

JOWELI

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ISAPHLUKO 1

Izwi likaJehova elafika kuJoweli indodana kaPhethuweli.

² Yizwani lokhu nina badala, nibeke indlebe nina nonke enihlezi ezweni. Kwake kwaba khona emihleni yenu noma emihleni yawobaba na?

³ Kutsheleni abantwana benu, nabantwana benu abantwana babo, nabantwana babo esinye isizukulwane.

⁴ Okushiywe yisibotho kudliwe yisikhonyane, nokushiywe yisikhonyane kudliwe yizinkumbi, nokushiywe yizinkumbi kudliwe yinkasa.

⁵ Phaphamani, zidakwa, nikhale, nihhewule nonke eniphuza iwayini ukuthi iwayini linqanyulelwe emlonyeni wenu.

⁶ Ngokuba kwenyukele ezweni lami isizwe esinamandla nesingenakubalwa; amazinyo aso angamazinyo engonyama, namazinyo aso emihlathi angawengonyamakazi.

⁷ Sichithile umvini wami, saxebula umkhiwane wami; siwuxhozile nokuwuxhoza, sawulahla, amagatsha awo sawenza aba mhlophe.

⁸ Khala njengentombi ebhince indwangu yamasaka ngomyeni wobusha bayo.

⁹ Iminikelo yempuphu neminikelo yokuphuzwa inqamukile endlini kaJehova; abapristi, izikhonzi zikaJehova, bayalila.

¹⁰ Amasimu achithekile, umhlabathi uyalila, ngokuba amabele achithiwe; iwayini elisha lishile, amafutha ayawuma.

¹¹ Jabhani, balimi, nihhewule nina baphathi bezivini ngokolweni nangebhali, ngokuba isivuno samasimu sichithakele.

¹² Umvini ubunile, imikhiwane iwumile; imipomegranati, namasundu, nemi-apula, nemithi yonke yasendle kubunile, ngokuba intokozo ibunile phakathi kwamadodana abantu.

¹³ Bhincani, nikhale, bapristi, nihhewule, nina zikhonzi ze-altare; wozani nilale bonke ubusuku ezindwangwini zamasaka, zikhonzi zikaNkulunkulu wami, ngokuba iminikelo yempuphu neminikelo yokuphuzwa kugodliwe endlini kaNkulunkulu wenu.

¹⁴ Ngcwelisani ukuzila ukudla, nibize umhlangano; buthani amalunga, yebo, bonke abakhe ezweni, endlini kaJehova uNkulunkulu wenu, nikhale kuJehova.

¹⁵ Hawu lolo suku! Ngokuba usuku lukaJehova lusondele, lufika njengokuchitha kuvela kuSomandla.

¹⁶ Akunqunywanga ukudla kwethu phambi kwamehlo ethu, intokozo nenjabulo endlini kaNkulunkulu wethu, na?

¹⁷ Imbewu iyabola phansi kwamagade ayo; izingobo zichithakele, izinqolobane zidiliziwe, ngokuba amabele omile.

¹⁸ Yeka, ukububula kwezilwane! Imihlambi yezinkomo ikhungathekile, ngokuba ayinadlelo, yebo, nemihlambi yezimvu izithwese icala.

¹⁹ Ngikhala kuwe Jehova, ngokuba amadlelo asehlane adliwe ngumlilo, nelangabi lishisile yonke imithi yasendle.

²⁰ Yebo, nezilwane zasendle ziyakulangazelela, ngokuba imifula yamanzi ishile, nomlilo udlile amadlelo asehlane.

ISAHLUKO 2

Bethani icilongo eSiyoni, nihlabe umkhosi entabeni yami engcwele; mabathuthumele bonke abakhe ezweni, ngokuba luyeza usuku lukaJehova, ngokuba lusondele;

² usuku lobumnyama nolwesigayegaye, usuku lwamafu nolobumnyama obukhulu, njengokusa kwenekwe ezintabeni, abantu abaningi abanamandla abangazange babe ngabanjalo kwasendulo, nabangasoze baba ngabanjalo emva kwabo kuze kube naseminyakeni yezizukulwane ngezizukulwane.

³ Phambi kwabo kuyadla umlilo, nasemva kwabo kushisa ilangabi; izwe liphambi kwabo njengensimu yase-Edene, nangasemva kwabo kuyihlane lencithakalo, akukho okubabalekelayo.

⁴ Isimo sabo sinjengesimo samahhashi, bagijima njengabamahhashi.

⁵ Bangqabashiya ngomsindo wezinqola eziqongweni zezintaba, njengokuchochiza kwelangabi lomlilo elidla amabibi nanjengabantu abanamandla, abahlelelwe ukulwa.

