi:

<sup>6</sup> “Masikhuphukele kwelakwaJuda, silikhathaze, sizinqobele lona, sibeke inkosi phakathi kwalo, indodana kaThabeyeli,”

<sup>7</sup> ngalokho isho iNkosi uNkulunkulu, ithi: “ ‘Akuyikuma, futhi akuyikwenzeka.

<sup>8</sup> Ngokuba inhloko yase-Aramu iyiDamaseku, nenhloko yeDamaseku inguResini; phakathi kweminyaka engamashumi ayisithupha nanhlanu u-Efrayimi uyakwaphulwa angabe esaba yisizwe.

<sup>9</sup> Inhloko yakwa-Efrayimi iyiSamariya, inhloko yeSamariya iyindodana kaRemaliya. Uma ningakholwa, impela aniyikuma.’ ”

<sup>10</sup> UJehova waqhubeka ukukhuluma ku-Ahazi, wathi:

<sup>11</sup> “Zicelele isibonakaliso kuJehova uNkulunkulu wakho, kujule endaweni yabafuleyo, noma kuphakame phezulu.”

<sup>12</sup> Kepha u-Ahazi wathi: “Angiyikucela, futhi angiyikumlinga uJehova.”

<sup>13</sup> Wayesethi: “Ake uzwe wena ndlu kaDavide! Kuncane kuwe ukukhathaza abantu, ukuze nimkhathaze noNkulunkulu wami futhi na?

<sup>14</sup> Ngalokho iNkosi uqobo iyakukunika isibonakaliso: bheka, intombi iyakukhulelwa, izale indodana, ibize igama layo ngokuthi u-Imanuweli.

<sup>15</sup> Uyakudla amangqanga nezinyosi aze azi ukwala okubi, akhethe okuhle.

<sup>16</sup> Ngokuba umntwana engakazi ukwala okubi nokukhetha okuhle, izwe okhathazwa ngamakhosi omabili alo liyakushiywa.

<sup>17</sup> UJehova uyakuletha phezu kwakho, naphezu kwabantu bakho, naphezu kwendlu kayihlo izinsuku ezingafikanga kusukela osukwini u-Efrayimi asuka ngalo kwaJuda — yinkosi yase-Asiriya.”

<sup>18</sup> Kuyakuthi ngalolo suku uJehova ahlabele ikhwelo izimpukane ezingasekugcineni kwemifula yaseGibithe nezinyosi ezisezweni lase-Asiriya.

<sup>19</sup> Ziyakufika, ziphumule zonke ezigodini ezineziwa, nasemifantwini yamadwala, nasemahlanzeni onke, nasemadlelweni onke.



- <sup>20</sup> Ngalolo suku iNkosi iyakuphucula ngensingo eqashiweyo ngaphesheya koMfula yinkosi yase-Asiriya ikhanda noboya bezinyawo, futhi iyakuqeda nesilevu.
- <sup>21</sup> Kuyakuthi ngalolo suku indoda yondle isithole nezimvu ezimbili,
- <sup>22</sup> bese kuthi ngobuningi bobisi ezilwehlisayo idle amangqanga, ngokuba amangqanga nezinyosi bayakukudla bonke abasele ezweni.
- <sup>23</sup> Kuyakuthi ngalolo suku yonke indawo lapho kukhona imivini eyinkulungwane, elingene nezinhlamvu eziyinkulungwane zesiliva, ibe ngeyamakhakhasi nameva.
- <sup>24</sup> Kuyakuyiwa khona nemicibisholo nomnsalo, ngokuba izwe lonke liyakuba ngamakhakhasi nameva.
- <sup>25</sup> Ezintabeni zonke ezilinywa ngegeja akuyikuyiwa khona ngokwesaba amakhakhasi nameva, kepha ziyakuba ngezokuqhubela izinkabi nezokunyathela kwezimvu.

## ISAHLUKO 8

**U**Jehova wathi kimi: “Zithathele isibhebhe esikhulu, ubhale kuso ngokwendlela yomuntu ngokuthi uMahere Shalali Hashi Bazi.

- <sup>2</sup> Ngazifakazisela ofakazi abaqinisileyo, u-Uriya umpristi noZakariya indodana kaJeberekiya.”
- <sup>3</sup> Ngase ngiya kumprofethikazi; wakhulelwa, wazala indodana. Wayesethi uJehova kimi: “Biza igama layo ngokuthi uMahere Shalali Hashi Bazi.
- <sup>4</sup> Ngokuba umntwana engakazi ukumemeza ngokuthi baba nomame, kuyakususwa ingcebo yaseDamaseku nempango yaseSamariya phambi kwenkosi yase-Asiriya.”
- <sup>5</sup> UJehova wabuye wakhuluma kimi, wathi:
- <sup>6</sup> “Ngenxa yokuba laba bantu badelela amanzi aseShilowa ahamba kancane, bathokoza ngoResini nendodana kaRemaliya,
- <sup>7</sup> ngalokho bheka, iNkosi iyabakhuphulela amanzi omfula anamandla namaningi — yinkosi yase-Asiriya nabo bonke ubukhosi bayo — ukhuphuke phezu kwazo zonke izingu zawo, weqe nazo zonke izindonga zawo,
- <sup>8</sup> utheleke kwaJuda, ukhukhule, udlule, ufinyelele entanyeni, besewugcwalisa ngamaphiko awo eluliweyo ububanzi bezwe lakho, Imanuweli.”
- <sup>9</sup> Bhevani nina zizwe, niyakuphela amandla nokho; bekani indlebe nina mazwe onke akude: zibhinceni, kepha niyakudangala, yebo, zibhinceni, niyakuphela amandla nokho.
- <sup>10</sup> Lulekanani nokululekana, kepha kuyakuchithwa; khulumani izwi, kodwa aliyikuma, ngokuba uNkulunkulu unathi.
- <sup>11</sup> Ngokuba uNkulunkulu ukhulumile kanjalo kimi ngesandla esinamandla, wangiyala ukuba ngingahambi ngendlela yalaba bantu, wathi:
- <sup>12</sup> “Ningasho ukuthi kuluzungu konke abakushoyo laba bantu ukuthi kuluzungu, ningesabi abakwesabayo, nibe novalo ngakho.
- <sup>13</sup> UJehova Sebawoti, mngcweliseni yena, kube nguye enimesabayo, yebo, kube nguye eninvalo ngaye.
- <sup>14</sup> Uyakuba ngokungcwele, futhi abe yitshe lokukhubekisa, nedwala lokuwisa kuzo izindlu zombili zakwa-Israyeli, abe lugibe nesihibe kwabakhileyo eJerusalema.
- <sup>15</sup> Abaningi phakathi kwabo bayakukhubeka, bawe, baphuke, bacushwe, babanjwe.”
- <sup>16</sup> Bopha ubufakazi, uwunamathelise umthetho phakathi kwabafundi bami.
- <sup>17</sup> Ngiyakumlindela uJehova ositheza ubuso bakhe kuyo indlu kaJakobe, ngethembe kuye.



- <sup>18</sup> Bheka, mina, nabantwana uJehova anginike bona, siyizibonakaliso nezimangaliso kwa-Israyeli, ezivela kuJehova Sebawoti ohlezi entabeni yaseSiyoni.
- <sup>19</sup> Lapho bethi kini: “Funani kwabanamadlozi nakubathakathi” ababetha imilozi, banyenyeze pho, abantu abayikufuna uNkulunkulu wabo yini? Kuyiwe kwabafileyo ngabaphilayo na?
- <sup>20</sup> Emthethweni-ke nasebufakazini! Impela leli zwi abalikhulumayo alinakho ukusa.
- <sup>21</sup> Bayakudabula izwe bexinekile, belambile; kuyakuthi laphe belamba, bavuke ulaka, bathuke inkosi yabo noNkulunkulu wabo, babheke phezulu.
- <sup>22</sup> Bayakubheka nasemhlabeni; bheka, nakho ukuhlupheka, nobumnyama, nokuhwelela kosizi; yebo, bayakuxoshelwa esigayegayeni.

## ISAHLUKO 9

**K**epha ukuhwelela akuyikuba khona kohluphekayo. Njengesikhathi esidlule senza ukuba kufilise izwe lakwaZebuloni nezwe lakwaNafetali, isikhathi esizayo siyakwenza ukuba ikhazimule indlela yolwandle ngaphesheya kweJordani, isifunda sazezizwe.

<sup>2</sup> Abantu abahamba ebumnyameni babona ukukhanya okukhulu; abahlezi ezweni lethunzi lokufa ukukhanya kuyabakhanyisela.

<sup>3</sup> Uyakwandisa isizwe, ukhulise intokozo yaso; bathokoza phambi kwakho njengokuthokoza ekuvuneni, njengalokhu abantu bethokoza ekwabeleni kwabo impango.

<sup>4</sup> Ngokuba ijoka lomthwalo wabo, nenduku yamahlombe abo, noswazi lomhluphi wabo uyakwaphula njengasosukwini lukaMidiyani.

<sup>5</sup> Ngokuba zonke izicathulo ezifakiweyo esiyaluyalwini sokulwa nezingubo ezigingqwe egazini ziyakuba ngezokushiswa, zidliwe ngumlilo. 9:5 AmaH. 46:9.

<sup>6</sup> Ngokuba sizalelwa umntwana, siphilwa indodana; umbuso uyakuba semahlombe akhe, negama lakhe liyakuthiwa uMluleki omangalisayo, uNkulunkulu onamandla, uYise ongunaphakade, iNkosi yokuthula.

<sup>7</sup> Umbuso uyakuba mkhulu, ukuthula kungabi nakuphela esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaDavide nasembusweni wakhe, ukuze uqiniseke, usekelwe ngokwahlulela nangokulunga, kusukela manje kuze kube phakade. Ukushisekela kukaJehova Sebawoti kuyakwenza lokhu.

<sup>8</sup> INkosi ithume izwi kuJakobe, lehlela kwa-Israyeli.

<sup>9</sup> Bonke abantu bayakwazi, u-Efrayimi nabakhe eSamariya, abasho ekuziphakamiseni kwabo nasekuziqhenyeni kwenhliziyo ukuthi:

<sup>10</sup> “Izitini ziwile, kepha siyakwakha ngamatshe abaziweyo; imithombe igawuliwe, kepha siyakutshala imisedari ezikhundleni zayo.”

<sup>11</sup> UJehova uyabaphakamisela izitha zikaResini, ahlomise abamelene nabo,

<sup>12</sup> i-Aramu ngaphambili namaFilisti ngasemuva, bamudle u-Israyeli ngomlomo okhamisiweyo; kukho konke lokhu intukuthelo yakhe ayibuyi, isandla sakhe siseluliwe.

<sup>13</sup> Abantu ababuyelanga nokho kobashayileyo, futhi abamfunanga uJehova Sebawoti.

<sup>14</sup> Ngalokho uJehova uyanquma kwa-Israyeli ikhanda nomsila, igatsha lesundu nomhlango, ngalusuku lunye.

<sup>15</sup> Ilunga nophakemeyo bayikhanda, nomprofethi ofundisa amanga ungumsila.

<sup>16</sup> Ngokuba abahola laba bantu bayabadukisa, nabaholwa yibo bayagwinywa.

<sup>17</sup> Ngalokho iNkosi ayithokozi ngezinsizwa zabo, ayihawukeli izintandane nabafelokazi babo, ngokuba bonke bangabangenaNkulunkulu nabenza okubi, nayo yonke imilomo

ikhuluma ubuwula; kukho konke lokhu intukuthelo yakhe ayibuyi, isandla sakhe siseluliwe.

<sup>18</sup> Ngokuba ububi bushisa njengomlilo, buqeda amakhakhasi nameva, buthungela ezihlahleni zamahlathi, zize zifuquke insika yomusi.

<sup>19</sup> Ngentukuthelo kaJehova Sebwoti izwe lishisiwe; abantu bangukudla komlilo, akakho osindisa umfowabo.

<sup>20</sup> Umuntu uyahlwitha ngakwesokunene, abe esalambile nokho, adle ngakwesokhohlo, kepha angasuthi; bayakudla, kube yilowo nalowo inyama yengalo yakhe,

<sup>21</sup> uManase u-Efrayimi, no-Efrayimi uManase, bobabili basukele kanyekanye uJuda; kukho konke lokhu intukuthelo yakhe ayibuyi, isandla sakhe siseluliwe.

## ISAHLUKO 10

**W**o kubona abamisa izimiso ezimbi, nakubabhali ababhalisisa okuyingozi,

<sup>2</sup> ukuchezukisa abampofu ekwahluleleni, nokwaphuca abaswelayo babantu bami umthetho, ukuze abafelokazi babe yimpango yabo, baqhwage izintandane.

<sup>3</sup> Niyakwenze njani ngosuku lokuhanjelwa nasekuchithakaleni okuvela kude na? Niyakubalekela kubani ukuba nisizwe na? Niyakushiya kubani imfuyo yenu na?

<sup>4</sup> Uma ningaguqi phakathi kwababoshiweyo, niyakuwa phakathi kwababuleweyo; kukho konke lokhu intukuthelo yakhe ayibuyi, isandla sakhe siseluliwe.

<sup>5</sup> “Wo kulo i-Asiriya, intonga yentukuthelo yami, nokusesandleni salo ukufutheka kwami kuyinduku.

<sup>6</sup> Ngiyalithuma esizweni esingenaNkulunkulu, ngiliyaleze ngabantu bentukuthelo yami ukuba liphange impango, liqhwage, libenze okunyathelwayo njengodaka lwasezitaladini.

<sup>7</sup> Nokho akusiwo umqondo walo, inhliziyo yalo ayicabangi kanjalo, kepha kusenhliziyweni yalo ukuchitha nokunquma izizwe ezingeyingcosana.

<sup>8</sup> Ngokuba lithi: ‘Izikhulu zami zonke azisiwo amakhosi na?’

<sup>9</sup> IKalino alinjengeKharikemishi na? IHamati alinjenge-Aripadi na? ISamariya alinjengeDamaseku na?

<sup>10</sup> Njengalokhu isandla sami siyitholile imibuso yezithombe ezimifanekiso yazo ebaziweyo yahlula eyaseJerusalema neyaseSamariya,

<sup>11</sup> anginakwenza yini kulo iJerusalema nezithombe zalo, njengalokhu ngenzile kulo iSamariya nezithombe zalo, na?’ ”

<sup>12</sup> Kuyakuthi lapho iNkosi isiqedile wonke umsebenzi wayo entabeni yaseSiyoni naseJerusalema, ijezise isithelo senhliziyo ezidlayo yenkosi yase-Asiriya nokuzikhukhumeza kwamehlo ayo aziphakamisayo.

<sup>13</sup> Ngokuba uthi: “Ngamandla esandla sami ngikwenzile, nangokuhlakanipha kwami, ngokuba nginokuqonda; ngisusile imikhawulo yezizwe, ngiphangile ingcebo yazo, njengesiqhwaga ngawisa phansi abakhileyo khona.

<sup>14</sup> Isandla sami sifumene imfuyo yabantu njengesidleke, nanjengalokhu umuntu ebutha amaqanda ashiyiweyo ngibuthile wonke umhlaba, akwababikho oshaya phiko, novula mlomo, notshiyozayo.”

<sup>15</sup> Izembe liyakuzikhukhumeza kuye ogawula ngalo na? Isaha liyakuzikhulisa kuye oliqhubayo, njengokungathi induku izamazamisa abayiphakamisayo, nodondolo luphakamisa ongesiwo umuthi, na?

<sup>16</sup> Ngalokho iNkosi uJehova Sebwoti iyakuthuma ukonda phakathi kwabakhulupheleyo bakhe, nangaphansi kodumo lwakhe kuyakuphembeka ukushisa njengokushisa komlilo.

- <sup>17</sup> Ukukhanya kuka-Israyeli kuyakuba ngumlilo, oNgcwele wakhe abe yilangabi; kuyakushisa kuqede ameva akhe namakhakhasi akhe ngalusuku lunye.
- <sup>18</sup> Iyakuqeda udumo lwehlathi lakhe nensimu yakhe, umzimba nomphfumulo, kube njengesiguli esinyamalalayo.
- <sup>19</sup> Insali yemithi yakhe iyakuba yingcosana, ukuze ibhalwe ngumntwana.
- <sup>20</sup> Kuyakuthi ngalolo suku insali yakwa-Israyeli nabasindileyo bendlu kaJakobe bangasenciki kobashayileyo, kepha bencike ngeqiniso kuJehova oNgcwele ka-Israyeli.
- <sup>21</sup> Insali iyakubuya, insali kaJakobe, ibuye kuNkulunkulu onamandla.
- <sup>22</sup> Ngokuba noma abantu bakho, Israyeli, bengangesihlabathi solwandle, kuyakubuya phakathi kwabo insali nje; ukuchithwa kunqunyiwe, okuchichima ukulunga.
- <sup>23</sup> Ngokuba iNkosi uJehova Sebawoti iyakwenza ukubhujiswa okunqunyiweyo phakathi kwawo wonke umhlaba.
- <sup>24</sup> Ngelokho isho kanje iNkosi uJehova Sebawoti, ithi: “We bantu bami, enakhe eSiyoni, ningalesabi i-Asiriya, lapho likushaya ngentonga yalo, liphakamisele kuwe udondolo lwalo ngendlela yaseGibithe.
- <sup>25</sup> Ngokuba kusezakuba yisikhashana nje kuze kuphele ukufutheka kwami, intukuthelo yami ibe sekuchithweni kwalo.”
- <sup>26</sup> UJehova Sebawoti uyakulivusela isiswebhu njengasekubulaweni kwabakwaMidiyani ngasedwaleni lika-Orebi, nentonga yakhe iyakuba phezu kolwandle, ayiphakamise ngendlela yaseGibithe.
- <sup>27</sup> Kuyakuthi ngalolo suku umthwalo walo ususwe emahlombe akho nejoka lalo entanyeni yakho. Liyakhuphuka eRimoni,
- <sup>28</sup> liyeza e-Ayati, lidlula eMigrone; lethula impahla yalo eMikimashi;
- <sup>29</sup> badlula esikhaleni, ebusuku bahlala eGeba; iRama liyaqhaqhazela, iGibeya likaSawule liyabaleka.
- <sup>30</sup> Zamuluka ngezwi lakho, ndodakazi yaseGalimi; qaphela, Layishi, yiphendule, Anathoti.
- <sup>31</sup> IMadimena selibalekile, abakhileyo eGebimi bathutha impahla.
- <sup>32</sup> Namhla nje liyema ngaseNobi, linikinele isandla salo intaba yendodakazi yaseSiyoni, intaba yaseJerusalema.
- <sup>33</sup> Bheka, iNkosi uJehova Sebawoti iyanquma amagatsha ngokwesabekayo, kugawulwe abaphakemeyo, nabazikhukhumezayo behliswe.
- <sup>34</sup> Izihlahla zehlathi ziyacatshwa ngensimbi, neLebanoni liyawa ngoNamandla.

## ISAHLUKO 11

**K**uyakuvela ihlumela esiqwini sikaJese, kuphume igatsha ezimpandeni zakhe.

- <sup>2</sup> UMoya kaJehova uyakuhlala phezu kwakhe, umoya wokuhlakanipha nowokuqonda, umoya wamasu nowamandla, umoya wokwazi nowokumesaba uJehova.
- <sup>3</sup> Intokozo yakhe iyakuba sekumesabeni uJehova; akayikwahlulela ngokubona kwamehlo akhe, anganqumi ngokuzwa kwezindlebe zakhe.
- <sup>4</sup> Kepha uyakwahlulela abampofu ngokulunga, anqume ngokufaneleyo abathobileyo bomhlaba, awushaye umhlaba ngentonga yomlomo wakhe, abulale ababi ngokuphefumula kwezindebe zakhe.
- <sup>5</sup> Ukulunga kuyakuba yibhande lezinkalo zakhe, ukuthembeka kube yibhande lamanyonga akhe.
- <sup>6</sup> Impisi iyakuhlala newundlu, ingwe ibuthise ndawonye nezinyane lembuzi, ithole

nebhongo lengonyama kukhuluphaliswe kanyekanye, nomntwana omncane uyakukuqhuba.

<sup>7</sup> Inkomo nebhere kuyakuklaba, amazinyane akho abuthise ndawonye, ingonyama idle utshani njengenkabi.

<sup>8</sup> Umntwana oncelayo uyakudlala ngasemgodini webululu, olunyuliweyo elulele isandla sakhe esiseleni sikamantshingeyana.

<sup>9</sup> Abayikwenza okubi, bangachithi entabeni yonke yami engcwele, ngokuba umhlaba uyakugcwala ukumazi uJehova njengamanzi asibekela ulwandle.

<sup>10</sup> Kuyakuthi ngalolo suku impande kaJese ime iyibhanela lezizwe; abezizwe bayakuyifuna, nendawo yayo iyakuba nodumo.

<sup>11</sup> Kuyakuthi ngalolo suku iNkosi ibuye yelule isandla sayo ngokwesibili ukuzuza insali yabantu bayo eyakusala e-Asiriya, naseGibithe, nasePhatirosi, naseKushe, nase-Elamu, naseShineyari, naseHamati, naseziqhingini zolwandle.

<sup>12</sup> Iyakuphakamisela abezizwe ibhandela, ibuthe abaxoshiweyo bakwa-Israyeli, iqoqe abahlakazekileyo bakwaJuda emagumbini omane omhlaba.

<sup>13</sup> Umhawu ka-Efrayimi uyakusuka, nabacindezela uJuda bayakunqunywa; u-Efrayimi akayikuba namhawu ngoJuda, noJuda kayikucindezela u-Efrayimi.

<sup>14</sup> Kepha bayakundizela ehloambe lamaFilisti ngasentshonalanga, baphange kanyekanye abantu basempumalanga, belulele izandla zabo ngaku-Edomi noMowabi, abakwa-Amoni babalalele.

<sup>15</sup> UJehova uyakuqalekisa itheku lolwandle lwaseGibithe, anikine isandla sakhe phezu koMfula ngokuhwamula komoya wakhe, awushaye ube yiminonjana eyisikhombisa, ukuze kuhanjwe ngezicathulo.

<sup>16</sup> Kuyakuba khona umgwaqo wensali yabantu bakhe, eyakusala e-Asiriya, njengalokho kwakunjalo ku-Israyeli ngosuku lokukhuphuka kwakhe ezweni laseGibithe.

## ISAHLUKO 12

**U**yakusho ngalolo suku ukuthi: “Ngiyakubonga, Jehova, ngokuba wangithukuthelela, kepha intukuthelo yakho isibuyile, uyangiduduza.

<sup>2</sup> Bheka, uNkulunkulu uyinsindiso yami; nginethemba, angesabi, ngokuba uJehova, uJehova ungamandla ami nehobo lami, waba yinsindiso yami.”

<sup>3</sup> Ngalokho niyakukha amanzi ngokujabula emithonjeni yensindiso.

<sup>4</sup> Niyakusho ngalolo suku ukuthi: “Bongani uJehova, nibize igama lakhe, nizazise izenzo zakhe phakathi kwezizwe, nimemezele ukuthi igama lakhe liphakeme.

<sup>5</sup> Hlabelelani kuJehova, ngokuba wenzile izinto ezinkulu; lokhu makwazeke emhlabeni wonke.

<sup>6</sup> Memeza, ujabule wena ohlezi eSiyoni, ngokuba mkhulu oNgcwele ka-Israyeli phakathi kwakho.”

## ISAHLUKO 13

**I**siprofetho ngeBabele asibonayo u-Isaya indodana ka-Amose.

<sup>2</sup> Misani ibhanela entabeni elucwatha, nibaphakamisele izwi, nibaqhwebe ngezandla ukuba bangene emasangweni abakhulu.

<sup>3</sup> Mina uqobo ngibayalile abangcwele bami, yebo, ngibizele amaqhawe ami

okwentukuthelo yami, bona labo abami abajabula ngokuziqhenya.

<sup>4</sup> Umsindo wesixuku ezintabeni kungathi ngowabantu abaningi! Umsindo wokuxokozela kwemibuso yabezizwe ihlangene! UJehova Sebawoti uyabutha impi yakhe.

<sup>5</sup> Bavela ezweni elikude nasekugcineni kwezulu uJehova nezikhali zentukuthelo yakhe, ukuba bachithe umhlaba wonke.

<sup>6</sup> Klewulani, ngokuba usuku lukaJehova lusondele; njengencithakalo evela kuSomandla luyafika.

<sup>7</sup> Ngalokho izandla zonke ziyadangala, nezinhliziyi zonke ziyaphela amandla.

<sup>8</sup> Bayashaqeka, babanjwa yiminjunu nobuhlungu, bazibinya njengababelethayo. Babhekana omunye nomunye bemangala. Ubuso babo bungubuso bamalangabi.

<sup>9</sup> Bheka, usuku lukaJehova luyeza, lunonya, lunokufutheka, lunokuvutha kolaka, ukuba lwenz'ize umhlaba, luchithe izoni zawo kuwo.

<sup>10</sup> Ngokuba izinkanyezi zezulu nawondwenjana bazo akuyikukhanya; ilanga liyakuba mnyama ekuphumeni kwalo, nenyanga ayisayikukhipa ukukhanya kwayo.

<sup>11</sup> Ngiyakulijezisa izwe ngobubi balo, nababi ngezono zabo, ngenze ukuba kuphele ukuzidla kwabaziqhenyayo, ngithobise ukuziphakamisa kwabacindezeli.

<sup>12</sup> Ngiyakwenza umuntu abe yigugu kunegolide elihle, yebo, umuntukazana kunegolide elicwengekileyo.

<sup>13</sup> Ngalokho ngiyakuzamazamisa izulu, umhlaba unyakaziswe endaweni yawo, ngentukuthelo kaJehova Sebawoti ngosuku lokuvutha kwentukuthelo yakhe.

<sup>14</sup> Kuyakuthi njengensephe exoshwayo nezimvu ezingaqoqwa muntu, baphendukele, kube yilowo nalowo kubantu bakubo, babalekele, kube yilowo ezweni lakubo.

<sup>15</sup> Bonke abatholwayo bayakugwazwa, nabo bonke ababanjwayo bayakuwa ngenkempa.

<sup>16</sup> Izingane zabo ziyakuchotshozwa emehlweni abo, izindlu zabo ziphangwe, omkabo baphoqwe.

<sup>17</sup> Bhekani, ngiyakubavusela amaMede angayikunaka isiliva, negolide angathokozi ngalo.

<sup>18</sup> Iminsalo iyakuwisa phansi izinsizwa zabo; abayikuhawukela isithelo esisesizalweni, amehlo abo angabi nasihe kubantwana.

<sup>19</sup> IBabele, umhlobiso wemibuso, isivunulo sokuzikhukhumeza kwamaKaledi, liyakuba njengokuchitha kukaNkulunkulu iSodoma neGomora.

<sup>20</sup> Alisoze labuye lakhiwa, akusayikuhlalwa kulo ezizukulwaneni ngezizukulwane; umArabiya akayikumisa khona, nabelusi abayikulala lapho nemihlambi yabo.

<sup>21</sup> Kepha izilwane zasehlane ziyakubuthisa khona, nezindlu zalo ziyakugcwala izikhova; kuyakuhlala lapho izintshe, namademoni ayakungqabashiya khona.

<sup>22</sup> Izimpungushe ziyakukhala ezinqabeni zalo, namakhanka ezindlini zamakhosi; siseduze ukufika isikhathi salo, nezinsuku zalo aziyikwandiswa.

## ISAPHELA 14

**N**gokuba uJehova uyakumhawukela uJakobe, abuye amkhethe u-Israyeli, ababeke ezweni lakubo; nabafokazi bayakuzihlanganisa nabo, banamathele endlini kaJakobe.

<sup>2</sup> Abantu bayakubathatha, babayise ezindaweni zabo; indlu yakwa-Israyeli iyakubenza ifa ezweni likaJehova, babe yizinceku nezincekukazi, babathumbe labo abakade bethunjiwe yibo, babuse phezu kwabacindezeli babo.

