

# JEREMIYA

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## ISAHLUKO 1

**A**amazwi kaJeremiya, indodana kaHilikiya, wabapristi ababe se-Anathoti ezweni lakwaBenjamini,

<sup>2</sup> okwafika kuye izwi likaJehova ezinsukwini zikaJosiya indodana ka-Amoni, inkosi yakwaJuda, ngomnyaka weshumi nantathu wokubusa kwakhe;

<sup>3</sup> lafika futhi ezinsukwini zikaJehoyakimi indodana kaJosiya, inkosi yakwaJuda, kuze kube sekupheleni komnyaka weshumi nanye kaSedekiya indodana kaJosiya, inkosi yakwaJuda, kuze kube sekuthunjweni kweJerusalema ngenyanga yesihlanu.

<sup>4</sup> Kwafika kimi izwi likaJehova, lathi:

<sup>5</sup> “Ngingakakubumbi esiswini ngakwazi; ungakaphumi esizalweni ngakungcwelisa, ngakubeka umprofethi ezizweni.”

<sup>6</sup> Kepha ngathi: “Awu, Nkosi Jehova! Bheka, angikwazi ukukhuluma, ngokuba ngingumntwana.”

<sup>7</sup> Kepha uJehova wathi kimi: “Ungasho ukuthi ungumntwana, ngokuba uyakuya kubo bonke engikuthuma kubo, nakho konke engikuyala ngakho uyakukukhuluma.

<sup>8</sup> Ungabesabi, ngokuba nginawe ukuba ngikophule,” usho uJehova.

<sup>9</sup> UJehova wayeselula isandla sakhe, wawuthinta umlomo wami; uJehova wathi kimi: “Bheka, ngibekile amazwi ami emlonyeni wakho.

<sup>10</sup> Bona, ngiyakubeka namuhla phezu kwezizwe naphezu kwemibuso ukusiphula nokudiliza, ukuchitha nokubhubhisa, ukwakha nokutshala.”

<sup>11</sup> Izwi likaJehova lafika kimi futhi, lathi: “Jeremiya, ubonani na?” Ngathi: “Ngibona igatsha lomalimondi.”

<sup>12</sup> Wayesethi uJehova kimi: “Ubone kahle, ngokuba ngiyakulilinda izwi lami ukuba ngilenze.”

<sup>13</sup> Lase lifika kimi izwi likaJehova ngokwesibili, lithi: “Ubonani na?” Ngathi: “Ngibona ikhanzi elibilayo. Ubuso balo bungasenyakatho.”

<sup>14</sup> Wayesethi kimi uJehova: “Okubi kuyakuqhambuka ngasenyakatho, kubehlele bonke abakhileyo bomhlaba.

<sup>15</sup> Ngokuba bheka, ngiyakubiza yonke imindeni yemibuso yasenyakatho,” usho uJehova. “Iyakufika, yilowo nalowo ubeke isihlalo sawo sobukhosi ezikhaleni zamasango aseJerusalema, nakuzo zonke izingange zalo nxazonke, nakuyo yonke imizi yakwaJuda.

<sup>16</sup> Ngiyakukhipha ukwahlulela kwami phezu kwabo ngenxa yabo bonke ububi babo,

ngokuba bangihlubukile, bashisela abanye onkulunkulu impepho, bakhuleka kuyo imisebenzi yezandla zabo.

**17** “Ngalokho bopha izinkalo zakho, usuke, ukhulume kubo bonke engikuyala ngabo; ungapheli amandla ngabo, funa ngiqede amandla akho ebusweni babo.

**18** Ngokuba bheka, ngikubekile namuhla ube ngumuzi obiyelweyo, nensika yensimbi, nezingange zethusi ngakulo izwe lonke, nangawo amakhosi akwaJuda nezikhulu zalo, nangakubo abapristi balo nabantu bezwe.

**19** Bayakulwa nawe, kepha abayikukwahlula, ngokuba nginawe,” usho uJehova, “ukuba ngikophule.”

## ISAHLUKO 2

**L**ase lifika izwi likaJehova, lithi: “Hamba umemeze ezindlebeni zeJerusalema, uthi: Usho kanje uJehova, uthi:

**2** “ ‘Ngikukhumbulela umusa wobusha bakho, nothando lwakho, usengumakoti, nokungilandela kwakho ehlane, izwe elingatshalwanga.

**3** U-Israyeli ungcwele kuJehova, ululibo lwezithelo zakhe; bonke abazidlayo bayathola icala, okubi kuyakubehlela,’ ” usho uJehova.

**4** Zwanini izwi likaJehova nina ndlu kaJakobe, nani mindeni yonke yendlu ka-Israyeli.

**5** Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: “Ububi buni oyihlo ababufumene kimi, baze badede kude nami, balandela okuyize, baba yize, na?

**6** Abashongo ukuthi: ‘Uphi uJehova owasikhuphula ezweni laseGibithe, wasihola ehlane ezweni lezingwadule nelemigodi, ezweni elomileyo nelethunzi lokufa, ezweni elingadatshulwa muntu, nalapho kungahlali muntu khona, na?’

**7** Nganingenisa ezweni elivundileyo ukuba nidle izithelo zalo nokuhle kwalo, kepha lapho seningenile, nalingcolisa izwe lami, nenza ifa lami laba yisinengiso.

**8** Abapristi abashongo ukuthi: ‘Uphi uJehova?’ Abaphethe umthetho babengazi, ababusi baphambuka kimi, abaprofethi baprofetha ngoBali, balandela okungenakusiza.

**9** “Ngalokho ngiyakuphikisana nani,” usho uJehova, “ngiphikisane nabantwana babantwana benu.

**10** Dlulani eziqhingini zaseKitimi, nibone, nithume eKedari, niqonde kahle, nibone uma yake yaba khona into enjengalena na?

**11** Isizwe sike senana ngawonkulunkulu abangesibo onkulunkulu na? Kepha abantu bami benanile udumo lwabo ngokungenakusiza.

**12** Mangalani ngalokho, mazulu, nithuthumele, nichitheke impela,” usho uJehova.

**13** “Ngokuba abantu bami benzile okubi okubili: bangishiyile, umthombo wamanzi aphilileyo, bazigubhele imithombo, imithombo evuzayo, amanzi angenakuhlala kuyo.

**14** U-Israyeli uyisigqila yini, uyisigqila esazalelwa ekhaya na? Waba kanjani impango na?

**15** Amabhongo ezingonyama abhongile phezu kwakhe, akhonya, alenza izwe lakhe laba yincithakalo; imizi yakhe ishisiwe, kungekho owakhe kuyo.

**16** Nabantwana baseNofi naseThahipanesi baphuca ukhakhayi lwakho.

**17** Awuzenzeli lokhu wena ngokushiya kwakho uJehova uNkulunkulu wakho, lapho ekuhola endleleni, na?

**18** Manje unani endleleni eya eGibithe ukuba uphuze amanzi aseSihori, na? Unani endleleni eya e-Asiriya ukuba uwaphuze amanzi omfula na?

**19** Ububi bakho buyakukulaya, nokuhlehla kwakho kuyakukusola; yazi, ubone ukuthi

kuyinto embi nebabayo yokuthi umhlubukile uJehova uNkulunkulu wakho nokuthi ukungesaba akukho kuwe,” isho iNkosi uJehova Sebewoti.

**20** “Ngokuba walaphula ijoka lakho endulo, wazigqabula izibopho zakho, wathi: ‘Angiyikukhonza.’ Ngokuba kuwo onke amagquma aphakemeyo naphansi kwayo yonke imithi eluhlaza walala njengesifebe.

**21** Mina ngakutshala ungumvini omuhle, imbewu elungileyo yodwa; pho, uphenduke kanjani waba yigatsha elonakeleyo kimi, elomvini wabezizwe, na?

**22** Ngokuba noma ugeza ngesoda, uzithathele insipho eningi, ububi bakho bulotshiwe phambi kwami,” isho iNkosi uJehova.

**23** “Ungasho kanjani ukuthi: ‘Angingcolile, angilandelanga oBali,’ na? Bheka indlela yakho esigodini, wazi ukuthi wenzeni: uyikamela lensikazi elinejubane, elizulazula ezindleleni zalo,

**24** nembongolo yasendle ejwayele ihlane, esezela umoya ngokukhanuka kwayo; ngubani ongavimbela inkanuko yayo na? Bonke abayifunayo abayikukhathala, bayakuyifumana ngenyanga yayo.

**25** Nqanda unyawo lwakho lungabi olungenasicathulo, nomphimbo wakho ukuba ungomi; kepha wathi: ‘Kuyize; cha, ngithandile abafokazi, ngiyakubalandela.’

**26** “Njengesela linamahloni, lapho selifunyenwe, kanjalo indlu yakwa-Israyeli iyakuba namahloni, bona kanye namakhosi abo, nezikhulu zabo, nabapristi babo, nabaprofethi babo

**27** abathi emthini: ‘Ungubaba,’ nasetsheni: ‘Wena wangizala.’ Ngokuba bangifulathele, abangibheki; kepha ngesikhathi sokuhlupheka kwabo bayakusho ukuthi: ‘Vuka, usisindise.’

**28** Baphi onkulunkulu bakho ozenzele bona na? Mabavuke, uma bengakusindisa ngesikhathi sokuhlupheka kwakho, ngokuba njengomumo wemizi yakho, banjalo onkulunkulu bakho, Juda.

**29** “Niphikisanelani nami na? Niphambukile kimi nonke,” usho uJehova.

**30** “Ngibashaye ize abantwana benu, abakwamukelanga ukulaywa; inkemba yenu ibadlile abaprofethi benu njengengonyama echithayo.

**31** “Wena sizukulwane, bheka izwi likaJehova. “Bengiyihlane ku-Israyeli, noma izwe lesigayegaye, na? Basholoni abantu bami ukuthi: ‘Sesidlubulundile, asisayikubuyela kuwe,’ na?

**32** Intombi ingakhohlwa yini izivunulo zayo, nomakoti ixhama lakhe, na? Nokho abantu bami bangikhohliwe izinsuku ezingenakubalwa.

**33** Ulungisa kahle kanjani indlela yakho ukufuna uthando! Ngalokho nabesifazane ababi ubafundisile izindlela zakho.

**34** Nasemiphethweni yakho kufunyenwe igazi labampofu abangenacala, kungabi ngukuthi ubafumene befohla. Kepha kukho konke lokhu

**35** uthi: ‘Anginacala.’ Nempela intukuthelo yakhe ibuyile kimi. Bheka, ngiyakwahlulelana nawe, ngokuba uthi: ‘Angonanga.’

**36** Usheshelani kangaka ukuyiguqula indlela yakho na? Uyakujabha nangeGibithe, njengalokho wajabhiswa yi-Asiriya.

**37** Uyakuphuma nalapho, izandla zakho zisekhanda, ngokuba uJehova uyabalahla obethembayo, awuyikuphumelela kubo.

## ISAPHELA 3

**“K**uthiwa uma indoda ilahla umkayo, abesemuka abe ngowenye indoda, isayakubuyela kuye na? Lelo zwe belingayikungcoliswa kakhulu na? Kepha wena ofebile nezithandwa eziningi ubuyela kimi,” usho uJehova.

<sup>2</sup> “Phakamisela amehlo akho emadulini angenalutho, ubone; kuphi lapho ongalalwanga khona na? Ngasezindleleni ubahlalele njengomArabiya ehlane, walingcolisa izwe ngobufebe nangobubi bakho.

<sup>3</sup> Ngalokho izihlambi zinqandiwe, nemvula yamuva ayibangakho. Nokho wawunebunzi lesifebe, wala ukuba namahloni.

<sup>4</sup> Awusand' ukukhala kimi ukuthi: ‘Baba, wena ungumngane wobusha bami, na?

<sup>5</sup> Uyakuhlala enentukuthelo njalonjalo, ayigcine kuze kube nini na?’ Bheka, ukhuluma kanjalo; uyenza okubi, uyaphumelela.”

<sup>6</sup> UJehova wathi kimi emihleni kaJosiya inkosi: “Ubonile okwenziwe ngu-Israyeli ohlehlayo na? Ukhuphukele kuzo zonke izintaba eziphakemeyo naphansi kwayo yonke imithi eluhlaza, wafeba khona.

<sup>7</sup> Ngathi uzakubuyela kimi esekwenzile konke lokhu, kodwa akabuyanga; udadewabo okhohlisayo, uJuda, wakubona.

<sup>8</sup> Ngabona ukuthi noma ngangimhlale u-Israyeli ohlehlayo ngalesi sizathu sokuthi uphingile, ngamnika incwadi yesahlukaniso, udadewabo okhohlisayo, uJuda, akesabanga nokho, kepha waya wafeba naye,

<sup>9</sup> nangokuzwakala kokufeba kwakhe langcoliswa izwe, waphinga nemithi namatshe.

<sup>10</sup> Kepha kukho konke lokhu udadewabo okhohlisayo, uJuda, akabuyelanga kimi ngenhliziyo yonke, kuphela ngokuzenzisa nje,” usho uJehova.

<sup>11</sup> Wayesethi uJehova kimi: “U-Israyeli ohlehlayo ubonakele elungile kunoJuda okhohlisayo.

<sup>12</sup> Hamba umemezele lawa mazwi ngasenyakatho, uthi: “ ‘Buya wena Israyeli ohlehlayo,’ usho uJehova; ‘angiyikuninyakamela, ngokuba nginomusa,’ usho uJehova; ‘angiyakugcina intukuthelo kuze kube phakade.

<sup>13</sup> Yazi kuphela ububi bakho ukuthi uphambukile kuJehova uNkulunkulu wakho, wazihlakaza izindlela zakho kubo abezizwe phansi kwayo yonke imithi eluhlaza; anililalelanga izwi lami,’ ” usho uJehova.

<sup>14</sup> “Buyani, bantwana abahlehlayo,” usho uJehova, “ngokuba ngingumyeni wenu, nginithabathe, abe munye emzini, babe babili emndenini, nginiyise eSiyoni,

<sup>15</sup> ngininike abelusi ngokwenhliziyo yami, abayakunalusa ngokwazi nangokuhlakanipha.

<sup>16</sup> Kuyakuthi lapho nanda, nichume ezweni, ngalezo zinsuku,” usho uJehova, “bangasayikusho ukuthi: ‘Umphongolo wesivumelwano sikaJehova;’ awuyikungena enhliziyweni, abayikuwukhumbula; abayikuwuswela, akusayikwenziwa omusha.

<sup>17</sup> Ngalolo suku bayakulibiza iJerusalema ngokuthi isihlalo sobukhosi sikaJehova; izizwe zonke ziyakubuthana kulo, kulo igama likaJehova eJerusalema; azisayikuhamba ngenkani yezinhliziyzo zazo ezimbi.

<sup>18</sup> Ngalezo zinsuku indlu yakwaJuda iyakuya endlini yakwa-Israyeli, ziphume kanyekanye ezweni lasenyakatho, ziye ezweni engalinika oyihlo libe yifa labo.

<sup>19</sup> “Mina bengithi: “ ‘Ngiyakukubeka kanjani phakathi kwabantwana, ngikuphe izwe elinxanelekayo, ifa elihle kakhulu ezizweni!’ Ngathi: Niyakungibiza ngokuthi ‘Baba’, ningabuyi ekungilandeleni.

<sup>20</sup> Impela njengomfazi emkhohlisa umyeni, kanjalo ningikhohlisile nina ndlu ka-Israyeli,” usho uJehova.

