

UZEFANIYA

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ISAPHLUKO 1

Ilizwi likaYehova elafika kuZefaniya unyana kaKushi, unyana kaGedaliya, unyana ka-Amariya, unyana kaHezekiya, ngemihla kaYosiya unyana ka-Amon, ukumkani wakwaYuda.

² Ndiya kususa ndiyisuse into yonke ehlabathini; utsho uYehova.

³ Ndiya kususa abantu neenkomo; ndiya kususa iintaka zezulu, neentlanzi zolwandle; nezikhubekiso kunye nabangendawo; ndibanqamle abantu emhlabeni; utsho uYehova.

⁴ Ndiya kusolula isandla sam phezu koYuda, naphezu kwabemi bonke baseYerusalem, ndinqamle kuyo le ndawo amasalela akwaBhahali, negama lababingeleli abangengabo, kunye nababingeleli;

⁵ nabaqubuda kumkhosi wezulu phezu kwezindlu, nabaqubudi abazinikela kuYehova ngesifungo, bafunge ukumkani wabo;

⁶ nababuya umva kuYehova, nabangamfunanga uYehova, abangamquqelanga.

⁷ Yithini tu ebusweni beNkosi uYehova; ngokuba isondele imini kaYehova; kuba uYehova ulungise umbingelelo, ungcwalise abamenywa bakhe.

⁸ Kuya kuthi ngemini yombingelelo kaYehova, ndibavelele abathetheli, noonyana bokumkani, nabo bonke abambatha izambatho zolunye uhlanga.

⁹ Ndobavelela ngaloo mini bonke abatsiba embundwini womnyango, abazalisa indlu yenkosi yabo ngogonyamelo nenkohliso.

¹⁰ Kothi ngaloo mini, utsho uYehova, kuvele izwi lokukhala esangweni leentlanzi, kuvele nokubhombolozwa kwesesibini isahlulo somzi, kuvele ukuqhekeka okukhulu ezindulini.

¹¹ Bhombolozani, bemi basemgongxweni, kuba badakile bonke abantu bakwaKanan, banqunyulwe bonke abathwali besilivere.

¹² Kuya kuthi ngelo xesha, ndiyigqutha gquthe iYerusalem ndinezibane, ndiwavelele amadoda agovalele ezintliziweni zawo; atshoyo ukuthi ezintliziweni zawo, uYehova akenzi kulungileyo, akenzi nakubi.

¹³ Ubutyebi bawo buya kudywidwa, nezindlu zawo zibe ngamanxuwa; akhe izindlu, angazihlali; atyale izidiliya, angayiseli iwayini yazo.

¹⁴ Isondele imini enkulu kaYehova, isondele, ikhawulezile kakhulu. Yivani, imini kaYehova! Liyakhala ngokukrakra khona igorha.

¹⁵ Loo mini yimini yokuphuphuma komsindo, yimini yembandezelo nocutheko, yimini yentshabalala yakwantshabalala, yimini yobumnyama nesithokothoko, yimini yamafu, namafu amnyama;

¹⁶ yimini yesigodlo nokuhlaba umkhosi emizini enqatyisiweyo, naseluqoqweni olude.

- ¹⁷ Ndiya kubabandezela abantu, bahambe ngokweemfama, kuba bonile kuYehova; liphazwe igazi labo njengothuli, nenyama yabo njengobulongo.
- ¹⁸ Nesilivere yabo negolide yabo ayisayi kuba nako ukubahlangula ngemini yokuphuphuma komsindo kaYehova; lotshiswa lonke ihlabathi ngumlilo wekhwele lakhe. Ngokuba uya kubaphelisa, inene, abenze into ekhwankqisayo bonke abemi behlabathi.

ISAHLUKO 2

- Z**ihlanganiseni nizihlanganise, luhlangandini lungadaniyo,
- ² ungekazali ummiselo (kuba imini le idlula njengomququ), kungekanifikeli ukuvutha komsindo kaYehova, ingekanifikeli imini yomsindo kaYehova.
- ³ Funani uYehova, nonke balulamileyo belizwe, bakwenzileyo okusesikweni kwakhe; funani ubulungisa, funani ululamo, mhlawumbi nositheliswa ngemini yomsindo kaYehova.
- ⁴ Ngokuba iGaza iya kuba sisishiywa, neAshkelon ibe linxuwa; iAshdode iya kugxothwa emini emaqanda, inyothulwe iEkron.
- ⁵ Uha, abemi becandelo laselwandle, uhlanga lwamaKreti! Ilizwi likaYehova lichasene nani, Kanan, lizwe lamaFilisti. Ndokutshabalalisa ke, kungabikho ukumayo.
- ⁶ Icandelo laselwandle liya kuba ngamakriwa, nemiqolomba yabalusi, libe zizibaya zempahla emfutshane.
- ⁷ Loba licandelo lamasalela endlu yakwaYuda; aya kwalusela kulo, abuthe ezindlwini zaseAshkelon ngokuhlwa; kuba uya kuwavelela uYehova uThixo wawo, akubuyise ukuthinjwa kwawo.
- ⁸ Ndikuvile ukungcikiva kukaMowabhi, nokunyelisa koonyana baka-Amon, ababangcikive ngako abantu bam, bazikhulisa emdeni wabo.
- ⁹ Ngako oko, ndihleli nje, utsho uYehova wemikhosi, uThixo kaSirayeli, inene, elakwaMowabhi liya kuba njengeSodom, neloonyana baka-Amon libe njengeGomora, libe lilifa lamarhawu, libe sisigingqi setyuwa, kube senkangala kulo, kude kuse ephakadeni. Amasalela abantu bam aya kubaphanga, amaqongqolo ohlanga lwam abadle ilifa.
- ¹⁰ Kuya kuba njalo kubo ngenxa yekratshi labo, ngokuba bengcikovile, bazikhulisa kubantu bakaYehova wemikhosi.
- ¹¹ Uyoyikeka uYehova kubo; kuba uyabangcungcuthekisa bonke oothixo behlabathi, ziqubude kuye zonke iziqithi zeentlanga, elowo esendaweni yakhe.
- ¹² Nani maKushi, ningababuleweyo ngekrele lam.
- ¹³ Uya kusolula isandla sakhe ngakwelisentla, ayitshabalalise iAsiriya, ayenze ibe linxuwa iNineve, ayenze umqwebedu onjengentlango.
- ¹⁴ Iya kubutha phakathi kwayo imihlambi, izinto eziphilileyo nokuba ziziphi, ziziimfidi; ingcwangube nokhwalimanzi balale emanqanadini; kobakho lizwi leemvumi ezifestileni, amazala emibundwini yeminyango; ngokuba ewuhlubile umsebenzi wabo wemisedare.
- ¹⁵ Nguwo lowo umzi obudlamkile, obuhleli ukholosile, obusithi entliziyweni yawo, Ndim kwaphela, akukho wumbi. Utheni na ukuba ube linxuwa, ube sisikhundla samarhamncwa! Bonke abadlulayo kuwo benza umsondlo, baphekuze ngesandla sabo.