<sup>3</sup> Kuyakuthi ngosuku uJehova akuphumuza ngalo ebuhlungwini bakho, nasekuhluphekeni kwakho, nasemsebenzini olukhuni obusetshenziswa ngawo,

- <sup>4</sup> uphakamise lesi saga ngenkosi yaseBabele, uthi: “Yeka ukuphela komcindezeli nokugcina kokubhensa!
- <sup>5</sup> UJehova waphulile udondolo lwababi nentonga yababusi
- <sup>6</sup> eyashaya abantu ngentukuthelo ngokushaya okunganqamukiyo, eyabusa izizwe ngolaka ngokuzingela okunganqandwanga.
- <sup>7</sup> Wonke umhlaba uyaphumula, usenokuthula; baqhumuka ngokuhlabelela.
- <sup>8</sup> Yebo, nemisayipuresi ithokoza ngawe, kanye nemisedari yaseLebanoni, ngokuthi: ‘Selokhu walaliswa phansi, akakho umgawuli okhuphukela kithina.’
- <sup>9</sup> Indawo yabafileyo ngaphansi inyakazisiwe ukuba ikuhlangabeze ekufikeni kwakho, ikuvusele izithunzi, zonke izikhulu zomhlaba, isukumise onke amakhosi ezizwe ezihlalweni zawo zobukhosi.
- <sup>10</sup> Onke ayakuthatha athi kuwe: Nawe usubuthakathaka njengathi, usufana nathi, na?
- <sup>11</sup> Ubukhosi bakho sebehlistelwe endaweni yabafileyo, umsindo wezingubhu zenu; izimpethu zenekiwe ngaphansi kwakho, nezibungu ziyakusibekela.
- <sup>12</sup> “Yeka ukuwa kwakho ezulwini, khwezi elikhanyayo, ndodana yokusa, nokunqunyelwa kwakho phansi, wena owawuthobisa izizwe.
- <sup>13</sup> Wena wathi enhliziyweni yakho: ‘Ngiyakukhuphukela ezulwini, ngiphakamise isihlalo sami sobukhosi phezu kwezinkanyezi zikaNkulunkulu, ngihlale entabeni yomhlangano ngasekugcineni kwasenyakatho.
- <sup>14</sup> Ngiyakukhuphuka phezu kwezindawo eziphakemeyo zamafu, ngizenze ngibe ngangoPhezukonke.’
- <sup>15</sup> Kepha uyakwehliselwa endaweni yabafileyo, ekugcineni komgodi.
- <sup>16</sup> “Abakubonayo bayakugqolozela, bakuqaphele, bathi: ‘Nguye lo muntu owawuzamazamisa umhlaba, wanyakazisa imibuso,
- <sup>17</sup> owenza izwe laba yihlane, wayichitha imizi yalo, akavumela iziboshwa zakhe ukuba zigoduke, na?’
- <sup>18</sup> Onke amakhosi ezizwe, onke alala ngodumo, yileyo naleyo endlini yayo.
- <sup>19</sup> Kepha wena ulahliwe ngaphandle kwethuna lakho njengegatsha elinengekayo, ligqokwe ngababuleweyo, abahlatshwe yinkemba, abehlela ematsheni omgodi njengesidumbu esinyathelweyo.
- <sup>20</sup> Awuyikuhlanganiswa nabo ekumbelweni, ngokuba uchithile izwe lakho, wabulala abantu bakho; inzalo yababi ayisayikubizwa ngegama naphakade.
- <sup>21</sup> Lungiselani abantwana bakhe ukubulawa ngobubi bawoyise, ukuze bangavuki, badle ifa lomhlaba, bagcwalise ubuso bezwe ngemizi.”
- <sup>22</sup> “Ngiyakubavukela,” usho uJehova Sebawoti, “nginqume eBabele igama, nensali, nendodana, nomzukulwana,” usho uJehova.
- <sup>23</sup> “Ngiyakulenza libe yifa likanondwebu namachibi amanzi, ngilishanele ngomshanelo wencithakalo,” usho uJehova Sebawoti.
- <sup>24</sup> UJehova Sebawoti ufungile, wathi: “Impela njengokulinganisa kwami kuyakuba njalo, nanjengokunquma kwami kuyakuma kanjalo
- <sup>25</sup> ukuthi ngiyakumaphula owase-Asiriya ezweni lami, ngimnyathele phansi ezintabeni zami; bese lisuka kubo ijoka lakhe, nomthwalo wakhe usuke emahlombe abo.”
- <sup>26</sup> Yilesi esiyisinqumo esinqunyiwe emhlabeni wonke; yilesi esiyisandla eseluliwe phezu kwezizwe zonke.
- <sup>27</sup> Ngokuba uJehova Sebawoti unqumile; ngubani ongakuchitha na? Isandla sakhe singeseluliweyo; ngubani ongasibuyisa na?



- <sup>28</sup> Ngomnyaka wokufa kwenkosi u-Ahazi kwavela lesi siprofetho.
- <sup>29</sup> Ungathokozi wena Filistiya lonke ngokuthi intonga ekushayileyo yaphukile, ngokuba empandeni yenyoka kuyakuphuma ibululu, nenzalo yalo iyakuba yinyoka endizayo.
- <sup>30</sup> Amazibulo abampofu ayakuklaba, nabaswelayo bayakulala belondekile; ngiyakubulala impande yakho ngendlala, nensali yakho iyakubhujiswa.
- <sup>31</sup> Klewula wena sango, dazuluka wena muzi, phela amandla wena Filistiya lonke! Ngokuba enyakatho kuvela umusi; akakho oyakwahlukana nebutho lakhe.
- <sup>32</sup> Izithunywa zesizwe ziyakuphendulwa ngokuthini na? Ukuthi nguJehova obeke isisekelo eSiyoni; abahluphekayo babantu bakhe bayakuphephela kulo.

## ISAHLUKO 15

- I**siprofetho ngoMowabi. Impela ebusuku bunye i-Ari Mowabi linqotshiwe, lichithekile; impela ebusuku bunye iKhiru Mowabi linqotshiwe, lichithekile.
- <sup>2</sup> Bayakhuphukela ethempelini; iDiboni lenyukela ezindaweni eziphakemeyo ukuyokhala; uMowabi uyaklewula eNebo naseMedeba; onke amakhanda ayizimpandlana, zonke izilevu ziphuculiwe.
- <sup>3</sup> Ezitaladini zabo bayabhinca indwangu yamasaka, nasophahleni lwabo nasezigcawini zabo bayaklewula bonke, bamululeka izinyembezi.
- <sup>4</sup> IHeshiboni liyadazuluka kanye ne-Elehale; izwi labo lizwakala kuze kube naseJahasi; ngalokho amabutho akwaMowabi ayakhamuluka, umphefumulo wakhe uyathuthumela phakathi kwakhe.
- <sup>5</sup> Inhliziyo yami ikhalela uMowabi; ababalekileyo bakhe bayabalekela eSora, nase Egila Shelishiya; yebo, nasegqumeni laseLuhithe bakhuphukela bekhala, nasendleleni eya eHoronayimi, bephakamisa izwi lokudazuluka.
- <sup>6</sup> Ngokuba amanzi aseNimrimi ayincithakalo, notshani buyoma, uhlaza luyaphela, akusekho okuluhlaza.
- <sup>7</sup> Ngalokho okuseleyo abakutholileyo, nemfuyo yabo, bakuwelisa uMfula Weminyezane.
- <sup>8</sup> Ngokuba ukukhala kuzungeze imikhawulo yakwaMowabi, nokuklewula kwakhe kuze kube se-Egelayimi, nokububula kwakhe kuze kube seBeri Elimi.
- <sup>9</sup> Ngokuba amanzi aseDimoni agcwele igazi; yebo, ngiyakwehlisela iDimoni nokunye: ingonyama phezu kwabasindileyo bakwaMowabi, insali yezwe.

## ISAHLUKO 16

- T**humani amawundlu ombusi wezwe aphume eSela ngasehlane, aye entabeni yendodakazi yaseSiyoni.
- <sup>2</sup> Kuyakuthi njengezinyoni ezizulazulayo, njengamaphuphu ahlakazekileyo, abe njalo amadodakazi akwaMowabi emazibukweni ase-Arinoni.
- <sup>3</sup> “Lulekanani, nenze izinqumo, ubeke isithunzi sakho njengobusuku phakathi kwemini, nithukuse abaxoshiweyo, ningadaluli ababalekileyo.
- <sup>4</sup> Abaxoshiweyo bakwaMowabi mabahlale kuwe; mawube yisivikelo kubo ebusweni bomchithi.” Lapho umcindezeli esephelile, nokuchitha sekuyekiwe, nabanyathelayo sebeqediwe ezweni,
- <sup>5</sup> kuyakumiswa isihlalo sobukhosi ngomusa, kuhlale kuso ngeqiniso etendeni likaDavide umahluleli ofuna ukwahlulela esheshisa ukulunga.



- <sup>6</sup> Sizwile ngokuziphakamisa kukaMowabi ukuthi uphakeme kakhulu, nangokuzidla kwakhe nokuziqhenya kwakhe nentukuthelo yakhe nokuphafuza kwakhe okuzenzisayo.
- <sup>7</sup> Ngalokho uMowabi uyaklewula ngoMowabi; bonke bayakuklewula. Niyakukhala ngezigaxa zezithelo zomvini ezomileyo zaseKhiri Haresheti nidabukile kakhulu.
- <sup>8</sup> Ngokuba amasimu aseHeshiboni abunile kanye nomvini waseSibima; amakhosi ezizwe achithile amagatsha awo; afinyelela naseJazeri, edukela nasehlane; amahlumela awo elulwa, awela ulwandle.
- <sup>9</sup> Ngalokho ngiyakukhalela umvini waseSibima njengokukhala kweJazeri, ngikumanzise, Heshiboni, ngezinyembezi zami, nawe Elehale, ngokuba phezu kwezithelo zakho nokuvuna kwakho kuwile ukumemeza kwempi.
- <sup>10</sup> Ukuthokoza kususiwe kanye nokujabula ensimini; nasezivinini akuhlatshelelwa, akujatshulwa; abanyathelayo abalinyatheli iwayini ezikhamweni; ngenze ukuba kuphele ukumemeza.
- <sup>11</sup> Ngalokho inhliziyo yami iyakhala njengehabhu ngoMowabi, nokuphakathi kwami ngeKhiri Heresi.
- <sup>12</sup> Kuyakuthi lapho uMowabi esebonakala, azikhathaze endaweni ephakemeyo, aye endlini yakhe engcwele ukuba athandaze, angaphumeleli.
- <sup>13</sup> Yileli izwi uJehova alikhulumayo ngoMowabi ngaleso sikhathi.
- <sup>14</sup> Kepha manje uJehova ukhulumile ukuthi: “Phakathi kweminyaka emithathu njengeminyaka yomqashwa udumo lukaMowabi luyakudelelwa, noma enezixuku eziningi; insali iyakuba ncane kakhulu, ingabi namandla.”

## ISAPHLUKO 17

**I**siprofetho ngeDamaseku. “IDamaseku liyakususwa, lingabe lisaba ngumuzi, libe yinxiswa nencithakalo

- <sup>2</sup> eshiyiwe kuze kube phakade, neyakuba ngeyemihlambi ebuthisa khona, ingesatshiswa muntu.
- <sup>3</sup> Inqaba iyakuphela kwa-Efrayimi, nombuso eDamaseku, nensali e-Aramu, kube njengodumo lwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli,” usho uJehova Sebawoti.
- <sup>4</sup> “Kuyakuthi ngalolo suku udumo luka Jakobe lube buthakathaka, kuzace ukukhuluphala kwenyama yakhe.
- <sup>5</sup> Kuyakuba njengomvuni ovuna amabele aseminquma nengalo yakhe evuna izikhwebu, kube njengokukha izikhwebu esiGodini samaRefa.
- <sup>6</sup> Kepha umkhotohozo uyakusala khona njengokushaywa kweminquma: izithelo ezimbili noma ezintathu enhlokweni phezulu, ezine noma eziyisihlanu emagatsheni omuthi,” usho uJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli.
- <sup>7</sup> Ngalolo suku abantu bayakumbheka uMenzi wabo, namehlo abo ayakumbuka oNgcwele ka-Israyeli.
- <sup>8</sup> Abayikubheka ama-altare abo, umsebenzi wezandla zabo, bangabuki okwenziwe yiminwe yabo, o-Ashera nama-altare empepho.
- <sup>9</sup> Ngalolo suku imizi yabo enamandla iyakuba njengezindawo ezishiyiweyo zasehlathini nezaseziqongweni zezintaba abazishiya phambi kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli zibe yincithakalo.
- <sup>10</sup> Ngokuba ukhohliwe uNkulunkulu wokusindiswa kwakho, awukhumbulanga idwala lamandla akho; ngalokho noma utshala izithombo ezimnandi, uhlwanyele amahlumela

angaziwayo,

<sup>11</sup> ngosuku lokutshala kwakho, lapho ubiyela, nangokusa kokuhlwanyela kwakho, lapho wenza ukuba kuqhakaze, ukuvuna kuyakubaleka ngosuku losizi nolobuhlungu obungenakupholiswa.

<sup>12</sup> Wo kukho ukuhlokoma kwezizwe eziningi ezihlokoma njengokuhlokoma kwezilwandle, nomsindo wokuxokozela kwabezizwe abaxokozela njengokuxokozela kwamanzi amaningi.

<sup>13</sup> Izizwe ziyaxokozela njengokuxokozela kwamanzi amaningi, kodwa uyakuzisola, zibalekele kude, zixoshwe njengamakhoba asezintabeni phambi komoya, nothuli olushwilayo phambi kwesiphepho.

<sup>14</sup> Ngesikhathi sokuhlwa, bheka, yingebhe; kungakasi azisekho. Yilesi esiyisabelo sabasiphangayo, nenkatho yabasamukayo.

## ISAHLUKO 18

**W**o kuwena lizwe lokushazwa kwamaphiko eliphesheya komfula waseKushe,

<sup>2</sup> elithuma izigijimi ngolwandle nangemikhumbi yemihlanga phezu kwamanzi. Hambani nina zithunywa ezinejubane, niye esizweni esidephileyo nesikhazimulayo, kubantu abesabekayo lapha nasekudeni, isizwe esinamandla amakhulu nesinyathelayo, esilizwe laso lidatshulwe yimifula.

<sup>3</sup> Nonke nina enakhileyo ezweni nani nonke enihlezi emhlabeni bhekani, lapho ibhanela liphakanyiswa ezintabeni; zwanini, lapho icilongo libethwa.

<sup>4</sup> Ngokuba uJehova ushilo kimi kanje, wathi: “Ngiyakubheka ngithule, ngisendaweni yami, njengokubalela okukhazimula ekukhanyeni kwelanga, njengefu lamazolo ekufudumaleni ngesikhathi sokuvuna.”

<sup>5</sup> Ngokuba kungakafiki ukuvuna, nokukhahlela sekuphelile, nembali isiphenduka isithelo esivuthiweyo, uyakunquma amahlumela ngawocelemba, awasike amagatsha, awasuse.

<sup>6</sup> Ayakushiya ndawonye abe ngawamanqe asezintabeni nawezilwane zasemhlabeni; amanye ayakuhlala ehlobo phezu kwawo, nazo zonke izilwane zomhlaba ziyakuhlala ebusika phezu kwawo.

<sup>7</sup> Ngaleso sikhathi kuyakulethwa isipho kuJehova Sebawoti yibo abantu abadephileyo nabakhazimulayo, sivela kubantu abesabekayo lapha nasekudeni, isizwe esinamandla amakhulu nesinyathelayo, esilizwe laso lidatshulwe yimifula, endaweni yegama likaJehova Sebawoti, intaba yaseSiyoni.

## ISAHLUKO 19

**I**siprofetho ngeGibithe. Bheka, uJehova ukhwele phezu kwefu elinejubane, uyeza eGibithe; onkulunkulu baseGibithe bayathuthumela ebusweni bakhe, nezinhliziyi zabaseGibithe ziphela amandla phakathi kwabo.

<sup>2</sup> “Ngiyakuvusa abaseGibithe ukuba bamelane nabaseGibithe, balwe, kube yilowo nalowo nomfowabo, kube yilowo nalowo nomakhelwane wakhe, umuzi nomuzi, umbuso nombuso.

<sup>3</sup> Umoya waseGibithe uyakuba yize ngaphakathi kwalo; ngiyakuchitha amasu alo; bayakufuna onkulunkulu, nezinyanga, nabanamadlozi, nabathakathi.

<sup>4</sup> Ngiyakubanikeza abaseGibithe esandleni senkosi elukhuni, nenkosi enamandla iyakubusa phezu kwabo,” isho iNkosi uJehova Sebawoti.

- <sup>5</sup> Amanzi ayakuphela elwandle, umfula wome, ushe.
- <sup>6</sup> Imifula iyakunuka, imifudlana yaseGibithe iyakuncipha, yome, kubune umhlanga nebungu.
- <sup>7</sup> Kuyakuba khona uqwathule ngaseNayile, ngasogwini lweNayile, nakho konke okutshaliwe ngaseNayile kuyakoma, kuhlakazwe, kungabe kusababikho.
- <sup>8</sup> Abadobi bayakukhala, balile, bonke abaphonsa udobo eNayile; nabeneka amanetha emanzini bayakudabuka.
- <sup>9</sup> Bayakujabha abasebenza ngefilakisi eliklayiweyo kanye nabaluki belineni.
- <sup>10</sup> Izisekelo zalo ziyakwaphulwa, bonke abasebenza ngokuqashwa badabuke ngenhliziyo.
- <sup>11</sup> Izikhulu zaseSowani ziyiziwula impela, nesiluleko sabaluleki abahlakaniphileyo bakaFaro siphendukile ubuwula; ningasho kanjani kuFaro ukuthi: “Mina ngiyindodana yabahlakaniphileyo, ngiyindodana yamakhosi asendulo,” na?
- <sup>12</sup> Pho, baphi abahlakaniphileyo bakho na? Mabakutshela, bakwazise lokhu akucebile uJehova Sebawoti ngeGibithe.
- <sup>13</sup> Izikhulu zaseSowani ziphendukile iziwula, izikhulu zaseNofi zikhohlisiwe; balidukisile iGibithe abangamatshe amagumbi ezizwe zalo.
- <sup>14</sup> UJehova uthulule umoya ophambeneyo phakathi kwabo, baze balintengantengise iGibithe kuyo yonke imisebenzi yalo njengesidakwa sintengantenga ebuhlanzweni baso.
- <sup>15</sup> IGibithe aliyikuba namsebenzi oyakwenziwa yikhanda nomsila, negatsha lesundu nomhlanga.
- <sup>16</sup> Ngalolo suku iGibithe liyakuba njengabesifazane, lithuthumele, lesabe ukunikina kwesandla sikaJehova Sebawoti asinikina phezu kwalo.
- <sup>17</sup> Izwe lakwaJuda liyakuba yingebhe yeGibithe; njalo lapho likhunjuzwa ngalo, liyakwesaba icebo uJehova Sebawoti alicebe ngalo.
- <sup>18</sup> Ngalolo suku kuyakuba yimizi eyisihlanu ezweni laseGibithe eyakukhuluma ulimi lwaseKhanani, ifunge uJehova Sebawoti; omunye uyakuthiwa uMuzi Welanga.
- <sup>19</sup> Ngalolo suku kuyakuba khona i-altare kuJehova phakathi kwezwe laseGibithe, nensika kuJehova emkhawulweni walo.
- <sup>20</sup> Liyakuba yisibonakaliso nobufakazi kuJehova Sebawoti ezweni laseGibithe, ngokuba bayakukhala kuJehova ngabacindezeli; yena uyakubathumela umsindisi nomvikeli, abophule.
- <sup>21</sup> UJehova uyakuzazisa eGibithe, nabaseGibithe bayakumazi uJehova ngalolo suku, bamkhonze ngomhlatshelelolo nomnikelo, benze izithembiso kuJehova, bazigcwalise.
- <sup>22</sup> UJehova uyakulishaya iGibithe, elishaya, abeseliphulukisa; bayakubuyela kuJehova, bamncenge, abaphulukise.
- <sup>23</sup> Ngalolo suku kuyakuba khona umendo ophuma eGibithe uye e-Asiriya; i-Asiriya liyakungena eGibithe, iGibithe lingene e-Asiriya, iGibithe likhuleke kanye ne-Asiriya.
- <sup>24</sup> Ngalolo suku u-Israyeli uyakuba ngowesithathu kanye neGibithe ne-Asiriya, babe yisibusiso phakathi komhlaba,
- <sup>25</sup> uJehova Sebawoti ababusisa ngaso, ethi: “Malibusiswe iGibithe abantu bami, ne-Asiriya umsebenzi wezandla zami, no-Israyeli ifa lami.”

## ISAHLUKO 20

**N**gomnyaka wokufika kukaTharithani e-Ashidodi, ethunywe nguSarigoni, inkosi yase-Asiriya, walwa ne-Ashidodi, walithatha,

<sup>2</sup> ngaleso sikhathi uJehova wakhuluma ngesandla sika-Isaya indodana ka-Amose, wathi: “Hamba uthukulule indwangu yamasaka okhalweni lwakho, ukhumule izicathulo zakho ezinyaweni zakho.” Wenze njalo, wahamba ze, akafakanga nazicathulo.

<sup>3</sup> UJehova wathi: “Njengalokhu inceku yami u-Isaya isihambe ze ingafakile nazicathulo iminyaka emithathu, iyisibonakaliso nesimangaliso eGibithe naseKushe,

<sup>4</sup> kanjalo inkosi yase-Asiriya iyakumukisa abathunjwa baseGibithe nabaxoshiweyo baseKushe, abasha nabadala, behamba ze, bengafakile nazicathulo, izinqe zabo zihlubuliwe, kube yihlazo laseGibithe.

<sup>5</sup> Bayakuphela amandla, babe namahloni ngeKushe ithemba labo nangeGibithe udumo lwabo.

<sup>6</sup> Abakhileyo kuleli elingasogwini bayakuthi ngalolo suku: ‘Bheka, linjalo ithemba lethu esabalekela kulo ukuba sisizwe, sophulwe enkosini yase-Asiriya; pho-ke, thina siyakuphunyuka kanjani na?’ ”

## ISAHLUKO 21

**I**siprofetho ngehlane lolwandle. Njengokudlula kwezivunguvungu eningizimu kuvela ehlane ezweni elesabekayo.

<sup>2</sup> Ngitshelwe umbono olukhuni: umphangi uyaphanga, umchithi uyachitha. Yenyuka, Elamu, vimbezela, Mediya; konke ukukhala kwalo ngikwenza kuphele.

<sup>3</sup> Ngalokho ukhalo lwami lugcwele imihelo; inkwantshu ingibambile njengenkwantshu yobe lethayo; ngikhonkobe ukuba ngingezwa, ngiphele amandla ukuba ngingaboni.

<sup>4</sup> Ngadukelwa yingqondo, ngashaywa luvalo; ukuhwelela engakulangazelela kwaphenduka ukuthuthumela kimi.

<sup>5</sup> Ngukulungisa itafula yini? Ngukwendlala izindwangu, ukudla nokuphuza, na? Hhayi, sukumani, zikhulu, nicobe izihlangu.

<sup>6</sup> Ngokuba ishilo kanje iNkosi, yathi: “Hamba umise umlindi ozakubika akubonayo.

<sup>7</sup> Lapho ebona abamahhashi, amahhashi amabili ngamabili, nezinkweli zezimbongolo, nezinkweli zamakamela, uyakuqaphela nokuqaphela ngesineke esikhulu.”

<sup>8</sup> Obonayo wayesememeza, wathi: “Nkosi yami, ngimi njalo emini embhoshongweni wami, ngihlezi ngisemlindelweni nasebusuku bonke.

<sup>9</sup> Bheka, kuyeza isigaba samadoda, amahhashi amabili ngamabili. Wathatha wathi: ‘Liwile, liwile iBabele, nazo zonke izithombe ezibaziweyo zawonkulunkulu balo zidilizwe phansi.’ ”

<sup>10</sup> Wena ongokubhuliweyo kwami kwesibuya sami, engikuzwileyo kuJehova Sebawoti, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, khona ngiyanazisa.

<sup>11</sup> Isiprofetho ngeDuma. Ukhona ongimemeza ngiseSeyiri, ethi: “Mlindi, yisikhathi sini sobusuku na? Mlindi, yisikhathi sini sobusuku na?”

<sup>12</sup> Umlindi wathi: “Kuyeza ukusa, kepha kuse sebusuku. Uma nithanda ukubuza, buzani; buyani nize.”

<sup>13</sup> Isiprofetho nge-Arabiya. Hlalani ebusuku ehlathini lase-Arabiya nina mahele aseDedanimi.

<sup>14</sup> Owomileyo bamlethela amanzi abakhileyo ezweni laseThema, bahlangabeza ababalekayo nesinkwa.

- <sup>15</sup> Ngokuba babalekela izinkemba, izinkemba ezihoshiweyo, neminsalo ensaliweyo, nobunzima bempi.
- <sup>16</sup> Ngokuba iNkosi ishilo kimi kanje, yathi: “Phakathi komnyaka, njengeminyaka yomqashwa, udumo lonke lwaseKedari luyakuphela,
- <sup>17</sup> nensali yenani leminsalo yamaqhawe abaseKedari iyakuba ncane,” ngokuba uJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli ukhulumile.

## ISAHLUKO 22

**I**siprofetho ngesiGodi Sombono. Yini, pho, ukuba ukhuphukele wonke ophahleni lwezindlu

- <sup>2</sup> wena muzi ogcwele ukumemeza, oxokozelayo, muzi othokozayo, na? Ababuleweyo bakho ababulawanga ngenkemba, kabafelanga empini.
- <sup>3</sup> Zonke izinduna zakho zibalekile kanyekanye, zaboshwa ngaphandle kweminsalo; zonke ezakho ezafunyanwayo zaboshwa kanyekanye, noma zazibalekele kude.
- <sup>4</sup> Ngalokho ngathi: “Ningangibheki, ngiyakukhala ngomunyu; ningazami ukungiduduza ngenxa yokuchithwa kwendodakazi yabantu bami.”
- <sup>5</sup> Ngokuba kulusuku lokukhathazeka, nolakunyathelwa phansi, nolakukhungatheka, oluvela eNkosini uJehova Sebawoti esiGodini Sombono kanye nokudilizwa kwezingange nokumemeza ezintabeni.
- <sup>6</sup> I-Elamu lathwala isambo phakathi kwezingqola, nabantu, namahhashi, neKhiri lambula isihlangu.
- <sup>7</sup> Kwathi izigodi zakho ezikhethekileyo zagcwala izinqola, nabamahhashi bazihlela nokuzihlela ngasesangweni.
- <sup>8</sup> Wasisusa isimbozo kwaJuda; wena wabheka ngalolo suku izikhali zasendlini yehlathi.
- <sup>9</sup> Nabona imifantu emzini kaDavide ukuthi yayiminingi, nawaqoqa amanzi asechibini lasenzansi.
- <sup>10</sup> Nazibala izindlu zaseJerusalema, nazidiliza izindlu ukuba niluqinise ugange.
- <sup>11</sup> Futhi nenzela amanzi echibi elidala umgodi phakathi kwezingange zombili, kepha anibhekanga kumenzi walokho, animnakanga okade wakunquma.
- <sup>12</sup> Ngalolo suku iNkosi uJehova Sebawoti yabizela ukukhala, nokulila, nobumpandla, nokubhinca indwangu yamasaka,
- <sup>13</sup> kepha bheka, nakhu ukujabula, nokuthokoza, nokubulala izinkabi, nokuhlaba izimvu, ukudla inyama nokuphuza iwayini, ngokuthi: “Masidle, siphuze, ngokuba ngomuso sizakufa.”
- <sup>14</sup> Kepha uJehova Sebawoti wazibonakalisa ezindlebeni zami, wathi: “Impela lesi sono asiyikuhlangulwa kini nize nife,” isho iNkosi uJehova Sebawoti.
- <sup>15</sup> Isho kanje iNkosi uJehova Sebawoti, ithi: “Hamba uye kuleyo nduna uShebina ophezu kwendlu, uthi:
- <sup>16</sup> ‘Wenzani lapha, futhi unobani lapha ukuba uziqophele lapha ithuna na? Uziqophela ithuna lakhe phezulu, uzikipilitela indawo yokuhlala edwaleni!’
- <sup>17</sup> “Bheka, uJehova uyakukulahla njengalokhu umuntu elahla, abambe nokubamba.
- <sup>18</sup> Uyakukuthandela nokukuthandela njengokuthandelweyo, akulahle njengegabade ezweni elibanzi. Uyakufela khona, lapho kuyakuba khona nezingqola zodumo lwakho wena hlazo lendlu yenkosi yakho.
- <sup>19</sup> Ngiyakukuhloloza esikhundleni sakho, ngikuwise endaweni yakho.

- <sup>20</sup> “Kuyakuthi ngalolo suku ngiyibize inceku yami u-Eliyakimi indodana kaHilikiya;
- <sup>21</sup> ngiyakumbathisa ingubo yakho, ngimqinise ngebhande lakho, nginikeze ukubusa kwakho esandleni sakhe, abe nguyise kwabakhileyo eJerusalema nakuyo indlu yakwaJuda.
- <sup>22</sup> Ngiyakubeka isihluthelole sendlu kaDavide ehlombe lakhe; uyakuvula kungavali muntu, avale kungavuli muntu.
- <sup>23</sup> Ngiyakumbethelisa okwesipikili endaweni eqinileyo, abe yisihlalo sobukhosi esikhazimulayo endlini kayise.
- <sup>24</sup> Bayakuphanyeka phezu kwakhe lonke udumo lwendlu kayise, inzalo nabantwana, zonke izitsha ezincane, imicengezi nezinkamba.
- <sup>25</sup> “Ngalolo suku,” usho uJehova Sebwoti, “isipikili esabethelwa endaweni eqinileyo siyakukhumuka, siqanyulwe, siwe, nomthwalo obukuso unqunywe,” ngokuba uJehova ukhulumile.

## ISIAHLUKO 23

**I**siprofetho ngeTire. Klewulani nina, Mikhumbi yaseTharishishi, ngokuba lichithekile; indlu ayisekho, nokungena akusenakwenzeka; kwambulelwe kubo kuvela ezweni laseKitimi.

- <sup>2</sup> Thulani nina enakhileyo ngasogwini, nina abathengisi baseSidoni abanigcwalisile bedabula elwandle.
- <sup>3</sup> Emanzini amaningi imbewu yaseSihori nokuvuna kweNayile kwakuyinzuzo yalo; laliyindawo yokuthenga kuzo izizwe.
- <sup>4</sup> Yiba namahloni wena Sidoni, ngokuba lukhulumile ulwandle, inqaba yolwandle, ngokuthi: “Angibanga namihelo, angizalanga, angikhulisanga izinsizwa, angondlanga izintombi.”
- <sup>5</sup> Lapho kubikwa eGibithe, bayakuthuthumela ngokuzwa ngeTire.
- <sup>6</sup> Welani niye eTharishishi; klewulani nina enakhileyo ngasogwini.
- <sup>7</sup> Yilowo ongumuzi wenu ojabulayo, ubudala bawo busukela ezinsukwini zasendulo, owayiswa kude yizinyawo zawo ukuba uhlale khona, na?
- <sup>8</sup> Ngubani ocebe lokhu ngeTire eliqhelisayo, elibathengi balo bayizikhulu, nabahwebi balo bangabadumileyo bomhlaba, na?
- <sup>9</sup> NguJehova Sebwoti okucebileyo ukuba konakaliswe ukuziphakamisa kwabo bonke ubukhosi, badeleleke bonke abadumileyo bomhlaba.
- <sup>10</sup> Dabula izwe lakho njengeNayile, ndodakazi yaseTharishishi; akusekho bhande.
- <sup>11</sup> Welulile isandla sakhe phezu kolwandle, wazamazamisa imibuso; uJehova uyalezile ngeKhanani ukuba kuchithwe izinqaba zalo.
- <sup>12</sup> Wathi: “Awusayikujabula wena ntombi ehlazisiweyo, ndodakazi yaseSidoni; vuka, uwelele eKitimi; nalapho awuyikuthola ukuphumula.”
- <sup>13</sup> Bheka, izwe lamaKaledi, leso sizwe esingasekho, esanqunyelwa yi-Asiriya izilwane zasehlane, limisa imibhoshongo, lizenza ize izindlu zaso zamakhosi, lenza laba yincithakalo.
- <sup>14</sup> Klewulani nina mikhumbi yaseTharishishi, ngokuba inqaba yenu ichithekile.
- <sup>15</sup> Kuyakuthi ngalolo suku iTire likhohlakale iminyaka engamashumi ayisikhombisa njengezinsuku zankosinye. Ngasekupheleni kweminyaka engamashumi ayisikhombisa kuyakuba khona kulo iTire njengasesihlabelelweni sesifebe:
- <sup>16</sup> “Thatha ihabhu, uhambahambe emzini wena sifebe esikhohlakeleyo, ubethe kamnandi,

uhlabelele izihlabelelo eziningi, ukuze ukhunjulwe.”