- <sup>21</sup> Izwi liyezwakala emadulini angenalutho, ukukhala nokukhuleka kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli, ngokuba bayihlanekezele indlela yabo, bakhohlwa uJehova uNkulunkulu wabo.
- <sup>22</sup> “Buyani nina bantwana abahlehlayo, ngikuphulukise ukuhlehla kwenu.” “Bheka, sesifikile kuwe, ngokuba unguJehova uNkulunkulu wethu.
- <sup>23</sup> Impela amagquma ayize kanye nomsindo wasezintabeni. Ngokwempela ukusindiswa kuka-Israyeli kukuJehova uNkulunkulu wethu.
- <sup>24</sup> UBosheti uqedile umshikashika wawobaba kwasebusheni bethu, izimvu zabo, nezinkomo zabo, namadodana abo, namadodakazi abo.
- <sup>25</sup> Masilale phansi namahloni, ihlazo lethu lisisibekele, ngokuba sonile kuJehova uNkulunkulu wethu, thina nawobaba, kusukela ebusheni bethu kuze kube namuhla, asililalelanga izwi likaJehova uNkulunkulu wethu.”

## ISAHLUKO 4

- “U**ma uphenduka, Israyeli,” usho uJehova, “uyakuphendukela kimi; uma ususa ebusweni bami izinengiso zakho, awuyikuntengantenga.
- <sup>2</sup> Uyakufunga ngeqiniso, nangokwahlulela, nangokulunga, ngokuthi: ‘Kuphila kukaJehova,’ izizwe ziyakuzibusisa kuye, zizibonge kuye.”
- <sup>3</sup> Ngokuba usho kanje uJehova kubantu bakwaJuda nabaseJerusalema, uthi: “Qathani umqatho wenu, ningatshali phakathi kwameva.
- <sup>4</sup> Zisokeleni kuJehova, nisuse amajwabu ezinhliziyi zenu nina bantu bakwaJuda nabakhileyo eJerusalema, funa ukufutheka kwami kuphume njengomlilo, kuvuthe, kungabikho ongakucima, ngenxa yobubi bezenzo zenu.
- <sup>5</sup> “Khulumani kwaJuda, nizwakalise eJerusalema, nithi: ‘Bethani amacilongo ezweni,’ nimemeze nithi: ‘Buthanani, singene emizini ebiyelweyo.’
- <sup>6</sup> Misani ibhanela elibheka ngaseSiyoni, nibaleke ningemi, ngokuba ngiyakuletha okubi kuvele ngasenyakatho nokubhujiswa okukhulu.”
- <sup>7</sup> Ingonyama ikhuphukile esihlahleni sayo, umchithi wezizwe uyeza; uphumile endaweni yakhe ukuba ulenze izwe lakho libe yincithakalo, ichithwe imizi yakho, kungabikho ohlala kuyo.
- <sup>8</sup> Ngalokho bhincani izindwangu zamasaka, nikhale, nihewule, ngokuba ulaka oluvuthayo lukaJehova alubuyanga kithi.
- <sup>9</sup> “Kuyakuthi ngalolo suku,” usho uJehova, “inhliziyi yenkosi iphele kanye nezinhliziyi zezikhulu; abapristi bayakumangala, abaprofethi bethuke.”
- <sup>10</sup> Ngase ngithi: “Awu, Nkosi Jehova, ubakhohlisile nokubakhohlisa laba bantu neJerusalema ngokuthi: ‘Niyakuba nokuthula,’ nokho inkemba ifinyelele emphefumulweni.”
- <sup>11</sup> Ngaleso sikhathi kuyakuthiwa kulaba bantu nakulo iJerusalema: “Ishisandlu elivela emadulini angenalutho liya endodakazini yabantu bami, lingayikubahlakaza, lingayikubahlunga.
- <sup>12</sup> Umoya omkhulu kunokuba kwenziwe lokhu uyakuphuma kimi. Manje sengiyakukhuluma nami ukwahlulela kubo.”
- <sup>13</sup> Bhekani, uyakhuphuka njengamafu, izingola zakhe zinjengesivunguvungu, amahhashi akhe anejubane kunezinkozi. Maye kithina, ngokuba sichithiwe!
- <sup>14</sup> Jerusalema, hlanza inhliziyi yakho, kuphume ububi, ukuze usindiswe. Koze kube nini imicabango yakho emibi ihlala phakathi kwakho na?

- <sup>15</sup> Ngokuba izwi liyamemezela liphuma kwaDani; lizwakalisa okubi kuvela ezintabeni zakwa-Efrayimi.
- <sup>16</sup> “Khumbuzani izizwe; bhekani, nizwakalise eJerusalema ukuthi kufika abavimbezeli abaphuma ezweni elikude; baliphakamisa izwi labo ngakuyo imizi yakwaJuda.
- <sup>17</sup> Njengabalinda insimu baphezu kwalo nxazonke, ngokuba lingihlubukile,” usho uJehova.
- <sup>18</sup> “Ukuhamba kwakho nezenzo zakho kukwenzele lokhu; lokhu kuyingozi yakho ngokuba imuny; ifinyelele enhliziyweni yakho.”
- <sup>19</sup> Zibilini zami, zibilini zami, nginobuhlungu enhliziyweni yami; inhliziyo yami ikhala phakathi kwami, anginakuthula, ngokuba ulizwile, mphefumulo wami, izwi lecilongo, ukuhlathsha komkhosi wempi.
- <sup>20</sup> Kuyamenyezela ukubhujiswa phezu kokubhujiswa, ngokuba izwe lonke liyachithwa. Amatende ami ayachithwa masinyane, nezilenge zami ngokuphazima kweso.
- <sup>21</sup> Koze kube nini ngibona ibhandela, ngizwe izwi lecilongo, na?
- <sup>22</sup> “Yebo, abantu bami bayiziwula, abangazi; bangabantwana abayiziphukuphuku, abanakuqonda; bahlakaniphele ukwenza okubi, kepha ukwenza okuhle kabakwazi.”
- <sup>23</sup> Ngabuka umhlaba; bheka, wawuyize, wawungenalutho, nezulu lalingenakukhanya.
- <sup>24</sup> Ngabuka izintaba; bheka, zazamazama; onke amagquma anyakaza.
- <sup>25</sup> Ngabuka; bheka, kwakungekho muntu; izinyoni zonke zezulu zazibalekile.
- <sup>26</sup> Ngabuka; bheka, izwe elivundileyo laliyihlane, nemizi yalo yonke yayidilizwe ebusweni bukaJehova naphambi kolaka lwakhe oluvuthayo.
- <sup>27</sup> Ngokuba uJehova usho kanje, uthi: “Izwe lonke liyakuba yincithakalo, kepha angiyikuliqeda ngokupheleleyo.
- <sup>28</sup> Umhlaba uyakhala ngalokhu, izulu phezu limnyama, ngokuba ngikukhulumile, ngikuhlosile, ngingazisolanga; futhi angiyikubuya kukho.”
- <sup>29</sup> Umuzi wonke uyabaleka ngenxa yomsindo wabamahhashi nowabemicibisholo; bayangena ezihlahleni, bakhuphukele emadwaleni; imizi yonke ishiyiwe, akakho ohlala kuyo.
- <sup>30</sup> Lapho usuchithiwe, uyakwenzani na? Noma wembatha okubomvu, noma uzivunulisa ngezivunulo zegolide, noma ugqaba amehlo akho ngomuthi, uzenza muhle ngeze; izithandwa zakho ziyakudelela, zifuna ukukubulala.
- <sup>31</sup> Ngizwile izwi njengokungathi elonemihelo, usizi lozibulayo, izwi lendodakazi yaseSiyoni eheheza, ezelula izandla zayo, ithi: “Maye kimina! Ngokuba umphefumulo wami uphele amandla ngababulali.”

## ISAHLUKO 5

**“Y**ehlani nenyuke ezitaladini zaseJerusalema, nibone nazi, nicinge ezigcawini, uma ningafumana umuntu, uma kukhona owenza ukwahlulela, ofuna iqiniso; bese ngilithethelela.

<sup>2</sup> Noma bethi: ‘Kuphila kukaJehova,’ nokho bafunga amanga.”

<sup>3</sup> Jehova, amehlo akho awaseqinisweni na? Ubashayile, kepha abadabukanga; ubaqedile, kepha balile ukwamukela ukulaywa; benza lukhuni ubuso babo kunetshe, bala ukuphenduka.

<sup>4</sup> Ngase ngithi mina: “Laba bayizimpofana nje, bayiziwula, ngokuba abayazi indlela kaJehova, ukwahlulela kukaNkulunkulu wabo.

- <sup>5</sup> Sengiyakuya kwabakhulu, ngikhulume nabo, ngokuba bona bayayazi indlela kaJehova nokwahlulela kukaNkulunkulu wabo;” kepha bona babelaphulile ijoka kanyekanye, bazigqabulile izibopho.
- <sup>6</sup> Ngelokho ingonyama yasehlathini iyakubashaya, babhujiswe yimpisi yasehlane, ingwe iyiqamekele imizi yabo, badatshulwe bonke abaphuma kuyo, ngokuba iziphambeko zabo ziningi, nokuhlehla kwabo kwandile.
- <sup>7</sup> “Ngingakuthethelela kanjani na? Abantwana bakho bangishiyile, bafunga okungesibo onkulunkulu. Ngabafungisa, kepha baphinga, babuthana endlini yezifebe.
- <sup>8</sup> Banjengamahashi akhulupheleyo andindayo; yilowo nalowo uyiyizela umfazi womakhelwane wakhe.
- <sup>9</sup> Angiyikubahambela ngelokho na?” usho uJehova. “Umphefumulo wami awuyikuphindisa esizweni esinjengalesi na?
- <sup>10</sup> “Khuphukelani ezingangeni zalo, nilichithe, ningaliqedi ngokupheleleyo nokho; susani amatsha alo, ngokuba awasiwo akaNkulunkulu.
- <sup>11</sup> Ngokuba indlu ka-Israyeli nendlu kaJuda zingikhohlisile nokungikhohlisa,” usho uJehova.
- <sup>12</sup> Zimphikile uJehova, zathi: “Hhayi yena! Okubi akuyikusehlela, asiyikubona inkemba nendlala.
- <sup>13</sup> Abaprofethi bayakuba ngumoya, akakho okhulumayo kubo; kuyakwenziwa kanjalo kubo.”
- <sup>14</sup> Ngelokho usho kanje uJehova uNkulunkulu Sebawoti, uthi: “Ngokuba nikhuluma leli zwi, bhekani, ngiyakwenza amazwi ami abe ngumlilo emlonyeni wakho, nalaba bantu babe yizinkuni, ubadle.
- <sup>15</sup> Bhekani, ngiyakwehlisela phezu kwenu isizwe esivela kude nina ndlu ka-Israyeli,” usho uJehova; “yisizwe esinamandla, yisizwe esidala, yisizwe ongazi ulimi lwaso, nongezwa lokhu abakukhulumayo.
- <sup>16</sup> Isambo sabo sinjengethuna elivulekileyo, bangamaqhawe bonke.
- <sup>17</sup> Bayakudla okuvuniweyo kwakho nesinkwa sakho, badle amadodana akho namadodakazi akho, badle izimvu zakho nezinkomo zakho, badle imivini yakho nemikhiwane yakho, bachithe ngenkemba imizi yakho ebiyelweyo othemba kuyo.
- <sup>18</sup> “Kepha nangalezo zinsuku,” usho uJehova, “angiyikuniqueda ngokupheleleyo.
- <sup>19</sup> Kuyakuthi lapho nisho nithi: ‘UJehova uNkulunkulu wenu wenzeleni kithi konke lokhu na?’ usho kubo ukuthi: ‘Njengalokho ningishiyile, nakhonza onkulunkulu babezizwe ezweni lakini, kanjalo niyakukhonza abezizwe ezweni elingesilo elenu.’
- <sup>20</sup> “Memezani lokhu endlini kaJakobe, nikuzwakalise kwaJuda ngokuthi:
- <sup>21</sup> Yizwani lokhu nina bantu eniyiziwula neningenakuqonda, eninamehlo, ningaboni kodwa, eninezindlebe, ningezwa kodwa.
- <sup>22</sup> Aningesabi yini,” usho uJehova, “anithuthumeli phambi kwami, mina engibeke isihlabathi sibe ngumkhawulo wolwandle, umncele ophakade olungenakudlula kuwo, na? Noma lugubha, alunakuwahlula; noma luduma, alunakudlula kuwo.
- <sup>23</sup> Kepha laba bantu banenhliziyi eyambukileyo nehlubukileyo; bambuka, bahamba.
- <sup>24</sup> Futhi abasho ezinhliziyweni zabo ukuthi: ‘Ake sesabe uJehova uNkulunkulu wethu onika imvula eyokuqala neyamuva ngesikhathi sayo, asigcinele amasonto anqunyiweyo akuvuna.’
- <sup>25</sup> Ububi benu buchezukisile lokhu, nezono zenu zinenqabele okuhle.
- <sup>26</sup> “Ngokuba phakathi kwabantu bami kufunyanwa ababi, baqamekela njengabacuphayo



nabalinda izinyoni, babeke ugibe, babambe abantu.

<sup>27</sup> Njengendlwana yezinyoni igcwele zona, kanjalo izindlu zabo zigcwele inkohliso; ngalokho bakhulile, bacebile.

<sup>28</sup> Bakhuluphele, bayacwebezela; yebo, bayadlula ezintweni zobubi; abameli ukulunga, abameli izintandane ukuba zihlahlemele, nemfanelo yabampofu abayahluleli.

<sup>29</sup> Angiyikubahambela ngalokho na?" usho uJehova. "Umphefumulo wami awuyikuphindisa esizweni esinjengalesi na?

<sup>30</sup> "Okumangalisayo nokwesabekayo kuyenziwa ezweni.

<sup>31</sup> Abaprofethi baprofetha amanga, abapristi babusa eceleni kwabo; abantu bami bayakuthanda kanjalo, kepha niyakwenze njani ekupheleni na?

## ISAHLUKO 6

**"T**huthani impahla eJerusalema nina bantwana bakwaBenjamini, nibethe amacilongo eThekhowa, niphakamise insika yomusi eBeti Hakeremi, ngokuba ububi bulunguza ngasenyakatho nokuchitha okukhulu.

<sup>2</sup> Indodakazi yaseSiyoni etotosiweyo nethambileyo ngiyakuyinquma.

<sup>3</sup> Abelusi bayakufika kuyo benemihlambi yabo, bamise amatende abo ngakuyo nxazonke, baluse, kube yilowo nalowo endaweni yakhe."

<sup>4</sup> "Zingcweliseleni ukulwa nayo; vukani, sikhuphuke emini. Maye kithina! Ngokuba ilanga liyaphenduka, namathunzi okuhlwa aselulekile.

<sup>5</sup> Vukani, sikhuphuke ebusuku, sichithe izindlu zayo zamakhosi."

<sup>6</sup> Ngokuba usho kanje uJehova Sebawoti, uthi: "Gawulani imithi yayo, ninqwabele iduli ngakulo iJerusalema. Yiwo umuzi oyakuhanjelwa, ungukucindezela kuphela phakathi kwawo.

<sup>7</sup> Njengomthombo umpompoza amanzi awo, kanjalo umpompoza ububi bawo; ubudlova nokubhubhisa kuzwakele phakathi kwawo; ukugula namanxeba kukhona phambi kwami njalo.

<sup>8</sup> Mawuxwayiswe, Jerusalema, funa umphefumulo wami wahlukane nawe, funa ngikwenze incithakalo, izwe elingahlalwa."

<sup>9</sup> Usho kanje uJehova Sebawoti, uthi: "Bayakuyikhothoza nokuyikhothoza insali yakwa-Israyeli njengomvini; buyisela isandla sakho emaqomeni njengobutha izithelo zomvini."

<sup>10</sup> Ngiyakukhuluma kubani, ngifakaze ukuba bezwe, na? Bheka, izindlebe zabo azisokile, abanakulalela; bheka, izwi likaNkulunkulu seliyihlazo kubo, abathokozi ngalo.

<sup>11</sup> Ngalokho ngigcwele ukufutheka kukaJehova, ngikhathele ukunyamezela. "Kuthululele phezu kwabantwana ezitaladini, nasemihlanganweni yezinsizwa kanyekanye, ngokuba nendoda iyakuthathwa nomkayo, ogugileyo kanye nozinsuku zakhe zigcwele.

<sup>12</sup> Izindlu zabo ziyakunikelwa kwabanye, amasimu abo nawomkabo kanyekanye, ngokuba ngiyakwelulela isandla sami kwabakhileyo ezweni," usho uJehova.