ISAHLUKO 3

Yeha, umzi oneenkani, ongcilileyo, oxinzelela phantsi!

² Awuphulaphulanga lizwi; awamkelanga ngqeqesho; awukholosanga ngoYehova, awusondelanga kuThixo wawo.

³ Abathetheli bawo phakathi kwawo baziingonyama ezibharhulayo; abagwebi bawo baziingcuka zangokuhlwa, ezingabeki nto ukuze ziyigunuze kwakusa.

⁴ Abaprofeti bawo bayaxhaphazela, ngamadoda anginizayo: ababingeleli bawo bayayihlambela ingcwele, bagonyamela umyalelo.

⁵ UYehova ulilungisa esazulwini sawo; akenzi ngabugqwetha; imiso ngemiso ukumisa emhlotsheni okusesikweni kwakhe, angasileli; ke yena onobugqwetha akakwazi ukudana.

⁶ Ndizinqamle iintlanga, zichithakele iingqoqo zezindlu zazo. Ndizonakalisile izitrato zazo, ukuba kungabikho udlula ngazo; idilikile imizi yazo, ukuba kungabikho mntu, kungabikho umiyo kuyo.

⁷ Ndathi kodwa, Mawundoyike, uyamkele ingqeqesho, linganqanyulwa ikhaya lakho, njengako konke endakumisela khona; ke bavuka kusasa, bonakalise ngeentloni zabo zonke.

⁸ Ngako oko yilindeleni kum, utsho uYehova, ide ibe yimini yokuvuka kwam, ndithimbe. Ngokuba kulunge kum ukuhlenganisa iintlanga, ndibuthe izikumkani, ukuze ndiyiphalaze ingqumbo yam phezu kwazo, konke ukuvutha komsindo wam; kuba liya kutshiswa ngumlilo wekhwele lam lonke ihlabathi.

⁹ Kuba ngelo xesha ndiya kuziguqulela izizwe intetho enyulu, ukuze zinqule igama likaYehova zonke ziphela, zimkhonze ngaxhatha linye.

¹⁰ Ziya kuthabathela phesheya kwemilambo yakwaKushi, zibazise abandithandayo, intombi yeentsali zam, bengumnikelo wam wokudla.

¹¹ Ngaloo mini akuyi kudana ngenxa yeentloni zakho zonke, owakreqa ngazo kum; ngokuba ngelo xesha ndiya kubasusa phakathi kwakho abadlamkileyo bakho, benekratshi, ungaphindi uzidle ngokwakho entabeni yam engcwele.

¹² Kanjalo ndiya kusalisa phakathi kwakho abantu abaziintsizana, abazizisweli, abaya kuzimela egameni likaYehova.

¹³ Amasalela akwaSirayeli akayi kwenza ngobugqwetha, akayi kuthetha amanga, aluyi kufumaneka emlonyeni wawo ulwimi lwenkohliso; ngokuba wona aya kudla, abuthe, kungabikho uwothusayo.

¹⁴ Memelela, ntombi inguZiyon: duma, Sirayeli; vuya, udlamke ngentliziyo yonke, ntombi inguYerusalem.

¹⁵ UYehova ukususile ukugwetywa kwakho, uzidedisile iintshaba zakho; ukumkani wakwaSirayeli, uYehova, uphakathi kwakho; akusayi kuba sabona bubi.

¹⁶ Ngaloo mini baya kuthi kwiYerusalem, Musa ukoyika; Ziyon, mazingawi izandla zakho.

¹⁷ UYehova uThixo wakho uphakathi kwakho, ligorha elisindisayo; unemihlali ngawe, enovuyo; uthe cwaka eluthandweni lwakhe, ugcoba ngawe ememelela.

¹⁸ Ndiya kubahlanganisa abalilela umthendeleko, bengabakuni; ingcikivo ibaphethe.

¹⁹ Yabona, ndiya kubenza ngendawo bonke abacinezeli bakho ngelo xesha; ndiyisindise into eqhwalelayo, ndiyihlanganise into egxothiweyo; ndibenze indumiso negama emazweni onke abahlaziswa kuwo.

²⁰ Ngelo xesha ndiya kunizisa, ndinibuthe ngexesha elililo; ngokuba ndiya kunenza nibe negama, nidunyiswe phakathi kwezizwe zonke zehlabathi, ekukubuyiseni kwam ukuthinjwa kwenu phambi kwamehlo enu; utsho uYehova.

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