<sup>17</sup> Kuyakuthi ngasekupheleni kweminyaka engamashumi ayisikhombisa uJehova ahambele iTire, lona libuyele enzuzweni yalo, lifebe nayo yonke imibuso yezwe ebusweni bomhlaba.

<sup>18</sup> Intengo yalo nenzuzo yalo iyakuba ngcwele kuJehova; ayiyikunqwabelwa, ilondolozwe, ngokuba intengo yalo iyakuba ngeyabahlala phambi kukaJehova, ukuze badle basuthe, babe nezingubo ezinhle.

## ISAHLUKO 24

**B**heka, uJehova wenza ize umhlaba, awuchithe, agumbuqe ubuso bawo, ahlakaze abakhileyo kuwo.

<sup>2</sup> Kuyakuthi njengakubantu kube njalo kumpristi, nanjengasencekwini kube njalo enkosini yayo, nanjengasencekukazini kube njalo enkosikazini yayo, nanjengakumthengi kube njalo kumthengisi, nanjengakotshelekayo kube njalo kobolekayo, nanjengakobiza inzalo kube njalo kokhokha inzalo.

<sup>3</sup> Umhlaba uyakuba yize leze, uphangwe nokuphangwa, ngokuba uJehova ukhulumile izwi lakhe.

<sup>4</sup> Umhlaba uyalila, ubune; izwe liyaphela amandla, linyamalale, abaphakemeyo bomhlaba badangale.

<sup>5</sup> Umhlaba wonakalisiwe phansi kwabakhileyo kuwo, ngokuba beqile imithetho, badlulile ezimisweni, baphulile isivumelwano esiphakade.

<sup>6</sup> Ngalokho isiqalekiso sidlile umhlaba, nabakhileyo kuwo batholiswa icala; ngalokho abakhileyo emhlabeni bayashiswa, kusale abantu abayingcosana nje.

<sup>7</sup> Iwayini elisha liyalila, umvini uyahhuma, bonke ababethokoza ngenhliziyo bayabubula.

<sup>8</sup> Ukujabula kwezigubhu kunqamukile, ukuxokozela kwabajabulayo kuphelile, nenjabulo yehabhu ikhawukile.

<sup>9</sup> Abasayikuphuza iwayini ngesihlabelelo; uphuzo olunamandla luyakubaba kubo abaluphuzayo.

<sup>10</sup> Umuzi oyihlane ubhidliziwe; zonke izindlu zivaliwe ukuba kungangeni muntu.

<sup>11</sup> Kukhalwa ngewayini ezitaladini; yonke intokozo inyamalele; injabulo yezwe idlulile.

<sup>12</sup> Emzini kusele incithakalo; isango livithiziwe, lachithwa.

<sup>13</sup> Ngokuba kuyakuba njalo emhlabeni phakathi kwabantu, njengokushaywa kweminqumo nanjengokukhothoza, lapho sekuvuniwe.

<sup>14</sup> Laba bayaphakamisa izwi labo, bamemeze; bajabula ngobukhosi bukaJehova entshonalanga.

<sup>15</sup> Ngalokho mdumiseni uJehova empumalanga, nasogwini lolwandle igama likaJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli.

<sup>16</sup> Siyezwa amahubo avela emikhawulweni yomhlaba, athi: “Udumo malube koLungileyo!” Kepha mina ngithi: “Ngifile, ngifile! Maye kimi!” Abakhohlisi bakhohlisile, yebo, abakhohlisi bakhohlisile nokukhohlisa.

<sup>17</sup> Ukwesaba, nomgodini, nogibe kuphezu kwakho wena owakhileyo emhlabeni.

<sup>18</sup> Kuyakuthi obalekela umsindo wokwesaba awele emgodini; okhuphuka emgodini uyakubanjwa lugibe, ngokuba amafasitele aphezulu avuliwe, nezisekelo zomhlaba ziyazamazama.

<sup>19</sup> Umhlaba uyaphuka nokwaphuka, umhlaba uyavithizwa nokuvithizwa, umhlaba



uyazanyazanyiswa nokuzanyazanyiswa.

<sup>20</sup> Umhlaba uyatengezela nokutengezela njengesidakwa, uyantengantenga njengexhiba; isiphambeko siyakuba nzima phezu kwawo, uwe, ungabe usavuka futhi.

<sup>21</sup> Kuyakuthi ngalolo suku uJehova ahambele ibandla lasezulwini phezulu, namakhosi omhlaba emhlabeni.

<sup>22</sup> Bayakubuthelwa ndawonye njengeziboshwa zibuthelwa emgodini, bavaalelwe etilongweni, bajeziswe emva kwezinsuku eziningi.

<sup>23</sup> Inyanga ekhazimulayo isiyakuyangaza, nelanga elinkemuzelayo liyakujabha, ngokuba uJehova Sebwoti uyakuba yinkosi entabeni yaseSiyoni naseJerusalema, abe yinkazimulo phambi kwamalunga akhe.

## ISAHLUKO 25

**J**ehova, unguNkulunkulu wami; ngiyakukuphakamisa, ngidumise igama lakho, ngokuba wenzile izimangaliso, namasu asendulo, nokuthembeka, neqiniso.

<sup>2</sup> Ngokuba wenzile umuzi waba yinqwaba, nomuzi obiyelweyo waba yincithakalo; indlu yamakhosi abafokazi ayiseyiwo umuzi, ayisayikwakhiwa futhi kuze kube phakade.

<sup>3</sup> Ngalokho abantu abanamandla bayakukudumisa, imizi yezizwe ezinonya zikwesabe.

<sup>4</sup> Ngokuba ubuyinqaba kwabampofu, inqaba kwabaswelayo ekucindezelweni kwabo, isiphephelo esivunguvungwini, umthunzi ekubaleleni, ngokuba umoya waba nonya, unjengesivunguvungu odongeni,

<sup>5</sup> nanjengokushisa endaweni eyomileyo. Uyathobisa umsindo wabafokazi; njengokubalela ngomthunzi wefu, kanjalo ihubo labanonya liyakudanjiswa.

<sup>6</sup> UJehova Sebwoti uyakwenzela abantu bonke idili lokukhulupheleyo kule ntaba, idili lewayini elinenhlese, okukhulupheleyo okunomnkantsha, iwayini elinenhlese elicwengekileyo.

<sup>7</sup> Uyakuchitha kule ntaba ingaphandle lesimbozo esimboza abantu bonke, nomgubuzelo ogubuzela zonke izizwe.

<sup>8</sup> Uyakugwinya ukufa kuze kube phakade; iNkosi uJehova iyakwesula izinyembezi ebusweni bonke, isuse amahloni abantu bakhe emhlabeni wonke, ngokuba uJehova ukhulumile.

<sup>9</sup> Kuyakuthiwa ngalolo suku: “Bheka, lo unguNkulunkulu wethu; simhlalele, uyakusisindisa; lo unguJehova; simhlalele; siyakujabula, sithokoze ngensindiso yakhe.”

<sup>10</sup> Ngokuba kule ntaba isandla sikaJehova siyakuphumula, noMowabi uyakunyathelwa phansi endaweni yakhe njengotshani bunyathelwa emgodini womquba.

<sup>11</sup> Noma elula izandla zakhe phakathi kwawo njengohlambayo elula ukuba ahlambe, uyakuthobisa ukuziphakamisa kwakhe kanye nobuhlakani bezandla zakhe.

<sup>12</sup> Izinqaba eziphakemeyo zezingange zakho uyakuzibhidliza, azithobise, azenze ukuba zithintane nomhlabathi nothuli.

## ISAHLUKO 26

**N**galolo suku lesi sihlabelelo siyakuhlatshelelwa ezweni lakwaJuda sokuthi: Umuzi onamandla sinawo; uyasimisela insindiso ibe yizingange nezindonga.

<sup>2</sup> Vulani amasango ukuba isizwe esilungileyo esigcina iqiniso singene.

<sup>3</sup> Inhliziyo eqinileyo uyayilinda ngokuthula okupheleleyo, ngokuba yethemba kuwe.

- <sup>4</sup> Thembani kuJehova kuze kube phakade, ngokuba uJehova, yebo, uJehova uyidwala elingunaphakade.
- <sup>5</sup> Ngokuba uthobisile ababehlezi phezulu, umuzi ophakemeyo; uyawubhidliza, uyawubhidliza kuze kube semhlabathini, awusondeze nasothulini.
- <sup>6</sup> Unyawo luyakuwunyathela phansi, izinyawo zabaswelayo, izinyathelo zabampofu.
- <sup>7</sup> Indlela yabalungileyo iqondile, umkhondo wabaqotho ulungile, uyawenza ukuba ulingane.
- <sup>8</sup> Yebo, ezindleleni zezahlulelo zakho, Jehova, sikuhlalele. Umphefumulo uyalangazelela igama lakho nesikhumbuzo sakho.
- <sup>9</sup> Ngomphefumulo wami ngikulangazelela ebusuku, yebo, ngomoya wami ophakathi kwami ngiyakufunisisa, ngokuba lapho izahlulelo zakho zisemhlabeni, abakhileyo bezwe bafunda ukulunga.
- <sup>10</sup> Uma omubi ephiwa umusa, akafundi ukulunga; ezweni lobuqotho uyakwenza ukonakala, angaboni ukuphakama kukaJehova.
- <sup>11</sup> Jehova, isandla sakho siphakeme, kepha kababoni; kodwa mababone ukushisekela kwakho abantu, babe namahloni; yebo, umlilo uyakuqeda izitha zakho.
- <sup>12</sup> Jehova, uyakusimisela ukuthula; ngokuba nayo yonke imisebenzi yethu senzelwe yona nguwe.
- <sup>13</sup> Jehova Nkulunkulu wethu, amanye amakhosi angaphandle kwakho asibusile, kepha kuwena wedwa siyadumisa igama lakho.
- <sup>14</sup> Abafileyo ababuyi baphile, izithunzi azibuyi zivuke; ngalokho wabahambela, wabachitha, wenza ukuba konke ukukhunjulwa kwabo kuphele.
- <sup>15</sup> Wandisa isizwe, Jehova, wandisa isizwe, wadunyiswa, wavula yonke imikhawulo yezwe.
- <sup>16</sup> Jehova, besekuhluphekeni bakuhambela, bazethula ngemikhuleko lapho belaywa nguwe.
- <sup>17</sup> Njengokhulelweyo osondela ukuba abelethe ezwiswa ubuhlungu, saba njalo phambi kobuso bakho, Jehova.
- <sup>18</sup> Sasikhulelwe, sasinobuhlungu, sabeletha kungathi umoya nje; asenzanga insindiso emhlabeni, nabayakwakha ezweni abasazalwa.
- <sup>19</sup> Kepha abafileyo bakho bayakubuye baphile, izidumbu zabo zivuke. Phaphamani, nijabule nina enihlala othulini, ngokuba amazolo akho angamazolo okukhanya, nomhlaba uyakubakhipha abafileyo.
- <sup>20</sup> Wozani, bantu bami, ningene emakamelweni enu, nizivalele iminyango, nicashe ngokuphazima kweso, kuze kudlule ulaka.
- <sup>21</sup> Ngokuba bhekani, uJehova uyaphuma endaweni yakhe ukuba ahambele ububi babakhileyo emhlabeni; umhlaba uyakubonakalisa igazi lawo, ungabe usabasibekela ababuleweyo babo.

## ISAYILUKO 27

**N**galolo suku uJehova uyakuhambela ngenkemba yakhe elukhuni enkulu nenamandla uLeviyathani, inyoka esheshayo, uLeviyathani, inyoka ethandelayo, abulale udrako oselwandle.

<sup>2</sup> Ngalo suku kuyakuba khona isivini esinxanelekayo. “Hlabelelani ngaso.

<sup>3</sup> Mina Jehova ngingumlindi waso, ngiyakusinisela njalo; funa soniwe, ngiyakusilinda

ubusuku nemini.

<sup>4</sup> Ukufutheka akukho kimi; sengathi kungaba khona amakhakhasi nameva!

Bengiyakuwasukela ngokulwa, ngiwashise kanyekanye,

<sup>5</sup> noma abambelele emandleni ami ukuba enze ukuthula nami, enzelane ukuthula nami.”

<sup>6</sup> Ngezinsuku ezizayo uJakobe uyakugxila, u-Israyeli akhahlele, aqhakaze, bagcwalise ubuso bomhlaba ngezithelo.

<sup>7</sup> Ubashayile njengalokho ebashayile ababashayayo na? Babulewe njengokubulawa kwababulewe nguye na?

<sup>8</sup> Ngokubamukisa nangokubaxosha uyabajezisa; wabasusa ngomoya wakhe olukhuni ngosuku lomoya wasempumalanga.

<sup>9</sup> Ngakho ububi bukaJakobe buyakuhlangulwa ngalokhu, lokhu kube yisithelo sonke sokususa isono sakhe, lapho enza ukuba onke amatshe e-altare avithizeke njengamatshe omcako, kungabe kusamiswa o-Ashera nama-altare empepho.

<sup>10</sup> Ngokuba umuzi obiyelweyo uyize, nekhaya limukelwe, lishiyiwe njengehlane; ithole liyakuklaba khona, libuthise khona, lidle, liqede amahlamvu awo.

<sup>11</sup> Lapho amagatsha awo esebunile, ayakwaphulwa, kufike abesifazane, baphembe umlilo kuwo, ngokuba bangabantu abangenakuqonda; ngalokho owabenzayo akayikubahawukela, nowababumbayo akayikuba namusa kubo.

<sup>12</sup> Kuyakuthi ngalolo suku uJehova avuthuze ezikhwetshini zasemfuleni kuze kube semfuleni waseGibithe, nibuthwe abanye ngabanye nina bantwana bakwa-Israyeli.

<sup>13</sup> Kuyakuthi ngalolo suku libethwe icilongo elikhulu, kufike ababelahlekile ezweni lase-Asiriya nabaxoshiweyo ezweni laseGibithe, bakhuleke kuJehova entabeni engcwele eJerusalema.

## ISAHLUKO 28

**W**o kuwo umqhele wokuziphakamisa wezidakwa zakwa-Efrayimi, nakuyo imbali ebunayo yobuhle bakhe obukhazimulayo, esenhloko yesigodi esivundileyo sabanqotshwe yiwayini.

<sup>2</sup> Bheka, iNkosi inaye oqinileyo nonamandla; uyakuwisa phansi ngamandla njengesivunguvungu esinesichotho, nesiphepho esichithayo, nesiphihli samanzi esinamandla esikhukhulayo.

<sup>3</sup> Umqhele wokuziphakamisa wezidakwa zakwa-Efrayimi uyakunyathelwa ngezinyawo,

<sup>4</sup> imbali ebunayo yobuhle bakhe obukhazimulayo, esenhloko yesigodi esivundileyo, ibe njengekhiwane elivuthiwe kungakafiki ukuvuna; olibonayo uyalibuka, aligwinye, lise sesandleni sakhe.

<sup>5</sup> Ngalolo suku uJehova Sebwoti uyakuba ngumqhele wobukhosi, nesicoco esihle kuyo insali yabantu bakhe,

<sup>6</sup> nomoya wokwahlulela kohlezi ekwahluleleni, namandla kubo ababuyisa impi esangweni.

<sup>7</sup> Nalabo baduka ngewayini; ngophuzo olunamandla bayatengezela; abapristi nabaprofethi bayaduka ngophuzo olunamandla, bayatengezela ngophuzo olunamandla; bayaduka ekuboneni, bakhubeka ekwahluleleni.

<sup>8</sup> Yebo, onke amatafula agcwele ubuhlanzo nokungcola, kungabe kusabakho ndawo.

<sup>9</sup> “Ngubani ayakumfundisa ukwazi, aqondise bani umbiko, na? Yibo abalunyuliweyo obisini, basuswa emabeleni, na?

<sup>10</sup> Ngokuba kuyisiyalezelo phezu kwesiyalezelo, isiyalezelo phezu kwesiyalezelo,

umthetho phezu komthetho, umthetho phezu komthetho, lapha ingcosana, nalapho ingcosana.”

**11** Yebo, ngezindebe ezingingizayo nangolunye ulimi uyakukhuluma kulaba bantu

**12** akade esho kubo ukuthi: “Lokhu kungukuphumula; phumuzani abayethileyo; lokhu kungukuhlunyelelwa,” kepha abathandanga ukuzwa.

**13** Ngalokho izwi likaJehova liyakuba kubona isiyalezelo phezu kwesiyalezelo, isiyalezelo phezu kwesiyalezelo, umthetho phezu komthetho, umthetho phezu komthetho, lapha ingcosana, nalapho ingcosana, ukuze bahambe, bawe nyovane, baphuke, bacushwe, babanjwe.

**14** Ngalokho yizwani izwi likaJehova nina bantu abadelelayo, enibusa laba bantu baseJerusalema.

**15** Ngokuba nithe: “Senzile isivumelwano nokufa, sivumelene nendawo yabafileyo; lapho isiswebhu esikhukhulayo sidlula, asiyikusehlela thina, ngokuba senzile amanga abe yisiphephelo sethu, sicashile phansi kwenkohliso.”

**16** Ngalokho ithi iNkosi uJehova: “Bheka, ngibeka eSiyoni itshe lesisekelo, itshe elivivinyekileyo, itshe legumbi elinqabileyo lesisekelo esiyiso; okholwayo kayikubaleka.

**17** Ngiyakwenza ukwahlulela kube ngumucu wokulinganisa, nokulunga kube ngumthofu wokumisa, isichotho sihlwithe isiphephelo samanga, amanzi akhukhule indawo yokucasha.

**18** Futhi isivumelwano senu nokufa siyakuchithwa, nokuvumelana kwenu nendawo yabafileyo akuyikuma; lapho isiswebhu esikhukhulayo sidlula, niyakunyathelwa phansi yiso.

**19** Njalo lapho sidabula, siyakunibamba, ngokuba siyakudabula ukusa ngokusa imini nobusuku,” kube ngukwesaba kuphela, lapho umbiko uqondwa.

**20** Ngokuba umbhede uyakuba mfushane kunokuba umuntu enabe kuwo, nengubo ibe ncane kunokuba umuntu azisonge ngayo.

**21** Ngokuba uJehova uyakusukuma njengasentabeni yasePherasimi, athukuthele njengasesigodini saseGibeyoni, ukuze enze umsebenzi wakhe, umsebenzi wakhe ongavamile, afeze isenzo sakhe, isenzo sakhe esimangalisayo.

**22** Ngalokho ningadeleli, funa izibopho zenu ziqiniswe, ngokuba ngizwile eNkosini uJehova Sebawoti ukuthi ukuphela kunqunyiwe phezu kwawo wonke umhlaba.

**23** Bekani indlebe, nizwe izwi lami; lalalani, nizwe ukukhuluma kwami.

**24** Umlimi, eyakutshala, ulima lonke usuku na? Uyaduba abhuqe umhlabathi wakhe njalo na?

**25** Lapho esehlelembile ubuso bawo, angithi uhlwanyela amafitshizi, asakaze ikumini, atshale ukolweni ngezinhlala, nebhali ezindaweni zalo, nokolweni ocolekileyo eceleni, na?

**26** UNkulunkulu wakhe uyamhlakahlisa ngendlela eyiyo, amfundise.

**27** Ngokuba amafitshizi awabhulwa ngesibhulo esibukhali, nesondo lengqokumbane kaliphendulwa phezu kwekumini, kepha amafitshizi ayavuthuzwa ngenduku nekumini ngothi.

**28** Amabele esinkwa ayacolwa na? Cha, ngokuba awabhulwa nokubhulwa njalo; nakuba eqhuba isondo lengqokumbane namahhashi alo phezu kwawo, awacolisiswa.

**29** Nalokho kuvela kuJehova Sebawoti oyisimangalisano ekululekeni nomkhulu emaswini.

**W**o kuwe Ariyeli, Ariyeli, umuzi lapho amisa khona uDavide. Yengezelani umnyaka emnyakeni, imikhosi iyingilize,

<sup>2</sup> ngize ngilicindezele i-Ariyeli, kube khona ukukhala nokububula, libe njenge-Ariyeli kimi.

<sup>3</sup> Ngiyakumisa, ngikuhage nxazonke zakho, ngikuvimbezele ngezingaba, ngikumisele izindonga.

<sup>4</sup> Uyakubhidlizele phansi, ukhulume usemhlabathini; ukukhuluma kwakho kuyakuthotshiselwa phansi, kuphume othulini, izwi lakho libe njengelonedlozi livela emhlabathini, ukukhuluma kwakho kubethe imilozi othulini.

<sup>5</sup> Kodwa isixuku sezitha zakho siyakuba njengebhuqu elicolekileyo, noquqaba lwabacindezeli njengamakhoba adlulayo, yebo, kuyakwenzakala ngokuzumayo ngokuphazima kweso.

<sup>6</sup> Uyakuhanjelwa nguJehova Sebawoti ngokuduma nangokuzamazama, nangomsindo omkhulu, nangesivunguvungu, nangesiphepho, nangelangabi lomlilo oqothulayo.

<sup>7</sup> Isixuku sezizwe zonke ezisukela i-Ariyeli, ezisukela lona kanye nenqaba yalo, nezilicindezelayo, siyakuba njengephupho nombono wasebusuku.

<sup>8</sup> Kuyakuba njengolambileyo ephupha ukuthi uyadla, kepha evuka usenephango, noma njengowomileyo ephupha ukuthi uyaphuza, kepha evuka uyethile, womile; siyakuba njalo isixuku sezizwe zonke ezisukela intaba yaseSiyoni.

<sup>9</sup> Zimangaliseni, nimangale; ziphuphuthiseni, niphuphutheke; badakiwe, kepha kungengewayini, bayatengezela, kodwa kungengaphuzo olunamandla.

<sup>10</sup> Ngokuba uJehova uthulule phezu kwenu umoya wobuthongo obunzima; uwavalile amehlo enu, usibekele abaprofethi benu nezinhloko zenu ababoni.

<sup>11</sup> Umbono wakho konke lokho wawusuba kini njengamazwi encwadi enamathelisiweyo enikwa owazi incwadi ngokuthi: “Ake ufunde lokhu,” abesethi yena: “Angikwazi, ngokuba inamathelisiwe,”

<sup>12</sup> incwadi bese yinikwa ongayazi incwadi ngokuthi: “Ake ufunde lokhu,” abesethi yena: “Angiyazi incwadi.”

<sup>13</sup> Yathi iNkosi: “Ngenxa yokuba laba bantu besondela, bangidumise ngemilomo yabo nangezindebe zabo, kodwa bazidedisele kude nami izinhliziyi zabo, nokungesaba kwabo kungumyalo wabantu abawufundisiweyo nje,

<sup>14</sup> ngalokho ngiyakubuye ngenzele laba bantu izenzo ezimangalisayo, izimangaliso impela; ukuhlakanipha kwabahlakaniphileyo babo kuyakuphela, nokuqonda kwabaqondileyo babo kuyakusitheka.”

<sup>15</sup> Wo kubona abajula ukuba basithezele uJehova isu labo, abamisebenzi yabo isebumnyameni, nabasho ukuthi: “Ngubani osibonayo, ngubani osaziyo, na?”

<sup>16</sup> O ukuphendukezela kwenu! Ibumba liyakulinganiswa nombumbi yini, ukuze okwenziweyo kusho ngokwenzileyo ukuthi: “Yena akangenzanga,” na? noma okubunjiweyo kusho ngokubumbileyo ukuthi: “Akanakuqonda,” na?

<sup>17</sup> Akuseyisikhashana nje iLebanoni lize liphenduke insimu, nensimu ithiwe ihlathi, na?

<sup>18</sup> Ngalolo suku izithulu ziyakuzwa amazwi encwadi, namehlo ezimpumputhe ayakubona, engasenakufiphala ngesigayegaye nabumnyama.

<sup>19</sup> Abathobekileyo bayakwandisa intokozo yabo kuJehova, nabampofu kubantu bayakujabula koNgcwele ka-Israyeli.

<sup>20</sup> Ngokuba umcindezeli akasayikuba khona, nesideleli siyakube singasekho, nabo bonke abazulumba ububi bayakube beqothuliwe,

<sup>21</sup> ababemtholisa umuntu icala ngezwi nje, bambekela ugibe yena owathetha amacala

esangweni, bachezukisa olungileyo ngento engelutho.

<sup>22</sup> Ngalokho ngendlu kaJakobe usho kanje uJehova owamhlenga u-Abrahama, uthi: “UJakobe akasayikuba namahloni, nobuso bakhe abusayikuphaphatheka.

<sup>23</sup> Ngokuba lapho ebona abantwana bakhe, umsebenzi wezandla zami phakathi kwakhe, bayakungcwelisa igama lami, yebo, bayakungcwelisa oNgcwele kaJakobe, bamesabe uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli.

<sup>24</sup> Abaduka emoyeni bayakwazi, baqonde, nabakhononayo bayakufunda, bakwamukele.”

## ISAHLUKO 30

**“W**o kubantwana abahlubukileyo,” usho uJehova, “abenza iziluleko, kungengezami nokho, nabenza isivumelwano, kungengesomoya wami kodwa, ukuze bengeze isono esonweni,

<sup>2</sup> abahamba ukuba behlele eGibithe, bengacelanga emlonyeni wami, baziqinise emandleni kaFaro, baphephele emthunzini waseGibithe!

<sup>3</sup> Ngalokho amandla kaFaro ayakuba ngamahloni kini, ukuphephela kwenu emthunzini waseGibithe kube ngukudumala kini.

<sup>4</sup> Ngokuba noma izikhulu zakhe ziseSowani, nezithunywa zakhe zifinyelela eHanesi,

<sup>5</sup> bonke bayakuba namahloni ngabantu abangenakubasiza, abangenansizakalo nanzuzo, kepha bengamahloni nehlazo kuphela.”

<sup>6</sup> Isiprofetho ngezilwane zaseNingizimu. Badabula izwe losizi nelokuhlupheka, lapha kuvela khona ibhubesi nehubesikazi, ibululu nenyoka endizayo, bethwala imfuyo yabo emihlane yezimbongolo nengcebo yabo phezu kwamalunda amakamela bakuyise kubantu abangenansizakalo.

<sup>7</sup> IGibithe lisiza ngeze nangento engelutho; ngalokho ngilibize ngokuthi iRahabi elihlezi lithule.

<sup>8</sup> Manje hamba ukulobe phambi kwabo esibhebheni, ukubhale encwadini ukuba kube ngubufakazi besikhathi esizayo kuze kube phakade.

<sup>9</sup> Bangabantwana abahlubukileyo, abantwana abaqamba amanga, abantwana abangathandi ukuzwa umthetho kaJehova,

<sup>10</sup> abathi kubaboni: “Ningabe nisabona,” nakubaprofethi: “Ningasiprofetheli okuqinisileyo, kepha khulumani kithina okuthophayo, niprofethe inkohliso;

<sup>11</sup> phambukani endleleni, nichezuke emkhondweni, nimdedisele kithi oNgcwele ka-Israyeli.”

<sup>12</sup> Ngalokho usho kanje oNgcwele ka-Israyeli, uthi: “Njengokuba nilidelela leli zwi, nethemba kukho ukucindezela nakukho okuphambeneyo, nencike kukho,

<sup>13</sup> ngalokho lobu bubi buyakuba njengokomfantu lapho sekuzakuwa, kuvokomele ogangeni oluphakemeyo, ukudilika kwalo kufike ngokuzumayo ngokuphazima kweso.

<sup>14</sup> Luyabhidlizwa njengokuphahlazwa kwesitsha sombumbi, esichotshozwa singahawukelwa, kungabe kusatholakala phakathi kwezihlephu nodengezi lokuthatha umlilo eziko, nolokucakula amanzi emgodini.”

<sup>15</sup> Ngokuba yasho njalo iNkosi uJehova, oNgcwele ka-Israyeli, yathi: “Niyakusindiswa ngokuphenduka nangokuphumula, amandla enu abe ngukuthula nangokwethemba; kepha anithandanga.

<sup>16</sup> Kodwa nasho nathi: ‘Qha, siyakubaleka ngamahashi,’ ngalokho niyakubaleka: ‘Sikhwele anejubane,’ ngalokho abanixoshayo bayakuba nejubane.