<sup>13</sup> "Ngokuba kusukela kwabancane babo kuya kwabakhulu babo bayaphanga impango bonke, nabaprofethi nabapristi bonke baqamba amanga.

<sup>14</sup> Bapholisa kalula ukulimala kwabantu bami, bathi: 'Ngukuthula, ngukuthula,' kepha akukho ukuthula.

<sup>15</sup> Bayakuba namahloni, ngokuba benza izinengiso; nokho abanamahloni nakanye, abakhophozi; ngalokho bayakuwa phakathi kwabawayo; ngesikhathi sokubahambela kwami bayakukhubeka," usho uJehova.



- <sup>16</sup> Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: “Yimani ezindleleni, nibone, nibuze imikhondo yasendulo ukuthi iphi indlela enhle, nihambe ngayo, niyakufumana ukuphumula kwemiphefumulo yenu; kepha bathi: ‘Asiyikuhamba ngayo.’
- <sup>17</sup> Ngase ngibeka abalindi phezu kwenu, ngithi: ‘Qaphelani ukukhala kwecilongo,’ kepha bathi: ‘Asiyikukuqaphela.’
- <sup>18</sup> Ngalokho zwanini nina zizwe, wazi wena bandla ukuthi yintoni ephakathi kwabo.
- <sup>19</sup> Yizwa wena mhlaba ukuthi: Bheka, ngiyakwehlisela okubi phezu kwalaba bantu, izithelo zemicabango yabo, ngokuba abaqaphelanga amazwi ami, nomthetho wami bawulahlile.
- <sup>20</sup> Ifikelani kimi inhlaka evela eSheba, nomhlanga othaphukayo ovela ezweni elikude, na? Iminikelo yenu yokushiswa ayamukeleki, nemihlatshelo yenu ayimnandi kimi.”
- <sup>21</sup> Ngalokho usho kanje uJehova, uthi: “Bheka, ngiyakubekela laba bantu izikhubekiso, oyise namadodana bakhubeke kanyekanye kuzo, umakhelwane abhubhe kanye nomngane wakhe.”
- <sup>22</sup> Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: “Bheka, kuvela abantu ezweni elisenyakatho; isizwe esikhulu siyakuvuswa ekugcineni komhlaba.
- <sup>23</sup> Babamba umnsalo nomkhonto; banonya, abanamusa, izwi labo liduma njengolwandle, bakhwele amahhashi, behleliwe njengabantu abayakulwa, behlelelwe ukulwa nawe ndodakazi yaseSiyoni.”
- <sup>24</sup> Sizwile imibiko yalokho: izandla zethu ziyadangala; usizi lusibambile, imihelo njengeyobeleyo.
- <sup>25</sup> Ningaphumeli endle, ningahambi endleleni, ngokuba isitha sinenkemba, navalo nxazonke.
- <sup>26</sup> Ndodakazi yabantu bami, bhinca indwangu yamasaka, uhuquzele emlotheni, wenze isililo njengesendodana eyodwa, ukukhala okumunyu, ngokuba umphangi uyakusehlela masinyane.
- <sup>27</sup> “Ngikubekile ukuba ube ngumhloli nenqaba phakathi kwabantu bami, wazi, uhlole indlela yabo.
- <sup>28</sup> Bahlubukile bonke nokuhlubuka, behamba behleba; bayithusi nensimbi, bangabachithi bonke.
- <sup>29</sup> Izifutho ziyafutha, kepha emlilweni kuphuma umthofu kuphela; impela bancibilikisela ize nje, ngokuba ababi abakhishwa.
- <sup>30</sup> Bayakuthiwa isiliva elilahlwayo, ngokuba uJehova ubalahlile.”

## ISAPHELA 7

**I**zwi elafika kuJeremiya livela kuJehova, lithi:

- <sup>2</sup> “Yima esangweni lendlu kaJehova, umemeze lapho leli zwi, uthi: “ ‘Zwanini izwi likaJehova nina nonke bakwaJuda eningena ngalawa masango ukukhuleka kuJehova.
- <sup>3</sup> Usho kanje uJehova Sebawoti, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: Lungisani izindlela zenu nezenzo zenu, khona ngiyakunakhisa kule ndawo.
- <sup>4</sup> Ningethembi emazwini amanga, lapho kuthiwa: “Nanti ithempeli likaJehova, ithempeli likaJehova, ithempeli likaJehova.”
- <sup>5</sup> Ngokuba uma nizilungisa nokuzilungisa izindlela zenu nezenzo zenu, uma nenza ukwahlulela impela phakathi komuntu nomakhelwane wakhe,
- <sup>6</sup> uma ningacindezeli umfokazi, nentandane, nomfelokazi, ningachithi igazi elingenacala

kule ndawo, futhi ningalandeli abanye onkulunkulu ukuba nilimale,

<sup>7</sup> ngiyakunakhisa kule ndawo ezweni engalinika oyihlo kusukela endulo kuze kube phakade.

<sup>8</sup> Bhekani, niyethemba emazwini amanga angenakusiza.

<sup>9</sup> “ ‘Niyakweba yini, nibulale, niphinge, nifunge amanga, nimshisele uBali impepho, nilandele abanye onkulunkulu eningabazanga,

<sup>10</sup> bese nifika nime ngaphambi kwami kule ndlu ebizwe ngegama lami, nithi: “Sophuliwe” — nize nenze zonke lezi zinengiso, na?

<sup>11</sup> Le ndlu ebizwe ngegama lami isiphenduke umhume wabaphangi emehlweni enu na? Bhekani, nami ngiyakubona, usho uJehova.

<sup>12</sup> “ ‘Kepha hambani niye endaweni yami eShilo, lapho ngalibeka khona igama lami kuqala, nibone engakwenzayo kuyo ngenxa yobubi babantu bami u-Israyeli.

<sup>13</sup> Manje ngokuba niyenzile yonke le misebenzi, usho uJehova, ningalalelanga, noma ngakhuluma njalonjalo, nganibiza, ningaphendulanga,

<sup>14</sup> ngiyakwenza kule ndlu ebizwe ngegama lami nenithemba kuyo, nakule ndawo enganinika yona nina nawoyihlo, njengalokho ngenza kulo iShilo.

<sup>15</sup> Ngiyakunilahla ebusweni bami, njengalokho ngabalahla bonke abafowenu, yonke inzalo yakwa-Efrayimi.’

<sup>16</sup> “Wena-ke ungakhulekeli laba bantu, ungabaphakamiseli ukukhala nomkhuleko, ungabaxuseli kimi, ngokuba angiyikuzwa.

<sup>17</sup> Awuboni ukuthi benzani emizini yakwaJuda nasezitaladini zaseJerusalema na?

<sup>18</sup> Abantwana batheza izinkuni, oyise baphemba umlilo, abesifazane baxova inhlama ukuba benzele inkosikazi yezulu amaqebelengwane, bathululele abanye onkulunkulu umnikelo wokuphuzwa ukuba bangicunule.

<sup>19</sup> Kepha yimi abangicunulayo yini, usho uJehova: akusibo, buze bujabhe ubuso babo, na?

<sup>20</sup> “ ‘Ngalokho isho njalo iNkosi uNkulunkulu, ithi: Bheka, intukuthelo yami nokufutheka kwami kuyakuthululwa kule ndawo phezu kwabantu, naphezu kwezinkomo, naphezu kwemithi yasendle, naphezu kwezithelo zomhlaba, kuvuthe kungacimi.

<sup>21</sup> “ ‘Usho kanje uJehova Sebwoti, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli: Thasiselani iminikelo yenu yokushiswa emihlatshelweni yenu, nidle inyama.

<sup>22</sup> Ngokuba angikhulumanga koyihlo, angibayalelanga ngezindaba zeminikelo nemihlatshelo mhla ngibakhipha ezweni laseGibithe,

<sup>23</sup> kepha ngabayala kuphela le nto yokuthi: Lalelani izwi lami, ngiyakuba nguNkulunkulu wenu, nina nibe ngabantu bami, nihambe ngezindlela zonke enganiyala ngazo ukuba kube kuhle kini.

<sup>24</sup> Kepha abalalelanga, ababekanga izindlebe zabo, kepha bahamba ngamacebo abo nangenkani yezinhliziyi zabo ezimbi; bahlehla, abayanga phambili.

<sup>25</sup> Kusukela osukwini oyihlo abaphuma ngalo ezweni laseGibithe kuze kube namuhla ngithumile kini zonke izinceku zami abaprofethi, ngibathuma imihla ngemihla njalonjalo.

<sup>26</sup> Nokho abangilalelanga, ababekanga izindlebe zabo, kepha benza lukhuni izintamo zabo; benza kabi kunawoyise.’

<sup>27</sup> “Uyakukhuluma onke lawo mazwi kubo, kepha abayikukulalela; uyakubabiza, kepha abayikukuphendula.

<sup>28</sup> Uyakuthi kubo: ‘Yilesi sizwe esingalilalelanga izwi likaJehova uNkulunkulu waso, singamukelanga ukulaywa; iqiniso libhubhile, linqunyiwe emlonyeni waso.

- <sup>29</sup> Gunda izinwele zakho, Jerusalema, uzilahle, wenze isililo emadulini angenalutho, ngokuba uJehova usalile, wasilahla isizukulwane sentukuthelo yakhe.
- <sup>30</sup> “ ‘Ngokuba abantwana bakwaJuda benzile okubi emehlweni ami, usho uJehova; bazibekile izinengiso zabo endlini ebizwe ngegama lami zokuba bayingcolise.
- <sup>31</sup> Bakhile izindawo eziphakemeyo zaseThofeti ezisesigodini sendodana kaHinomu ukuba bashise amadodana abo namadodakazi abo ngomlilo, engingakuyalelanga nokungangenanga enhliziyweni yami.
- <sup>32</sup> Ngalokho bheka, izinsuku ziyeza, usho uJehova, elingasayikubizwa ngazo ngokuthi iThofeti nesigodi sendodana kaHinomu kepha isiGodi Sokubulala, ngokuba bayakumbela eThofeti, lokhu ingekho enye indawo.
- <sup>33</sup> Izidumbu zalaba bantu ziyakuba ngukudla kwezinyoni zezulu nokwezilwane zomhlaba; akakho oyakuzesabisa.
- <sup>34</sup> Ngiyakuthulisa emizini yakwaJuda nasezitaladini zaseJerusalema izwi lokujabula nezwi lokuthokoza, izwi lomyeni nezwi lomakoti, ngokuba izwe liyakuba yincithakalo.

## ISAHLUKO 8

- “N**galeso sikhathi, usho uJehova, bayakuwakhapha amathambo amakhosi akwaJuda, namathambo ezikhulu zakhe, namathambo abapristi namathambo abaprofethi, namathambo abakhileyo eJerusalema emathuneni abo,
- <sup>2</sup> baweneke elangeni nasenyangeni nakulo lonke ibandla lasezulwini, abakuthandile, bakukhonza, bakulandela, bakufuna, bakhuleka kukho; awayikubuthwa, awayikumbelwa, ayakuba ngumquba ebusweni bomhlabathi.
- <sup>3</sup> Ukufa kuyakukhethwa kunokuphila yinsali yonke esele kulowo mndeni omubi, esele ezindaweni zonke, lapho ngiyixoshele khona, usho uJehova Sebawoti.’
- <sup>4</sup> “Futhi uyakusho kubo, uthi: ‘Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: “ ‘Abantu bayakuwa, bangabuyi basukume, na? Umuntu uyaphambuka, angabuyi aphenduke, na?
- <sup>5</sup> Bahlehlelani laba bantu baseJerusalema ngokuhlehla njalonjalo na? Babambelela enkohlisweni, bala ukubuya.
- <sup>6</sup> Ngaqaphela, ngezwa; abakhulumanga kahle; akakho ozisola ngobubi bakhe, ethi: “Ngenzeni na?” Bonke baphendukela emisebenzini yabo njengamahashi aphulukundlela empini.
- <sup>7</sup> Nonogolantethe emkhathini uyazazi izikhathi zakhe ezimisiweyo, ihobhe, nenkonjane, nonohemu bagcina isikhathi sokufika kwabo, kepha abantu bami abazazi izahlulelo zikaJehova.
- <sup>8</sup> “ ‘Ningasho kanjani, nithi: “Sihlakaniphile, umthetho kaJehova unathi,” na? Impela bheka, uthi lokuloba lwamanga lwababhali lusebenzile okwamanga.
- <sup>9</sup> Abahlakaniphileyo bayakujabha, besabe, babhajwe; bheka, balilahlele izwi likaJehova, banokuhlakanipha kuni na?
- <sup>10</sup> Ngalokho abafazi babo ngiyakubanika abanye, namasimu abo kwabayakuwadla, ngokuba kusukela kwabancane kuya kwabakhulu bayaphanga impango bonke, nabaprofethi nabapristi bonke baqamba amanga.
- <sup>11</sup> Bapholisa kalula ukulimala kwendodakazi yabantu bami, bathi: “Ngukuthula, ngukuthula,” kepha akukho ukuthula.
- <sup>12</sup> Bayakuba namahloni, ngokuba benza izinengiso; nokho abanamahloni nakanye, abakhophozi; ngalokho bayakuwa phakathi kwabawayo, ngesikhathi sokubahambela kwami bayakukhubeka, usho uJehova.

- <sup>13</sup> “ ‘Bengiyakubutha nokubutha,’ usho uJehova, ‘kepha azikho izithelo zomvini emvinini, namakhiwane emkhiwaneni; namaqabunga abunile; engibanikile khona kusukile kubo.’ ”
- <sup>14</sup> “Sihlalelani na? Buthanani, singene emizini ebiyelweyo, sibhubhe khona, ngokuba uJehova uNkulunkulu wethu usibhubhisile, wasiphuzisa amanzi enyongo, ngokuba sonile kuJehova.
- <sup>15</sup> Silindela ukuthula, kepha okuhle akukho, nesikhathi sokuphulukiswa, kepha bheka, luvalo.
- <sup>16</sup> Ukuthimula kwamahhashi akhe kuyezwakala kwaDani; ngezwi lokuyiyiza kwanamandla akhe izwe lonke liyathuthumela, ngokuba afikile, alidlile izwe nakho konke okukulo, umuzi nabakhe kuwo.”
- <sup>17</sup> “Ngokuba ngiyathuma kini izinyoka nawomantshingeyana abangenakulunjwa, bayakuniluma,” usho uJehova.
- <sup>18</sup> Alunakududuzeka kimi usizi oluphezu kwami, inhliziyo yami idangele.
- <sup>19</sup> Bheka, izwi lokukhala kwendodakazi yabantu bami livela ezweni elikude, lithi: “Akakho uJehova eSiyoni na? Ayikho inkosi yalo kulo na?” “Bangicunuleleni ngezithombe zabo ezibaziweyo nangokuyize kwabezizwe na?”
- <sup>20</sup> “Ukuvuna kudlulile, ihlobo liphelile, kepha thina asisindiswanga.”
- <sup>21</sup> Ngokulimala kwendodakazi yabantu bami ngilimele; ngidabukile, ukumangala kungibambile.
- <sup>22</sup> Ibhalisamu alikho kwaGileyadi na? Inyanga ayikho lapho na? Pho, ayipheleliswa ngani impilo yendodakazi yabantu bami na?