⁶ Phambi kwabo abantu bayathuthumela, bonke ubuso buyaphaphatheka.

⁷ Bagijima njengamaqhawe, bakhwela ezingangeni njengamadoda empi; bahamba, kube yilowo nalowo ngendlela yakhe, abaphambanisi izindlela zabo.

⁸ Abahlohlolozani omunye nomunye; bahamba, kube yilowo nalowo ngendlela yakhe; baziphonsa phakathi kwezikhali, abakhawuli.

⁹ Batheleka emzini, bagijima ogangeni; bakhuphukela ezindlini, bangena ngamafasitele njengesela.

¹⁰ Umhlaba uyazamazama phambi kwabo, amazulu ayathuthumela; ilanga nenyanga kuphenduka ubumnyama, nezinkanyezi zisusa ukukhanya kwazo.

¹¹ UJehova uzwakalisa izwi lakhe phambi kwempi yakhe, ngokuba ibandla lakhe likhulu kakhulu, nowenza izwi lakhe unamandla; yebo, usuku lukaJehova lukhulu, luyesabeka kakhulu; ngubani ongaluthwala na?

¹² “Kepha manje,” usho uJehova, “phendukelani kimi ngenhliziyo yenu yonke, nangokuzila ukudla, nangokukhala, nangokulila.”

¹³ Niklebhule inhiziyo yenu, hhayi izingubo zenu, niphendukele kuJehova uNkulunkulu wenu, ngokuba yena unomusa, unobumnene, wephuza ukuthukuthela, unesihe esikhulu, uhawukela nomubi.

¹⁴ Ngubani owaziyo uma engayikubuya, ahawukele, ashiye isibusiso emva kwakhe, kube ngumnikelo wempuphu nomnikelo wokuphuzwa kuJehova uNkulunkulu wenu, na?

¹⁵ Bethani icilongo eSiyoni, ningcwelise ukuzila ukudla, nibize umhlangano;

¹⁶ buthani abantu, ningcwelise ibandla, niqoqe abadala, nibuthe izingane nabancelayo; umyeni makaphume ekamelweni lakhe, nomakoti emgonqweni wakhe.

¹⁷ Abapristi, izikhonzi zikaJehova, mabakhale phakathi kompheme ne-altare, bathi: “Hawukela abantu bakho, Jehova, unganikeli isabelo sakho sibe yinhamba, ukuze abezizwe bababhinqe; yini ukuba basho phakathi kwabantu, bathi: ‘Uphi uNkulunkulu

wabo na?’ ”

18 UJehova wayesehawukela izwe lakhe, wabahawukela abantu bakhe.

19 UJehova waphendula, wathi kubantu bakhe: “Bhekani, ngiyakunithumela amabele, newayini, namafutha, nisuthe ngakho, ngingabe ngisanenza inhlamba phakathi kwabezizwe.

20 “Ngiyakudedisela kude nani owasenyakatho, ngimxoshele ezweni elomileyo nelichithakeleyo, ubuso bakhe bube ngaselwandle lwasempumalanga, umuva wakhe ube ngaselwandle lwasentshonalanga, kukhuphuke ukunuka kwakhe, kwenyuke iphunga lakhe elibi;” ngokuba wenzile izinto ezinkulu.

21 Ungesabi, lizwe; jabula, uthokoze, ngokuba uJehova wenzile izinto ezinkulu.

22 Ningesabi, zilwane zasendle, ngokuba amadlelo asehlane ayahluma, nemithi ithela izithelo, umkhiwane nomvini kuveza amandla akho.

23 Jabulani, bantwana baseSiyoni, nithokoze kuJehova uNkulunkulu wenu, ngokuba uninika imvula yokuqala ngokulunga, unehlisela imvula, eyokuqala neyamuva, njengasekuqaleni.

24 Izibuya ziyakugcwala amabele, nezikhongozelo ziyakuchichima iwayini namafutha.

25 “Ngiyakubuyisela kini iminyaka eyadliwa yisikhonyane, nezinkumbi, nenkasa, nesibotho, impi yami enkulu engayithuma phakathi kwenu.

26 Niyakudla nokudla, nisuthe, nilidumise igama likaJehova uNkulunkulu wenu oniphathe ngokumangalisayo; abantu bami abayikujabha kuze kube phakade.

27 Niyakwazi ukuthi ngiphakathi kuka-Israyeli nokuthi nginguJehova uNkulunkulu wenu, akakho omunye; abantu bami abayikujabha kuze kube phakade.

28 “Kuyakuthi ngasemuva ngithulule uMoya wami phezu kwayo yonke inyama; amadodana enu namadodakazi enu ayakuprofetha, abadala benu baphuphe amaphupho, izinsizwa zenu zibone imibono;

29 naphezu kwezinceku nezincekukazi ngalezo zinsuku ngiyakuthulula uMoya wami.