- <sup>17</sup> Inkulungwane iyakubaleka ngokusongela koyedwa; ngokusongela kwaba yisihlanu niyakubaleka, nize nishiywe njengensika esiqongweni sentaba nanjengebhanela phezu kwegquma.”
- <sup>18</sup> Ngalokho uJehova uyakulindela ukuba abe nomusa kini; nangalokhu uyakuphakama ukuba abe nesihe kini, ngokuba uJehova unguNkulunkulu wokwahlulela; babusisiwe bonke abamhlalelayo.
- <sup>19</sup> Ngokuba wena sizwe esakhe eSiyoni eJerusalema ungabe usakhala nokukhala; uyakuba nomusa impela kuwe ngezwi lokudazuluka kwakho; lapho elizwa, uyakuphendula.
- <sup>20</sup> Noma iNkosi iyakukunika isinkwa sosizi namanzi okuhlupheka, abafundisi bakho abasayikucasha, kodwa amehlo akho ayakubabona abafundisi bakho,
- <sup>21</sup> nezindlebe zakho ziyakuzwa izwi emva kwakho, lithi: “Nansi indlela; hambani ngayo,” noma niphambuka ngakwesokunene, noma niphambuka ngakwesokhohlo.
- <sup>22</sup> Niyakujiyivaza okunamekiweyo kwezithombe zenu ezibaziweyo zesiliva nesimbozo sezithombe zenu ezibunjiweyo zegolide; uyakuzihlakaza njengokungcolileyo, uthi kukho: “Suka lapha.”
- <sup>23</sup> Uyakunika imbewu yakho oyakuyihlwanyela emhlabathini invula, aveze nesinkwa ezithelweni zomhlabathi oyakuvunda, uthole kakhulu; ngalolo suku izinkomo zakho ziyakuklaba emadlelweni abanzi.
- <sup>24</sup> Izinkabi nezimbongolo ezilima umhlabathi ziyakudla ukudla okuyolisiweyo, okweliweyo ngefosholo nangembenge.
- <sup>25</sup> Kuzo zonke izintaba eziphakemeyo nakuwo onke amagquma amade kuyakuba khona imifula nemifudlana yamanzi ngosuku lokuhlaba okukhulu, lapho kuyakuwa imibhoshongo.
- <sup>26</sup> Futhi ukukhanya kwenyanga kuyakuba njengokukhanya kwelanga, nokukhanya kwelanga kuyakuphindwa kasikhombisa njengokukhanya kwezimini eziyisikhombisa ngosuku uJehova abopha ngalo amaxeba abantu bakhe, aphulukise izilonda zemivimbo yabo.
- <sup>27</sup> Bheka, igama likaJehova livela kude, livutha ngolaka lwakhe, linzima ngamafu; izindebe zakhe zigcwele intukuthelo, nolimi lwakhe lunjengomlilo oqothulayo;
- <sup>28</sup> ukuphefumula kwakhe kunjengomfula okhukhulayo, uze ufinyelele entanyeni, ukuhlunga izizwe ngesihlungo sokubhubhisa; itomu elidukisayo liyakuba semihlathini yezizwe.
- <sup>29</sup> Niyakuhlabelela njengasebusuku lapho kugujwa umkhosi, nithokoze ngenhliziyo njengalokhu kuhanjwa ngemitshingo kuyiwe entabeni kaJehova kulo iDwala lika-Israyeli.
- <sup>30</sup> UJehova uyakulizwakalisa izwi lakhe elidumileyo, abonakalise ukwehla kwengalo yakhe ngokuvutha kolaka lwakhe, nangelangabi lomlilo oqothulayo, ngesivunguvungu, nangesiphepho, nangesichotho.
- <sup>31</sup> Ngokuba ngezwi likaJehova i-Asiriya liyakushaywa luvalo, lapho elishaya ngenduku.
- <sup>32</sup> Kuyakuthi njalo lapho induku enqunyiweyo idlula, uJehova ayibeka phezu kwalo, kube ngezigubhu nangamahabhu, alwe nalo ngengalo enikiniweyo.
- <sup>33</sup> Indawo yokushisela kade yahlelwa, yebo, yalungiselwa nenkosi; uyenze yajula, yaba banzi; igoqo layo lingumlilo nezinkuni eziningi, nokuphefumula kukaJehova kunjengomfula wesibabule; kuyayokhela.



**W**o kubona abehlela eGibithe ukuba basizwe khona, bencike emahhashini, bethemba ezinqoleni, ngokuba ziningi, nakubo abamahhashi, ngokuba benamandla; kepha ababheki koNgcwele ka-Israyeli, noJehova abamfuni.

<sup>2</sup> Nokho naye uhlakaniphile, uyakuletha okubi; akayikubuyisa amazwi akhe, kepha uyakuvukela indlu yababi nosizo lwabenza okubi.

<sup>3</sup> AbaseGibithe bangabantu, abasiye uNkulunkulu, amahhashi abo ayinyama, awasiwo umoya, nalapho uJehova eyakwelula isandla sakhe uyakukhubeka naye osizayo, kuwe naye osizwayo, baphele bonke kanyekanye.

<sup>4</sup> Ngokuba usho kanje kimi uJehova, uthi: “Njengengonyama ebhongayo, ibhongo lengonyama phezu kwempango yalo, lapho abelusi abaningi belibizelwe, aliyikwesaba izwi labo, lingazithobi ngomsindo wabo, kanjalo uJehova Sebawoti uyakwehla ukuba alwe entabeni yaseSiyoni nasegqumeni layo.

<sup>5</sup> Njengezinyoni ezindizayo kanjalo uJehova, uJehova Sebawoti, uyakulivikela iJerusalema; uyakulivikela, alophule, alidlule, alikhulule.”

<sup>6</sup> Buyelani kuye enimhlubukile ngokujulileyo kangako nina bantwana bakwa-Israyeli.

<sup>7</sup> Ngokuba ngalolo suku bayakulahla, kube yilowo nalowo izithombe zakhe zesiliva nezithombe zakhe zegolide, ezizenzile izandla zenu zaba yisono senu.

<sup>8</sup> “I-Asiriya liyakuwa ngenkemba, kungengamuntu, nenkemba engesiyo eyomuntu iyakuliqeda; liyakubalekela usiko lwenkemba, kepha izinsizwa zalo ziyakuba yizinceku zempoqo.

<sup>9</sup> Idwala lakhe liyakunyamalala ngovalo, nezikhulu zalo ziyakuphela amandla ngebhanela,” usho uJehova omlilo wakhe useSiyoni, nosithando sakhe siseJerusalema.

## ISAHLUKO 32

**B**heka, kuyakuba khona inkosi ebusa ngokulunga, izikhulu zibuse ngokwahlulela.

<sup>2</sup> Umuntu uyakuba yindawo yokucashela umoya nesivikelo esivunguvungwini njengemifula yamanzi endaweni eyomileyo, njengomthunzi wedwala ezweni eliyethileyo.

<sup>3</sup> Amehlo ababonayo awayikuphuphutheka; izindlebe zabezwayo ziyakulalela.

<sup>4</sup> Inhliziyo yephulukundlu iyakuqonda, ize ikwazi, nolimi lwezingingingqi luyakushesha lukhulume kahle.

<sup>5</sup> Isiwula asisayikubizwa ngokuthi sihloniphekile, nomkhohlisi akasayikuthiwa inkosi.

<sup>6</sup> Ngokuba isiwula siyakukhuluma ubuwula, nenhliziyo yaso iyakusebenza ububi, yenze ukungamesabi uNkulunkulu, ikhulume okuphambene noNkulunkulu, yenze ukuba olambileyo abe nephango, nowomileyo ukuba aswele uphuzo lwakhe.

<sup>7</sup> Izikhali zomkhohlisi zimbi; uhlela amacebo amabi, ukuze achithe izihlupheki ngamazwi amanga, nalapho ompofu ekhuluma ngokufaneleyo.

<sup>8</sup> Onesizotha uceba okuzothileyo, nangokuzotha kwakhe uyakuma.

<sup>9</sup> Vukani nina besifazane abazinzileyo, nizwe izwi lami; nina madodakazi azethembayo nibeke indlebe ekukhulumeni kwami.

<sup>10</sup> Ezinsukwini ezidlula umnyaka niyakuhlushwa nina besifazane abazethembayo, ngokuba ukuvuna kwemivini kuyakuphela, nokubutha akuyikufika.

<sup>11</sup> Qhaq hazelani nina besifazane abazinzileyo, nihlupheke nina enizethembayo; khumulani nizenze nqunu, nibhince indwangu yamasaka ezinkalweni zenu.

<sup>12</sup> Zishayeni esifubeni ngenxa yamasimu amahle nemivini ethelayo.

<sup>13</sup> Emhlabathini wabantu bami kuyakumila amakhakhasi nameva, yebo, kuzo zonke

izindlu zokujabula emzini ojabulayo,

<sup>14</sup> ngokuba izindlu zamakhosi zilahlwe, nomuzi onabantu abaningi ushiyiwe; igquma nombhoshongo kuyakuba yimihume kuze kube phakade, nenjabulo yezimbongolo zasendle, nedlelo lemihlambi,

<sup>15</sup> uMoya aze athululwe phezulu kwethu evela phezulu, nehlane liphenduke insimu, nensimu ithiwe ihlathi.

<sup>16</sup> Ukwahlulela kuyakwakha ehlane, ukulunga kuhlale ensimini.

<sup>17</sup> Umsebenzi wokulunga uyakuba ngukuthula, impumelelo yokulunga ibe ngukulondeka kuze kube phakade.

<sup>18</sup> Abantu bami bayakuhlala ematendeni okuthula, nasezindlini ezilondekayo, nasezindaweni zokuphumula ezinokuthula.

<sup>19</sup> Liyakuwisa isichotho, lize liwe ihlathi, nomuzi uyakuthotshiswa nokuthotshiswa.

<sup>20</sup> Nibusisiwe nina enitshala ngasemanzini onke; nikhulula izinyawo zezinkabi nezezimbongolo.

## ISAHLUKO 33

**W**o kuwena ochithayo, kungachithwanga wena, nakuwe okhohlisayo, kungakhohliswanga wena! Lapho uqede ukuchitha uyakuchithwa, nalapho usugcine ukukhohlisa, uyakukhohliswa nawe.

<sup>2</sup> Jehova, yiba nomusa kithi, sihlalela wena. Yiba yingalo yethu ekuseni njalo, nokusindiswa kwethu ngesikhathi sokuhlupheka.

<sup>3</sup> Ngezwi lokuhlokoma abantu bayabaleka; ngokuphakama kwakho izizwe ziyahlakazeka.

<sup>4</sup> Impango iyakubuthwa njengokubutha kwecimbi, nanjengokuhlasela kwezinkumbi iyakuhlaselwa.

<sup>5</sup> UJehova uphakeme, ngokuba uhlala phezulu; uligcwalisile iSiyoni ngokwahlulela nangokulunga.

<sup>6</sup> Kuyakuba khona ukuqiniseka ngesikhathi sakho, ubuningi bokusindiswa nokuhlakanipha nokwazi; ukumesaba uJehova kuyingcebo yakhe.

<sup>7</sup> Bheka, amaqhawe abo akhala ngaphandle; izithunywa zokuthula zikhala ngomunyu.

<sup>8</sup> Imigwaqo iyize, izihambi seziphelile; isivumelwano saphuliwe; imizi ideleliwe; umuntu akanakekelewa.

<sup>9</sup> Izwe liyalila, lidangele; iLebanoni linamahloni, liyabuna; iSharoni linjengehlane, iBashani neKarmeli kuyavuthulukisa.

<sup>10</sup> “Sengiyakuvuka,” usho uJehova; “sengiyakuphakama; sengiyakuphakanyiswa.

<sup>11</sup> Niyakukhulelwa yizikhotha ezomileyo, nizale amabibi; ukuphefumula kwenu kungumlilo oniqothulayo.

<sup>12</sup> Abantu bayakushiswa njengokushiswa komcako, njengameva anqunyiweyo ashiswa ngomlilo.”

<sup>13</sup> Yizwani nina enikude engikwenzileyo; nani eniseduze, vumani amandla ami.

<sup>14</sup> Izoni zaseSiyoni ziyesaba, ukuthuthumela kubambile abangenaNkulunkulu. “Ngubani phakathi kwethu ongahlala nomlilo oqothulayo; ngubani phakathi kwethu ongahlala nokunkewuzela okuphakade na?”

<sup>15</sup> Yena ohamba ngokulunga, okhuluma ngobuqotho, odelela inzuzo yokucindezela, othintitha izandla zakhe ukuze angamukeli imivuzo, ovala izindlebe zakhe ukuze angezwa ngegazi, ocimeza amehlo akhe ukuze angaboni okubi,

- <sup>16</sup> yena uyakuhlala ekuphakameni, izingaba zamadwala zibe yisivikelo sakhe, aphiwe isinkwa sakhe, amanzi akhe athembeke.
- <sup>17</sup> Amehlo akho ayakuyibona inkosi ebuhleni bayo, ayakubona izwe elelulekele kude.
- <sup>18</sup> Inhliziyo yakho iyakucabanga ngovalo, ithi: “Uphi umbhali, uphi olinganisile intela, uphi obalile imibhoshongo na?”
- <sup>19</sup> Awuyikubona abantu abanobudlova, abantu abanokukhuluma okujulileyo ongenakukuzwa, nabalulimi lwabo olukwitizayo kungekho ongaluqonda.
- <sup>20</sup> Kepha bheka iSiyoni, umuzi wemikhosi yethu; amehlo akho mawabuke iJerusalema, indlu yokuthula, itende elingayikususwa, elizikhonkwane zalo aziyikusishulwa nanini, nelizintambo zalo aziyikugqashulwa neyodwa.
- <sup>21</sup> Kunalokho uJehova uyakuba nathi khona ebukhosini esikhundleni semifula nemifudlana ebanzi, lapho kungayikuhamba khona izikebhe ezinamaphini, nomkhumbi omkhulu ungadluli kuyo.
- <sup>22</sup> Ngokuba uJehova ungumahluleli wethu, uJehova ungumenzi wemithetho yethu, uJehova uyinkosi yethu; uyakusisindisa.
- <sup>23</sup> Izintambo zakho ziyaxega, azinakusiqinisa isiqu sensika yabo, azinakumeneka useyili; khona iyakwabelwa impango enkulu ephangiweyo; nezinyonga ziyakuthatha impango.
- <sup>24</sup> Abakhe khona abayikusho ukuthi: “Ngiyagula,” abantu abahlala khona bayakuthethelelwa ububi babo.

## ISAHLUKO 34

**S**ondelani nina zizwe, nizwe, nilalele nina bantu: makuzwe umhlaba nokugcwala kwawo, nezwe nakho konke okuvela kulo.

<sup>2</sup> Ngokuba uJehova uthukuthelela izizwe zonke, ufuthekela yonke impi yazo; uziqalekisile, uzinikele ekubulaweni.

<sup>3</sup> Ababuleweyo bazo balahliwe, nokunuka kuyenyuka ezidunjini zabo; izintaba zincibilika ngegazi labo.

<sup>4</sup> Ibandla lonke lasezulwini liyaphela, izulu lisongwe njengomqulu; ibandla lonke liyawa njengokuwa kweqabunga emvinini nanjengokubunileyo emkhiwaneni.

<sup>5</sup> Ngokuba inkemba yami izanelisile ngegazi ezulwini; bheka, iyakwehlela phezu kuka-Edomi naphezu kwabantu besiqalekiso sami ukuba ibahlulele.

<sup>6</sup> UJehova unenkemba; igcwele igazi, inonile ngamanoni nangegazi lamawundlu nelezimbuzi, nangamanoni ezinso zezinqama, ngokuba uJehova uyanikela eBosira, unokuhlaba okukhulu ezweni lakwa-Edomi.

<sup>7</sup> Izinyathi ziwa kanye nazo, nezinkunzana kanye nezinkunzi; izwe labo liyakugcwala igazi, nothuli lwabo luyakunona ngamanoni.

<sup>8</sup> Ngokuba kulusuku lokuphindisela kukaJehova; ngumnyaka wokubuyisela ngendaba yaseSiyoni.

<sup>9</sup> Imifudlana yakhona iyakuphenduka ikolitayi, uthuli lwakhona lube yisibabule, nezwe langakhona libe yikolitayi elivuthayo.

<sup>10</sup> Aliyikucinywa ubusuku nemini; umusi walo uyakukhuphuka kuze kube phakade; izizukulwane ngezizukulwane liyakuba yize, akuyikulidabula muntu nanini nanini.

<sup>11</sup> Liyakuba yifa levuba nelikanondwebu, kwakhe kulo isikhova negwababa; uyakwelula phezu kwalo intambo yencithakalo, nomthofu wokumisa wokuyize.

<sup>12</sup> Phakathi kwabakhulu balo akakho oyakumemezela umbuso, nazo zonke izikhulu zalo

ziyakuba yinto engelutho.

<sup>13</sup> Ameva ayakukhuphukela ezindlini zamakhosi, izimbabazane namakhakhasi ezinqabeni zalo, libe yikhaya lamakhanka negceke lezintshe.

<sup>14</sup> Izilwane zasehlane ziyakuhlangana nezimpungushe, nedemoni liyakukhala kumngane walo, kwakhe khona umkhovu, uzitholele indawo yokuphumula.

<sup>15</sup> Lapho umantshingeyana uyakwakha ikhaya lakhe, azalele, achamisele, afukame ngomthunzi wakhe, kubuthane khona nawonhloyile, kube yilowo nalowo nomngane wakhe.

<sup>16</sup> Funani encwadini kaJehova, nifunde; ayiyikusilala nento eyodwa kulokhu, ayikho eyakuswela umngane wayo, ngokuba ngumlomo wakhe okuyalezile, nomoya wakhe okuhlanganisile.

<sup>17</sup> Nguye okwenzele inkatho; yisandla sakhe esikwabele ngentambo; kuyakudla ifa lalo kuze kube phakade, izizukulwane ngezizukulwane kuyakuhlala kulo.

## ISAHLUKO 35

**K**uyakujabula ihlane nogwadule, kuthokoze uqwathule, lukhahlele njengentebe.

<sup>2</sup> Luyakukhahlela kahle, luthokoze, yebo, luthokoze, luhube; luyakuphiwa udumo lweLebanoni, nobukhosi beKarmeli nobeSharoni, lubone inkazimulo kaJehova, nobukhosi bukaNkulunkulu wethu.

<sup>3</sup> Qinisani izandla ezibuthakathaka, nimise amadolo axegayo.

<sup>4</sup> Yishoni kwabanenhliziyi eyesabayo ukuthi: “Qinani, ningesabi; bhekani, uNkulunkulu wenu uyeza ngokuphindisela, impindiselo ivela kuNkulunkulu; nguye oza ukunisindisa.”

<sup>5</sup> Khona amehlo ezimpumputhe ayakuvulwa, zivuleke nezindlebe zezithulu.

<sup>6</sup> Khona unyonga luyakutshekula njengendluzele, nolimi lwesimungulu luyakuhuba, ngokuba ehlane kuyakubhoboka amanzi, nemifudlana kwahlongasibi.

<sup>7</sup> Isihlabathi esibengezelayo siyakuba yichibi, isigagadu sibe yimithombo yamanzi; ekhaya lamakhanka lapho ayebuthisa khona kuyakuba khona igceke lomhlanga nekhwani.

<sup>8</sup> Kuyakuba khona umendo nendlela eyakuthiwa iNdlela Yobungcwele; ongcilileyo akayikuhamba ngayo, kepha iyakuba ngeyabantu bakhe; abahamba ngayo, noma beyiziwula, abayikuduka kuyo.

<sup>9</sup> Akuyikuba khona lapho ingonyama, nesilwane esihahayo asiyikukhuphukela khona; lokho akuyikufunyanwa khona, kepha abakhululiweyo bayakuhamba ngayo.

<sup>10</sup> Abahlengiweyo bakaJehova bayakubuya baye eSiyoni ngokwethaba, intokozo engunaphakade ibe phezu kwamakhanda abo; bayakuthola ukujabula nokuthokoza, kubaleke usizi nokububula.

## ISAHLUKO 36

**K**wathi ngomnyaka weshumi nane wenkosi uHezekiya, uSaneheribi, inkosi yase-Asiriya, wenyuka wahlasela yonke imizi ebiyelweyo yakwaJuda, wayithatha.

<sup>2</sup> Inkosi yase-Asiriya yathuma uRabi Shake, asuke eLakishi, aye eJerusalema enkosini uHezekiya, enempi enkulu, wema ngasemseleni wechibi lasenhla, elingasendleleni yeNsimu Yomhlanzi.

<sup>3</sup> Kwase kuphumela kuye u-Eliyakimi indodana kaHilikiya owayephezu kwendlu, noShebina umbhali, noJowa indodana ka-Asafa, umabhalana.

- <sup>4</sup> Wathi kubo uRabi Shake: “Ake nisho kuHezekiya, nithi: ‘Isho kanje inkosi enkulu, inkosi yase-Asiriya, ithi: Yithemba lini leli olethembayo na?”
- <sup>5</sup> Wena uyakhuluma, kepha kungamazwi angawomlomo nje lana ngesu nangamandla okulwa. Pho, wethemba bani, lokhu ungihlubukile na?
- <sup>6</sup> Bheka, wethemba udondolo lwalo mhlanga ofecekileyo oyiGibithe; kepha uma umuntu ezimelela ngalo, luyangena esandleni sakhe, lusihlabe; unjalo uFaro inkosi yaseGibithe kubo bonke abamethembayo.
- <sup>7</sup> Kepha uma nithi kimi: “Siyamethemba uJehova uNkulunkulu wethu,” akusiye yini ozindawo zakhe eziphakemeyo nama-altare akhe akususile uHezekiya, wathi kuJuda nakulo iJerusalema: “Niyakukhuleka phambi kwaleli altare,” na?
- <sup>8</sup> “ ‘Ngalokho ake uvumelane nenkosi yami, inkosi yase-Asiriya, ngiyakukunika amahhashi ayizinkulungwane ezimbili, uma ungabeka izinkweli kuzo.
- <sup>9</sup> Pho, ungaphindisela emuva kanjani nenduna eyodwa ezincekwini ezincane zenkosi yami na? Nokho wethemba iGibithe ukuthola khona izinqola nabamahhashi.
- <sup>10</sup> Manje ngenyukele yini ngaphandle kukaJehova kuleli zwe ukuba ngilichithe, na? UJehova wathi kimi: “Yenyukela kulelo zwe, ulichithe.” ’ ’ ”
- <sup>11</sup> Base bethi o-Eliyakimi noShebina noJowa kuRabi Shake: “Ake ukhulume ezincekwini zakho ngesi-Aramu, ngokuba siyaluzwa, ungakhulumi kithi ngolimi lwabaJuda ezindlebeni zabantu abasogangeni.”
- <sup>12</sup> Kepha uRabi Shake wathi: “Inkosi yami ingithumile yini enkosini yakho nakuwena ukukhuluma lawamazwi na? Hhayi kulaba bantu yini abahlezi ogangeni ukuba badle amasimba abo, baphuze umshobingo wabo kanye nani, na?”
- <sup>13</sup> Wayesema uRabi Shake, wamemeza ngezwi elikhulu ngolimi lwabaJuda, wathi: “Zwanini amazwi enkosi enkulu, inkosi yase-Asiriya.
- <sup>14</sup> Isho kanje inkosi, ithi: Maningakhohliswa nguHezekiya, ngokuba akayikuba namandla okunophula;
- <sup>15</sup> futhi uHezekiya makanganenzi nethembe uJehova ngokuthi: ‘UJehova uyakusophula nokusophula, nalo muzi awuyikunikelwa esandleni senkosi yase-Asiriya.’
- <sup>16</sup> “Ningamlaleli uHezekiya, ngokuba inkosi yase-Asiriya isho kanje, ithi: Yenzani ukuthula nami, niphumele kimi, nidle, kube yilowo nalowo emvinini wakhe, kube yilowo nalowo emkhiwaneni wakhe, niphuze, kube yilowo nalowo amanzi omthombo wakhe,
- <sup>17</sup> ngize ngifike, nginiyise ezweni elinjengezwe lakini, izwe lamabele nelewayini, izwe lesinkwa nelezivini.
- <sup>18</sup> “Xwayani ukuba uHezekiya anganiyengi ngokuthi: ‘UJehova uyakusophula.’ Abanye onkulunkulu bezizwe bake bophula nokophula yini izwe lakubo esandleni senkosi yase-Asiriya na?
- <sup>19</sup> Baphi onkulunkulu baseHamati nase-Aripadi; baphi onkulunkulu baseSefarivayimi na? Balophulile iSamariya esandleni sami na?
- <sup>20</sup> Ngobani phakathi kwabo bonke onkulunkulu balawa mazwe abophule izwe lakubo esandleni sami ukuba uJehova alophele iJerusalema esandleni sami na?”
- <sup>21</sup> Kepha bathula, abamphendulanga ngazwi, ngokuba umyalo wenkosi wathi: “Ningamphenduli.”
- <sup>22</sup> Base befika u-Eliyakimi indodana kaHilikiya owayephezu kwendlu, noShebina umbhali, noJowa indodana ka-Asafa, umabhalana, kuHezekiya, izingubo zabo ziklebhukile, bamlandisa amazwi kaRabi Shake.

## ISAHLUKO 37

**K**wathi inkosi uHezekiya ikuzwile lokho, yaklebhula izingubo zayo, yazembesa indwangu yamasaka, yangena endlini kaJehova.

<sup>2</sup> Yathuma u-Eliyakimi owayephezu kwendlu, noShebina umbhali, namalunga abapristi, bembeswe izindwangu zamasaka, ku-Isaya umprofethi, indodana ka-Amose.

<sup>3</sup> Bathi kuye: “Usho kanje uHezekiya, uthi: Lolu suku lungusuku losizi nolokusolwa nolokudelelwa, ngokuba abantwana sebefikile ekuzalweni, kepha amandla okubeletha awakho.

<sup>4</sup> Mhlawumbe uJehova uNkulunkulu wakho uyakuzwa amazwi kaRabi Shake othunywe yinkosi yase-Asiriya, inkosi yakhe, ukweyisa uNkulunkulu ophilayo, asole amazwi uJehova uNkulunkulu wakho awezwileyo; ngalokho phakamisela insali esafunyanwayo umkhuleko wakho.”

<sup>5</sup> Izinceku zenkosi uHezekiya sezifikile ku-Isaya,

<sup>6</sup> u-Isaya wathi kuzo: “Niyakusho kanje enkosini yenu, nithi: ‘Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: Ungesabi lawo mazwi owezwileyo, izinceku zenkosi yase-Asiriya ezingithuke ngawo.

<sup>7</sup> Bhekani, ngiyakubeka umoya kuyo, izwe amahemuhemu, ibuyele ezweni lakubo, ngiyiwise ngenkemba ezweni lakubo.’ ”

<sup>8</sup> Wayesebuya uRabi Shake, wafumana inkosi yase-Asiriya ilwa neLibina, ngokuba wayezwile ukuthi isukile eLakishi.

<sup>9</sup> Kepha isizwile ngoTirahaka, inkosi yaseKushe, ukuthi: “Uphumile ukulwa nawe,” lapho ikuzwa lokho, yathuma izithunywa kuHezekiya, yathi:

<sup>10</sup> “Niyakukhuluma kanje kuHezekiya, inkosi yakwaJuda, nithi: UNkulunkulu wakho omethembayo makangakukhohlisi ngokuthi iJerusalema aliyikunikelwa esandleni senkosi yase-Asiriya.

<sup>11</sup> Bheka, wena uzwile okwenziwa ngamakhosi ase-Asiriya kuwo onke amazwe ngokuwachitha; pho, wena uyakophulwa na?

<sup>12</sup> Onkulunkulu balezo zizwe ezachithwa ngobaba, iGozani, neHarana, neResefi, nabantwana base-Edene ababeseThelasari bazophula na?

<sup>13</sup> Iphi inkosi yaseHamati, nenkosi yase-Aripadi, nenkosi yomuzi waseSefarivayimi, naseHena, nase-Iva na?”

<sup>14</sup> UHezekiya wayamukela incwadi esandleni sezithunywa, wayifunda; uHezekiya wayesenyukela endlini kaJehova, wayeneka phambi kukaJehova.

<sup>15</sup> UHezekiya wakhuleka phambi kukaJehova, wathi:

<sup>16</sup> “Jehova Sebawoti, Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, ohlezi phezu kwamakherubi, wena unguNkulunkulu, wena wedwa, wemibuso yonke yomhlaba, wena wenzile izulu nomhlaba.

<sup>17</sup> Beka indlebe yakho, Jehova, uzwe; vula amehlo akho, Jehova, ubone, uzwe onke amazwi kaSaneheribi athume ukweyisa ngawo uNkulunkulu ophilayo.

<sup>18</sup> “Yiqiniso, Jehova; amakhosi ase-Asiriya achithile izizwe zonke namazwe azo,

<sup>19</sup> alahlile onkulunkulu bawo emlilweni, ngokuba babengesibo onkulunkulu, babe ngumsebenzi wezandla zomuntu kuphela, umuthi namatshe; ngalokho abachithile.

<sup>20</sup> Manje, Jehova Nkulunkulu wethu, sisindise esandleni sakhe ukuba yonke imibuso yomhlaba yazi ukuthi wena unguJehova, wena wedwa.”

<sup>21</sup> U-Isaya indodana ka-Amose wathumela kuHezekiya, wathi: “Usho kanje uJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: Njengalokhu ukhuleke kimi ngoSaneheribi inkosi yase-Asiriya,

<sup>22</sup> nanti izwi uJehova alikhulume ngaye ukuthi: “Ikudelele, yakuhleka usulu intombi,

indodakazi yaseSiyoni; ikunikinele ikhanda indodakazi yaseJerusalema.

**23** Weyise bani, wethuka bani, na? Uphakamisele bani izwi lakho, wabhekisa phezulu amehlo akho, na? NgoNgcwele ka-Israyeli!

**24** Ngesandla sezinceku zakho uyijivazile iNkosi, wathi: 'Ngobuningi bezinqola zami ngenyuke mina phezulu ezintabeni ngaphakathi kweLebanoni; ngigawula imisedari yalo emide nemisayipuresi yalo ekhethekileyo ngangena ekuphakameni kwalo kokugcina nasehlathini lalo eliminyeneyo.