## ISAHLUKO 9

- S**engathi ikhanda lami nga lingamanzi, namehlo ami umthombo wezinyembezi ukuba ngikhalele ababuleweyo bendodakazi yabantu bami imini nobusuku.
- <sup>2</sup> Sengathi nga nginendawo yokulala kwezihambi ehlane ukuba ngishiye abantu bami, ngisuke kubo, ngokuba bangabaphingi bonke, umhlangano wabakhohlisi.
- <sup>3</sup> “Bagobela umnsalo wolimi lwabo amanga, abaqinelanga iqiniso ezweni; kepha basuka kokubi, baya kokubi; mina-ke abangazi,” usho uJehova.
- <sup>4</sup> “Yilowo nalowo makaxwaye umakhelwane wakhe, ningethembi nakumfowenu, ngokuba abafowenu bonke bayaqinela, nabo bonke abakhelwane bayahambahamba behleba.
- <sup>5</sup> Yilowo nalowo uyakhohlisa umakhelwane wakhe, abakhulumi iqiniso; bazifundisile izilimi zabo ukukhuluma amanga, bazikhathaza ngokwenza okubi.
- <sup>6</sup> Uhlala phakathi kwenkohliso; ngenkohliso bayala ukungazi,” usho uJehova.
- <sup>7</sup> Ngelokho uJehova Sebawoti usho kanje, uthi: “Ngiyakubancibilikisa, ngibavinye, ngokuba ngingenze njani ngenxa yendodakazi yabantu bami na?
- <sup>8</sup> Ulimi lwabo lungumcibisholo obulalayo, lukhuluma inkohliso; bakhuluma kahle ngomlomo wabo kumakhelwane wabo, kepha ezinhliziyweni bayamqamekela.
- <sup>9</sup> Angiyikubahambela ngalokhu na?” usho uJehova. “Umphefumulo wami awuyikuphindisa esizweni esinjengalesi na?”
- <sup>10</sup> Ngiyakuphakamisela izintaba ukukhala nokulila, namadlelo asehlane ukulilisela, ngokuba ashisiwe kungekho muntu odlula kuwo, kungezwakali ukukhonya kwezinkomo; izinyoni zezulu nezilwane zibalekile, zahamba.
- <sup>11</sup> “Ngiyakulenza iJerusalema libe yizingqaba nekhaya lamakhanka, ngenze imizi yakwaJuda incithakalo, lapho kungahlali muntu khona.”

- <sup>12</sup> Ngubani umuntu ohlakaniphileyo ongakuqonda lokhu, okhulumile kuye umlomo kaJehova, akumemezele, na? Izwe lichithelweni, lasha njengehlane, kungekho odabulayo, na?
- <sup>13</sup> UJehova wathi: “Ngokuba bewushiyele umthetho wami engawubeka phambi kwabo, bengalilalelanga izwi lami, bengahambanga ngalo,
- <sup>14</sup> kepha belandela inkani yezinhliziyi zabo nawoBali abakufundiswa ngoyise.”
- <sup>15</sup> Ngalokho usho kanje uJehova Sebawoti, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: “Bheka, ngiyakubanika laba bantu ukuba badle umhlonyane, baphuze amanzi enyongo.
- <sup>16</sup> Ngiyakubahlakazela ezizweni abangazazanga bona nawoyise, ngithume emva kwabo inkemba, ngize ngibaqede.”
- <sup>17</sup> Usho kanje uJehova Sebawoti, uthi: “Qaphelani, nibize abesifazane besililo ukuba bafike, nithumele kwabesifazane abahlakaniphileyo ukuba bafike,
- <sup>18</sup> basheshe basikhihelele isililo, ukuze amehlo ethu amululeke izinyembezi, nezinkophe zethu ziphophoze amanzi.
- <sup>19</sup> Ngokuba izwi lokukhala lizwakala livela eSiyoni, lithi: ‘Yeka ukuphangwa kwethu! Sijabhile kakhulu, ngokuba silishiyile izwe, ngokuba badilizile izindlu zethu.’ ”
- <sup>20</sup> Yebo, zwanini izwi likaJehova nina besifazane, izindlebe zenu zilamukele izwi lomlomo wakhe, nifundise amadodakazi enu ukukhala, kube yilowo nalowo umakhelwane wakhe ukulila.
- <sup>21</sup> Ngokuba ukufa kwenyukele emafasiteleni ethu, kungene ezindlini zethu zamakhosi ukunquma abantwana ezitaladini, nezinsizwa ezigcawini.
- <sup>22</sup> Khuluma! “Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: “ ‘Izidumbu zabantu ziyakuwa njengomquba endle, nanjengesithonto emva komvuni, kungekho okubuthayo.’ ”
- <sup>23</sup> Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: “Ohlakaniphileyo makangazibongi ngokuhlakanipha kwakhe, neqhawe malingazibongi ngobuqhawe balo, nocebileyo makangazibongi ngengcebo yakhe,
- <sup>24</sup> kepha ozibongayo makazibonge ngalokhu ukuthi uyangiqonda, angazi ukuthi nginguJehova owenza umusa nokwahlulela nokulunga emhlabeni, ngokuba ngiyathokoza ngokunjalo,” usho uJehova.
- <sup>25</sup> “Bheka, izinsuku ziyeza,” usho uJehova, “lapho ngiyakuhambela bonke abasokileyo ekungasokini kwabo,
- <sup>26</sup> iGibithe, noJuda, no-Edomi, nabantwana bakwa-Amoni, noMowabi, nabo bonke abadilingiwe emaceleni amakhanda abo abakhe ehlane, ngokuba zonke izizwe azisokile, nendlu yonke yakwa-Israyeli ayisokile enhliziyweni.”

## ISAPHELA 10

**Z**wanini izwi uJehova alikhuluma kini nina ndlu ka-Israyeli.

- <sup>2</sup> Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: “Ningayifundi indlela yabezizwe, ningashaywa luvalo ngezibonakaliso zasezulwini, ngokuba abezizwe bezesaba.
- <sup>3</sup> Ngokuba imikhuba yabantu iyize, lokhu kugawulwa umuthi ehlathini; ngumsebenzi wesandla sesisebenzi ngembazo.
- <sup>4</sup> Bawenza ube muhle ngesiliva nangezolidi, bawubethela ngezikipili nangezando ukuba ungazamazami.
- <sup>5</sup> Ungumsebenzi okhandiweyo, awukhulumi; uyathwalwa nokuthwalwa, ngokuba awuhambi. Ungawesabi, ngokuba awenzi okubi, nokuhle awunakukwenza.”

- <sup>6</sup> Akakho onjengawe Jehova; umkhulu, igama lakho likhulu ngobuqhawe.
- <sup>7</sup> Ngubani ongekwesabe, Nkosi yezizwe, ngokuba uyimfanelo yakho, ngokuba phakathi kwabo bonke abahlakaniphileyo bezizwe nakuyo yonke imibuso yabo akakho onjengawe.
- <sup>8</sup> Bayiziphukuphuku, bayiziwula bonke; ngukulaya kwezithombe; kungumuthi nje,
- <sup>9</sup> nezingcwecwe zesiliva ezilethwe zivela eTharishishi negolide lase-Ofiri, umsebenzi wesisebenzi nowezandla zomkhandi, kugqokiswe okuluhlaza nokububende, kungumsebenzi wabahlakaniphileyo konke.
- <sup>10</sup> Kepha uJehova unguNkulunkulu weqiniso, unguNkulunkulu ophilileyo neNkosi yaphakade; ngentukuthelo yakhe umhlaba uyazamazama, izizwe azinakuma ngokufutheka kwakhe.
- <sup>11</sup> “Niyakusho kanje kubo, nithi: ‘Onkulunkulu abangenzanga izulu nomhlaba, labo bayakubhubha emhlabeni nangaphansi kwezulu.’ ”
- <sup>12</sup> Wawenza umhlaba ngamandla akhe, walimisa izwe ngokuhlakanipha kwakhe, ngokuqonda kwakhe waleneka izulu.
- <sup>13</sup> Lapho elizwakalisa izwi lakhe, kungukuhlokoma kwamanzi ezulwini; uzikhuphula izinkungu emikhawulweni yomhlaba, enzele imvula unyazi, awukhiphe umoya endlini yengcebo.
- <sup>14</sup> Bonke abantu bayiziphukuphuku, abanakwazi; bonke abakhandi bajabhiswa nezithombe zabo ezibaziweyo, ngokuba izithombe zabo ezibunjiweyo zingamanga, nomoya awukho kuzo.
- <sup>15</sup> Ziyize, umsebenzi wenkohliso; ngesikhathi sokuhanjelwa kwabo ziyakubhubha.
- <sup>16</sup> Oyisabelo sikaJakobe akanjengalezo, ngokuba nguyey obumbile konke; u-Israyeli uyisizwe sefa lakhe, nguJehova Sebawoti igama lakhe.
- <sup>17</sup> Qoqa umshuqulo wakho ezweni wena ohlezi ekuvinjezelweni.
- <sup>18</sup> Ngokuba usho kanje uJehova, uthi: “Bheka, ngiyakubazwiba abakhileyo ezweni ngalo mzuzwana, ngibacindezele ukuze bakuzwe.”
- <sup>19</sup> Maye kimina ngenxa yokulimala kwami! Ukushaywa kwami kunzima. Kepha ngithi mina: “Nempela lokhu kulusizi lwami, ngiyakuluthwala.”
- <sup>20</sup> Itende lami lichithakele, zonke izintambo zami zigqabukile; abantwana bami basukile kimi, kabasekho; kasekho owokwelula itende lami nowokumisa izilenge zami.
- <sup>21</sup> Ngokuba abelusi bayiziphukuphuku, abamfunanga uJehova; ngalokho abaphumelelanga, nomhlambi wabo wonke uhlakazekile.
- <sup>22</sup> Bheka, kusondela izwi lombiko, nokuzamazama okukhulu okuvela ezweni lasenyakatho, ukuba kwenze imizi yakwaJuda ibe yincithakalo, indawo yokuhlala kwamakhanka.
- <sup>23</sup> Ngiyazi, Jehova, ukuthi indlela yomuntu ayikuye uqobo; akukuyo indoda ukuba ihambe, iqondise izinyathelo zayo.
- <sup>24</sup> Ngilaye, Jehova, kepha ngokwahlulela, kungabi ngentukuthelo yakho, funa ungenze into engelutho.
- <sup>25</sup> Thulula ukufutheka kwakho phezu kwabezizwe abangakwaziyo naphezu kwemindeni engalibizi igama lakho, ngokuba bamdlile uJakobe; yebo, bamdlile bamqeda, balichitha ikhaya lakhe.

## ISAPHLUKO 11

Izwi elafika kuJeremiya livela kuJehova, lithi:

<sup>2</sup> “Zwanini amazwi alesi sivumelwano, nikhulume kubantu bakwaJuda nakwabakhileyo eJerusalema,

<sup>3</sup> uthi kubo: Usho kanje uJehova, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli: ‘Makaqalekiswe umuntu ongezwa amazwi alesi sivumelwano,

<sup>4</sup> engayala ngawo oyihlo mhla ngibakhipha ezweni laseGibithe, isithando sensimbi,’ ngokuthi: ‘Zwanini izwi lami, nilenze njengakho konke enginiyala ngakho, nibe ngabantu bami, mina ngibe nguNkulunkulu wenu,

<sup>5</sup> ukuba ngisiqinise isifungo engasifunga koyihlo ukubanika izwe elichichima ubisi nezinyosi’ — njenganamuhla.” Ngase ngiphendula ngithi: “Amen, Jehova.”

<sup>6</sup> Wayesethi uJehova kimi: “Memeza onke lawa mazwi emizini yakwaJuda nasezitaladini zaseJerusalema, uthi: ‘Zwanini amazwi alesi sivumelwano, niwenze.

<sup>7</sup> Ngokuba ngibayalile nokubayala oyihlo osukwini engabakhuphula ngalo ezweni laseGibithe kuze kube namuhla, ngibayalile, ngathi: “Yizwani izwi lami.”

<sup>8</sup> Kepha abalalela, ababekanga izindlebe zabo, kepha bahamba, kwaba yilowo nalowo ngobulukhuni benhliziyo yakhe embi; ngase ngehlisela phezu kwabo onke amazwi alesi sivumelwano engabayala ukuwenza, kepha kabawenzanga.’ ”

<sup>9</sup> Wayesethi uJehova kimi: “Kufunyenwe uzungu phakathi kwabantu bakwaJuda naphakathi kwabakhileyo eJerusalema.

<sup>10</sup> Babuyele ebubini bawoyise bokuqala abala ukuzwa amazwi ami, balandela abanye onkulunkulu ukuba babakhonze: indlu ka-Israyeli nendlu kaJuda zisaphulile isivumelwano sami engasenza nawoyise.

<sup>11</sup> Ngalokho usho kanje uJehova, uthi: ‘Bheka, ngiyakwehlisela okubi phezu kwabo abangayikuba nakuphuma kukho; bayakukhala kimi, kepha angiyikubezwa.

<sup>12</sup> Imizi yakwaJuda nabakhileyo eJerusalema bayakukhala konkulunkulu ababashisela impepho, kepha abayikubasindisa neze ngesikhathi sokuhlupheka kwabo.

<sup>13</sup> Ngokuba njengomumo wemizi yakho, banjalo onkulunkulu bakho, Juda, nanjengomumo wezitaladi zaseJerusalema nimisele uBosheti ama-altare, ama-altare okushisela uBali impepho.’

<sup>14</sup> “Ngalokhu ungabakhulekeli laba bantu, ungabaphakamiseli ukukhala nokuthandaza, ngokuba angiyikubezwa mhla bekhala kimi ngokuhlupheka kwabo.

<sup>15</sup> “Othandiweyo wami unani endlini yami lapho enza amacebo nabaningi na? Inyama engcwele ingavela kuwe, lokhu ujabula ngokwenza okubi, na?”

<sup>16</sup> UJehova wabiza igama lakho ngokuthi umnqumo oluhlaza obukekayo, onezithelo ezinhle; ngomsindo wesidumo esikhulu uyakuphamba umlilo kuwo, kwaphuke amagatsha awo.

<sup>17</sup> UJehova Sebwoti owakutshala ukhulumile okubi phezu kwakho ngenxa yokubi kwendlu yakwa-Israyeli nokwendlu yakwaJuda abakwenzile ukuba bangicunule ngokushisela uBali impepho.

<sup>18</sup> UJehova wangazisa, ngakwazi; khona wangibonisa izenzo zabo.

<sup>19</sup> Kepha mina nganginjengewundlu eliyiswa ekuhlatshweni; ngangingazi ukuthi bangicebela amacebo, bethi: “Masiwuchithe umuthi kanye nezithelo zawo, simnqume ezweni labaphilayo, igama lakhe lingabe lisakhunjulwa.”

<sup>20</sup> Jehova Sebwoti, mahluleli olungileyo, ovivinya izinso nenhliziyo, mangibone ukuphindisela kwakho kubo, ngokuba ngibonakalisile indaba yami kuwe.

<sup>21</sup> “Ngalokho usho kanje uJehova ngabantu base-Anathoti abafuna ukuphila kwakho,



bathi: 'Awuyikuprofetha ngegama likaJehova, ukuze ungafi ngesandla sethu;'

<sup>22</sup> ngalokho usho kanje uJehova Sebawoti, uthi: 'Bheka, ngiyakubahambela; izinsizwa ziyakufa ngenkemba; amadodana abo namadodakazi abo ayakufa ngendlala,

<sup>23</sup> nensali ayiyikuba khona kubo, ngokuba ngiyakubehlisela abantu base-Anathoti okubi ngomnyaka wokuhanjelwa kwabo.' "

## ISAHLUKO 12

**U**lungile wena Jehova, noma ngimelana nawe; ngiyakukhuluma nawe ngokwahlulela: iphumelelani indlela yababi, kungani ukuba babe nokuthula abakhohlisa nokukhohlisa, na?

<sup>2</sup> Ubatshalile, futhi bagxilile; bayakhula, bathela izithelo; useduze nomlomo wabo, kepha ukude nezinhliziyi zabo.

<sup>3</sup> Kepha wena Jehova uyangazi, uyangibona, uvivinya inhliziyi yami ukuthi injani kuwe; bakhiphe njengezimvu zokuhlatsywa, ubalungisele usuku lokuhlatsywa.

<sup>4</sup> Koze kube nini izwe lidabuka, nemifino yonke yasendle ibuna, na? Ngobubi babakhileyo khona izinkomo nezinyoni ziyabhubha, ngokuba bathi: "Akayikubona ukugcina kwethu."