30 Ngiyakuveza izimangalisano ezulwini nasemhlabeni, igazi, nomlilo, nezinsika zomusi.

31 Ilanga liyakuphenduka ubumnyama, inyanga ibe yigazi, lungakafiki usuku olukhulu nolwesabekayo lukaJehova.

32 Kuyakuthi bonke ababiza igama likaJehova bakhululwe, ngokuba entabeni yaseSiyoni naseJerusalema kuyakuba ngabasindileyo, njengalokho eshilo uJehova, naphakathi kwabaseleyo kube ngababizwa nguJehova.

ISAHLUKO 3

“Ngokuba ngalezo zinsuku nangaleso sikhathi, lapho ngiyakubuyisa ukuthunjwa kukaJuda neJerusalema,

2 ngiyakubutha zonke izizwe, ngizehlisele esigodini sikaJehoshafati, ngahlulelane nazo khona ngenxa yabantu bami nesabelo sami u-Israyeli, ezibahlakazile phakathi kwezizwe, zabela izwe lami.

3 Zenza inkatho ngabantu bami, zanika umfana ngesifebe, zathengisa ngentombazana ngenxa yewayini, zaliphuza.

4 “Niyini kimi, nina Tire neSidoni, nayo yonke imikhawulo yaseFilistiya na? Niyakungibuyisela utho na? Uma ningibuyisela utho ngiyakushesha ngibuyisele masinyane phezu kwekhanda lenu izenzo zenu,

5 njengalokho nithathile isiliva lami negolide lami, nangenisa izinto zami ezinhle

emathempelini enu,

⁶ nathengisa ngabantwana bakwaJuda nangabantwana baseJerusalema kumadodana aseJavani ukuba nibadedisele kude nemikhawulo yabo.

⁷ “Bhekani, ngiyakubavusa endaweni enithengisile kuyo ngabo, ngibuyisele ekhanda lenu isenzo senu.

⁸ Ngiyakuthengisa ngamadodana enu nangamadodakazi enu esandleni sabantwana bakwaJuda, bona bathengise ngabo kumaSheba, isizwe esikude,” ngokuba uJehova ukhulumile.

⁹ Memezelani lokhu phakathi kwabezizwe, ningcwelise impi, niwavuse amaqhawe; mawasondele, enyuke onke amadoda empi.

¹⁰ Khandani amakhuba enu abe yizinkemba, ocelemba benu babe yimikhonto, obuthakathaka asho ukuthi ngiyiqhawe.

¹¹ Sheshani nifike nina bezizwe zonke nxazonke, nibuthane, wehlisele khona amaqhawe akho, Jehova.

¹² “Mabazivuse abezizwe, benyukele esigodini sikaJehoshafati, ngokuba ngahlulele bonke abezizwe nxazonke.

¹³ Fakani isikela, ngokuba okuzakuvunwa sekuvuthiwe; ngokuba isikhamo sewayini sigcwele, nezikhongozelo ziyachichima, ngokuba ububi babo bukhulu.”

¹⁴ Yizixuku ngezixuku esigodini sokwahlulela, ngokuba usuku lukaJehova lusondele esigodini sokwahlulela.

¹⁵ Ilanga nenyanga kuba mnyama, izinkanyezi zisusa ukukhanya kwazo.

¹⁶ UJehova uyaduma eseSiyoni, ezwakalise izwi lakhe eseJerusalema; izulu nomhlaba kuyamazama, kepha uJehova uyisiphephelo sabantu bakhe, nenqaba yabantwana bakwa-Israyeli.

¹⁷ Bese nikwazi ukuthi nginguJehova uNkulunkulu wenu engihlala eSiyoni, intaba yami engcwele; iJerusalema liyakuba ngcwele, abafokazi abasayikulidabula.

¹⁸ “Kuyakuthi ngalolo suku izintaba ziconse iwayini elimnandi, amagquma agobhoze ubisi, yonke imifula yakwaJuda igobhoze amanzi; kuyakuvela umthombo endlini kaJehova oyakunisela isigodi saseShithimi.

¹⁹ IGibithe liyakuba yincithakalo, u-Edomi abe yihlane lencithakalo ngenxa yendluzula eyenziwe kubantwana bakwaJuda, ngokuba bachithile igazi elingenacala ezweni labo.

²⁰ Kepha uJuda uyakuhlala kuze kube phakade, neJerusalema ezizukulwaneni ngezizukulwane.

²¹ Ngiyakuphindisela igazi labo engingakaliphindiseli,” ngokuba uJehova wakhile eSiyoni.

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