**25** Ngemba, ngaphuza amanzi; ngomisa ngamathe onyawo lwami yonke imifula yaseGibithe.'

**26** "Awuzwanga ukuthi kade ngakwenza na? Emihleni yasendulo ngakunquma; manje sengikulethile ukuba uchithe imizi ebizelweyo ibe yizinqwaba.

**27** Abakhe kuyo babe namandla amancane, besaba, bajabha; baba njengotshani basendle, nembali notshani obuluhlaza, nokuluhlaza ezimpahleni zezindlu, namabele ahamukile engakakhuli.

**28** "Kepha ukuhlala kwakho, nokuphuma kwakho, nokungena kwakho ngiyakwazi, nokubhovumula kwakho ngami.

**29** Ngenxa yokubhovumula kwakho ngami, nangokuba ukuzidla kwakho kwenyukele ezindlebeni zami, ngiyakufaka ingwegwe yami emakhaleni akho netomu lami emlonyeni wakho, ngikubuyise ngendlela oweza ngayo.

**30** "Lokhu kuyakuba yisibonakaliso kuwe: "Niyakudla ngalo mnyaka okuzikhulelayo, nangomnyaka wesibili isihlabane, nangomnyaka wesithathu hlwanyelani, nivune, nitshale izivini, nidle izithelo zazo.

**31** Abasindileyo bendlu yakwaJuda abaseleyo bayakubuye bagxile phansi, bathele izithelo phezulu.

**32** Ngokuba kuyakuphuma eJerusalema insali nasentabeni yaseSiyoni abayakusinda; ukushisekela kukaJehova Sebawoti kuyakufeza lokho.

**33** "Ngalokho usho kanje uJehova ngenkosi yase-Asiriya, uthi: "Ayiyingena kulo muzi, ayiyikucibishela mcibisholo khona; ayiyikubhekisa kuwo isihlangu, ayiyikunqwabela iduli ngakuwo.

**34** Indlela eyafika ngayo iyakubuya ngayo; ayiyikungena kulo muzi," usho uJehova.

**35** "Ngiyakuwuvikela lo muzi ukuba ngiwusindise ngenxa yami nangenxa yenceku yami uDavide."

**36** Kwaphuma ingelosi kaJehova, yabulala ekamu labase-Asiriya abayizinkulungwane eziyikhulu namashumi ayisishiyagalombili nanhlanu; sekuvukwa ngakusasa, bheka, kwakuyizidumbu ezifileyo zodwa.

**37** Wayesesuka uSaneheribi inkosi yase-Asiriya, wahamba, wabuya, wahlala eNineve.

**38** Kwathi ekhuleka endlini kaNisiroki unkulunkulu wakhe, o-Adirameleki noSareseri amadodana akhe bambulala ngenkemba, babalekela ezweni lase-Ararati. U-Esari Hadoni indodana yakhe waba yinkosi esikhundleni sakhe.

## ISAHLUKO 38

**N**galezo zinsuku uHezekiya wagula, wayephansi kokufa. Kwafika kuye u-Isaya umprofethi, indodana ka-Amose, wathi kuye: "Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: Yalela indlu yakho, ngokuba uyakufa, awuyikusinda."

**2** UHezekiya wayesephendulela ubuso bakhe odongeni, wakhuleka kuJehova,



<sup>3</sup> wathi: “Ngiyacela, Jehova: ake ukhumbule ukuthi ngihambile phambi kwakho ngeqiniso nangenhliziyo epheleleyo, ngenzile okuhle emehlweni akho.” Wayesekhala uHezekiya ngokukhala okukhulu.

<sup>4</sup> Lafika ku-Isaya izwi likaJehova, lathi:

<sup>5</sup> “Hamba, uthi kuHezekiya: ‘Usho kanje uJehova uNkulunkulu kaDavide uyihlo, uthi: Ngizwile umkhuleko wakho, ngibonile izinyembezi zakho; ngiyakwenezela ezinsukwini zakho iminyaka eyishumi nanhlanu.

<sup>6</sup> Ngiyakophula wena nalo muzi esandleni senkosi yase-Asiriya, ngiwuvikele lo muzi.

<sup>7</sup> “ ‘Lesi siyakuba yisibonakaliso kuwe esivela kuJehova sokuthi uJehova uyakukwenza lokho akukhulumileyo:

<sup>8</sup> bheka, isithunzi sezinyathelo ilanga elizehlile ezinyathelweni zelanga zika-Ahazi ngiyakusibuyisa izinyathelo eziyishumi.’ ” Ilanga labuya-ke izinyathelo eziyishumi ezinyathelweni elizehlileyo.

<sup>9</sup> Ihubo likaHezekiya inkosi yakwaJuda lapho wayekade egula, wasinda ekuguleni kwakhe:

<sup>10</sup> Ngathi: “Ngiphakathi nezinsuku zami ngiyakungena emasangweni endawo yabafileyo, ngaphuciwe inxenye yeminyaka yami.”

<sup>11</sup> Ngathi: “Angiyikumbona uJehova, uJehova ezweni labaphilayo; angisayikubuka muntu nginabakhileyo bezwe.

<sup>12</sup> Idokodo lami lisishuliwe, lasuswa kimi njengetende lomalusi; ngisongile ukuphila kwami njengomaluki; uyanginquma esalukweni; kusukela emini kuze kube sebusuku uyangiqeda.

<sup>13</sup> Ngakhala kwaze kwaba sekuseni; njengengonyama uyaphula onke amathambo ami; kusukela emini kuze kube sebusuku uyangiqeda.

<sup>14</sup> Ngatshiyozisa okwenkonjane, ngaliliselisa okwejuba; amehlo ami aphela ngokubheka phezulu; Nkosi, ngiyacindezelwa; yiba yisibambiso sami.”

<sup>15</sup> Ngingakhuluma ngithini na? Ukhulumile kimi, ukwenzile yena. Ngiyakubinyabinyeka yonke iminyaka ngomunyu womphefumulo wami.

<sup>16</sup> Nkosi, abantu baphila ngalokho, nokuphila komoya wami kukulokho kuphelele; ngalokho mawungiphulukise, ungiphilise.

<sup>17</sup> Bheka, kwakungokuhle kimi ukuthi nganginomunyu; wena wawuthanda umphefumulo wami, waze waphuma egodini lokubhujiswa, ngokuba uzilahlile nyovane zonke izono zami.

<sup>18</sup> Ngokuba indawo yabafileyo ayikubongi, nokufa akukudumisi; abehlela egodini ababheki ukuthembeka kwakho.

<sup>19</sup> Abaphilayo, abaphilayo bayakubonga njengami namuhla; uyise uyabazisa abantwana ukuthembeka kwakho.

<sup>20</sup> UJehova uyakungisindisa; ngalokho siyakubetha ngezingubhu ezinezintambo zonke izinsuku zokuhamba kwethu endlini kaJehova.

<sup>21</sup> U-Isaya wathi: “Mabathathe isigaxa samakhiwane, basibeke ethumbeni, uyakusinda.”

<sup>22</sup> Kepha uHezekiya wathi: “Yisibonakaliso sini sokuba ngiyakwenyukela endlini kaJehova na?”

## IS AHLUKO 39

**N**galeso sikhathi uMerodaki Baladani indodana kaBaladani inkosi yaseBabele wathuma abanezincwadi nesipho kuHezekiya, lapho ezwile ukuthi kade egula, kepha usesimamile.

<sup>2</sup> UHezekiya wathokoza ngabo, wababonisa indlu yengcebo yakhe, isiliva, negolide, namakha, namafutha amahle, nayo yonke indlu yezikhali zakhe, nakho konke okwafunyanwa engcebani yakhe; akubangakho nto endlini yakhe nasembusweni wakhe wonke uHezekiya angababonisanga yona.

<sup>3</sup> Wayesefika u-Isaya, umprofethi, enkosini uHezekiya, wathi kuye: “Batheni labo bantu; beze kuwe bevelaphi na?” Wathi uHezekiya: “Bavela ezweni elikude, iBabele, beze kimi.”

<sup>4</sup> Wayesethi: “Baboneni endlini yakho na?” UHezekiya wathi: “Babone konke okusendlini yami; akukho nto phakathi kwengcebo yami engingababonisanga yona.”

<sup>5</sup> U-Isaya wathi kuHezekiya: “Yizwa izwi likaJehova Sebawoti.

<sup>6</sup> Bheka, izinsuku ziyeza, lapho konke okusendlini yakho nalokho oyihlo abakubekelele khona kuze kube namuhla kuyakuyiswa eBabele; akuyikusala lutho, usho uJehova.

<sup>7</sup> Nasemadodaneni akho ayakuphuma kuwe, oyakuwazala, bayakuwathatha abe yizinceku endlini yobukhosi yenkosi yaseBabele.”

<sup>8</sup> Wayesethi uHezekiya ku-Isaya: “Lihle izwi likaJehova olikhulumileyo.” Wathi futhi: “Ngokuba kuyakuba khona ukuthula nokulondeka emihleni yami.”

## ISAHLUKO 40

**D**uduzani, nibaduduze abantu bami, usho uNkulunkulu wenu.

<sup>2</sup> Qungani iJerusalema isibindi, nimemeze kulo ukuthi ukulwa kwalo sekuphelile nokuthi buhlanguliwe ububi balo, ngokuba lamukeliswe esandleni sikaJehova ngokuphindiweyo ngazo zonke izono zalo.

<sup>3</sup> Izwi liyamemeza lithi: “Lungisani ehlane indlela kaJehova, nihlelembe oqwathuleni umgwaqo kaNkulunkulu wethu.

<sup>4</sup> Zonke izigodi ziyakuphakanyiswa, zonke izintaba namagquma kuyakwehliswa; amagebhugebhu ayakuhlelenjwa, nemigoxigoxi iyakuba yithafa.

<sup>5</sup> Inkazimulo kaJehova iyakubonakaliswa, yonke inyama ikubone kanyekanye, ngokuba umlomo kaJehova ukhulumile.”

<sup>6</sup> Izwi liyakhuluma lithi: “Memeza!” Ngathi: “Ngiyakumemezani na?” Inyama yonke ingutshani, bonke ubuhle bayo bunjengembali yasendle.

<sup>7</sup> Utshani buyabuna, imbali iyavuthuluka, ngokuba umoya kaJehova uyaphephetha kukho. Impela abantu bangutshani.

<sup>8</sup> Utshani buyabuna, imbali iyavuthuluka, kepha izwi likaNkulunkulu wethu limi kuze kube phakade.

<sup>9</sup> Khuphukela entabeni ende, wena, Siyoni, obika okujabulisayo, uphakamise ngamandla izwi lakho, wena Jerusalema obika okujabulisayo, uliphakamise ungesabi, usho emizini yakwaJuda ukuthi: “Bhekani, nangu uNkulunkulu wenu.”

<sup>10</sup> Bhekani, iNkosi uJehova iyeza ngamandla; ingalo yayo iyakumbusela; bhekani, umvuzo wayo inawo, inkokhelo yayo iphambi kwayo.

<sup>11</sup> Iyakwalusa umhlambi wayo njengomalusi, ibuthe amawundlu ngemikhono yayo, iwagone esifubeni sayo, ihole kahle izindlezane.

<sup>12</sup> Ngubani olinganise amanzi ngentende yesandla sakhe, walinganisa izulu ngeminwe eyeluliweyo, wahlanganisa uthuli esilinganisweni, walinganisa izintaba ngezikalolo namagquma ngezisindo, na?

- 13** Ngubani oqondisile uMoya kaJehova, wamfundisa engumluleki wakhe, na?
- 14** Walulekana nobani waze wamqondisa, wamfundisa indlela yokwahlulela, wamnika ukwazi, wamazisa indlela yokuqonda, na?
- 15** Bheka, izizwe zinjengethonsi kwasesitsheni, zibalwa njengothuli lwesilinganiso; bheka, iziqhingi uyaziphakamisa njengothuli olucolekileyo.
- 16** ILebanoni alanele ukubaswa, nezilwane zalo azanele ukuba zibe ngumnikelo wokushiswa.
- 17** Zonke izizwe zinjengento engelutho phambi kwakhe, zibalwa njengokungelutho nokuyize kuye.
- 18** Niyakumfanisa uNkulunkulu nobani, nimlinganise namuphi umfanekiso, na?
- 19** Yisithombe yini esibunjiwe yisisebenzi, sanamekwa ngegolide ngumkhandi, sancibilikiselwa amaketanga esiliva, na?
- 20** Ompofu kunokuba anikele ngomnikelo onjalo uyakhetha umuthi ongaboliyo, azifunele isisebenzi esihlakaniphileyo ukuba simise isithombe esibaziweyo esingenakuzanyanyiswa.
- 21** Anazi yini? Anizwa yini? Anitshelwanga yini kwasekuqaleni, aniqondanga kwasekusekelweni komhlaba, na?
- 22** Nguye ohlezi esiyingelezini somhlaba — abakhile kuwo banjengezintethe — noweneka izulu njengendwangu, alalule njengetende ukuba kuhlalwe kulo,
- 23** nowenza izikhulu zibe yinto engelutho, nabahluleli ukuba babe yize.
- 24** Yebo, banele ukutshalwa nje, yebo, banele ukuhlwanyelwa nje, yebo, isiqu sanele ukugxila emhlabathini, abesephephetha kubo, babune, isivunguvungu sibasuse njengamabibi.
- 25** “Niyakungifanisa nobani ukuba ngifane naye?” usho oNgcwele.
- 26** Phakamiselani amehlo enu phezulu, nibone. Ngubani odalile lezo zinto na? Nguye okhipha ibandla lazo ngezibalo, abize zonke ngamagama; ngobuningi bamandla akhe nangobukhulu bezikhwepha zakhe ayisilali neyodwa.
- 27** Usholoni wena Jakobe, ukhulumelani wena Israyeli, ukuthi: “Indlela yami isithekile kuJehova, ilungelo lami lidlulile kuNkulunkulu wami,” na?
- 28** Awazi yini? Awuzwanga na? UJehova unguNkulunkulu ongunaphakade; udalile imikhawulo yomhlaba; akapheli amandla, akakhathali, nokuqonda kwakhe akunakuphenywa.
- 29** Nguye omupha oyethileyo amandla, nakongenamandla uyandisa izikhwepha.
- 30** Izinsizwa ziyaphela amandla, zikhathale, nabasha bawa nokuwa,
- 31** kepha abamethembayo uJehova bayathola amandla amasha, bayakhuphuka ngamaphiko njengezinkozi, bagijime bengakhathali, bahambe bengapheli amandla.

## ISAHLUKO 41

**“T**hulani phambi kwami nina ziqhingi, izizwe zithole amandla amasha. Mazisondele, andukuba zikhulume, sisondelane ekwahluleleni.

**2** “Ngubani ovusile ukulunga kuphume empumalanga, akubize ukuba kumlandele, anikele izizwe phambi kwakhe, amenze ukuba abuse amakhosi, abenze babe njengothuli ngenkemba yakhe, nanjengamabibi aphephezeliswayo ngomnsalo wakhe, na?

**3** Uyabaxosha, adlule kahle ngezindlela angazihambanga ngezinyawo.

**4** Ngubani okusebenzileyo, wakwenza, na? Nguye owazibiza izizukulwane

kwasekuqaleni: mina Jehova engingowokuqala nenginguye nakwabokuphela.”

<sup>5</sup> Iziqhingi ziyakubona, ziyesaba; imikhawulo yomhlaba iyathuthumela; isondele, isifikile.

<sup>6</sup> Yilowo nalowo usiza umakhelwane wakhe; uthi komfowabo: “Yiba nesibindi.”

<sup>7</sup> Umbazi uqunga umkhandi isibindi, nololonga ngesando uqunga oshaya isikhandelo isibindi, ethi ngokunamathelisa: “Kuhle,” ekubethela ngezipikili, funa kunyakaziswe.

<sup>8</sup> “Kepha wena Israyeli, nceku yami, wena Jakobe engikukhethileyo, nzalo ka-Abrahama othandiweyo wami,

<sup>9</sup> wena engikuthathile emikhawulweni yomhlaba, ngakubiza emagumbini awo, ngathi kuwe: ‘Wena uyinceku yami,’ ngikukhethile, angikulahlanga;

<sup>10</sup> ungesabi, ngokuba mina nginawe; ungapheli amandla, ngokuba mina nginguNkulunkulu wakho; ngiyakuqinisa, futhi ngiyakusiza, yebo, ngiyakusekela ngesandla sokunene sokulunga kwami.

<sup>11</sup> “Bheka, bonke abafuthekela wena bayakuba namahloni, bajabhe; abamelene nawe bayakuba njengento engelutho, babhubhe.

<sup>12</sup> Uyakubafuna, ungabafumani kodwa, labo bantu abaxabana nawe; abalwa nawe bayakuba njengento engelutho nanjengeze.

<sup>13</sup> Ngokuba yimina Jehova uNkulunkulu wakho obamba isandla sakho sokunene, nothi kuwe: Ungesabi, mina ngiyakusiza.

<sup>14</sup> Ungesabi wena mpethu, Jakobe, nani bantu bakwa-Israyeli; mina ngiyakukusiza,” usho uJehova; uMhlengi wakho ungoNgcwele ka-Israyeli.

<sup>15</sup> “Bheka, ngiyakukwenza ukuba ube yisibhulo esisha esibukhali esinamazinyo; uyakubhula izintaba, uzicolisise, wenze amagquma abe njengamakhoba.

<sup>16</sup> Uyakuwahlakaza, umoya uwasuse, isivunguvungu siwachithe; wena uyakuthokoza ngoJehova, uzibonge ngoNgcwele ka-Israyeli.

<sup>17</sup> “Abampofu nabaswelayo bafuna amanzi, kepha awakho, nolimi lwabo luphele ukoma; mina Jehova ngiyakubaphendula, mina Nkulunkulu ka-Israyeli angiyikubashiya.

<sup>18</sup> Ngiyakuvula imifula emadulini angenalutho nemithombo phakathi kwezigodi; ngiyakwenza ihlane libe yichibi lamanzi, nomhlabathi owomileyo ube yiziphethu zamanzi.

<sup>19</sup> Ngiyakutshala umsedari ehlane, umtholo, nombomvana, nomnqumo, ngibeke kwahlongasibi umsayipuresi, nomthidari, nomkhoba kanyekanye,

<sup>20</sup> ukuze babone, bazi, baqaphele, baqonde kanyekanye ukuthi isandla sikaJehova sikwenzile lokhu nokuthi oNgcwele ka-Israyeli wakudala.

<sup>21</sup> “Lethani indaba yenu,” usho uJehova, “nisondeze izizathu zenu,” isho iNkosi kaJakobe.

<sup>22</sup> “Mabazisondeze, basitshale okuyakwenzeka; izinto zakuqala ziyini na? Mabasitshale zona ukuba sizibeke ezinhliziyweni zethu, sazi ukuphela kwazo, noma nisizwise okuzayo.

<sup>23</sup> Sitsheleni okuzayo ngesikhathi esizayo, sazi ukuthi ningonkulunkulu; yebo, yenzani okuhle noma okubi, simangale, sikubone kanyekanye.

<sup>24</sup> Bhekani, nivela kokungekho, nemisebenzi yenu ayiyinto yalutho; uyisinengiso onikhethileyo.

<sup>25</sup> “Ukhona engimvusile esenyakatho, wafika, nasempumalanga, ukuba abize igama lami; uyakwehlela phezu kwezikhulu njengaphezu kodaka, njengombumbi exova ibumba.

<sup>26</sup> Ngubani owakushoyo kwasekuqaleni ukuba sazi, nangaphambili ukuba sishe sithi: ‘Uqinisile,’ na? Cha, akakho okumemezileyo, akakho nokuzwisileyo, akakho nozwayo amazwi enu.

<sup>27</sup> Ngingowokuqala othi kulo iSiyoni: ‘Bheka, babheke,’ nginike iJerusalema umbiki wendaba ethokoziwayo.

<sup>28</sup> Kepha lapho ngibheka, akukho muntu, akakho phakathi kwabo umluleki ongaphendula ngazwi, lapho ngibabuzayo.

<sup>29</sup> Bheka, bayize bonke; imisebenzi yabo ayiyinto yalutho, nezithombe zabo ezibunjiweyo zingumoya nokuyize.

## ISAHLUKO 42

**“B**heka inceku yami engiyisekelayo, okhethiweyo wami othokoza ngaye umphefumulo wami; nginikele umoya wami phezu kwakhe, uyakukhiphela izizwe ukwahlulela.

<sup>2</sup> Akayikukhala, adazuluke, angezwakalisi izwi lakhe ezitaladini.

<sup>3</sup> Umhlanga ofecekileyo akayikuwaphula, umongo othunqayo akayikuwucima; uyakukhipha ukwahlulela ngeqiniso.

<sup>4</sup> Akayikudangala, aphele amandla, aze amise ukwahlulela emhlabeni; neziqhingi ziyakuhlalela umthetho wakhe.”

<sup>5</sup> Usho kanje uNkulunkulu uJehova owadala izulu, waleneka, nowawendlala umhlaba nokuvela kuwo, nowanika abantu abakuwo ukuphefumula nomoya kwabahamba kuwo, uthi:

<sup>6</sup> “Mina Jehova ngikubizile ngokulunga, ngiyakubamba isandla sakho, ngikugcine, ngikubeke ube yisivumelwano sabantu nokukhanya kwabezizwe,

<sup>7</sup> ukuze uvule amehlo ezimpumputhe, ukhiphe iziboshwa etilongweni nabahlezi ebumnyameni etilongweni.

<sup>8</sup> “NginguJehova; yilo igama lami; angiyikunika omunye inkazimulo yami, nezithombe ezibaziweyo udumo lwami.

<sup>9</sup> Izinto zakuqala zifikile, sengimemezela izinto ezintsha; zingakaqhamuki, ngiyanizwisa zona.”

<sup>10</sup> Mhubeleni uJehova ihubo elisha, nodumo lwakhe, kusukela emikhawulweni yomhlaba, nina enehlela elwandle nakho konke okukulo, nina ziqhingi nabakhileyo kuzo.

<sup>11</sup> Ihlane nemizi yalo makujabule nemizana abakhileyo kuyo abakwaKedari, bahube abakhile emadwaleni, benanele beseziqongweni zezintaba.

<sup>12</sup> Mabanike uJehova udumo, bamemezele udumo lwakhe eziqhingini.

<sup>13</sup> UJehova uyaphuma njengeqhawe; njengendoda yempi uyavusa ukushisekela kwakhe; uyakhala, yebo, uyabangalasa, enze ubuqhawe phezu kwezitha zakhe.

<sup>14</sup> “Sekuyisikhathi eside ngithulile, ngathula ngazibamba; sengiyakukhala njengobe lethayo, ngiphefuzele, ngibitoze kanyekanye.

<sup>15</sup> Ngiyakwenza ize izintaba namagquma, ngomise yonke imifino yawo, ngenze imifula ibe yiziqhingi, ngenze amachibi ukuba ashe.

<sup>16</sup> Ngiyakuhambisa izimpumputhe ngendlela ezingayaziyo; emikhondweni ezingayaziyo ngiyakuzihola; ngiyakwenza ubumnyama bube ngukukhanya phambi kwazo, namagebhugebhu ukuba ahlelenjwe; ngiyakwenza lezi zinto ngingazishiyi.

<sup>17</sup> Bayakubuyiselwa emuva, bajabhe nokujabha labo abethemba ezithombeni ezibaziweyo, abasho ezithombeni ezibunjiweyo ukuthi: ‘Ningonkulunkulu bethu.’

<sup>18</sup> “Yizwani nina zithulu; bhekani nina zimpumputhe, ukuze nibone.

<sup>19</sup> Ngubani oyimpumputhe ngaphandle kwenceku yami, nesithulu njengesithunywa sami engisithumayo, na? Ngubani oyimpumputhe njengopheleleyo, oyimpumputhe njengenceku kaJehova, na?

<sup>20</sup> Ubona izinto eziningi, kepha awuqapheli; izindlebe zakhe zivulekile, kepha akezwa.”

- <sup>21</sup> Kwaba kuhle kuJehova ngenxa yokulunga kwakhe ukuba akhulise umthetho, awudumise.
- <sup>22</sup> Kepha laba bangabantu abaphangiweyo nabamukiweyo; bonke bacushiwe emigodini, bafihliwe ematilongweni; bangabokuphangwa, akakho obophulayo, yebo, bayimpango, kungekho oshoyo ukuthi: “Buyisa.”
- <sup>23</sup> Ngubani phakathi kwenu obeka indlebe kulokhu, aqaphele, ezwele isikhathi esizayo, na?
- <sup>24</sup> Ngubani owanikela uJakobe ukuba aphantwe, no-Israyeli kubo abaphangi, na? Angithi nguJehova, esonile kuye, nabangavumanga ukuhamba ngezindlela zakhe, nabangawulalelanga umthetho wakhe?
- <sup>25</sup> Wayesethela phezu kwakhe ukufutheka kwentukuthelo yakhe, namandla empi; kwamvuthela nxazonke, kepha akakwazanga; kwamshisa, kepha akakubekanga enhliziyweni yakhe.

## ISAHLUKO 43

- K**epha manje usho kanje uJehova owakudalayo wena Jakobe, nowakubumba wena Israyeli, uthi: “Ungesabi ngokuba ngikuhlengile, ngikubizile ngegama lakho; ungowami.
- <sup>2</sup> Lapho udabula emanzini, mina nginawe; nasemifuleni, ayiyikukukhukhula; lapho uhamba emlilweni, awuyikusha, nelangabi aliyikukushisa.
- <sup>3</sup> Ngokuba nginguJehova uNkulunkulu wakho, oNgcwele ka-Israyeli, uMsindisi wakho; ngiyanika iGibithe libe yihlawulo lakho, iKushe neSheba esikhundleni sakho.
- <sup>4</sup> Ngenxa yokuba ubuyigugu emehlweni ami, futhi ubudumile, uthandekile kimi, ngiyakunika abantu esikhundleni sakho, nezizwe esikhundleni sokuphila kwakho.
- <sup>5</sup> Ungesabi, ngokuba nginawe; ngiyakuyiletha inzalo yakho iphume empumalanga, ngikubuthe nasentshonalanga.
- <sup>6</sup> Ngiyakusho kuyo inyakatho, ngithi: ‘Balethe,’ nakuyo iningizimu: ‘Ungabagodli.’ Lethani amadodana ami akude, namadodakazi ami ukuba aphume emikhawulweni yomhlaba,
- <sup>7</sup> onke abizwe ngegama lami, nengiwadalele inkazimulo yami, engiwabumbile nengiwenzile.”
- <sup>8</sup> Lethani abantu abayizimpumputhe abanamehlo nezithulu ezinezindlebe.
- <sup>9</sup> Izizwe zonke mazibuthelwe ndawonye, abantu bonke babuthane; ngubani phakathi kwabo ongamemezela lokhu, asizwise izinto zakuqala; mabalethe ofakazi babo ukuba balungisiswe, bezwe, bathi: “Kuyiqiniso.”
- <sup>10</sup> “Ningofakazi bami,” usho uJehova, “nenceku yami engiyikhethileyo ukuba nazi, ningethembe, niqonde ukuthi nginguye; ngaphambi kwami akwenziwanga uNkulunkulu, nangasemva kwami akayikuba khona.
- <sup>11</sup> Mina, mina nginguJehova, ngaphandle kwami akakho umsindisi.
- <sup>12</sup> Ngimemezele, ngisindisile, ngizwisile, kungakabikho unkulunkulu wabezizwe phakathi kwenu; yebo, ningofakazi bami,” usho uJehova, “mina nginguNkulunkulu.
- <sup>13</sup> Yebo, kwasendulo nginguye; akakho ongophula esandleni sami; lapho ngisebenza, ngubani ongakuvimbela na?”
- <sup>14</sup> Usho kanje uJehova, uMhlengi wenu, oNgcwele ka-Israyeli, uthi: “Ngenxa yenu ngithumele eBabele, ngiyakwehlisa bonke njengababaleki, namaKaledi ngemikhumbi yokujabula kwawo.
- <sup>15</sup> NginguJehova oNgcwele wenu, uMdali ka-Israyeli, iNkosi yenu.”

- <sup>16</sup> Usho kanje uJehova owenza indlela elwandle, nomkhondo emanzini anamandla,
- <sup>17</sup> okhipha izinqola namahhashi, impi namandla; kuyalala kanyekanye, akusenakuvuka; kucishile, kucinyiwe njengomongo.
- <sup>18</sup> “Ningakhumbuli izinto zakuqala, ningazindli ngezindaba zasendulo.
- <sup>19</sup> Bhekani, ngiyakwenza okusha; kuyakuqhamuka manje, angithi niyakwazi na? Yebo, ngiyakwenza indlela ehlane nemifula kwahlongasibi.
- <sup>20</sup> Izilwane zasendle ziyakungidumisa, amakhanka nezintshe, ngokuba ngiveza amanzi ehlane nemifula kwahlongasibi ukuphuzisa abantu bami abakhethiweyo,
- <sup>21</sup> laba bantu engizenzele bona ukuba bashumayeke udumo lwami.
- <sup>22</sup> “Kepha awungibizanga, Jakobe, ngokuba wadinwa yimi, Israyeli.
- <sup>23</sup> Awulethanga kimi izimvu zakho zomnikelo wokushiswa, awungidumisanga ngemihlatshelo yakho; angikukhonzisanga ngeminikelo, angikudinisanga ngenhlaka.
- <sup>24</sup> Awungithengelanga umhlaka othaphukayo ngemali, awungisuthisanga ngamanoni emihlatshelo yakho, kepha ungisebenzisile ngezono zakho, ungidinisile ngobubi bakho.
- <sup>25</sup> “Mina, mina nginguye owesula iziphambeko zakho ngenxa yami; angiyikukhumbula izono zakho.
- <sup>26</sup> Ngikhumbuze, masahlulelane; yisho wena ukuba ulungisiwe.
- <sup>27</sup> Uyihlo wokuqala wona, abahumushi bakho bangihlubukile.
- <sup>28</sup> Ngidumazile izikhulu zendlu engcwele, ngimenzile uJakobe abe yisiqalekiso, no-Israyeli abe yisithuko.