<sup>5</sup> "Uma ugijimile nemigundatshani, yakukhathaza, ungancintisana kanjani namahhashi na? Uma wethemba ezweni lokuthula kuphela, uyakwenze njani ekukhukhumaleni kweJordani na?

<sup>6</sup> Ngokuba nabafowenu nendlu kayihlo nabo bakukhohlisile, nabo bamemeza kakhulu emva kwakho; ungabethembi, noma bekhuluma okuhle kuwe."

<sup>7</sup> "Ngiyishiyile indlu yami, ngililahlele ifa lami, nginikele othandiweyo womphefumulo wami esandleni sezitha zakhe.

<sup>8</sup> Ifa lami likimi njengengonyama ehlatshini; lingiphumisele izwi; ngalokho ngiyalizonda.

<sup>9</sup> Ifa lami liyinqe elimanakanaka kimi, amanye angakulo alihaqile nxazonke; hambani, nibuthe zonke izilwane zasendle, nizilethe, zidle.

<sup>10</sup> Abelusi abanengi basichithile isivini sami, basinyathele phansi isabelo sami, benze ifa lami elinxanelekayo ihlane elichithakeleyo.

<sup>11</sup> Basenze incithakalo; siyincithakalo, sikhala kimi; izwe lonke lichithiwe, kepha akakho okubeka enhliziyweni.

<sup>12</sup> Abaphangi bafikele onke amaduli angenalutho, ngokuba inkemba kaJehova iyadla, kusukela komunye umkhawulo womhlaba kuze kufike komunye, nenyama enokuthula ayikho.

<sup>13</sup> Bahlwanyele ukolweni, bavuna ameva, bakhandlekile bengasizakalanga; yebo, niyakuba namahloni ngezithelo zenu ngenxa yokufutheka okuvuthayo kukaJehova."

<sup>14</sup> Usho kanje uJehova ngabakhelwane bonke bami ababi, abalithinta ifa lami engabanika lona abantu bami u-Israyeli, uthi: "Bheka, ngiyakubasiphula ezweni lakubo, ngiyisiphule indlu yakwaJuda phakathi kwabo.

<sup>15</sup> Kepha kuyakuthi lapho ngibasiphulile, ngibuye ngibahawukele, ngibabuyisele, kube yilowo nalowo efeni lakhe, kube yilowo nalowo ezweni lakubo.

<sup>16</sup> Kuyakuthi uma beyakuzifunda nokuzifunda izindlela zabantu bami ukuba bafunge igama lami ngokuthi: 'Kuphila kukaJehova,' njengalokhu kade befundisa abantu bami ukufunga uBali, bakhiwe phakathi kwabantu bami.

<sup>17</sup> Kepha uma bengalaleli, ngiyakusisiphula nokusisiphula lesi sizwe, ngisichithe," usho uJehova.

## ISAHLUKO 13

**U**sho kanje uJehova kimi, uthi: “Hamba uzithengele ibhande lelineni, ulibeke ezinkalweni zakho, ungalingenisi emanzini.”

<sup>2</sup> Ngalithenga ibhande njengezwi likaJehova, ngalibeka ezinkalweni zami.

<sup>3</sup> Lase lifika izwi likaJehova ngokwesibili, lithi:

<sup>4</sup> “Thatha ibhande olithengileyo, elisezinkalweni zakho, uvuke uhambe, uye e-Ewufrathe, ulifihle emfantwini wesiwa.”

<sup>5</sup> Ngase ngihamba, ngalifihla ngase-Ewufrathe njengokungiyala kukaJehova.

<sup>6</sup> Kwathi ngasekugcineni kwezinsuku eziningi uJehova wathi kimi: “Suka uye e-Ewufrathe, ulilande khona ibhande engakuyala ngalo ukuba ulifihle khona.”

<sup>7</sup> Ngaya e-Ewufrathe, ngemba, ngalilanda ibhande, lapho ngangilifihle khona; bheka, ibhande lalonakele, lalingasenamsebenzi.

<sup>8</sup> Lase lifika izwi likaJehova, lithi:

<sup>9</sup> “Usho kanje uJehova: ‘Ngale ndlela ngiyakukuchitha ukuziqhenya kukaJuda nokuziphakamisa okukhulu kweJerusalema.

<sup>10</sup> Laba bantu ababi abala ukuzwa amazwi ami, abahamba ngobulukhuni bezinhliziyozabo, balandela abanye onkulunkulu ukuba babakhonze, bakhuleke kubo, bayakuba njengaleli bhande elingasenamsebenzi.

<sup>11</sup> Ngokuba njengalokhu ibhande linamathela okhalweni lomuntu, kanjalo ngiyinamathelisile kimi yonke indlu yakwa-Israyeli nayo yonke indlu yakwaJuda,’ usho uJehova, ‘ukuba babe ngabantu bami, negama, nodumo, nendumiso, kepha kabalalelanga.’

<sup>12</sup> “Uyakukhuluma kubo leli zwi lokuthi: ‘Usho kanje uJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: Zonke izimvaba ziyagcwaliswa ngewayini.’ Bayakusho kuwe ukuthi: ‘Impela asazi yini ukuthi zonke izimvaba zigcwaliswa ngewayini na?’

<sup>13</sup> Uyakusho kubo, uthi: ‘Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: Bheka, ngiyakugcwalisa ngokudakwa bonke abakhileyo kuleli zwe, namakhosi ahlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaDavide, nabapristi, nabaprofethi, nabo bonke abakhileyo eJerusalema.

<sup>14</sup> Ngiyakubaphahlaza omunye komunye, oyise nabantwana ndawonye, usho uJehova; angiyikubahawukela, angiyikubasindisa, angiyikuba nasihe kubo sokuba ngingabachithi.’ ”

<sup>15</sup> Zwanini, nibeke indlebe; ningaziqhenyi, ngokuba uJehova ukhulumile.

<sup>16</sup> Mniken iJehova uNkulunkulu wenu udumo, engakalihlwisi, futhi zingakakhubeki izinyawo zenu ezintabeni zokuhwelela, nothi nisabheka ukukhanya, akuphendule ithunzi lokufa, akwenze kube yisigayegaye.

<sup>17</sup> Kepha uma ningalaleli, umphefumulo wami uyakukhala ngasese ngokuzidla kwenu; iso lami liyakukhala nokukhala, limululeka izinyembezi, ngokuba umhlambi kaJehova uthunjiwe.

<sup>18</sup> Yisho kuyo inkosi nakuyo indlovukazi ukuthi: “Hlalani phansi ngokuzithoba, ngokuba izigqoko zenu ziwile phansi, umqhele wodumo lwenu.”

<sup>19</sup> Imizi yaseningizimu ivaliwe, akakho ovulayo; wonke uJuda uthunjiwe, uthunjiwe ngokupheleleyo.

<sup>20</sup> Phakamisani amehlo enu, nibone abavela enyakatho; uphi umhlambi owaphiwa wona, izimvu zakho ezinhle, na?

<sup>21</sup> Uyakuthini lapho emisa phezu kwakho labo okade ubafundisile ukuba babe ngabangane bakho, babe yinhloko, na? Awuyikubanjwa lusizi njengowesifazane obelethayo na?

- <sup>22</sup> Uma uthi enhliziyweni yakho: Ngehlelelweni yilezi zinto na? Ngobukhulu bokona kwakho imiphetho yakho iphakanyisiwe, nezithende zakho ziyadlovulwa.
- <sup>23</sup> UmKushe angasiguqula isikhumba sakhe, nengwe amabala ayo, na? Khona ningenza okuhle nina enifundisiwe ukwenza okubi.
- <sup>24</sup> “Ngalokho ngiyakubasakaza njengamabibi adlula ngomoya wasehlane.
- <sup>25</sup> Lokhu kungokwenkatho yakho, isabelo osilinganiselwe yimi,” usho uJehova, “ngokuba wangikhohlwa, wethemba emangeni.
- <sup>26</sup> Ngiyakuphakamisa imiphetho yakho ebusweni bakho, kubonakale ihlazo lakho.
- <sup>27</sup> Ukuphinga kwakho nokuyiyiza kwakho, ukukhanuka kobufebe bakho nezinengiso zakho, ngikubonile emagqumeni asendle. Maye kuwe Jerusalema! Awuyikuhlambuluka koze kube nini na?”

## ISAHLUKO 14

**I**zwi likaJehova elafika kuJeremiya ngesigagadu.

- <sup>2</sup> “UJuda uyalila, amasango akhe adangele, ahlezi emhlabathini edabukile, nokukhala kweJerusalema kwenyukile.
- <sup>3</sup> Abakhulu babo bathuma abancane babo emanzini; bafika emigodini, kepha abafumani manzi, babuya, izitsha zabo zingenalutho; banamahloni, bajabhile, bamboza amakhanda abo.
- <sup>4</sup> Ngenxa yomhlabathi odabukileyo, ngokuba akubangakho mvula ezweni, abalimi banamahloni, bamboza amakhanda abo.
- <sup>5</sup> Yebo, nendluzele izalela endle, ilishiye izinyane, ngokuba utshani abukho.
- <sup>6</sup> Izimbongolo zasendle ziyema emadulini angenalutho, zihogela umoya njengamakhanka; amehlo azo ayaphela, ngokuba kungekho tshani.”
- <sup>7</sup> Noma izono zethu zifakaza ngathi, sebenza, Jehova, ngenxa yegama lakho; ngokuba ukuhlehla kwethu kuningi, sonile kuwe.
- <sup>8</sup> Themba lika-Israyeli, msindisi wakhe ngesikhathi sokuhlupheka, yini ukuba ube njengomfokazi ezweni nanjengesihambi esingenisayo ukuba silale ubusuku nje na?
- <sup>9</sup> Yini ukuba ube ngumuntu odidekileyo, njengeqhawe elingenakusindisa, na? Nokho uphakathi kwethu, Jehova, sibiziwe ngegama lakho; ungasishiyi.
- <sup>10</sup> Usho kanje uJehova ngalaba bantu, uthi: “Bathanda ukuzula kanjalo, abazibambi izinyawo zabo; uJehova akathokozi ngabo; manje uyakubukhumbula ububi babo, azihambele izono zabo.”
- <sup>11</sup> UJehova wathi kimi: “Ungabakhulekeli laba bantu ukuba baphiwe okuhle.
- <sup>12</sup> Noma bezila ukudla, angiyikuzwa ukumemeza kwabo; noma benikela ngomnikelo wokushiswa nangowempuphu, angiyikuthokoza ngabo, kepha ngiyakubaqeda ngenkemba, nangendlala, nangesifo.”
- <sup>13</sup> Ngase ngithi: “E, Nkosi Jehova, bheka, abaprofethi bathi kubo: ‘Aniyikubona inkemba, nendlala ayiyikunehlela, kepha ngiyakuninika ukuthula okuqinisileyo kule ndawo.’ ”
- <sup>14</sup> Wayesethi uJehova kimi: “Abaprofethi baprofetha amanga egameni lami; angibathumanga, angibayalanga, angikhulumanga kubo; baprofetha imibono yamanga, nokubhula, nokuyize, nenkohliso yenhliziyo yabo.
- <sup>15</sup> Ngalokho usho kanje uJehova ngabaprofethi abaprofetha ngegama lami, ngingabathumanga, bathi: ‘Akuyikubakho inkemba nendlala kuleli zwe,’ uthi: Ngenkemba nangendlala bayakuphela laba baprofethi.

<sup>16</sup> Abantu abaprofetha kubo bayakuphonswa ezitaladini zaseJerusalema ngenxa yendlala nenkemba; abayikuba namuntu wokubembela, bona nawomkabo, namadodana abo, namadodakazi abo; ngiyakuthela okubi kwabo phezu kwabo.

<sup>17</sup> “Kepha uyakusho leli zwi kubo lokuthi: “ ‘Amehlo ami mahlengezele izinyembezi imini nobusuku, zinganqamuki, ngokuba intombi, indodakazi yabantu bami, ilimele ngokulimala okukhulu, ngokushaywa okunzima kakhulu.

<sup>18</sup> Uma ngiphumela endle, bheka, nampo ababuleweyo ngenkemba, nalapho ngingena emzini, bheka, nampo abaphethwe yindlala, ngokuba umprofethi nompristi bahamba izwe bengazi lutho.’ ”

<sup>19</sup> Umlahlile nokumlahla uJuda na? Umphefumulo wakho unengiwe yiSiyoni na? Usishayeleni, singabi nakuphulukiswa, na? Sihlalela ukuthula, kepha okuhle akukho; nesikhathi sokuphulukiswa, kepha luvalo.

<sup>20</sup> Jehova, siyazi ububi bethu nokona kwawobaba, ngokuba sonile kuwe.

<sup>21</sup> Ungasideleli ngenxa yegama lakho, ungaseyisi isihlalo sobukhosi sodumo lwakho; sikhumbule, ungasaphuli isivumelwano sakho nathi.

<sup>22</sup> Kukhona yini phakathi kwawonkulunkulu babezizwe abayize onganisa imvula? Amazulu angaletha izihlambi na? Akusuwe Jehova esiyakukhalela na? Ngokuba wena wenzile konke lokhu.

## ISAHLUKO 15

**W**ayesethi uJehova kimi: “Noma bekumi phambi kwami oMose noSamuweli, inhliziyo yami ibingebe kulaba bantu; balahle ebusweni bami, baphume.

<sup>2</sup> Kuyakuthi lapho bethi kuwe: ‘Siyakuphuma siyephi na?’ usho kubo ukuthi: ‘Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: “ ‘Abokufa, mabaye ekufeni, nabenkemba, enkembeni, nabendlala, endlaleni, nabokuthunjwa, ekuthunjweni.’

<sup>3</sup> “Ngiyakubamisela izinhlobo ezine,” usho uJehova: “inkemba yokubulala, nezinja zokudonsa, nezinyoni zezulu nezilwane zomhlaba zokudla nezokuchitha.

<sup>4</sup> Ngiyakubenza ukuba bahlupheke emibusweni yonke yomhlaba ngenxa kaManase indodana kaHezekiya, inkosi yakwaJuda, ngalokho akwenza eJerusalema.

<sup>5</sup> “Ngokuba ngubani oyakukhawukela wena Jerusalema na? Ngubani oyakukhalela? Ngubani oyakuphambukela ukubuza ngempilo yakho na?

<sup>6</sup> Wena ungishiyile,” usho uJehova, “wabuyela emuva; ngiselulele isandla sami kuwe, ngakuchitha; sengikhathele ukuhawukela.

<sup>7</sup> Ngibelile ngembenge emasangweni ezwe, ngabaphuca abantwana, ngachitha abantu bami; ababuyanga ezindleleni zabo.

<sup>8</sup> Abafelokazi babo bandile kimi kunesihlabathi solwandle, ngehlisele phezu kwawonina bezinsizwa umchithi emini, ngehlisele ukwesaba nengebhe phezu kwabo.

<sup>9</sup> Owazala abayisikhombisa usedangele, waphuma umoya; ilanga lakhe lishonile kuse semini; ujabhile, wayangaza; insali yabo ngiyakuyinikela enkembeni ngaphambi kwezitha zabo,” usho uJehova.

<sup>10</sup> Maye kimina, mame, ukuthi ungizalile, ngibe ngumuntu wokuphikisana nokuxabana emhlabeni wonke! Angibizanga inzalo, futhi akubizwanga inzalo kimi, nokho bayangiqalekisa bonke.

<sup>11</sup> Wathi uJehova: “Ngiyakukhulula kube kuhle; impela ngiyakwenza ukuba isitha sikunxuse ngesikhathi esibi nangesikhathi sokuhlupheka.