## ISAPHELA 44

**“K**epha yizwa manje, Jakobe, nceku yami, wena Israyeli engikukhethileyo.

- <sup>2</sup> Usho kanje uJehova owakudalayo, wakubumba kwasesiwini, oyakukusiza, uthi: Ungesabi, Jakobe, nceku yami, wena Jeshuruni engikukhethileyo.
- <sup>3</sup> Ngokuba ngiyakuthela amanzi phezu kokomileyo, nezikhukhula phezu kokushileyo, ngithulule uMoya wami phezu kwenzalo yakho, nesibusiso sami phezu kwabantwana bakho;
- <sup>4</sup> bayakuhluma phakathi kotshani njengeminyezane ngasemifudlaneni yamanzi.
- <sup>5</sup> Omunye uyakuthi: ‘NgingokaJehova,’ omunye uyakuzibiza ngegama likaJakobe, omunye azilobele uJehova esandleni sakhe, azidumise ngegama lika-Israyeli.”
- <sup>6</sup> “Usho kanje uJehova, iNkosi ka-Israyeli, noMhlengi wakhe, uJehova Sebawoti, uthi: Ngingowokuqala, ngingowokugcina, ngaphandle kwami akakho uNkulunkulu.
- <sup>7</sup> Ngubani ongabiza njengami, akumemezele, akubeke phambi kwami, kusukela ekusekeleni kwami abantu basendulo, na? Yebo, okuzayo nokuyakwenzeka mabakumemezele.
- <sup>8</sup> Ningesabi, ningabi naluvalo; angithi ngikuzwisile kusukela endulo, ngakumemezela, na? Nina ningofakazi bami. Kukhona uNkulunkulu ngaphandle kwami na? Cha, alikho iDwala; angilazi.”
- <sup>9</sup> Abenza isithombe esibaziweyo bayize bonke; izinto zabo ezithandekayo aziyikusiza; ofakazi babo ababoni, futhi abazi; bayakujabhiswa.
- <sup>10</sup> Ngubani owenzile uNkulunkulu, ngubani obumbile isithombe esibaziweyo esingesokusiza na?
- <sup>11</sup> Bheka, bonke abangane bakhe bayakujabha, nezisebenzi zingabantu nje. Mabahlangane bonke, beme; bayakwesaba, bajabhe kanyekanye.



- <sup>12</sup> Umkhandi wensimbi wenza imbazo, asebenze emalahleni, ayibumbe ngezando, ayisebenze ngamandla ezingalo zakhe; uyalamba, angabikho amandla; akaphuzi amanzi, uyadangala.
- <sup>13</sup> Umbazi uyelula intambo, adwebe umuthi ngokubomvu, awenze ngezibazo, adwebe ngekompassi, awenze ngomfanekiso womuntu, ngobuhle bomuntu, ukuba uhlale endlini.
- <sup>14</sup> Uyazigawulela imisedari, athathe imikhoba nama-oki, awaqinise phakathi kwemithi yehlathi; uyatshala umfire, imvula iwukhulise.
- <sup>15</sup> Bese kuba ngokomuntu ukuba abase ngakho; uthatha kuwo, othe; uyawuphemba, enze isinkwa; wenza unkulunkulu, akhuleke kuye, enze nesithombe esibaziweyo, akhothambele kuso.
- <sup>16</sup> Ushisa inxenye yawo emlilweni; phezu kwale nxenye uyadla inyama, ose izoso, asuthe; yebo, uyotha athi: “Halala! Sengifudumele, ngibonile umlilo.”
- <sup>17</sup> Ngokuseleyo kuwo uyakwenza unkulunkulu nesithombe; uyakhothamela kuso, akhuleke kuso, athandaze kuso, athi: “Ngophule; ungunkulunkulu wami.”
- <sup>18</sup> Abazi, abaqondi, ngokuba unamekile amehlo abo ukuze bangaboni, nezinhliziyi zabo ukuze bangaqondi.
- <sup>19</sup> Akakho okhumbulayo, nokwazi nokuqonda akukho kokuba kuthiwe: “Ngishisile inxenye yawo ngomlilo, ngenzile isinkwa phezu kwamalahle awo, ngosile inyama, ngayidla; ngingenza okuseleyo kuwo kube yisinengiso, ngikhothamele umbhuku womuthi,” na?
- <sup>20</sup> Udla umlotha; inhliziyi ekhohlisiweyo imdukisile; akanakophula umphefumulo wakhe nokuba athi: “Akukho yini amanga kwesokunene sami na?”
- <sup>21</sup> “Khumbula lezi zinto, Jakobe, wena Israyeli, ngokuba uyinceku yami; ngikubumbile, uyinceku yami; Israyeli, angiyikukhohlwa.
- <sup>22</sup> Ngesulile iziphambeko zakho njengefu, nezono zakho njengemilaza; buyela kimi, ngokuba ngikuhlengile.”
- <sup>23</sup> Thokozani, mazulu, ngokuba uJehova ukwenzile, nijabule nina zindawo eziphansi zomhlaba, niqhumuke ngokuhlabelela nina zintaba, nawe hlathi nayo yonke imithi ekuwe, ngokuba uJehova umhlengile uJakobe, ngokuhlabelela wazidumisa ngo-Israyeli.
- <sup>24</sup> Usho kanje uJehova uMhlengi wakho nowakubumba kwasesiswini, uthi: “NginguJehova owenza konke, oweneka izulu yedwa, nowendlala umhlaba ngokwakhe,
- <sup>25</sup> oshafisa izibonakaliso zabaprofethi bamanga, enze ababhuli ukuba bahlanye, obuyisela emuva abahlakaniphileyo, enze ukwazi kwabo kube ngubuwula;
- <sup>26</sup> ogcwalisa izwi lenceku yakhe, afeze ukululekana kwezithunywa zakhe, oshoyo ngalo iJerusalema, athi: ‘Liyakuba nabantu,’ nangemizi yakwaJuda ukuthi: ‘Iyakwakhiwa, ngibuye ngivuse incithakalo yakhona;’
- <sup>27</sup> oshoyo kuwo umsinga ukuthi: ‘Yisha, ngiyakomisa imifula yakho;’
- <sup>28</sup> oshoyo ngoKoresi ukuthi: ‘Ungumalusi wami, uyakufeza konke okwentando yami, athi ngeJerusalema: Liyakwakhiwa, nakulo ithempeli: Isisekelo sakho siyakubekwa.’ ”

## ISAHLUKO 45

**“U**sho kanje uJehova kogcotshiweyo wakhe, kuKoresi, osandla sakhe sokunene ngisibambile ukuba ngahlule izizwe phambi kwakhe, ngithukulule izinkalo zamakhosi, ngivule iminyango phambi kwakhe, amasango angabe esavalwa.

<sup>2</sup> Mina ngiyakuhamba phambi kwakho, ngihlelembe amagebhugebhu, ngaphule izivalo zethusi, nginqume imigoqo yensimbi.

<sup>3</sup> Ngiyakukunika ingcebo yobumnyama, nemfuyo ethukusiweyo ezindaweni ezisithekileyo, ukuba wazi ukuthi nginguJehova okubiza ngegama lakho, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli.

<sup>4</sup> Ngenxa yenceku yami uJakobe, u-Israyeli okhethiweyo wami, ngikubizile ngegama lakho, ngikunikile igama lodumo, ungakangazi.

<sup>5</sup> Mina nginguJehova, akakho omunye; ngaphandle kwami akakho uNkulunkulu; ngiyakubhincisa ungakangazi,

<sup>6</sup> ukuze bazi kusukela empumalanga nasentshonalanga ukuthi akakho ngaphandle kwami; mina nginguJehova, akakho omunye;

<sup>7</sup> yimi engenza ukukhanya nengidala ubumnyama, ngenza ukuthula, ngidala okubi; nginguJehova owenza konke lokho.

<sup>8</sup> “Consani, mazulu, phezulu, amafu athuntulule ukulunga; umhlaba mawuvuleke, kuthelwe ukusindiswa, kumile nokulunga; mina Jehova ngikudalile.

<sup>9</sup> “Wo kuye olwa noMenzi, udengezi phakathi kwezindengezi zomhlaba! Ibumba liyakusho kolibumbayo ukuthi: ‘Wenzani na?’ nomsebenzi wakho ukuthi: ‘Akanazo izandla,’ na?

<sup>10</sup> Wo kuye osho kuyise ukuthi: ‘Uzalani na?’ nakowesifazane ukuthi: ‘Unemihelo ngani na?’

<sup>11</sup> “Usho kanje uJehova, oNgcwele ka-Israyeli noMenzi wakhe, uthi: Ningibuza ngezinto ezizayo, ngabantwana bami, ningiyaleze ngomsebenzi wezandla zami, na?

<sup>12</sup> Yimi engiwenzile umhlaba, ngadala abantu phezu kwawo; mina ngezandla zami ngeneka izulu, nebandla lalo lonke ngiliyalezile.

<sup>13</sup> Mina ngimvusile lona ngokulunga; ngiyakuhlelemba zonke izindlela zakhe; yena uyakuwakha umuzi wami, avumele abathunjwa bami ukuba bahambe, kungabi ngenkokhelo nangesipho, usho uJehova Sebawoti.”

<sup>14</sup> Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: “Okukhandlekelweyo kwaseGibithe nokuzuziweyo kwaseKushe, nangamaSheba, abantu abade, kuyakungena kuwe, kube ngokwakho; bayakukulandela, bafike beboshwe ngamaketanga, bakhothamele kuwe, bakhuleke kuwe, bathi: ‘UNkulunkulu ukuwe kuphela, akakho omunye, akakho ngaphandle kukaNkulunkulu.’ ”

<sup>15</sup> Impela unguNkulunkulu ozifihlayo, wena Nkulunkulu, Msindisi.

<sup>16</sup> Bayakujabha, babe namahloni bonke kanyekanye; bayakuhamba benamahloni bonke abenza izithombe.

<sup>17</sup> Kepha u-Israyeli uyakusindiswa nguJehova ngokusindiswa okuphakade; aniyikujabha, aniyikuba namahloni kuze kube phakade.

<sup>18</sup> Ngokuba usho kanje uJehova, owalidala izulu, onguNkulunkulu, owawubumba umhlaba, wawenza, wawumisa, engawudalelanga ize, wawubumba ukuba kuhlalwe kuwo, uthi: “NginguJehova, akakho omunye.

<sup>19</sup> Angikhulumanga ekusithekeni, endaweni emnyama emhlabeni; angishongo enzalweni kaJakobe ukuthi: ‘Ngifuneni ngeze.’ Mina Jehova ngikhuluma ukulunga, ngimemezela okuqotho.

<sup>20</sup> “Buthanani nize, nisondelane ndawonye nina bakhululekileyo bezizwe; abawuthwala umuthi wezithombe zabo ezibaziweyo abanakwazi, bakhuleka kunkulunkulu ongenakusindisa.

<sup>21</sup> Kumemezeleni, nikuveze; yebo, balulekane kanyekanye. Ngubani owakuzwisa lokhu endulo, wakumemezela kwasesikhathini samandulo na? Akusimina Jehova na? Akakho uNkulunkulu ngaphandle kwami, uNkulunkulu olungileyo noMsindisi, akakho ngaphandle kwami.

<sup>22</sup> “Phendukelani kini, nisindiswe, nonke nina majukujuku omhlaba, ngokuba

nginguNkulunkulu, akakho omunye.

<sup>23</sup> Ngizifungile mina, kuphumile izwi emlonyeni wami ngokulunga, aliyikubuya, lokuthi: Kimina ayakuguqa onke amadolo, nezilimi zonke ziyakufunga.

<sup>24</sup> Kuyakuthiwa: 'KuJehova kuphela nginokulunga namandla.' " Bayakufika kuye, bajabhe bonke abamvuthelayo.

<sup>25</sup> KuJehova yonke inzalo kaJakobe yakwa-Israyeli iyakulungisiswa, ibe nodumo.

## ISAHLUKO 46

**U**Beli uyaguqa, uNebo uyakhothama; izithombe zabo zingezezilwane nezezinkomo; enibathweleyo bangumthwalo, banzima ezilwaneni eziyethileyo.

<sup>2</sup> Ziyakhothama, ziguqa kanyekanye, azinakuwukhulula umthwalo; nabo uqobo baya ekuthunjweni.

<sup>3</sup> "Ngilalele wena ndlu kaJakobe, yonke insali yendlu yakwa-Israyeli engiyithwesiweyo kwasesiswini, yabekwa phezu kwami kwasesizalweni.

<sup>4</sup> Noze niguge, nginguye, yebo, noze nibe yizimpunga, ngiyakunithwala; ngikwenzile lokhu, futhi ngiyakunetshatha, yebo, ngiyakunithwala, nginikhulule.

<sup>5</sup> "Niyakungifanisa, ningilinganise nobani, ningiqathanise nobani ukuba sifanane na?

<sup>6</sup> Abathulula igolide esikhwameni yini, balinganise isiliva esilinganisweni, baqashe umkhandi wesiliva ukuba enze unkulunkulu, bese bekhothama, bakhuleke, na?

<sup>7</sup> Bamthwala ehlobo, bametshathe, bambeke endaweni yakhe ukuba eme khona, angabe esasuka endaweni yakhe; kepha uma umuntu ekhala kuye, akayikumphendula, angamsindisi osizini lwakhe.

<sup>8</sup> "Khumbulani lokhu, nime niqinile, nibuye nicabange ezinhliziyweni zenu nina benzi bokubi.

<sup>9</sup> Khumbulani izinto zakuqala zamandulo, ngokuba nginguNkulunkulu, akakho omunye, yebo, nginguNkulunkulu, akakho onjengami,

<sup>10</sup> engimemezela ngaphambili okuyakuza, nasendulo izinto ezingakenziwa, ngokuthi: Icebo lami liyakuma, ngiyakwenza yonke intando yami,

<sup>11</sup> mina engibiza inqe empumalanga nomuntu wecebo lami ezweni elikude; yebo, ngikhulumile, ngiyakukufikisa; nginqumile, ngiyakukwenza.

<sup>12</sup> Ngilaleleni nina enilukhuni ngenhliziyo, enikude nokulunga.

<sup>13</sup> Ngiyakusondeza ukulunga kwami, akukude, insindiso yami ayiyikulibala; ngibeka insindiso eSiyoni nodumo lwami kwa-Israyeli.

## ISAHLUKO 47

**“Y**ehla, uhlale othulini wena ntombi, ndodakazi yaseBabele, uhlale emhlabathini, kungekho sihlalo sobukhosi, wena ndodakazi yamaKaledi, ngokuba awusayikubizwa ngokuthi uthambile nokuthi uyatetema.

<sup>2</sup> Thatha amatshe okugaya, ugaye impuphu, uyisuse imvakazi yakho, uwukhumule umhushuzo wakho, wambule umlenze, uwele imifula.

<sup>3</sup> Ubuze bakho buyakwambulwa, yebo, ubunqunu bakho buyakubonakala; ngiyakuphindisa, ngingayeki muntu.

<sup>4</sup> Igama loMhlengi wethu linguJehova Sebawoti, oNgcwele ka-Israyeli.

<sup>5</sup> "Hlala uzithulele, ungene ebumnyameni, wena ndodakazi yamaKaledi, ngokuba

awusayikubizwa ngokuthi iNkosikazi Yemibuso.

<sup>6</sup> Ngabathukuthelela abantu bami, ngalingcolisa ifa lami, ngalinikela esandleni sakho; awubahawukelanga, walenza ijoka lakho ukuba lisinde kakhulu phezu kwabadala.

<sup>7</sup> Wathi wena: 'Ngiyakuba yinkosikazi njalonjalo.' Ngalokho awubekanga lezi zinto enhliziyweni yakho, awukhumbulanga ukugcina kwazo.

<sup>8</sup> "Manje yizwa lokhu wena ozijabulisayo, ohlala ulondekile, othi enhliziyweni yakho: Yimi, akakho omunye; angiyikuhlalisa okomfelokazi, nokufelwa abantwana angiyikukwazi.

<sup>9</sup> Kodwa lokhu kokubili kuyakufika kuwe ngokuphazima kweso ngalusuku lunye, ukufelwa, kwabantwana nobufelokazi kufike phezu kwakho ngokugcweleyo phakathi kobuningi bamalumbo akho, nobuningi beziphonso zakho.

<sup>10</sup> Wethembile ebubini bakho, wathi: 'Akakho ongibonayo.' Ukuhlakanipha kwakho nokwazi kwakho kukudukisile; wathi enhliziyweni yakho: 'Yimi, akakho omunye.'

<sup>11</sup> Kepha ububi buyakukwehlela, awuyikwazi lapho buvela khona; nengozi iyakuwela phezu kwakho, awuyikuba namandla okuyichezukisa, incithakalo ifike phezu kwakho ngokuzumayo, ungazi.

<sup>12</sup> "Yima manje neziphonso zakho nobuningi bamalumbo akho okhandlekile kukho kwasebusheni bakho; mhlawumbe uyakusizakala, mhlawumbe uyakubanga uvalo.

<sup>13</sup> Ukhathele ngobuningi bamacebo akho; mabasukume, bakusindise abadabula izulu, nababheka izinkanyezi, nabazisa ngezinyanga ezintsha ukuthi kuphi lapho kuzakubela khona lokhu okuzakukwehlela.

<sup>14</sup> Bheka, bayakuba njengamabibi ashiswa ngumlilo, abayikuzophula emandleni elangabi; akusilo ilahle lotho, akusiwo umlilo wokuba kuhlalwe phambi kwawo.

<sup>15</sup> Ziyakuba njalo kuwe izinto okhandleke kuzo, zihambisene nawe kwasebusheni bakho; seziyakuzulazula, kube yileyo naleyo ngendlela yayo, ekusindisayo ingabikho.

## ISAHLUKO 48

**“Y**izwa lokhu wena ndlu kaJakobe obiziwe ngegama lika-Israyeli, waphuma emanzini akwaJuda, ofunga igama likaJehova, odumisa uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, kungengaqiniso nakulunga kodwa.

<sup>2</sup> Ngokuba bazibiza ngomuzi ongcwele, bencika kuNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, nguJehova Sebawoti igama lakhe.

<sup>3</sup> Ngimemezele izinto zakuqala zamandulo, zaphuma emlonyeni wami, ngazizwakalisa; ngazenza ngokuzumayo, zenzeka.

<sup>4</sup> Ngokuba bengazi ukuthi unenkani, nentamo yakho ingumsipha wensimbi, nebunzi lakho liyithusi,

<sup>5</sup> ngazimemezela kwasendulo, ngazizwisa kungakenzeki, funa usho uthi: 'Isithombe sami sizenzile, isithombe sami esibaziweyo, nesithombe sami esibunjiweyo siziyalezile.'

<sup>6</sup> Wawukuzwile konke lokho; wakubona; awuyikukumemezela na? "Ngikuzwisile okusha kusukela namuhla, yebo, nokusithekileyo ongakwazanga.

<sup>7</sup> Kudaliwe manje, kungesendulo; awukuzwanga ngaphambi kwalolu suku, funa uthi: 'Bheka, bengikwazi.'

<sup>8</sup> Yebo, awuzwanga, awazanga, kwasendulo indlebe yakho ayivulwanga, ngokuba bengazi ukuthi wawukhohlisa nokukhohlisa, wabizwa ngokuthi umhlubuki kwasekuzalweni.

<sup>9</sup> Ngenxa yegama lami ngiyakulibazisa intukuthelo yami, ngizibambe wena ngodumo

lwami ukuba ngingakunqumi.

**10** Bheka, ngikucwengisisile, kungavelanga isiliva kodwa; ngikuvivinyile esithandweni sezinhlopheko.

**11** Ngenxa yami, ngenxa yami ngiyakwenza, ngokuba igama lami lingcoliselwani na? Anginiki omunye inkazimulo yami.

**12** “Ngilalele, Jakobe, wena Israyeli, obiziweyo wami; ngisenguye, ngingowokuqala, futhi ngingowokugcina.

**13** Yebo, isandla sami sisibekile isisekelo somhlaba, nesokunene sami silenekile izulu; lapho ngikubizayo, kuma ndawonye.

**14** “Buthanani nina nonke, nizwe; ngubani phakathi kwabo omemezela lezi zinto na? Amthandayo uJehova uyakuyifeza intando yakhe ngeBabele, nengalo yakhe iyakuba phezu kwamaKaledi.

**15** Mina, mina ngikhulumile, yebo, ngimbizile, ngimlethile, uyakuphumelela endleleni yakhe.

**16** “Sondelani kimi, nizwe lokhu; angikhulumanga ekusithekeni kwasekuqaleni; kusukela esikhathini sokuba kwenzeke, ngangikhona.” Manje uJehova uNkulunkulu ungithumile kanye noMoya wakhe.

**17** Usho kanje uJehova uMhlengi wakho, oNgcwele ka-Israyeli, uthi: “NginguJehova uNkulunkulu wakho okufundisile okukusizayo, okuholile ngendlela omelwe ukuhamba ngayo.

**18** Sengathi nga ulalele imiyalo yami! Khona ukuthula kwakho kwakuyakuba njengomfula, nokulunga kwakho njengamaza olwandle;

**19** nenzalo yakho yayiyakuba ngangesihlabathi, nabantwana bezibilini zakho njengezinhlamvu zaso; igama lakhe nga linganqunywanga, lachithwa ngaphambi kwami.”

**20** Phumani eBabele, nibalekele amaKaledi, nimemezele lokhu ngezwi lokujabula, nikuzwakalise lokhu, nikuphumisele nasemikhawulweni yomhlaba, ngokuthi: “UJehova uhlengile inceku yakhe uJakobe.”

**21** Kabomanga lapho ebahola emahlane, wenza ukuba amanzi abagobhozele edwaleni; futhi waliqhekeza idwala, amanzi ampompoza.

**22** “Akukho ukuthula kwababi,” usho uJehova.

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**N**gilaleleni nina ziqhingi, niqaphele nina bantu abakude; uJehova ungibizile kwasekuzalweni, waqamba igama lami kwasezibilinini zikamame.

**2** Wawenza umlomo wami njengenkemba ebukhali, wangithukusa ethunzini lesandla sakhe, wangenza umcibisholo ophucuziweyo, wangithukusa esambweni sakhe.

**3** Wathi kimi: “Uyinceku yami, u-Israyeli, engiyakuzidumisa kuye.”

**4** Kepha ngase ngithi mina: “Ngikhandlekele ize, amandla ami ngiwachithele okuyize nokungelutho; nokho ilungelo lami likuJehova, nomvuzo wami ukuNkulunkulu wami.”

**5** Manje uthi uJehova owangibumba kwasekuzalweni ukuba ngibe yinceku yakhe yokubuyisela kuye uJakobe, kubuthelwe kuye no-Israyeli futhi ngidunyisiwe emehlweni kaJehova, uNkulunkulu wami waba ngamandla ami

**6** yebo, uthi: “Kuyinto elula ukuba ube yinceku yami ukuvusa izizwe zakwaJakobe, nokubuyisa abaseleyo bakwa-Israyeli; ngalokho ngiyakukubeka ube ngukukhanya kwabezizwe, ube yinsindiso yami kuze kube semkhawulweni womhlaba.”

- <sup>7</sup> Usho kanje uJehova, uMhlengi ka-Israyeli noNgcwele wakhe, kodelelwa nokudelelwa noyisinengiso esizweni, koyinceku yababusi, uthi: “Amakhosi ayakubona, asukume, izikhulu zibone, zikhothame ngenxa kaJehova othembekile, oNgcwele ka-Israyeli okukhethileyo.”
- <sup>8</sup> Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: “Ngiyakuphendula ngesikhathi somusa, ngosuku lokusindiswa ngiyakusiza; ngiyakukulondoloza, ngikubeke ube yisivumelwano sabantu sokubuyisa izwe nokubenza badle amafa achithekileyo,
- <sup>9</sup> uthi kwababoshiweyo: ‘Phumani,’ nakwabasebumnyameni: ‘Velani.’ “Bayakuklaba ngasezindleleni, amadlelo abo abe semagqumeni onke.
- <sup>10</sup> Abayikulamba, abayikoma, abayikushaywa yisifudumezi nelanga, ngokuba yena onomusa kubo uyakubahola, abayise emithonjeni yamanzi.
- <sup>11</sup> Ngiyakuzenza zonke izintaba zami zibe yizindlela, imendo yami iphakame.
- <sup>12</sup> Bheka, laba bayakuvela kude; bheka, laba bayakuvela enyakatho nasentshonalanga, nalaba ezweni laseSinimi.”
- <sup>13</sup> Jabulani nina mazulu, uthokoze nawe mhlaba, niqhumuke ngokuhlabelela nina zintaba, ngokuba uJehova ududuza abantu bakhe, abe nomusa kwabahluphekileyo bakhe.
- <sup>14</sup> Kepha iSiyoni lithi: “UJehova ungishiyile, iNkosi ingikhohliwe.”
- <sup>15</sup> “Owesifazane angakhohlwa umntwana wakhe oncelayo ukuba angabi namusa kuyo indodana yesizalo sakhe na? Yebo, bona bangakhohlwa, kodwa mina anginakukukhohlwa wena.
- <sup>16</sup> Bheka, ezandleni zami ngikubhalile, izingange zakho ziphambi kwami njalo.
- <sup>17</sup> Abantwana bakho bayashesha; abakuchithayo nabakwenza ize baphuma kuwe.
- <sup>18</sup> Phakamisa amehlo akho nxazonke, ubone: bonke bayabuthana, bafika kuwe. Kuphila kwami,” usho uJehova, “impela uyakubembatha bonke njengemvunulo, uzibhince ngabo njengomakoti.
- <sup>19</sup> “Ngokuba izindawo zakho ezichithekileyo neziyize nezwe lakho eliqothuliweyo kuyakuminyana ngabakhileyo khona, nabakugwinyileyo bayakuba kude.
- <sup>20</sup> Abantwana bokuswezelwa kwakho basayakusho ezindlebeni zakho ukuthi: Indawo ingumcingo kimi; sukani kimi ukuba ngihlale.
- <sup>21</sup> Bese wusho enhliziyweni yakho ukuthi: ‘Ngubani ongizalele laba, lokhu ngaphuciwe abantwana bami, ngingenalutho, ngingumthunjwa, ngingozulazulayo, na? Ngubani okhulise laba na? Bheka, ngasala ngedwa; laba babephi na?’ ”
- <sup>22</sup> Isho kanje iNkosi uNkulunkulu, ithi: “Bheka, ngiyakuphakamisela izizwe izandla zami, ngimisele abantu ibhanela lami; bayakuletha amadodana akho esifubeni sabo, namadodakazi akho ayakuthwalwa emahlombe.
- <sup>23</sup> Amakhosi ayakuba ngabazanyana bakho, namakhosikazi awo ayakuba ngabancelisi bakho; bayakukukhothamela ubuso bubheke phansi, bakhothe uthuli lwezinyawo zakho; uyakwazi ukuthi nginguJehova, abethemba kimi abayikujabha.”
- <sup>24</sup> Impango ingasuswa kuwo amaqhawe, nabathunjwa bangophulwa kubacindezeli, na?
- <sup>25</sup> Noma kunjalo, uJehova uthi: “Yebo, abathunjwa bamaqhawe bangasuswa, nempango yabacindezeli iyakophulwa, kepha mina ngiyakulwa naye olwa nawe, ngisindise abantwana bakho.
- <sup>26</sup> Ngiyakudlisa abacindezeli bakho inyama yabo, badakwe yigazi labo njengangewayini elimnandi; inyama yonke iyakwazi ukuthi mina Jehova nginguMsindisi wakho, noMhlengi wakho, uMnimandla kaJakobe.”



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**U**sho kanje uJehova, uthi: “Iphi incwadi yesahlukaniso engimlahlile ngayo, noma ngumuphi enginesikwenetu kuye engithengisile ngani kuye na? Bhekani, nathengiswa ngobubi benu, nangeziphambeko zenu, unyoko walahlwa.

<sup>2</sup> Ngalokho ekufikeni kwami kwaba ngani ukuba kungabikho muntu, nasekubizeni kungabikho ophendulayo, na? Isandla sami sifinyeziwe nokufinyezwa, ukuze singahlengi na? Noma angisenamandla okophula na? Bheka, ngokukhuza kwami ngiyomisa ulwandle, ngenze imifula ibe yihlane; izinhlanzi zalo ziyanuka, ngokuba awakho amanzi, ziyafa ukoma.

<sup>3</sup> Ngiyembathisa amazulu ubumnyama, ngenze indwangu yamasaka ibe yisimbozo sawo.”

<sup>4</sup> INkosi uJehova inginikile ulimi lwabafundi ukuba ngazi ukuvuselela oyethileyo ngamazwi ahlumelelayo; ivusa njalo indlebe yami ekuseni imihla ngemihla ukuba ngizwe njengabafundi.

<sup>5</sup> INkosi uJehova iyivulile indlebe yami, mina angihlubukanga, angihlehlanga nyovane.

<sup>6</sup> Nganika abashayi umhlane, nezihlathi zami kubo abahluthula isilevu; angibusithelisanga ubuso bami ekuhlazisweni nasekufelweni amathe.

<sup>7</sup> Ngokuba iNkosi uJehova iyakungisiza; ngalokho angijabhanga, ngalokho ngibumisile ubuso bami njengensengetsha; ngiyazi ukuthi angiyikujabha.

<sup>8</sup> Ongithethayo useduze; ngubani ongamelana nami na? Masivuke kanyekanye; ngubani omangalelana nami na? Makasondele kimi.

<sup>9</sup> Bheka, iNkosi uJehova iyakungisiza; ngubani oyakungilahla na? Bheka, bonke bayakuguga njengengubo, badliwe njengezinundu.

<sup>10</sup> Ngubani phakathi kwenu omesabayo uJehova? Makalilalele izwi lenceku yakhe ehambile ebumnyameni, ethembile egameni likaJehova, noma ingenakukhanya, yencika kuNkulunkulu wakhe.