- <sup>12</sup> “Umuntu angaphula insimbi yini, insimbi yasenyakatho, nethusi, na?”
- <sup>13</sup> Ngiyakunikela imfuyo yakho nengcebo yakho kube yimpango kungengantengo, ngazo zonke izono zakho emikhawulweni yakho yonke.
- <sup>14</sup> Ngiyakwenza ukuba uzikhonze izitha zakho ezweni ongalaziyo, ngokuba kuphenjiwe umlilo olakeni lwami oyakuvutha kini.”
- <sup>15</sup> Uyazi wena Jehova; ngikhumbule, ngihambe, ungiphindisele kwabangizingelayo; ungangisusi ngokubekezela kwakho; yazi ukuthi ngenxa yakho ngithwale ihlazo.
- <sup>16</sup> Amazwi akho afunyanwa, ngawadla; amazwi akho aba ngukujabula kimi nokuthokoza kwenhloziyo yami, ngokuba ngibizwa ngegama lakho, Jehova Nkulunkulu Sebawoti.
- <sup>17</sup> Angihlalanga emhlanganweni wabahlekayo, angithokozanga; ngahlala ngedwa ngenxa yesandla sakho, ngokuba ungigcwalisile ngokufutheka.
- <sup>18</sup> Yini ukuba ubuhlungu bami bube khona njalonzalo, nesilonda sami singapholiswa, sala ukuphulukiswa, na? Impela uyakuba ngamanzi aphuthayo kimi, amanzi angathembekile, na?
- <sup>19</sup> Ngalokho usho kanje uJehova, uthi: “Uma ubuya, ngiyakukubuyisa, ume phambi kwami; uma ukhipha okuyigugu kokungamanyala, uyakuba ngumlomo wami; laba bayakubuyela kuwe, kepha wena awuyikubuyela kubo.
- <sup>20</sup> Ngiyakukwenza ukuba ube lugange lwethusi oluqinileyo kulaba bantu; bayakulwa nawe, kepha abayikukwahlula, ngokuba mina nginawe ukukusindisa nokukophula,” usho uJehova.
- <sup>21</sup> “Ngiyakukophula esandleni sababi, ngikuhlenge esandleni sabacindezeli.”

## ISAHLUKO 16

**I**zwi likaJehova lafika kimi, lathi:

- <sup>2</sup> “Awuyikuzithathela umfazi, ungabi namadodana namadodakazi kule ndawo.”
- <sup>3</sup> Ngokuba usho kanje uJehova ngamadodana nangamadodakazi azalwa kule ndawo, nangawonina abawabelethayo, nangawoyise abawazalayo kuleli zwe, uthi:
- <sup>4</sup> “Bayakuba nokufa okwesabekayo, abayikulilelwa, abayikumbelwa; bayakuba ngumquba emhlabathini, baqedwe ngenkomba nangendlala, izidumbu zabo zibe ngukudla kwezinyoni zezulu nokwezilwane zasemhlabeni.”
- <sup>5</sup> Ngokuba usho kanje uJehova, uthi: “Ungangeni endlini yesililo, ungayi ukulila, ungabakhaleli, ngokuba ngikususile ukuthula kwami kulaba bantu,” usho uJehova, “kanye nomusa nobumnene.
- <sup>6</sup> Abakhulu nabancane bayakufela kuleli zwe, abayikumbelwa, abayikulilelwa; abantu abayikuzisika, abayikuziphucula ngenxa yabo;
- <sup>7</sup> abayikubahlephulela isinkwa sokulila ukuba babaduduze ngabafuleyo, bangabaphuzisi indebe yokududuza ngoyise nangonina.
- <sup>8</sup> “Awuyikungena endlini yedili ukuba uhlale nabo, udle, uphuze.
- <sup>9</sup> Ngokuba usho kanje uJehova Sebawoti, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: Bheka, ngiyakulenza ukuba liphele kule ndawo phambi kwamehlo enu nasezinsukwini zenu izwi lokujabula nezwi lokuthokoza, izwi lo myeni nezwi lomakoti.
- <sup>10</sup> “Kuyakuthi lapho ubatshela laba bantu onke lawa mazwi, basho kuwe ukuthi: ‘UJehova ukhulumeleni phezu kwethu konke lokhu okubi na? Ububi bethu buyini? Yisiphi isono esone ngaso kuJehova uNkulunkulu wethu na?’
- <sup>11</sup> Usuyakusho kubo ukuthi: ‘Ngenxa yokuba oyihlo bangishiyile,’ usho uJehova,

‘balandela abanye onkulunkulu, babakhonza, bakhuleka kubo, bangishiya, abagcinanga umthetho wami,

<sup>12</sup> nani nenza okubi kunawoyihlo, ngokuba bhekani, niyalandela, kube yilowo nalowo inkani yenhliziyo yakhe embi, ningangilaleli,

<sup>13</sup> ngalokho ngiyakunizwiba nisuke kuleli zwe, niye ezweni eningalaziyo, nina nawoyihlo; niyakukhonza khona abanye onkulunkulu imini nobusuku, ngokuba angiyikuniphatha ngesihe.’

<sup>14</sup> “Ngalokho bheka, izinsuku ziyeza, lapho kungasayikuthiwa: ‘Kuphila kukaJehova owabakhuphula abantwana bakwa-Israyeli ezweni laseGibithe,’

<sup>15</sup> kepha: ‘Kuphila kukaJehova owabakhuphula abantwana bakwa-Israyeli ezweni lasenyakatho nasemazweni onke lapho ebebaxoshele khona;’ kepha ngiyakubabuyisela ezweni lakubo engalinika oyise.

<sup>16</sup> “Bheka, ngiyakuthumela kubadobi abaningi,” usho uJehova, “babadobe; besengithumela kubazingeli abaningi, babazingele kuzo zonke izintaba, nakuwo onke amagquma, nakuyo imifantu yeziwa.

<sup>17</sup> Ngokuba amehlo ami akuzo zonke izindlela zabo; abasithele ebusweni bami, nobubi babo abufihlekile emehlweni ami.

<sup>18</sup> Kuqala ngiyakuphindisela ngokuphindiweyo ububi babo nezono zabo, ngokuba balingcolisile izwe lami ngezidumbu zezinto zabo ezizondekayo, baligcwalisa ifa lami ngezinengiso zabo.”

<sup>19</sup> Jehova, mandla ami nenqaba yami, siphephelo sami ngosuku lokuhlupheka, bayakuza kuwe abezizwe, bevela emajukujukwini omhlaba, bathi: “Obaba badlile ifa lamanga kuphela, okuyize, engekho kukho insizakalo.

<sup>20</sup> Umuntu angazenzela onkulunkulu na? Labo abasibo onkulunkulu.”

<sup>21</sup> “Ngalokho bheka, ngiyakubazisa, ngibazise ngalesi sikhathi isandla sami namandla ami, baze bazi ukuthi igama lami linguJehova.

## ISAHLUKO 17

**“**Isono sakwaJuda silotshiwe ngothi lwensimbi lokuloba; ngesihloko sedayimani siqoshiwe ezibhebheni zezinhliziyi zabo nasezimpondweni zama-altare enu,

<sup>2</sup> abantwana babo besakhumbula ama-altare abo nawo-Ashera babo ngasemithini eluhlaza emagqumeni aphakemeyo.

<sup>3</sup> Intaba yami yasendle, impahla yakho nengcebo yakho yonke ngiyakunikela kube yimpango kanye nezindawo zakho eziphakemeyo ngenxa yezono emikhawulweni yakho yonke.

<sup>4</sup> Uyakuyeka ngokwakho ifa lakho engakunika lona, ngikwenze ukuba ukhonze izitha zakho ezweni ongalaziyo, ngokuba niphembile umlilo olakeni lwami oyakuvutha kuze kube phakade.”

<sup>5</sup> Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: “Uqalekisiwe umuntu othemba kubantu, ayenze inyama ibe yingalo yakhe, nonhliziyo yakhe isuka kuJehova.

<sup>6</sup> Uyakuba njengesihlahla esiyize ehlane, angaboni ukuthi kuyeza okuhle, uyakuhlala ezindaweni ezishileyo ehlane, ezweni likasawoti elingahlalwa muntu.

<sup>7</sup> “Ubusisiwe umuntu othemba kuJehova, nothemba lakhe linguJehova.

<sup>8</sup> Ngokuba uyakuba njengomuthi otshalwe ngasemanzini, ozenabisa izimpande zawo ngasemfuleni, ongesabi lapho kufika ukushisa, amaqabunga awo abe luhlaza, angabi naluvalo ngomnyaka wesigagadu, anganqamuki ukuthela izithelo.”

- <sup>9</sup> Inhliziyo iyakhohlisa ngaphezu kwakho konke, futhi imbi; ngubani ongayazi na?
- <sup>10</sup> “Mina Jehova ngivivinya inhliziyo, ngihlola izinso ukuba nginike, kube yilowo nalowo njengezindlela zakhe, njengezithelo zezenzo zakhe.”
- <sup>11</sup> Intendele efukamela ingazalanga, unjalo owenza ingcebo ngokungalungi; iyakumshiya phakathi nezinsuku zakhe, abe yisiwula ngasekugcineni.
- <sup>12</sup> Indawo yendlu yethu engcwele iyisihlalo sobukhosi esinenkazimulo esiphakemeyo.
- <sup>13</sup> O, themba lika-Israyeli, Jehova, bonke abakushiyayo bayakujabha; abachezuka kimi bayakulotshwa emhlabathini, ngokuba bamshiyile uJehova, umthombo wamanzi aphilayo.
- <sup>14</sup> Ngiphulukise, Jehova, ngiphuluke; ngisindise, ngisindiswe, ngokuba uludumo lwami.
- <sup>15</sup> Bheka, bathi kimi: “Liphi izwi likaJehova na? Malize phela.”
- <sup>16</sup> Mina-ke angiyekanga ukwalusa ngokukulandela, futhi angilufisanga usuku olwesabekayo; wena uyazi; okwaphuma emlonyeni wami kwakuphambi kobuso bakho.
- <sup>17</sup> Ungabi luvalo kimi; uyisiphephelo sami ngosuku lobubi.
- <sup>18</sup> Mababe namahloni abangizingelayo, kepha mina mangingabi nawo; baphele amandla bona, mina ngingapheli wona kodwa; behlisele usuku lobubi, ubaphule ngokwaphula okuphindiweyo.
- <sup>19</sup> Usho kanje kimi uJehova, uthi: “Hamba ume esangweni lamadodana abantu, angena ngalo amakhosi akwaJuda, aphuma ngalo futhi, nasemasangweni onke aseJerusalema,
- <sup>20</sup> uthi kuwo: ‘Zwanini izwi likaJehova nina makhosi akwaJuda, noJuda wonke, nani nonke enakhileyo eJerusalema eningena ngalawa masango;
- <sup>21</sup> usho kanje uJehova, uthi: Xwayani ngenxa yemiphefumulo yenu ukuba ningathwali mthwalo ngosuku lwesabatha, ningawungenisi ngamasango aseJerusalema;
- <sup>22</sup> futhi ningakhiphi mthwalo ezindlini zenu ngosuku lwesabatha, ningasebenzi msebenzi, kepha lungcweliseni usuku lwesabatha njengokuyala kwami oyihlo,
- <sup>23</sup> nakuba bengalalelanga, bengabekanga izindlebe, kepha benza lukhuni intamo yabo, ukuze bangezwa, balaywe.
- <sup>24</sup> Kuyakuthi uma ningilalela nokungilalela, usho uJehova, ukuba ningangenisi mthwalo ngamasango alo muzi ngosuku lwesabatha, nilungcwelise usuku lwesabatha ukuze ningenzi ngalo umsebenzi,
- <sup>25</sup> kungene ngamasango alo muzi amakhosi nezikhulu abahlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaDavide bekhwele izingola namahhashi, bona nezikhulu zabo, abantu bakwaJuda nabakhileyo eJerusalema, nalo muzi uyakuhlala kuze kube phakade.
- <sup>26</sup> Bayakufika bephuma emizini yakwaJuda, nasemaphandleni aseJerusalema, nasezweni lakwaBenjamini, nasehlanzeni, nasezintabeni, naseningizimu, beletha iminikelo yokushiswa, nemihlatshelo, neminikelo yempuphu, nenhlaka, befika neminikelo yokubonga endlini kaJehova.
- <sup>27</sup> Kepha uma ningalaleli ukuba nilungcwelise usuku lwesabatha, ningathwali mthwalo laphe ningenena ngamasango aseJerusalema ngosuku lwesabatha, ngiyakuphamba umlilo emasangweni alo, uqede izindlu zamakhosi zaseJerusalema, ungacinywa.’ ”

## ISAPHLUKO 18

**I**zwi elafika kuJeremiya livela kuJehova, lithi:

- <sup>2</sup> “Suka wehlele endlini yombumbi, ngikuzwise khona amazwi ami.”
- <sup>3</sup> Ngehlela endlini yombumbi; bheka, wasebenza umsebenzi wakhe esondweni lokubumba.



- <sup>4</sup> Kepha isitsha asenza ngebumba sonakala esandleni sombumbi; wabuye wenza esinye isitsha njengokuhle emehlweni ombumbi ukuba asenze.
- <sup>5</sup> Lase lifika izwi likaJehova kimi, lithi:
- <sup>6</sup> “Bengingenze kinina ndlu ka-Israyeli njengalo mbumbi na?” usho uJehova. “Bhekani, njengebumba esandleni sombumbi, ninjalo esandleni sami nina ndlu ka-Israyeli.
- <sup>7</sup> Ngesikhathi esithile, lapho ngikhuluma ngesizwe nangombuso ukuwusiphula, nokuwudiliza, nokuwuchitha,
- <sup>8</sup> Ieso sizwe engikhulumile ngaso bese siphenduka ebubini baso, ngiyakubuya kukho okubi ebengicabanga ukukwenza kuso.
- <sup>9</sup> Ngesinye isikhathi ngikhuluma ngesizwe nangombuso ukuwakha nokuwutshala;
- <sup>10</sup> uma senza okubi emehlweni ami, singalilaleli izwi lami, ngiyakubuya kukho okuhle ebengisho ukuthi ngiyakusenzela khona.
- <sup>11</sup> “Manje yisho kubantu bakwaJuda nakwabakhileyo eJerusalema, uthi: ‘Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: Bhekani, nginibumbela okubi, ngiceba icebo ngani; buyani, kube yilowo nalowo endleleni yakhe embi, nizenze izindlela zenu nezenzo zenu zibe zinhle.’
- <sup>12</sup> Kepha bathi: ‘Kuyize, ngokuba siyakulandela amacebo ethu, senze, kube yilowo nalowo ngenkani yenhliziyo yakhe embi.’ ”
- <sup>13</sup> Ngelokho usho kanje uJehova, uthi: “Buzani phakathi kwabezizwe ukuthi ngubani owake wezwa okunjengalokho na? Intombi yakwa-Israyeli yenzile into eyesabekayo kakhulu.
- <sup>14</sup> Ungqoqwane waseLebanoni uyashiya yini amadwala asendle, namanzi aqandayo agobhoza kude ayakusha, na?
- <sup>15</sup> Ngokuba abantu bami bangikhohliwe, bashisela okuyize impepho, bakhubeka ezindleleni zabo, emendweni yasendulo ukuba bahambe ngemikhondo, ngezindlela ezingahlelwanga,
- <sup>16</sup> benze izwe labo libe yisimangaliso nento encimfelwayo njalo; bonke abadlula khona bayakumangala, banikine ikhanda.
- <sup>17</sup> Njengomoya wasempumalanga ngiyakubahlakaza phambi kwezitha zabo, ngibabonise umhlane kungabi ngubuso ngosuku lwengozi yabo.”
- <sup>18</sup> Base bethi: “Wozani simcebele uJeremiya amacebo, ngokuba umthetho awuyikuphela kumpristi, nesu kohlakaniphileyo, nezwi kumprofethi, sihambe simshaye ngolimi, singaqapheli nelilodwa lamazwi akhe.”
- <sup>19</sup> Nginake, Jehova, uzwe izwi labamelene nami.
- <sup>20</sup> Okuhle kuyakuphindiselwa ngokubi na? lokhu bembele umphefumulo wami umgodi. Khumbula ukuthi ngema phambi kobuso bakho ukukhuluma okuhle ngabo nokukubuyisa ukufutheka kwakho kubo.
- <sup>21</sup> Ngelokho nikela abantwana babo endlaleni, ubakhaphele osikweni lwenkemba, abafazi babo baphucwe abantwana, babe ngabafelokazi, amadoda abo abulawe ngukufa, izinsizwa zabo zishaywe ngenkemba empini.
- <sup>22</sup> Makuzwakale ukukhala ezindlini zabo, lapho ubehlisela impi ngokuzumayo, ngokuba bembile umgodi wokungibamba, bafihlela izinyawo zami izingibe.
- <sup>23</sup> Kepha wena Jehova uyawazi onke amasu abo okungibulala; ungathetheleli ububi babo, nezono zabo ungazesuli emehlweni akho, kepha mabakhubekiswe phambi kwakho, ubavukele ngesikhathi sentukuthelo yakho.

**W**asho kanje uJehova, wathi: “Hamba uzithengele uphiso lwebumba lombumbi, uthathe amanye amalunga abantu namanye amalunga abapristi,

<sup>2</sup> uphume, uye esigodini sendodana kaHinomu esingasesikhaleni seSango Lezindengezi, umemezele khona amazwi engiyakuwasho kuwe,

<sup>3</sup> uthi: ‘Zwanini izwi likaJehova nina makhosi akwaJuda nabakhileyo eJerusalema; usho kanje uJehova Sebawoti, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: Bhekani, ngiyakwehlisela okubi phezu kwale ndawo, nabo bonke abakuzwayo, izindlebe zabo ziyakunkeneneza ngakho.

<sup>4</sup> Ngokuba bangishiyile, benze le ndawo ukuba ibe ngeyabezizwe, bashisela abanye onkulunkulu impepho kuyo, abangabazanga, bona nawoyise namakhosi akwaJuda, bagcwalisa le ndawo ngegazi labangenacala,

<sup>5</sup> bakha izindawo eziphakemeyo zikaBali ukushisa amadodana abo ngomlilo, abe yiminikelo yokushiswa kuBali, engingakuyalanga, nengingakukhulumanga, nokungangenanga enhliziyweni yami,

<sup>6</sup> ngalokho bhekani, izinsuku ziyeza, usho uJehova, lapho le ndawo ayisayikubizwa ngokuthi iThofeti noma isigodi sendodana kaHinomu kepha isiGodi Sokubulala.

<sup>7</sup> “ ‘Ngiyakuchitha kule ndawo amasu akwaJuda naseJerusalema, ngibawise ngenkamba phambi kwezitha zabo, nangesandla sabafuna ukuphila kwabo, nginike izidumbu zabo zibe ngukudla kwezinyoni zezulu nokwezilwane zomhlaba.

<sup>8</sup> Ngiyakwenza lo muzi ukuba ube yisimangalisento encimfelwayo; bonke abadlula khona bayakumangala, bancimfe ngenxa yazo zonke izinhlupheko zawo.

<sup>9</sup> Ngiyakubadlisa inyama yamadodana abo neyamadodakazi abo, badle, kube yilowo nalowo inyama yomngane wakhe, ekuvinjezelweni nasekuxinekeni eziyakubaxina ngakho izitha zabo nabafuna ukuphila kwabo.’

<sup>10</sup> “Bese waphula uphiso phambi kwamadoda ahamba nawe,

<sup>11</sup> uthi kuwo: ‘Usho kanje uJehova Sebawoti, uthi: Ngiyakubulala kanjalo laba bantu nalo muzi njengokwaphulwa kwesitsha sombumbi esingasezokubuye sihlanganiswe; bayakumbela eThofeti, ngokuba akuyikubakho ndawo yokumbela.

<sup>12</sup> Ngiyakwenze njalo kule ndawo, usho uJehova, nakwabakhileyo kuyo, ngenze lo muzi ube njengeThofeti:

<sup>13</sup> izindlu zaseJerusalema nezindlu zamakhosi akwaJuda, ezoniweyo, ziyakuba njengeThofeti, yebo, zonke izindlu, abashisele ibandla lasezulwini impepho phezu kwezimpahla zazo, bathululela abanye onkulunkulu iminikelo yokuphuzwa.’ ”

<sup>14</sup> Wayesebuya uJeremiya eThofeti lapho uNkulunkulu ayemthume khona ukuba aprofethe; wema agcekeni lendlu kaJehova, wathi kubantu bonke:

<sup>15</sup> “Usho kanje uJehova Sebawoti, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: ‘Bhekani, ngiyakwehlisela phezu kwalo muzi nemizana yawo konke okubi engikushilo ngawo, ngokuba benze lukhuni intamo yabo, ukuze bangezwa amazwi ami.’ ”

## ISAHLUKO 20

**U**Phashuri indodana ka-Imeri umpristi owayengumbonisi omkhulu endlini kaJehova wamuzwa uJeremiya eprofetha ngalezo zinto.

<sup>2</sup> UPhashuri wamshaya uJeremiya umprofethi, wamfaka esitokisini esasingasesangweni lasenhla lakwaBenjamini elalingasendlini kaJehova.

<sup>3</sup> Kwathi ngakusasa uPhashuri wamkhipha uJeremiya esitokisini. UJeremiya wayesethi kuye: “UJehova akabizanga igama lakho ngokuthi uPhashuri kepha uMagori Misabibi.

- <sup>4</sup> Ngokuba usho kanje uJehova, uthi: 'Bheka, ngiyakukwenza ukuba ube luvalo kuwe uqobo nakubo bonke abangane bakho; bayakuwa ngenkemba yezitha zabo, amehlo akho akubone; ngiyakunikela wonke uJuda esandleni senkosi yaseBabele, ibathumbele eBabele, ibabulale ngenkemba.
- <sup>5</sup> Futhi ngiyakunikela yonke imfuyo yalo muzi, nayo yonke imisebenzi yawo, nakho konke kwawo okuyigugu, yebo, yonke ingcebo yamakhosi akwaJuda esandleni sezitha zabo, ziyiphange, ziyithathe, ziyiyise eBabele.
- <sup>6</sup> Nawe Phashuri nabo bonke abahlala endlini yakho niyakuthunjwa; uyakufika eBabele, kepha uyakufela khona, umbelwe khona, wena nabo bonke abangane bakho oprofethe kubo amanga.' "
- <sup>7</sup> Wangiyenga, Jehova, ngayengeka; wawunamandla kunami, wangahlula. Ngibe yinhlekiso usuku lonke, bonke bangiklolodela.
- <sup>8</sup> Njalo lapho ngikhuluma, ngiyakhala, ngimemeza ngobudlova nokubhubhisa, lokhu izwi likaNkulunkulu lenziwa ihlazo nenhlelelo kimi usuku lonke.
- <sup>9</sup> Lapho ngithi: "Angisayikumkhumbula, ngingasakhulumi egameni lakhe," kusenhliziyweni yami njengomlilo oshisayo, uvallelwe emathanjeni ami; ngikhathele ukubekezela, angikwazi.
- <sup>10</sup> Ngizwile ukuhleba kwabaningi: "Luvalo nxazonke. Mmangalele! Masimmangalele!" Bonke abangane bami bayalinda ukuwa kwami. "Mhlawumbe angayengwa, simahlule, siziphindisele kuye."
- <sup>11</sup> Kepha uJehova unami njengeqhawe elesabisayo; ngalokho abangizingelayo bayakukhubeka, bangangahluli; bayakuba namahloni kakhulu, ngokuba abenzanga ngokuhlakanipha, nehlozo labo eliphakade aliyikukhohlakala.
- <sup>12</sup> Kepha, Jehova Sebawoti, ovivinya olungileyo, obona izinso nenhliziyo, mangibone ukuphindisela kwakho kubo, ngokuba ngikwambulele indaba yami.
- <sup>13</sup> Hlabelelani kuJehova, nimdumise uJehova, ngokuba wophula umphefumulo wompofu esandleni sababi.
- <sup>14</sup> Maluqalekiswe usuku engazalwa ngalo; usuku umame angizala ngalo malungabusiwa.
- <sup>15</sup> Makaqalekiswe umuntu owabika kubaba, ethi: "Uzalelwe umntwana wesilisa," emthokozisa nokumthokozisa.
- <sup>16</sup> Lowo muntu makabe njengemizi uJehova ayigumbuqela engazisolile, ezwe ukukhala ekuseni nokumemeza ngesikhathi sasemini,
- <sup>17</sup> ngokuba akangibulalanga esiswini, umame waze waba yithuna lami, nesisu sakhe saba sikhulelwe njalo.
- <sup>18</sup> Ngaphumelani esiswini ukuba ngibone umshikashika nosizi, ukuze izinsuku zami ziphele ngamahloni na?

## ISAPHELA 21

**I**zwi elafika kuJeremiya, livela kuJehova, ekuthumeni kwenkosi uSedekiya uPhashuri indodana kaMalikhiya noZefaniya indodana kaMahaseya, umpristi, kuye ethi:

<sup>2</sup> "Ake usibuzele kuJehova, ngokuba uNebukadinesari inkosi yaseBabele usihlasele; mhlawumbe uJehova angenza kithi njengazo zonke izimangaliso zakhe ukuba akhuphuke, asuke kithi."

<sup>3</sup> UJeremiya wathi kubo: "Niyakusho kanje kuSedekiya, nithi:

- <sup>4</sup> 'Usho kanje uJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: Bheka, ngiyakubuyisa izikhali zokulwa ezisezandleni zenu, enilwa ngazo nenkosi yaseBabele namaKaledi anivimbezelayo ngaphandle kogange, ngizibuthe phakathi nalo muzi.
- <sup>5</sup> Mina ngiyakulwa nani ngesandla eseluliweyo, nangengalo enamandla, nangentukuthelo, nangokufutheka, nangolaka olukhulu.
- <sup>6</sup> Ngiyakubashaya abakhileyo kulo muzi, abantu nezilwane; bayakufa ngesifo esikhulu.
- <sup>7</sup> Ngasemuva, usho uJehova, ngiyakunikela uSedekiya inkosi yakwaJuda, nezinceku zakhe, nabantu abasele kulo muzi esifweni, nasenkembeni, nasendlaleni, nasesandleni sikaNebukadinesari inkosi yaseBabele, nasesandleni sezitha zabo, nasesandleni sabafuna ukuphila kwabo, abashaye ngosiko lwenkemba, angabasindisi, angabahawukeli, angabi namusa kubo.'
- <sup>8</sup> "Uyakusho kulaba bantu, uthi: 'Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: Bheka, ngibeka phambi kwakho indlela yokuphila nendlela yokufa.
- <sup>9</sup> Osala kulo muzi uyakufa ngenkemba, nangendlala, nangesifo, kepha ophumayo, aye kumaKaledi anivimbezelayo, uyakuphila, ukuphila kwakhe kube yimpango yakhe.
- <sup>10</sup> Ngokuba ngibhekise ubuso bami kulo muzi kube kubi, kungabi kuhle, usho uJehova; uyakunikelwa esandleni senkosi yaseBabele, iwushise ngomlilo.'
- <sup>11</sup> "Yisho endlini yenkosi yakwaJuda, uthi: 'Zwanini izwi likaJehova lokuthi:
- <sup>12</sup> O, ndlu kaDavide, usho kanje uJehova, uthi: " 'Yenzani izahlulelo ekuseni, nophule ophangiweyo esandleni somcindezeli, funa ukufutheka kwami kuphume njengomlilo, kushise, kuze kungabikho owucimayo ngenxa yobubi bezenzo zenu.
- <sup>13</sup> Bheka, ngimelene nawe, wena owakhileyo esigodini, wena litshe lasethafeni, usho uJehova, nina enithi: "Ngubani oyakusehlela, ngubani oyakungena ezindlini zethu, na?"
- <sup>14</sup> Ngiyakuniambela njengezithelo zezenzo zenu, usho uJehova, ngiphembe umlilo ehlathini labo, uqede konke okungakhona.' "

## ISAHLUKO 22

- U**sho kanje uJehova, uthi: "Yehlela endlini yenkosi yakwaJuda, ukhulume khona leli zwi,
- <sup>2</sup> uthi: 'Yizwa izwi likaJehova, nkosi yakwaJuda, ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaDavide, wena nezinceku zakho nabantu bakho abangena ngalawa masango.
- <sup>3</sup> Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: Yenzani izahlulelo nokulunga, nophule ophangiweyo esandleni somcindezeli, ningoni, ningadluzuli abafokazi, nezintandane, nabafelokazi, ningachithi igazi elingenacala kule ndawo.
- <sup>4</sup> Ngokuba uma nenza lokhu impela, kuyakungena ngamasango ale ndlu amakhosi ahlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaDavide, ekhwele izinqola namahhashi, wona nezinceku zawo nabantu bawo.
- <sup>5</sup> Kepha uma ningalaleli lawa mazwi, ngiyazifunga, usho uJehova, ukuthi le ndlu iyakuba yincithakalo.' "
- <sup>6</sup> Ngokuba usho kanje uJehova ngendlu yenkosi yakwaJuda, uthi: "UyiGileyadi kimi, nekhanda laseLebanoni; impela ngiyakukwenza ube yihlane nemizi engahlalwa muntu.
- <sup>7</sup> Ngiyakukulungisela abachithi, yilowo nalowo abe nezikhali zakhe, bagawule imisedari yakho ekhethekileyo, bayiphonse emlilweni.
- <sup>8</sup> "Izizwe eziningi ziyakudlula kulo muzi, zisho, kube yilesi naleso kwesinye, ukuthi: 'UJehova wenzeleni okunje kulo muzi omkhulu na?'
- <sup>9</sup> Bayakuthi: 'Ngokuba basishiya isivumelwano sikaJehova uNkulunkulu wabo, bakhuleka

kwabanye onkulunkulu, babakhonza.' ”

**10** Ningakhaleli ofileyo, ningamlileli, kepha nimkhalele nokumkhalela omukayo, ngokuba akasayikubuya, kasayikubona izwe lokuzalwa kwakhe.

**11** Ngokuba usho kanje uJehova ngoShalumi indodana kaJosiya, inkosi yakwaJuda, owaba yinkosi esikhundleni sikaJosiya uyise, waphuma kule ndawo, ukuthi: “Akasayikubuyela lapha,

**12** kepha uyakufela kuleyo ndawo lapho bemthumbele khona; naleli zwe kasayikulibona.”

**13** “Wo koyakha indlu yakhe ngokungalingi, namakamelo akhe ngokungafanele, osebenzisa umakhelwane wakhe engamholeli, angamniki lutho ngomsebenzi wakhe,

**14** othi: ‘Ngiyakuzakhela indlu enkulu namakamelo abanzi,’ ayibhobozele amafasitele, bese yembeswa ngemisedari, ibhecwe ngebomvu!

**15** “Uyinkosi ngokuba ushisekela imisedari na? Angithi uyihlo wadla, waphuza, wenza ukwahlulela nokulunga, kwaba kuhle kuye, na?

**16** Wahlulela abaswelayo nabampofu, kwaba kuhle; angithi lokhu kungukungazi mina na?” usho uJehova.

**17** “Amehlo akho nenhliziyo yakho kusekuphangeni kuphela, nasekuchitheni igazi elingenacala, nasekucindezeleni, nasekudloveni ukuba ukwenze.”

**18** Ngalokho usho kanje uJehova ngoJehoyakimi indodana kaJosiya, inkosi yakwaJuda, uthi: “Abayikumkhalela ngokuthi: ‘Hhawu, mfowethu,’ noma, ‘hhawu, dadewethu!’ futhi bangamkhaleli ngokuthi: ‘Hhawu, nkosi,’ noma, ‘hhawu, bukhosi bakhe!’

**19** Uyakumbelwa ngokumbelwa kwembongolo, ahudulwe alahlwe ngale kwamasango aseJerusalema.

**20** “Khuphukela eLebanoni, ukhale; phakamisa izwi lakho eBashani, ukhale use-Abarimi, ngokuba zonke izithandwa zakho zibulewe.

**21** Ngakhuluma kuwe usenenhlanhla, kepha wathi: ‘Angizwa.’ Lokhu kuyindlela yakho kwasebusheni bakho ukuthi awulizwa izwi lami.