<sup>11</sup> Bhekani nina nonke eniphemba umlilo, enibhinca izikhuni, manihambe ekukhanyeni komlilo wenu naphakathi kwezikhuni eniziphembileyo. Lokhu kuyakuba phezu kwenu kuvela esandleni sami; niyakulala phansi ngobuhlungu.

## ISAHLUKO 51

**“N**gilaleleni nina enilandela ukulunga, nina enimfunayo uJehova; bhekani kulo idwala eniqhezulwe kulo, nakuyo imibhobo yomgodi enakhishwa kuyo.

<sup>2</sup> Bhekani ku-Abrahama uyihlo, nakuSara owanizalayo, ngokuba eseyedwa ngambiza, ngambusisa, ngamandisa.

<sup>3</sup> Ngokuba uJehova uyakuliduduza iSiyoni, aziduduze zonke izindawo zalo ezichithekileyo, enze ihlane lalo libe njenge-Edene, noqwathule lwalo lube njengensimu kaJehova; injabulo nentokozo kuyakufunyanwa khona, ukubonga nezwi lokuhlabelela.

<sup>4</sup> “Ngizweni, bantu bami, ningibekele indlebe nina sizwe sami, ngokuba kuyakuphuma kimi umthetho, ngibeke ukwahlulela kwami kube ngukukhanya kwabantu.

<sup>5</sup> Ukulunga kwami kuseduze, insindiso yami iphumile, izingalo zami ziyakubahlulela abantu; iziqhingi ziyangihlalela, zilindela umkhono wami.

<sup>6</sup> Phakamiselani amehlo enu ezulwini, niwubheke umhlaba phansi, ngokuba izulu liyakunyamalala njengomusi, umhlaba uguke njengengubo, nabakhileyo kuwo bafe njengezinsensane, kepha insindiso yami iyakuma kuze kube phakade, nokulunga kwami



akuyikuphela.

<sup>7</sup> “Ngilaleleni nina enazi ukulunga, abantu abamthetho wami usezinhliziyweni zabo; ningesabi ukusolwa ngabantu, ningapheli amandla ngezithuko zabo.

<sup>8</sup> Ngokuba inundu iyakubadla njengengubo, nebhu libadle njengoboya bezimvu, kodwa ukulunga kwami kuyakuma kuze kube phakade, nensindiso yami ezizukulwaneni ngezizukulwane.”

<sup>9</sup> Vuka, vuka, wembathe amandla wena mkhono kaJehova, vuka njengasezinsukwini zasendulo, ezizukulwaneni zamandulo. Akusuwe owamnquma kabili uRahabi, wamgwaza udrako, na?

<sup>10</sup> Akusuwe owomisa ulwandle, amanzi asotweni olujulileyo, owenza izinzulu zolwandle zaba yindlela yokuba kuwele abahlengiweyo, na?

<sup>11</sup> Abahlawulelweyo bakaJehova bayakubuya, bafike eSiyoni bejabula; intokozo engapheliyo iyakuba semakhanda abo, bathole injabulo nentokozo, usizi nokububula kubaleke.

<sup>12</sup> “Yimina, yimi enginguye oniduduzayo; ungubani wena ukuba wesabe umuntu ofayo, nendodana yomuntu eyakwenziwa ibe njengotshani, na?

<sup>13</sup> Ukhohliwe uJehova uMenzi wakho owaleneka izulu nowasibeka isisekelo somhlaba; uthuthumele njalo izinsuku zonke ngokufutheka komcindezeli njengokungathi ozilungiselela ukuchitha; kuphi ukufutheka komcindezeli na?

<sup>14</sup> Othotshisiweyo uyakushesha ukukhululwa; kayikufa, kayikwehlela egodini, kayikuswela isinkwa sakhe.

<sup>15</sup> NginguJehova uNkulunkulu wakho ovusa ulwandle, ukuze amaza alo ahlokome; nguJehova Sebawoti igama lakhe.

<sup>16</sup> Ngiwabekile amazwi ami emlonyeni wakho, ngikusibekele emthunzini wesandla sami, ukuze ngiwatshale amazulu, ngisibeke isisekelo somhlaba, ngithi kulo iSiyoni: ‘Wena uyisizwe sami.’ ”

<sup>17</sup> Vuka, vuka, usukume wena Jerusalema ophuzile esandleni sikaJehova indebe yokufutheka kwakhe; uphuzile isitsha sendebe yokutengezela, wasiminya.

<sup>18</sup> Akakho ongalihola phakathi kwawo onke amadodana eliwazalileyo. Akakho ongalibamba ngesandla kuwo onke amadodana eliwakhulisileyo.

<sup>19</sup> Lokhu kokubili kukwehlele; ngubani okukhalelayo na? Lapho kukhona incithakalo nokubhujiswa, ukulamba nenkemba, ngubani ongakududuza na?

<sup>20</sup> Amadodana akho adangele, alala ezihlokweni zezitaladi zonke, njengewula esihibeni; agcwele ukufutheka kukaJehova nokukhuza kukaNkulunkulu wakho.

<sup>21</sup> Ngelokho ake uzwe lokhu wena ohluphekayo nodakiweyo, kungengewayini kodwa;

<sup>22</sup> isho kanje iNkosi yakho uJehova noNkulunkulu wakho emela indaba yabantu, ithi: “Bheka, ngiyithathile esandleni sakho indebe yokutengezela; yebo, isitsha sendebe yokufutheka kwami awusayikusiphuza.

<sup>23</sup> Ngiyakusibeka esandleni sabakuhluphayo, abashoyo emphefumulweni wakho ukuthi: ‘Khothama, sidlule phezu kwakho;’ wawusuwubeka umhlane wakho waba njengomhlabathi nesitaladi kwabadlulayo.”

## ISAHLUKO 52

- V**uka, vuka, wembathe amandla akho, Siyoni, uzigqoke izingubo zakho ezinhle, Jerusalema, muzi ongcwele, ngokuba akusayikungena kuwe ongasokile nongcolileyo.
- <sup>2</sup> Zithintithe uthuli, usukume, uhlale, Jerusalema elithunjiweyo; zikhulule eziboshweni zentamo yakho wena ndodakazi yaseSiyoni ethunjiweyo.
- <sup>3</sup> Ngokuba usho kanje uJehova, uthi: “Nathengiswa ngento engelutho; niyakuhlangwa ngaphandle kwemali.”
- <sup>4</sup> Ngokuba isho kanje iNkosi uJehova, ithi: Abantu bami behlela kuqala eGibithe ukuba bagogobale khona; i-Asiriya lamcindezela ngaphandle kwesizathu.
- <sup>5</sup> “Manje nginantoni lapha,” usho uJehova, “lapho abantu bami besusiwe ngeze na? Ababusa phezu kwabo bayaklabalasa,” usho uJehova, “negama lami liyahlanjalazwa njalo usuku lonke.
- <sup>6</sup> Ngalokho abantu bami bayakulazi igama lami; ngalokho bayakuqonda ngalolo suku ukuthi yimi engikhulumileyo; bhekani, ngilapha.”
- <sup>7</sup> Zimnandi kangakanani ezintabeni izinyawo zoletsha izindaba ezinhle, nomemezela ukuthula, obika izindaba ezinhle, ezwakalise ukusindiswa, oshoyo kulo iSiyoni ukuthi: “UNKulunkulu wakho uyinkosi.”
- <sup>8</sup> Izwi labalindi bakho, bayaliphakamisa izwi, bajabule kanyekanye, ngokuba bayakubona iso neso, lapho uJehova ebuyela eSiyoni.
- <sup>9</sup> Qhumukani ngokuhlabelela, nihlabelele kanyekanye, nina zindawo ezichithekileyo zaseJerusalema, ngokuba uJehova ubaduduzile abantu bakhe, ulihlengile iJerusalema.
- <sup>10</sup> UJehova wambulile ingalo yakhe engcwele emehlweni ezizwe zonke, namajukujuku onke omhlaba ayakubona insindiso kaNkulunkulu wethu.
- <sup>11</sup> Mukani, mukani, niphume lapha, ningathinti okungcolileyo, niphume phakathi kwalo, nizihlambulule nina eniphatha izitsha zikaJehova.
- <sup>12</sup> Ngokuba anyikuphuma ngokushesha, ningahambi ngokubaleka, ngokuba uJehova uyakuhamba phambi kwenu, noNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli uyakuba semva kwenu.
- <sup>13</sup> Bheka, inceku yami iyakuphumelela kahle; iyakukhuliswa, iphakanyiswe, iphakame kakhulu.
- <sup>14</sup> Njengalokhu abaningi bamangala ngayo ubuso bayo babonakele kunobabantu, nesimo sayo kunesamadodana abantu
- <sup>15</sup> kanjalo iyakwethusa izizwe eziningi; amakhosi ayakuvala imilomo yawo ngenxa yayo, ngokuba lokho angatshelwanga khona ayakukubona, nalokho angakuzwanga ayakukuqonda.

## ISIAHLUKO 53

- N**gubani owakholwa ngesikuzwileyo; ingalo kaJehova yambulelwa bani na?
- <sup>2</sup> Ngokuba yakhula njengehlumela phambi kwakhe, nanjengempande emhlabathini owomileyo; yayingenasimo nabuhle ukuba siyibuke, yayingabukeki ukuba siyifune.
- <sup>3</sup> Yayideleliwe, yashiywa ngabantu, umuntu wobuhlungu owazi ukugula; yeyiswa injengosithezelwa ubuso ngabantu, asiyishayanga nto yalutho.
- <sup>4</sup> Kepha yazithwala izifo zethu, yabetsathatha ubuhlungu bethu, kodwa thina sathi ijezisiwe, ishaywe nguNkulunkulu, ihlushiwe.
- <sup>5</sup> Yebo, yalinyazwa ngenxa yeziphambeko zethu, yachotshozwa ngobubi bethu; isijeziso sasiphezu kwayo ukuba sibe nokuthula, nangemivimbo yayo siphilisiwe thina.
- <sup>6</sup> Thina sonke sidukile njengezimvu; yilowo nalowo uphendukele endleleni yakhe;

uJehova wehlisela phezu kwayo ububi bethu sonke.

<sup>7</sup> Yacindezelwa, kepha noma yathotshiswa, ayivulanga umlomo wayo; njengewundlu eliyiswa ekuhlathweni, nanjengemvu ethule phambi kwabagundi bayo, ayiwuvulanga umlomo wayo.

<sup>8</sup> Yasuswa ekucindezelweni nasekwahlulelweni; ngubani esizukulwaneni sayo owacabanga ukuthi yahlwithwa ezweni labaphilayo, ishaywa ngesiphambeko sabantu bami, na?

<sup>9</sup> Babeka ithuna layo kanye nababi; ekufeni yayinabenza okubi, noma ingenzanga indluzula, kungekho nankohliso emlonyeni wayo.

<sup>10</sup> Nokho uJehova wathanda ukuyishaya ngezifo; lapho wenza umphefumulo wayo ube ngumnikelo wecala, iyakubona inzalo yayo, yenze izinsuku zayo zibe ziningi, nentando kaJehova iyakuphumelela esandleni sayo.

<sup>11</sup> Ngokuhlupheka komphefumulo wayo iyakukubona, yaneliswe. Ngokwazi kwayo inceku yami, elungileyo, iyakulungisisa abaningi, ithwale izono zabo.

<sup>12</sup> Ngalokho ngiyakuyabela kanye nabakhulu, yahlukanise impango nabanamandla, ngokuba yawuthulula umphefumulo wayo ekufeni, yabalwa kanye nezelelesi; yathwala nokho izono zabaningi, yakhulekela aboni.

## ISAHLUKO 54

**“J**abula wena nyumba, wena ongazalanga, uqhumuke ngokuhlabelela, umemeze wena ongabanga namihelo, ngokuba abantwana boyisikhwebu baningi kunabantwana bonendoda,” usho uJehova.

<sup>2</sup> “Yenza ibe banzi indawo yetende lakho; mabazelule izindwangu zamakhaya akho, ungazibambezeleli, welule izintambo zakho, uziqinise izikhonkwane zakho.

<sup>3</sup> Ngokuba uyakusabalala ngakwesokunene nangakwesokhohlo, nengalo yakho iyakuqeda abezizwe, yakhe imizi echithekileyo.

<sup>4</sup> “Ungesabi, ngokuba awuyikujabha, ungabi namahloni, ngokuba awuyikujabhiswa, ngokuba uyakukhohlwa ihlazo lobusha bakho, ungabe usawakhumbula amahloni obufelokazi bakho.

<sup>5</sup> Ngokuba uMenzi wakho ungumyeni wakho, nguJehova Sebawoti igama lakhe; oNgcwele ka-Israyeli unguMhlengi wakho, uyakubizwa ngokuthi uNkulunkulu womhlaba wonke.

<sup>6</sup> Ngokuba uJehova ukubizile njengomfazi oshiyiweyo nodabukileyo emoyeni; umfazi wobusha ukhona omalayo na?” usho uNkulunkulu wakho.

<sup>7</sup> “Umzuzwana omncane ngakushiya, kepha ngobumnene obukhulu ngiyakukubutha.

<sup>8</sup> Ngentukuthelo echichimayo ngabusitheza ubuso bami kuwe isikhashana, kepha ngomusa ongapheliyo ngiyakukuhawukela,” usho uJehova uMhlengi wakho.

<sup>9</sup> “Ngokuba lokhu kunjengezinsuku zikaNowa kimi, ngokuba njengalokho ngafunga ukuthi amanzi kaNowa awayikube esadlula emhlabeni, kanjalo sengifungile ukuthi angisayikukuthukuthelela, ngikusole.

<sup>10</sup> Yebo, izintaba zingamuka, namagquma angasuswa, kepha umusa wami awuyikumuka kuwe, nesivumelwano sami sokuthula asiyikususwa,” usho uJehova okuhawukelayo.

<sup>11</sup> “Wena ohluphekayo, ohlukunyeziwe ungaduduzwanga, bheka, ngiyakufaka amatshe akho abe mahle, ngizibeke izisekelo zakho ngamasafire.

<sup>12</sup> Ngiyakwenza imibhoshongo yakho ngamarubi, namasango akho ngekristalo, nayo yonke imikhawulo yakho ngamatshe amahle.

- <sup>13</sup> Bonke abantwana bakho bayakuba ngabafundi bakaJehova, nokuthula kwabantwana bakho kuyakuba kukhulu.
- <sup>14</sup> Uyakumiswa ngokulunga; uyakuba kude nokucindezelwa, ngokuba awuyikwesaba, nanovalo, ngokuba aluyikusondela kuwe.
- <sup>15</sup> Bheka, uma bebuthana, kungaphandle kwami, noma ngubani obuthanela wena, uyakuwa ngenxa yakho.
- <sup>16</sup> “Bheka, mina ngidalile umkhandi ofutha umlilo wamalahle, azikhiphele isikhali somsebenzi wakhe; mina ngidalile futhi umchithi wokuba abhubhise.
- <sup>17</sup> Asikho isikhali esenzelwa wena esiyakuphumelela, nalo lonke ulimi olukuvukelayo luyakwahlulelwa; lokhu kuyifa lezinceku zikaJehova nokulunga kwazo okuvela kimi, usho uJehova.

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- “W**e nina nonke enomileyo, wozani emanzini; nani eningenamali wozani nithenge, nidle; wozani nithenge ngaphandle kwemali, yebo, iwayini nobisi, kungabizwa lutho.
- <sup>2</sup> Niyichithelani imali kukho okungesiso isinkwa, nenzuzo yenu kukho okunganelisiyo, na? Ngilaleleni nokungilalela, nidle okuhle, umphefumulo wenu ujabule ngamanoni.
- <sup>3</sup> Bekani izindlebe, nize kimi, nizwe, uyakuphila umphefumulo wenu; ngiyakwenza nani isivumelwano esiphakade, izenzo zomusa oqinisekileyo zikaDavide.
- <sup>4</sup> Bheka, ngimnike abe ngufakazi kubantu, umholi nomyali kubantu.
- <sup>5</sup> Bheka, uyakubiza izizwe ongazaziyo, nezizwe ebezingakwazi ziyakugijimela kuwe ngenxa kaJehova uNkulunkulu wakho nangenxa yoNgcwele ka-Israyeli, ngokuba ukudumisile.”
- <sup>6</sup> Mfuneni uJehova esenokutholwa, nimbize eseseduze.
- <sup>7</sup> Omubi makashiye indlela yakhe, nomuntu owenza okubi imicabango yakhe, abuyele kuJehova, uyakuba nomusa kuye, yebo, abuyele kuNkulunkulu wethu, ngokuba uyakwenza ukuthethelela kube kukhulu.
- <sup>8</sup> “Ngokuba imicabango yami ayisiyo imicabango yenu, nezindlela zenu azisizo izindlela zami,” usho uJehova.
- <sup>9</sup> “Ngokuba njengamazulu ephakeme kunomhlaba, kanjalo izindlela zami ziphakeme kunezindlela zenu, nemicabango yami kunemicabango yenu.
- <sup>10</sup> Ngokuba njengokwehla kwemvula neqhwa ezulwini, kungabuyeli khona, kepha kuwunethisa umhlaba, kuwenze ukuba uthele, uhlume, unike ohlwanyelayo inhlwanyelo nodlayo isinkwa,
- <sup>11</sup> Iyakuba njalo izwi lami eliphuma emlonyeni wami: aliyikubuyela ze kimi, lingakafezi lokhu engikufunayo, liphumelele kulokhu engilithumele kukho.
- <sup>12</sup> Ngokuba niyakuphuma ngokuthokoza, niholwe ngokuthula; izintaba namagquma kuyakuqhumuka ngokuhlabelela phambi kwenu, nemithi yonke yasendle iyakushaya ihlombe.
- <sup>13</sup> Esikhundleni sogagane kuyakumila umsayingipuresi, nasesikhundleni samakhakhasi kuyakumila umbomvana. Kuyakuba yigama kuJehova, nesibonakaliso esingapheliyo esingayikunqunywa.”

## ISAHLUKO 56

**U**sho kanje uJehova, uthi: “Gcinani ukwahlulela, nenze ukulunga, ngokuba insindiso yami iseduze ukuba ifike, nokulunga kwami ukuba kwambulwe.

<sup>2</sup> Ubusisiwe umuntu owenza lokhu, nendodana yomuntu ebambelela kukho, ogcina isabatha engaloni, osibamba isandla sakhe ukuba singenzi nakuphi okubi.”

<sup>3</sup> Indodana yowezizwe ezihlanganise noJehova mayingasho ukuthi: “Impela uJehova uyakungahlukanisa nabantu bakhe,” nomthenwa angathi: “Bheka, ngingumuthi owomileyo.”

<sup>4</sup> Ngokuba usho kanje uJehova ngabathenwa, uthi: “Abagcina amasabatha ami, nabakhetha engikuthandayo, nababambelela esivumelwaneni sami

<sup>5</sup> bona ngiyakubanika endlini yami naphakathi kwezingange zami isikhumbuzo negama elihle kunamadodana namadodakazi; ngiyakubanika igama eliphakade, elingayikunqunywa.

<sup>6</sup> Nabezizwe abazihlanganisa noJehova ukumkhonza uJehova nokulithanda igama likaJehova ukuba babe yizinceku zakhe bonke abaligcina isabatha, bangaloni, nababambelela esivumelwaneni sami,

<sup>7</sup> yebo, nabo ngiyakubayisa entabeni yami engcwele, ngibathokozise endlini yami yokukhuleka; iminikelo yabo yokushiswa nemihlatshelo yabo iyakwamukeleka e-altare lami, ngokuba indlu yami iyakubizwa ngokuthi indlu yokukhuleka phakathi kwabantu bonke.”

<sup>8</sup> INkosi uJehova ebutha abaxoshiweyo bakwa-Israyeli ithi: “Ngisezakubuthela kuye nabanye ngaphandle kwabase bebuthiwe.”

<sup>9</sup> Nonke nina zilwane zasendle, wozani nidle, nonke nina zilwane zasehlathini.

<sup>10</sup> Bonke abalindi bayizimpumputhe, abanakwazi; bonke bayizinja eziyizimungulu, abakwazi ukukhonkotha, balala bephupha, bathanda ukozele.

<sup>11</sup> Yebo, bayizinja ezihahayo, abakwazi ukusutha; yebo, laba bangabelusi abangenakuqonda, baphendukela bonke ezindleleni zabo, kube yilowo nalowo enzuzweni yakhe, bonke kanyekanye.

<sup>12</sup> Wozani, ngiyakuletha iwayini, sizakuzigcwalisa ngophuzo olunamandla; nengomuso liyakuba njenganamuhla, libe likhulu kakhulu.

## ISAHLUKO 57

**O**lungileyo uyabhubha, akakho okubeka enhliziyweni; abantu abanomusa bayasuswa, kungaqondi muntu. Olungileyo uyasuswa ebubini,

<sup>2</sup> angene ekuthuleni; abahambe ngobuqotho bayakuphumula emibhedeni yabo.

<sup>3</sup> “Kepha sondelani nina madodana abahlola imihlola, inzalo yomphingi neyesifebe.

<sup>4</sup> Nidlala nobani, nikhamisela bani umlomo, ninyalizela bani, na? Anisibo abantwana beziphambeko, inzalo yamanga yini,

<sup>5</sup> nina enisha phakathi kwama-oki phansi kwayo yonke imithi eluhlaza, enibulala abantwana ezigodini phansi emifantwini yamadwala, na?

<sup>6</sup> Isabelo sakho siphakathi kwamatshe abushelezi asesigodini; wona yiwo angawenkatho yakho; nakuwona uthululele umnikelo wokuphuzwa, wenza umnikelo wempuphu. Ngiyakwaneliswa ngalokhu na?

<sup>7</sup> Entabeni ende nephakemeyo uwubekile umbhede wakho; futhi wakhuphukela khona ukunikela ngomhlathelo.

<sup>8</sup> Wabeka isithombe sakho emva kwezicabha nezinsika, wazambulela omunye kunami,

wakhwela embhedeni, wawandisa, wavumelana nabo, wayithanda imibhede yabo, wazibonelela indawo.

<sup>9</sup> Waya kuMoloki uphethe amafutha, wawandisa amakha akho; wathumela kude izithunywa zakho, wazehlisela nasendaweni yabafuleyo.

<sup>10</sup> Wakhathala ngobude bendlela, kepha awushongo ukuthi: 'Kuyize.' Wathola amandla aneleyo, ngalokho awuphelanga amandla.

<sup>11</sup> "Washaywa luvalo ngobani, wamesaba, waze waqamba amanga, awangikhumbula, futhi ungakubekanga enhliziyweni yakho, na? Angithi njengokuba ngithulile kwasendulo, awungesabi, na?"

<sup>12</sup> Mina ngiyakumemezela ukulunga kwakho nemisebenzi yakho; kepha akuyikukusiza.

<sup>13</sup> Ekukhaleni kwakho izixuku zezithombe zakho mazikophule, kepha umoya uzakuzisusa zonke, ukuphefumula kuzithathe; kodwa othemba kimi uzakudla ifa lezwe, adle nefa lentaba yami engcwele."

<sup>14</sup> Kuyakuthiwa: "Hlelani, hlelani, nilungise indlela, nisisuse isikhubekiso endleleni yabantu bami."

<sup>15</sup> Ngokuba usho kanje ophakamileyo nophezulu, ohlala kuze kube phakade, ogama lakhe lingoNgcwele, uthi: "Ngihlala endaweni ephakemeyo nengcwele, kepha nakuye onomoya ochotshozileyo nothobekileyo, ukuvuselela umoya wabathobekileyo nokuphilisa izinhliziyi zabachotshozileyo.

<sup>16</sup> Ngokuba angiyikulwa kuze kube phakade, angiyikuthukuthela njalonzalo, ngokuba umoya ubuyakuphela phambi kwami, leyo miphefumulo engiyenzileyo.

<sup>17</sup> Ngenxa yobubi bokuhaha kwakhe ngathukuthela, ngamshaya, ngazisitheza ngisathukuthela, kepha waqhubeka wahlubuka ngendlela yenhliziyo yakhe.

<sup>18</sup> Ngizibonile izindlela zakhe, ngiyakumphilisa; ngiyakumhola, ngimduduze yena nabamlilelayo,

<sup>19</sup> ngidala izithelo zezindebe zomlomo ngokuthi: Ukuthula, ukuthula kuye okude nakuye oseduze," usho uJehova; "ngiyakumphilisa."

<sup>20</sup> Ababi banjengolwandle olunyakazisiweyo, ngokuba alunakuphumula, namanzi alo akhipha udaka nobishi.

<sup>21</sup> "Akukho ukuthula kwababi," usho uNkulunkulu wami.

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**"M**emeza ngezwi elikhulu, ungazibambi, uliphakamise izwi njengecilongo, utshele abantu bami iziphambeko zabo, indlu kaJakobe izono zayo.

<sup>2</sup> Nokho bangifuna izinsuku zonke, bathanda ukwazi izindlela zami; njengesizwe esenza ukulunga, singashiyi ukwahlulela kukaNkulunkulu waso, babuza kimi izahlulelo zokulunga, bathanda ukusondela kuNkulunkulu.

<sup>3</sup> Bathi: 'Sizileleni ukudla, ungaboni, na?' 'Sizihlupheleni izinhliziyi zethu, ungakwazi, na?' "Bhekani, ngosuku lokuzila kwenu niyaqhuba umsebenzi, nicindezele zonke izisebenzi zenu.

<sup>4</sup> Bhekani, nizilela ukulwa nokuphikisana nokushaya ngenqindi yobubi. Anisazili namuhla ukuze nilizwakalise izwi lenu phezulu.

<sup>5</sup> Yikhona lokhu kuzila engikukhethileyo yini nosuku lokuba umuntu awuhluphe umphefumulo wakhe; ukuthi umuntu ugoba ikhanda lakhe njengomhlanga, endlale indwangu yamasaka nomlotha phansi kwakhe, na? Lokhu kambe ungakubiza ngokuthi ukuzila nosuku olwamukelekayo kuJehova na?

- <sup>6</sup> “Akusikho lokhu kuzila engikukhethileyo yini: ukuthukulula izibopho zobubi nokuxegisa imichilo yejoka; ukukhulula abacindezelwayo nokwaphula onke amajoka na?
- <sup>7</sup> Akusikho ukwabela abalambileyo isinkwa sakho, nokuyisa abampofu nemihambima ekhaya lakho, nokwembesa ohamba ze, lapho umbonayo, nokungazisithezi kwaba yinyama yakho, na?
- <sup>8</sup> Khona ukukhanya kwakho kuyakuqhamuka njengokusa, nokuphuluka kwakho kuyakuvela masinyane, ukulunga kwakho kuhambe phambi kwakho, inkazimulo kaJehova ibe semva kwakho.
- <sup>9</sup> Khona wena uyakubiza, kusabele uJehova; uyakukhala, abesethi: Bheka, ngilapha. “Uma ususa phakathi kwakho ijoka, nokukhomba ngomunwe, nokukhuluma okubi,
- <sup>10</sup> umnike olambileyo isinkwa sakho, usuthise othotshisiweyo, khona ukukhanya kwakho kuyakuphuma ebumnyameni, ukuhlwa kwakho kube njengemini.
- <sup>11</sup> UJehova uyakukuhola njalo, asuthise umphefumulo wakho ezindaweni ezomileyo, aqinise amathambo akho; uyakuba njengensimu eniselweyo nanjengomthombo wamanzi, omanzi awo angaphuthi.
- <sup>12</sup> Abavela kuwe bayakwakha izincithakalo ezindala, ubuye wakhe izisekelo zezizukulwane ezidlulileyo, ubizwe ngokuthi uMvalisikhala noMlungisi wemikhondo ukuba kuhlalwe khona.
- <sup>13</sup> “Uma ulubuyisa unyawo lwakho kulo isabatha, ukuze ungenzi umsebenzi wakho ngosuku lwami olungcwele, ulibize isabatha ngokuthi intokozo, nolungcwele lukaJehova ngokuthi lunodumo, uludumise, ungahambi ngezindlela zakho, ungawuqhubi umsebenzi wakho, ukhulume ize,
- <sup>14</sup> khona uyakuzijabulisa kuJehova, ngikukhweze ezindaweni eziphakemeyo zomhlaba, ngikuphe ukuba ulidle ifa likaJakobe uyihlo,” ngokuba umlomo kaJehova ukukhulumile.

## ISAPHLUKO 59

**B**heka, isandla sikaJehova asifinyeziwe ukuba singasindisi, nendlebe yakhe ayinzima ukuba ingezwa.

- <sup>2</sup> Kepha ububi benu bunahlukanisile noNkulunkulu, nezono zenu zibusithile ubuso bakhe kini ukuba angezwa. .
- <sup>3</sup> Ngokuba izandla zenu zingcolile igazi, neminwe yenu ububi; izindebe zenu zomlomo zikhuluma amanga, nezilimi zenu zinyenyeza okubi.
- <sup>4</sup> Akakho omemeza ngokulunga, akakho owahlulela ngeqiniso; bethemba kokuyize, bakhuluma amanga; bakhulelwe yingozi, bazala ububi.
- <sup>5</sup> Bachamisela amaqanda ebululu, baluka ubulembu bolwembu; odlayo amaqanda abo uyafa, okuchotshozwayo kuqhamuka kuyibululu.
- <sup>6</sup> Ubulembu babo abuyikuba yizingubo, futhi abanakuzimboza ngemisebenzi yabo; isenzo sendluzula sisezandleni zabo.
- <sup>7</sup> Izinyawo zabo zigijimela ebubini, bashesha ukuchitha igazi elingenacala; imicabango yabo iyimicabango yobubi; incithakalo nokubhujiswa kusezindleleni zabo.
- <sup>8</sup> Indlela yokuthula abayazi, nokwahlulela akukho emikhondweni yabo; bazenzele izindlela eziyisigwegwe, bonke abahamba ngazo abazi ukuthula.
- <sup>9</sup> Ngalokho kwahlulela kukude nathi, nokulunga akusifumani; sihlalela ukukhanya, kepha bheka, ebumnyama; silindela imini, kepha sihamba ekuhlweni.
- <sup>10</sup> Siphuthaza udonga njengempumputhe, yebo, siphumputha njengabangenamehlo;



sikhubeka emini njengasekuhweleleni; phakathi kwabaphilayo sinjengabafileyo.

**11** Siyagwavuma sonke njengamabhere, siyalilisela nokulilisela njengamajuba; silindela ukwahlulela, kepha akukho, nokusindiswa, kepha kukude nathi.

**12** Ngokuba iziphambeko zethu zandile phambi kwakho, nezono zethu ziyafakaza ngathi; ngokuba iziphambeko zethu zikithi, nokona kwethu siyakwazi:

**13** ukuphambuka nokumphika uJehova, nokumhlubuka uNkulunkulu wethu, nokukhuluma ukucindezela nokwambuka, nokucabanga nokukhuluma amazwi amanga aphuma enhliziyweni.

**14** Ukwahlulela kubuyiselwa emuva, nokulunga kumi kude, ngokuba iqiniso liyakhubeka esigcawini, nobuqotho abunakungena.

**15** Iqiniso lisilele; osuka ebubini uzenza impango; uJehova wakubona lokho, kwaba kubi emehlweni akhe ukuthi ukwahlulela akukho.

**16** Wabona ukuthi akukho muntu, wamangala ukuthi wayengekho omelayo; yayisimsindisa ingalo yakhe, nokulunga kwakhe kwamphasa.

**17** Wafaka ukulunga njengebhantshi lensimbi, nesigqoko sensindiso ekhanda lakhe; waggoka izingubo zokuphindisela zaba ngezokwembatha, wazembesa ukushisekela njengengubo.

**18** Njengokwenza kwabo, kanjalo uyakubaphindisela: ukufutheka kuzo izitha zakhe, nokwenza kwabo kwabamelene naye, abuyisele eziqhingini izenzo zazo.

**19** Bayakulesaba igama likaJehova entshonalanga, nenkazimulo yakhe empumalanga, ngokuba uyakufika njengomfula okhahlamezayo, oqhutshwa ngumoya kaJehova.

**20** “Kepha uyakufika eSiyoni engumhlengi, nakulabo abakwaJakobe ababuya eziphambekweni,” usho uJehova.

**21** “Mina-ke, lokhu kuyisivumelwano sami nabo,” usho uJehova, “sokuthi umoya wami ophezu kwakho namazwi ami engiwabeke emlonyeni wakho akuyikusuka emlonyeni wakho, nasemlonyeni wenzalo yakho, nasemlonyeni wenzalo yenzalo yakho,” usho uJehova, “kusukela manje kuze kube phakade.”

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**“V**uka ukhanye, ngokuba ukukhanya kwakho kuyeza; inkazimulo kaJehova iphumela phezu kwakho.

**2** Ngokuba bheka, ubumnyama buyasibekela umhlaba, nesigayegaye abantu; kepha uJehova uyaphuma phezu kwakho, nenkazimulo yakhe iyakubonakala phezu kwakho.

**3** Izizwe ziyakuhamba ekukhanyeni kwakho, namakhosi ekukhazimuleni kokuphuma kwakho.

**4** “Phakamisa amehlo akho nxazonke, ubone; babuthana bonke, beza kuwe; amadodana akho ayakuvela kude, namadodakazi akho ayakuphathwa ngezingalo.

**5** Khona uyakubona, ukhazimule; inhliziyo yakho iyakugquma, yanuleke, ngokuba ingcebo yolwandle iyakuphendulelwa kuwe, nemfuyo yezizwe iyakuza kuwe.

**6** Ubuningi bamakamela buyakukusibekela, amakamela amasha akwaMidiyani nase-Efa; bonke abaseSheba bayakuza, balethe igolide nenhlaka, bamemezele izindumiso zikaJehova.

**7** Yonke imihlambi yaseKedari iyakubuthelwa kuwe, nezinqama zakwaNebayoti ziyakukukhonza, zikhuphukele e-altare lami ngokuthanda kwami, ngiyidumise indlu yodumo lwami.

- <sup>8</sup> “Ngobani laba abandiza njengefu, nanjengamajuba aya ezidlekeni zawo, na?
- <sup>9</sup> Iziqhingi ziyangihlalela, imikhumbi yaseTharishishi kuqala, ukuletha amadodana akho evela kude, enesiliva negolide lawo kulo igama likaJehova uNkulunkulu wakho nakoNgcwele ka-Israyeli, ngokuba uyakudumisa.
- <sup>10</sup> “Abezizwe bayakuzakha izingange zakho, amakhosi abo akukhonze; noma ngakushaya ngentukuthelo yami, sengiyakuhawukela ngomusa wami.
- <sup>11</sup> Amasango akho ayakuvuleka njalo, awayikuvalwa imini nobusuku, ukuze imfuyo yezizwe ilethwe kuwe, amakhosi azo eqhutshwa eboshiwe.
- <sup>12</sup> Ngokuba isizwe nombuso ongakukhonzi uyakuphela; yebo, lezo zizwe ziyakuqedwa impela.
- <sup>13</sup> “Inkazimulo yaseLebanoni iyakuza kuwe, umsayipuresi, nomthidari, nomkhoba kanyekanye, ukuyihlobisa indawo yendlu yami engcwele, ngiyikhazimulise indawo yezinyawo zami.
- <sup>14</sup> Amadodana abakucindezelayo ayakufika kuwe efolile, nabo bonke abakudelelayo bayakukhothama ngasematheni ezinyawo zakho, bakubize ngokuthi uMuzi kaJehova neSiyoni loNgcwele ka-Israyeli.
- <sup>15</sup> “Esikhundleni sokuba ushiywe, uzondwe, kungabe kusabakho muntu odabulayo, ngiyakwenza isivunulo esiphakade nentokozo yezizukulwane ngezizukulwane.
- <sup>16</sup> Uyakuncela ubisi lwezizwe, uncele namabele amakhosi; uyakwazi ukuthi mina Jehova nginguMsindisi wakho, noMhlengi wakho, uMnininimandla kaJakobe.
- <sup>17</sup> Esikhundleni sethusi ngiyakuletha igolide, nasesikhundleni sensimbi ngiyakuletha isiliva; esikhundleni somuthi ithusi, nasesikhundleni samatshe insimbi, ngibeke ukuthula kube ngababonisi bakho, nokulunga kube ngababusi bakho.
- <sup>18</sup> Indluzula ayisayikuzwakala ezweni lakho, nencithakalo nokubhubhisa phakathi kwemikhawulo yakho, kepha uyakubiza izingange zakho ngokuthi iNsindiso, namasango akho ngokuthi iNdumiso.
- <sup>19</sup> Ilanga alisayikuba ngukukhanya kuwe emini, nenyanga ayisayikukukhanyisela ngokukhazimula ebusuku; uJehova uyakuba ngukukhanya okuphakade kuwe, uNkulunkulu wakho abe ludumo lwakho.
- <sup>20</sup> Ilanga lakho alisayikushona, nenyanga yakho ayisayikuncipha, ngokuba uJehova uyakuba ngukukhanya okuphakade kuwe, nezinsuku zokulila kwakho ziyakuphela.
- <sup>21</sup> Abantu bakho bayakuba ngabalungileyo bonke, badle ifa lezwe kuze kube phakade, igatsha lokutshala kwami, umsebenzi wezandla zami, ukuba ngidunyiswe.
- <sup>22</sup> Omncane uyakuba yinkulungwane, ophansi abe yisizwe esinamandla; mina nginguJehova, ngiyakukusheshisa ngesikhathi sakho.”

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**U**Moya weNkosi uJehova uphezu kwami, ngokuba uJehova ungigcobile ukuba ngishumayele izindaba ezinhle kwabathotshisiweyo; ungithumele ukubopha abanhliziyo ezaphukileyo, nokumemezela ukukhululwa kwabathunjwa nokuvulelwa kweziboshwa itilongo,

<sup>2</sup> ngimemezele umnyaka womusa kaJehova nosuku lokuphindisela lukaNkulunkulu wethu, ngiduduze bonke abalilayo,

<sup>3</sup> ngenze ukuba abalilayo eSiyoni baphiwe amaqhele esikhundleni somlotha, amafutha enjabulo esikhundleni sokulila, ingubo yokudumisa esikhundleni somoya odangeleyo, ukuze babizwe ngokuthi imithi yokulunga nokutshaliwe nguJehova ukuba adunyiswe.

- <sup>4</sup> Bayakwakha izincithakalo ezindala, bavuse izindawo ezichithekileyo zakuqala, balungise imizi ebhujisiweyo, izindawo eziyihlane izizukulwane ngezizukulwane.
- <sup>5</sup> Abezizwe bayakumela ukwalusa imihlambi yenu, abafokazi babe ngabalimi benu nabaphathi bezivini zenu.
- <sup>6</sup> Kepha nina niyakuthiwa abapristi bakaJehova, niyakubizwa ngokuthi izikhonzi zikaNkulunkulu wethu; niyakudla imfuyo yezizwe, nizibonge ngodumo lwazo.
- <sup>7</sup> Esikhundleni sehlazo lenu niyakuphiwa ngokuphindweyo; abadumeleyo, ukujabula kuyakuba yisabelo sabo; ngalokho ezweni lakubo bayakudla ifa ngokuphindiweyo, intokozo engapheliyo ibe ngeyabo.
- <sup>8</sup> “Ngokuba mina Jehova ngithanda ukulunga, ngizonda ukuphanga kanye nokubi; ngiyakubanika umvuzo wabo ngeqiniso, ngenze isivumelwano esiphakade nabo.
- <sup>9</sup> Inzalo yabo iyakwaziwa phakathi kwezizwe, nabantwana babo phakathi kwabantu; bonke abababonayo bayakubavuma ukuthi bayinzalo uJehova ayibusisile.”
- <sup>10</sup> Ngiyathokoza nokuthokoza ngoJehova, umphefumulo wami wenama ngoNkulunkulu wami, ngokuba ungembathisile izingubo zensindiso, wangisibekela ngesambatho sokulunga, njengomyeni efaka iqhele ngokompristi, nanjengomakoti ezihlobisa ngezimvunulo zakhe.
- <sup>11</sup> Ngokuba njengokuba umhlaba uveza ihlumela lawo, nanjengensimu ehlumisa okutshalwe kuyo, kanjalo iNkosi uJehova iyakuveza ukulunga nodumo phambi kwezizwe zonke.

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- N**genxa yeSiyoni angiyikuthula, nangenxa yeJerusalema angiyikuphumula, ukulunga kwalo kungakaphumi njengokukhanya nokusindiswa kwalo njengesibani esivuthayo.
- <sup>2</sup> Izizwe ziyakubona ukulunga kwakho, namakhosi onke inkazimulo yakho; uyakubizwa ngegama elisha eliyakunqunywa ngumlomo kaJehova.
- <sup>3</sup> Uyakuba ngumqhele wodumo esandleni sikaJehova, neqhele lobukhosi esandleni sikaNkulunkulu wakho.
- <sup>4</sup> Awusayikuthiwa Oshiyiweyo, nezwe lakini alisayikuthiwa iNcithakalo, kepha uyakubizwa ngokuthi Ontokozo yami ikuye, nezwe lakini ngokuthi Oganileyo, ngokuba uJehova uyathokoza ngawe, nezwe lakini lendile.
- <sup>5</sup> Ngokuba njengensizwa iganwa yintombi, kanjalo amadodana akho ayakuganwa nguwe; nanjengokuthokoza komyeni ngomakoti wakhe uNkulunkulu wakho uyakuthokoza ngawe.
- <sup>6</sup> Ngimisile abalindi phezu kwezingange zakho, Jerusalema; abayikuthula nakanye imini nobusuku; nina eningabakhumbuzi ngoJehova maningaphumuli,
- <sup>7</sup> futhi ningamniki ukuphumula, aze akhe iJerusalema, alibeke libe yindumiso emhlabeni.
- <sup>8</sup> UJehova ufungile ngesandla sakhe sokunene nangengalo yamandla akhe, wathi: “Impela angisayikuzinika izitha zakho amabele akho abe ngukudla kwazo; abezizwe abayikuliphuza iwayini lakho olikhandlekeleyo,
- <sup>9</sup> kodwa abawaqoqileyo bayakuwadla, bamdumise uJehova, nabaliqoqileyo bayakuliphuza emagcekeni endlu yami engcwele.”
- <sup>10</sup> Phumani, niphume ngamasango, niyilungise indlela yabantu; hlelani, niwuhlele umendo, niwakhophe amatshe; niphakamisele izizwe ibhanela.
- <sup>11</sup> Bhekani, uJehova uyezwa kala kuze kube sekugcineni komhlaba, ethi: “Yishoni kuyo indodakazi yaseSiyoni ukuthi: ‘Bheka, insindiso yakho iyeza. Bheka, umvuzo wakhe

unawo, nenkokhelo yakhe iphambi kobuso bakhe.' ”

<sup>12</sup> Bayakubizwa ngokuthi abantu abangcwele, abahlengiweyo bakaJehova; wena uyakuthiwa Ofuniweyo, uMuzi Ongashiyiwe.

## ISAHLUKO 63

**N**gubani lona ovela kwa-Edomi enezingubo ezibomvu zakwaBosira, lona ohlobile ngezambatho zakhe ehamba ngobukhulu bamandla akhe, na? “Yimi engikhuluma ngokulunga nenginamandla okusindisa.”

<sup>2</sup> Kungani ukuba izambatho zakho zibomvu, nezingubo zakho zinjengezonyathela esikhamweni sewayini, na?

<sup>3</sup> “Isikhamo sewayini ngisinyathele ngingedwa; kwakungekho nami noyedwa kubantu; ngabanyathela ngentukuthelo yami, ngabaciphiza ngokufutheka kwami, negazi labo lasaphazeka ezingutsheni zami, ngazingcolisa zonke izambatho zami.

<sup>4</sup> Ngokuba usuku lokuphindisela lwalusenhliziyweni yami; umnyaka wokuhlenga kwami usufikile.

<sup>5</sup> Ngabheka, kepha kwakungekho osizayo; ngamangala, kepha kwakungekho osekelayo; yayisingisindisa ingalo yami, nokufutheka kwami kwangisekela.

<sup>6</sup> Ngase nginyathela abantu ngentukuthelo yami, ngabachoboza ngokufutheka kwami, ngathululela phansi igazi labo.”

<sup>7</sup> Ngiyakubonga umusa kaJehova, ngimdumise uJehova ngakho konke uJehova asenzele khona, nokuhle okuningi phezu kwendlu ka-Israyeli ayisebenzele khona ngobubele bakhe nangobuningi bomusa wakhe.

<sup>8</sup> Wathi: “Nempela bangabantu bami, abantwana abangakhohlisi,” waba ngumsindisi wabo.

<sup>9</sup> Ezinhluphekweni zabo zonke wahlupheka naye, ingelosi yobuso bakhe yabasindisa; ngothando lwakhe nangokuhawukela kwakhe wabahlenga, wabanqukula, wabathwala zonke izinsuku zakuqala.

<sup>10</sup> Kepha bahlubuka, badabukisa uMoya wakhe oNgcwele, waphenduka isitha sabo, walwa nabo.

<sup>11</sup> Abantu bakhe base bekhumbula izinsuku zakuqala zikaMose, bathi: Uphi yena owabakhipha elwandle kanye nabelusi bomhlambi wakhe, na? Uphi yena owabeka uMoya wakhe oNgcwele phakathi kwabo,

<sup>12</sup> owenza ukuba ingalo yakhe emangalisayo ihambe ngakwesokunene sikaMose, owahlukanisa amanzi phambi kwabo ukuba azenzele igama eliphakade;

<sup>13</sup> owabadabulisa elwandle njengehashi ehlane, ukuze bangakhubeki, na?

<sup>14</sup> Njengezinkomo ezehlela esigodini uMoya kaJehova wabaphumuza. Wahola kanjalo abantu bakho ukuba uzenzele igama elimangalisayo.

<sup>15</sup> Bheka usezulwini, ubone usendaweni yobukhosi bakho neyodumo lwakho: kuphi ukushisekela kwakho nemisebenzi yakho yamandla na? Ukuvutha kwesihe sakho nobumnene bakho kugodliwe kimi.

<sup>16</sup> Ngokuba wena unguBaba; ngokuba u-Abrahama akasazi, no-Israyeli akasivumi. Wena Jehova unguBaba; igama lakho linguMhlengi wethu waphakade.

<sup>17</sup> Jehova, usidukiselani ezindleleni zakho, uzenze lukhuni izinhliziyi zethu zingakwesabi, na? Buya ngenxa yezinceku zakho, izizwe zefa lakho.

<sup>18</sup> Abantu bakho abangcwele balidla ifa isikhashana nje; izitha zethu zinyathele phansi indlu yakho engcwele.

<sup>19</sup> Sinjengalabo ongazange ubuse phezu kwabo, nabangabizwanga ngegama lakho.

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**S**engathi ungadabula amazulu, wehle, zizamazame izintaba phambi kwakho

<sup>2</sup> njengokuphenjwa komlilo ezinsabeni, nalapho umlilo ubilisa amanzi, ukuze wazise izitha zakho igama lakho, izizwe zithuthumele phambi kwakho.

<sup>3</sup> Ekwenzeni kwakho okwesabekayo esingakubhekanga wehla; izintaba zathuthumela phambi kwakho.

<sup>4</sup> Kusukela endulo abantu abezwanga, abacoshanga nangendlebe, futhi iso alibonanga uNkulunkulu ngaphandle kwakho osebenzela omhlalelayo.

<sup>5</sup> Wahlangabeza labo ababethokoza ngokwenza ukulunga, labo abakukhumbulayo ezindleleni zakho. Wena wathukuthela, thina sona; sahlala kukho nasendulo; siyakusindiswa na?

<sup>6</sup> Sonke saba njengongcolileyo, nokulunga kwethu konke kwakunjengengubo enindiweyo; sabuna sonke njengeqabunga, nobubi bethu basisusa njengomoya.

<sup>7</sup> Kwakungekho owalibiza igama lakho, owazivusela ukubambeleva kuwe, ngokuba wabusitheza ubuso bakho kithi, wasiqeda ngenxa yobubi bethu.

<sup>8</sup> Kepha manje, Jehova, unguBaba; thina siyibumba, wena ungumbumbi wethu, singumsebenzi wesandla sakho sonke.

<sup>9</sup> Ungathukutheli kakhulu, Jehova, ungakhumbuli njalo ububi. Bheka, mawubone ukuthi sonke singabantu bakho.

<sup>10</sup> Imizi yakho engcwele iphendukile ihlane; iSiyoni liphendukile ihlane, neJerusalema liyincithakalo.

<sup>11</sup> Indlu yethu engcwele nemangalisayo, lapho obaba babekudumisa khona, ishisiwe ngomlilo, nazo zonke izindawo zethu ezithandekayo ziphendukile izincithakalo.

<sup>12</sup> Ungazibamba kukho konke lokhu, Jehova? Ungathula, uze usihluphe kangaka, na?

## ISIAHLUKO 65

**“N**gafunwa ngabangangicelanga, ngafunyanwa ngabangangifunanga, ngathi: ‘Ngibhekeni, ngibhekeni,’ kuso isizwe esingabizwanga ngegama lami.

<sup>2</sup> Ngizelulile izandla zami usuku lonke kubantu abahlubukayo, abahamba ngendlela engenhle nangokwemicabango yabo,

<sup>3</sup> abantu abangithukuthelisa ebusweni bami njalo, behlabela ezivandeni, beshisa impepho phezu kwezitini,

<sup>4</sup> abahlala emathuneni, balale ezindaweni ezisithekileyo, badle inyama yezingulube, benomhluzi wezinto ezinengekayo ezitsheni zabo,

<sup>5</sup> abathi: ‘Hlehla, ungasondeli kimi, ngokuba ngingcwele kuwe;’ banjengomusi emakheleni ami, umlilo ovutha usuku lonke.

<sup>6</sup> “Bheka, kulotshiwe phambi kwami ukuthi: Angiyikuthula, ngiyakuphindisela, yebo, ngiphindisele ezifubeni zabo

<sup>7</sup> ububi babo nobubi bawoyise kanyekanye,” usho uJehova, “abashisa impepho ezintabeni, bangihlambalaza emagqumeni; ngiyakulinganisa kuqala umvuzo wabo

ezifubeni zabo.”

<sup>8</sup> Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: “Njengalokhu iwayini litholwa ehlukuzweni, bese kuthiwa: ‘Malingachithwa, ngokuba isibusiso sikulo,’ kanjalo ngiyakwenza ngenxa yenceku yami: angiyikubabulala bonke.

<sup>9</sup> Ngiyakuveza inzalo kuJakobe, nendlalifa yezintaba zami kuJuda; abakhethiweyo bami bayakulidla, nezinceku zami ziyakwakha khona.

<sup>10</sup> ISharoni liyakuba yisibaya sezimvu, nesiGodi sase-Akori indawo yokubuthisa kwezinkomo kubantu bami abangifunayo.

<sup>11</sup> “Kepha nina enimshiya uJehova, nikhothamele intaba yami engcwele, nihlelele iNhlanhla itafula, nigcwalisele isiMiselo iwayini elixutshanisiweyo,

<sup>12</sup> ngiyakuninqumela inkemba, nikhothamele nonke ukuhlathwa, ngokuba lapho nganibiza, aniphendulanga, nalapho ngakhuluma, anizwanga, kepha nenza okubi emehlweni ami, nakhetha lokhu engingathokozanga ngakho.”

<sup>13</sup> Ngalokho isho kanje iNkosi uNkulunkulu, ithi: “Bhekani, izinceku zami ziyakudla, kepha nina niyakulamba; bhekani, izinceku zami ziyakuphuza, kepha nina niyakoma; bhekani, izinceku zami ziyakuthokoza, kepha nina niyakujabha;

<sup>14</sup> bhekani, izinceku zami ziyakujabula ngokwenama kwenhliziyo, kepha nina niyakuklewula ngokwaphuka komoya, nikhale ngobuhlungu benhliziyo.

<sup>15</sup> Niyakulishiya igama lenu libe yisiqalekiso kwabakhethiweyo bami, iNkosi uJehova inibulale, izibize izinceku zayo ngelinye igama,

<sup>16</sup> ukuze kuthi ozibusisa emhlabeni azibusise kuNkulunkulu weqiniso, nofunga emhlabeni, afunge uNkulunkulu weqiniso, ngokuba izinhlopheko zakuqala zikhohlakele nangokuba zisithele emehlweni ami.”

<sup>17</sup> “Ngokuba bheka, ngiyadala izulu elisha nomhlaba omusha; izinto zakuqala aziyikukhunjulwa, zingene enhliziyweni.

<sup>18</sup> Kepha jabulani, nethabe kuze kube phakade ngengikudalayo, ngokuba bheka, ngilidala iJerusalema libe ngukwethaba, nabantu balo babe yinjabulo.

<sup>19</sup> Ngiyakwethaba ngeJerusalema, ngijabule ngabantu bami, kungabe kusezwakala izwi lokulila nezwi lokukhala.

<sup>20</sup> “Kusukela lapho akusayikuba khona ingane yezinsuku nje nexhegu elingazigcwalisanga izinsuku zalo, ngokuba omusha uyakufa eneminyaka eyikhulu yobudala, isoni siqalekiswe sineminyaka eyikhulu.

<sup>21</sup> Bayakwakha izindlu, bahlale kuzo; bayakutshala izivini, badle izithelo zazo.

<sup>22</sup> Abayikwakha, kuhlale omunye; abayikutshala, kudle omunye, ngokuba izinsuku zabantu bami ziyakuba njengezinsuku zomuthi, nomsebenzi wezandla zabakhethiweyo bami uyakugugela kubo.

<sup>23</sup> Abayikushikashikela ize, bazalele izinhlopheko, ngokuba bayinzalo yababusisiweyo bakaJehova, nabantwana babo bayakuba nabo.

<sup>24</sup> Kuyakuthi bengakangibizi, mina ngiphendule; besakhuluma, mina ngiyakuzwa.

<sup>25</sup> Impisi iyakudla ndawonye newundlu, ingonyama idle utshani njengenkomo, uthuli lube ngukudla kwenyoka; aziyikulimaza, zingachithi kuyo yonke intaba yami engcwele,” usho uJehova.

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**U**sho kanje uJehova, uthi: “Izulu liyisihlalo sami sobukhosi, umhlaba uyisenabelo sezinyawo zami; iphi leyo ndlu ebeniyakungakhela yona, iphi indawo yami yokuphumula, na?

<sup>2</sup> Zonke lezi zinto zenziwe yisandla sami, kwavela kanjalo konke lokhu,” usho uJehova. “Kepha yilowo engiyakubheka kuye: ohluphekayo nonomoya ochobozekeleyo, othuthumela ngezwi lami.

<sup>3</sup> Ohlaba inkunzi ebulala nomuntu, nohlaba iwundlu eyaphula nentamo yenja, nonikela ngomnikelo wempuphu, kepha enikela nangezazi lezingulube, noshisa inhlaka, ebonga nesithombe, yebo, laba bakhethile izindlela zabo, nemiphefumulo yabo iyathokoza ngezinengiso zabo.

<sup>4</sup> Ngelokho ngiyakubakhethela izinhlupho, ngibehlisele abakwesabayo, ngokuba ekubizeni kwami kwakungekho ophendulayo, nasekukhulumeni kwami abezwanga, kepha benza okubi emehlweni ami, bakhetha lokhu engingathokozanga ngakho.”

<sup>5</sup> Yizwani izwi likaJehova nina enithuthumela ngezwi lakhe. “Abafowenu abanizondayo, abanixosha ngenxa yegama lami, bashilo bathi: ‘Makazidumise uJehova ukuba sibone intokozo yenu,’ kepha bona bayakujabha.

<sup>6</sup> Yizwi lomsindo elivela emzini, yizwi lasethempelini! Yizwi likaJehova ephindisela izenzo zezitha zakhe.

<sup>7</sup> “ISiyoni lingakabi namihelo lazala; lingakehllelwa ngubuhlungu labeletha umntwana wesilisa.

<sup>8</sup> Ngubani ozwile okunjalo na? Ngubani obonile okunjengalokhu na? Izwe lingazalwa ngosuku olulodwa na? Isizwe singabelethwa kanyekanye na? Ngokuba iSiyoni lithe lisenemihelo, lazala abantwana balo.

<sup>9</sup> Mina ngiyakusondeza ekuzalweni ngingazalisi na?” usho uJehova. “Mina engingozalisayo bengiyakuvala na?” usho uNkulunkulu wakho.

<sup>10</sup> “Thokozani kanye neJerusalema, nilethabele nina nonke enilithandayo; jabulani ngenjabulo kanye nalo nina nonke enilililelayo,

<sup>11</sup> ukuze nincele, naneliswe ngamabele ezinduduzo zalo, nenyiselwe, nename ngokugcwala kwenkazimulo yalo.”

<sup>12</sup> Ngokuba usho kanje uJehova, uthi: “Bheka, ngiyakwelulela kulo ukuthula njengomfula, nenkazimulo yezizwe njengomfulana okhukhulayo, nincele, niphathwe ngezingalo zalo, niwothwe nisemathangeni.

<sup>13</sup> Njengoduduzwa ngunina, kanjalo ngiyakuniduduza nina, niduduzeke eJerusalema.”

<sup>14</sup> Niyakukubona, izinhliziyi zenu zijabule, amathambo enu ahlume njengohlaza; isandla sikaJehova siyakwaziwa ukuthi sisezincekweni zakhe, athukuthelele izitha zakhe.

<sup>15</sup> Ngokuba bheka, uJehova uyakufika ngomlilo, izinqola zakhe zibe njengesivunguvungu, ukubuyisela intukuthelo yakhe ngokufutheka nokukhuza kwakhe ngamalangabi omlilo.

<sup>16</sup> Ngokuba uJehova uyakwahlulela inyama yonke ngomlilo nangenkemba; ababulawayo nguJehova bayakuba baningi.

<sup>17</sup> “Abazingcwelisa, bazihlambululele ukungena ezivandeni belandela omiyo egcekeni, bedla inyama yezingulube, nezinengiso, nezimpuku, bayakuphela kanyekanye,” usho uJehova.

<sup>18</sup> “Ngiyazi imisebenzi yabo nemicabango yabo; ngiyeza ukubutha zonke izizwe nezilimi, zifike, zibone inkazimulo yami.

<sup>19</sup> “Ngiyakubeka isibonakaliso phakathi kwazo, ngithume ababalekileyo babo kwabezizwe, eTharishishi, nasePhuli, naseLudi, abagoba umnsalo, nakuThubali naseJavani, eziqhingini ezikude, ezingezwanga umbiko ngami, zingabonanga inkazimulo yami, baze



balande ngenkazimulo yami ezizweni.

**20** Bayakuletha bonke abafowenu bebakhipha ezizweni zonke ngamahhashi, nangezinqola, nangezinhlaka, nangeminyuzi, nangamakamela, babe ngumnikelo kaJehova, beze entabeni yami engcwele eJerusalema,” usho uJehova, “njengalokhu abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bewuletha umnikelo wabo ngesitsha esihlambulukileyo endlini kaJehova.

**21** Nakubona ngiyakuthatha abapristi namaLevi,” usho uJehova.

**22** “Ngokuba njengokuba izulu elisha nomhlaba omusha engiyakukwenza kuyakuma phambi kwami,” usho uJehova, “kanjalo kuyakuma inzalo yakho negama lakho.

**23** Kusukela ekwethwaseni kwenyanga kuye kwenye, kusukela kwelinye isabatha kuye kwelinye yonke inyama iyakufika ukukhuleka phambi kwami,” usho uJehova.

**24** “Bayakuphuma, babone izidumbu zabantu abaphambukile kimi, ngokuba impethu yabo ayiyikufa nomlilo wabo awuyikucima, babe yisinengiso kuyo yonke inyama.”

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