**22** Umoya uyakubalusa bonke abelusi bakho, nezithandwa zakho ziyakuthunjwa; impela uyakuba namahloni, ujabhe ngabo bonke ububi bakho.

**23** Wena ohlala eLebanoni, owakha isidleke sakho kuyo imisedari, uyakuhawukelwa kangakanani ngokufikelwa kwakho yimihelo, imihelo enjengeyobe lethayo!

**24** “Kuphila kwami,” usho uJehova, “noma uKhoniya indodana kaJehoyakimi, inkosi yakwaJuda, ebe yindandatho esandleni sami sokunene, nokho bengiyakukuhluthula khona,

**25** ngikunikele esandleni sabafuna ukuphila kwakho nasesandleni salabo obesabayo, ngithi esandleni sikaNebukadinesari, inkosi yaseBabele, nasesandleni samaKaledi.

**26** Ngiyakukuzwibela kwelinye izwe, wena nonyoko owakuzalayo, lapho ningazalelwanga khona; niyakufela khona.

**27** Kepha abayikubuyela ezweni abalangazelela ukubuyela kulo.”

**28** Lo muntu uKhoniya uyisitsha esidelelweyo nesaphukileyo na? Uyindebe okungekho kuyo intokozo na? Uzwitshelweni yena nenzalo yakhe, balahlelwa ezweni abangalaziyo, na?

**29** Lizwe, lizwe, lizwe, yizwa izwi likaJehova.

**30** Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: “Lobani lo muntu ukuthi akanamntwana, umuntu ongayikuba nampumelelo ezinsukwini zakhe, ngokuba umuntu ohlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaDavide akayikuba nampumelelo yokuba abe esabusa kwaJuda.”

**“W**o kubo abelusi abachitha, bazihlakaze izimvu zedlelo lami!” usho uJehova. 23:1 Jer. 10:21; Hez. 34:2.

<sup>2</sup> Ngalokho usho kanje uJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli ngabelusi abelusa abantu bami, uthi: “Nihlakazile izimvu zami, nazixosha, anizihambelanga. Bhekani, ngiyakuhambela ububi bezenzo zenu kini,” usho uJehova.

<sup>3</sup> “Ngiyakubutha insali yezimvu zami emazweni onke, lapho ngiyixoshele khona, ngiyibuyisele ezibayeni zayo; iyakuchuma, yande.

<sup>4</sup> Ngiyakumisa phezu kwayo abelusi abayakuyalusa; ayisayikwesaba, ayiyikuphela amandla, ayisayikujeziswa,” usho uJehova.

<sup>5</sup> “Bheka, izinsuku ziyeza,” usho uJehova, “lapho ngiyakumisela uDavide iHlumela elilungileyo; liyakubusa njengenkosi, libe nokuhlakanipha, lenze ukwahlulela nokulunga ezweni.

<sup>6</sup> Ezinsukwini zalo uJuda uyakusindiswa, u-Israyeli ahlale elondekile; nanti igama eliyakubizwa ngalo lokuthi: UJEHOVA UNGUKULUNGA KWETHU.

<sup>7</sup> “Ngalokho bheka, izinsuku ziyeza,” usho uJehova, “abangasayikusho ngazo ukuthi: ‘Kuphila kukaJehova owabakhuphula abantwana bakwa-Israyeli ezweni laseGibithe,’

<sup>8</sup> kepha ukuthi: ‘Kuphila kukaJehova owayikhuphula, wayihola inzalo yendlu ka-Israyeli ezweni lasenyakatho nasemazweni onke lapho ngangibaxoshele khona.’ Iyakwakha ezweni lakubo.”

<sup>9</sup> Ngabaprofethi. Inhliziyo yami yaphukile phakathi kwami, amathambo onke ami ayathuthumela; nginjengomuntu odakiweyo, njengomuntu owahlulwe yiwayini ngenxa kaJehova nangenxa yamazwi akhe angcwele.

<sup>10</sup> Ngokuba izwe ligcwele iziphingi; izwe liyadabuka ngenxa yesiqalekiso; amadlelo asehlane omile. Ukuhamba kwabo kubi, namandla abo awalungile.

<sup>11</sup> “Ngokuba nabaprofethi nabapristi abanaNkulunkulu; nasendlini ngifumene okubi kwabo,” usho uJehova.

<sup>12</sup> “Ngalokho indlela yabo iyakuba yizindawo ezibushelelezi; bayakusunduzwa ebumnyameni, bawe kubo, ngokuba ngiyakubehlisela okubi ngomnyaka wokuhanjelwa kwabo,” usho uJehova.

<sup>13</sup> “Kubaprofethi baseSamariya ngibonile ubuwula: baprofetha ngoBali, bedukisa abantu bami u-Israyeli.

<sup>14</sup> Nakubaprofethi baseJerusalema ngibonile okwesabekayo: bayaphinga, bahamba ngamanga, baqinisa izandla zababi, ukuze kungabuyi muntu ebubini bakhe; bonke banjengeSodoma kimi, nabakhileyo kulo banjengeGomora.”

<sup>15</sup> Ngalokho usho kanje uJehova Sebawoti ngabaprofethi, uthi: “Bheka, ngiyakubanika ukuba badle umhlonyane, baphuze amanzi enyongo, ngokuba ukungabi naNkulunkulu kuphume kubaprofethi, kwaya ezweni lonke.”

<sup>16</sup> Usho kanje uJehova Sebawoti, uthi: “Ningawalaleli amazwi abaprofethi abaprofetha kini; banifundisa okuyize, bakhuluma umbono wenhliziyo yabo, kungengokuvela emlonyeni kaJehova.

<sup>17</sup> Bazinge bethi kwabangidelelayo: UJehova ukhulumile uthi: ‘Niyakuba nokuthula.’ Kubo bonke abahamba ngenkani yenhliziyo yabo bathi: ‘Aniyikwehlelwa ngokubi.’

<sup>18</sup> Ngokuba ngubani owake wema emkhandlwini kaJehova ukuba abone, ezwe izwi lakhe na? Ngubani oqaphele izwi lakhe, walizwa, na?

<sup>19</sup> Bheka, isivunguvungu sikaJehova esinokufutheka siphumile; isivunguvungu



esiyisikhwishikhwishi sehlele phezu kwamakhanda ababi.

**20** Intukuthelo kaJehova ayiyikubuya aze enze, aze afeze umgomo wenhliziyo yakhe; ezinsukwini ezizayo niyakukuqonda nokukuqonda.

**21** Mina angibathumanga abaprofethi, nokho bagijima; bengingakhulumile kubo, nokho baprofetha.

**22** Uma bebemi emkhandlwini wami, nga bezwisile abantu bami amazwi ami, bababuyise endleleni yabo embi, nasebubini bezenzo zabo.

**23** “NginguNkulunkulu eduze yini,” usho uJehova, “ngingesiye uNkulunkulu kude na?”

**24** Ukhona ongacasha ezindaweni ezisithekileyo ukuze ngingamboni na?” usho uJehova. “Angithi ngiyagcwalisa izulu nomhlaba na?” usho uJehova.

**25** “Ngizwile ukuthi bathini abaprofethi abaprofetha amanga egameni lami, bethi: ‘Ngiphuphile, ngiphuphile.’

**26** Lokhu koze kube nini ezinhliziyweni zabaprofethi abaprofetha amanga, bengabaprofethi benkohliso yenhliziyo yabo,

**27** abacabanga ukwenza ukuba abantu bami bakhohlwe igama lami ngamaphupho abo abawalandisa, kube yilowo nalowo kumakhelwane wakhe, njengalokho oyise bakhohlwa igama lami ngenxa kaBali, na?

**28** Umprofethi onephupho makalilandise iphupho, kepha onezwi lami makalikhulume izwi lami ngeqiniso. Amakhoba ayini kukolweni na?” usho uJehova.

**29** “Izwi lami alinjengomlilo yini,” usho uJehova, “nanjengesando esaphula itshe na?”

**30** “Ngalokho bheka, ngimelene nabaprofethi,” usho uJehova, “abeba amazwi ami, kube yilowo nalowo kumakhelwane wakhe.

**31** Bheka, ngimelene nabaprofethi,” usho uJehova, “abasebenzisa izilimi zabo, bathi: ‘Uthi yena.’

**32** Bheka, ngimelene nabaprofetha amaphupho amanga,” usho uJehova, “bawalandise, badukise abantu bami ngamanga abo nangokuwawaza kwabo; mina-ke angibathumanga nokho, angibayalanga, futhi abasizanga laba bantu,” usho uJehova.

**33** “Nxa laba bantu, noma umprofethi, noma umpristi, bekubuza bethi: ‘Iyini indaba kaJehova?’ uyakubatshelela ukuthi: ‘Yinina eniyindaba,’ nokuthi: ‘Ngiyakunilahla, usho uJehova.’

**34** Nomprofethi-ke, nompristi, nabantu abayakusho ukuthi: ‘Indaba kaJehova,’ ngiyakuambela lowo muntu nendlu yakhe.

**35** Niyakusho kanje, kube yilowo nalowo kumakhelwane wakhe, kube yilowo nalowo kumfowabo, nithi: ‘UJehova uphendule wathini?’ nokuthi: ‘UJehova ukhulumeni?’

**36** Indaba kaJehova anisayikuyikhumbula, ngokuba izwi lalowo nalowo muntu liyakuba yindaba yakhe, lokhu niwahlanekezele amazwi kaNkulunkulu ophilayo, uJehova Sebawoti, uNkulunkulu wethu.

**37** Uyakusho kanje kumprofethi, uthi: ‘UJehova ukuphendule wathini?’ nokuthi: ‘UJehova ukhulumeni?’

**38** Kepha uma nithi: ‘Indaba kaJehova,’ khona uJehova usho kanje, uthi: Ngenxa yokuba nithi leli zwi lokuthi ‘indaba kaJehova,’ noma mina ngathumela kini, ngathi: Aniyikuthi: ‘Indaba kaJehova,’

**39** ngalokho ngiyakuniphakamisa nokuniphakamisa, nginilahle ebusweni bami, nina nomuzi enganinika wona, nina nawoyihlo,

**40** nginehlisele ihlazo eliphakade namahloni emiyo njalo okungayikukhohlakala.”



## ISAHLUKO 24

**U**Jehova wangibonisa amaqoma amabili amakhiwane ebekwe phambi kwethempeli likaJehova, uNebukadinesari, inkosi yaseBabele, esethumbile uJekoniya indodana kaJehoyakimi, inkosi yakwaJuda, nezikhulu zakwaJuda, nezinyanga zomsebenzi, nabakhandi, wabasusa eJerusalema, wabayisa eBabele.

<sup>2</sup> Elinye iqoma lalinamakhiwane amahle kakhulu, enjengamakhiwane ayingqalabutho; elinye iqoma lalinamakhiwane amabi kakhulu, engenakudliwa ngobubi bawo.

<sup>3</sup> Wayesethi uJehova kimi: “Ubonani, Jeremiya, na?” Ngathi: “Amakhiwane; amahle, ngamahle kakhulu, namabi ngamabi kakhulu, enganakudliwa ngobubi bawo.”

<sup>4</sup> Izwi likaJehova lafika kimi, lathi:

<sup>5</sup> “Usho kanje uJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: ‘Njengalawa makhiwane amahle ngiyakubheka kanjalo abathunjiweyo bakwaJuda, engibamukisile kule ndawo baya ezweni lamaKaledi, kube kuhle.

<sup>6</sup> Ngiyakuwabhekisa amehlo ami kubo, kube kuhle, ngibabuyisele kuleli zwe, ngibakhe ngingabadilizi, ngibatshale ngingabasiphuli.

<sup>7</sup> Ngiyakubanika inhliziyi yokungazi ukuthi nginguJehova; bayakuba ngabantu bami, mina ngibe nguNkulunkulu wabo, ngokuba bayakubuyela kimi ngenhliziyi yabo yonke.

<sup>8</sup> “ ‘Kepha njengamakhiwane amabi engenakudliwa ngobubi bawo, impela kanjalo,’ usho kanje uJehova, ‘ngiyakwenza kuSedekiya inkosi yakwaJuda, nasezikhulwini zakhe, nakuyo insali yaseJerusalema, abasele kuleli zwe nabakhile ezweni laseGibithe.

<sup>9</sup> Ngiyakubenza babe yingebhe nokubi emibusweni yonke yomhlaba, babe yihlazo nesaga, isifenqo nesiqalekiso ezindaweni zonke engiyakubaxoshela kuzo.

<sup>10</sup> Ngiyakuthuma kubo inkemba, nendlala, nesifo, baze baphele ezweni engalinika bona nawoyise.’ ”

## ISAHLUKO 25

**I**zwi elafika kuJeremiya ngabantu bonke bakwaJuda ngomnyaka wesine kaJehoyakimi indodana kaJosiya, inkosi yakwaJuda, ongumnyaka wokuqala kaNebukadinesari, inkosi yaseBabele,

<sup>2</sup> alikhulumayo uJeremiya umprofethi kubo bonke abantu bakwaJuda nakubo bonke abakhileyo eJerusalema, ethi:

<sup>3</sup> “Kusukela emnyakeni weshumi nantathu kaJosiya indodana ka-Amoni, inkosi yakwaJuda, kuze kube namuhla, le minyaka engamashumi amabili nantathu izwi likaJehova lifikile kimi, ngalikhuluma, ngilisho kini njalonjalo, kepha kanilalelanga.”

<sup>4</sup> UJehova uthumile kini zonke izinceku zakhe abaprofethi, ebathuma njalonjalo, kepha anilalelanga, anibekanga indlebe ukuba nizwe

<sup>5</sup> lapho kwathiwa: “Ake nibuye, kube yilowo nalowo endleleni yakhe embi, nasebubini bezenzo zenu, nihlale ezweni uJehova alinike nina nawoyihlo, kusukela phakade kuze kube phakade,

<sup>6</sup> ningalandeli abanye onkulunkulu ukuba nibakhonze, nikhuleke kubo, ningangicunuli ngemisebenzi yezandla zenu; khona angiyikunenzela okubi.

<sup>7</sup> “Kepha aningilalelanga,” usho uJehova, “naze nangicunula ngemisebenzi yezandla zenu, kwaba kubi kini.”

<sup>8</sup> Ngalokho usho kanje uJehova Sebawoti, uthi: “Ngenxa yokuba ningawalalelanga amazwi ami,

- <sup>9</sup> bheka, ngiyakuthumela, ngilande yonke imindeni yasenyakatho,” usho uJehova, “noNebukadinesari, inkosi yaseBabele, inceku yami, ngibehlisele phezu kwaleli zwe nabakhileyo kulo, naphezu kwazo zonke lezi zizwe nxazonke, ngibaqalekise, ngibenze babe yisimangaliso nento encimfelwayo, nencithakalo ephakade.
- <sup>10</sup> Futhi ngiyakususa kubo izwi lokujabula nezwi lokuthokoza, izwi lomyeni nezwi lomakoti, nomsindo wamatshe okugaya nokukhanya kwesibani.
- <sup>11</sup> Izwe lonke leli liyakuba yincithakalo nesimangaliso, nalezi zizwe ziyakuyikhonza inkosi yaseBabele iminyaka engamashumi ayisikhombisa.
- <sup>12</sup> “Kuyakuthi lapho iminyaka engamashumi ayisikhombisa isigcwalisekile, ngihambele inkosi yaseBabele nesizwe lesa,” usho uJehova, “ngobubi babo, kanye nezwe lamaKaledi, ngilenze libe yincithakalo ephakade.
- <sup>13</sup> Ngiyakwehlisela phezu kwalelo zwe onke amazwi ami engiwakhulume phezu kwalo, konke okulotshwe kule ncwadi, uJeremiya akuprofethile ngazo zonke izizwe.
- <sup>14</sup> Ngokuba bayakukhonziwa nabo yizizwe eziningi nangamakhosi amakhulu, ngiphindise kubo ngezenzo zabo nangemisebenzi yezandla zabo.”
- <sup>15</sup> Ngokuba washo kanje uJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli kimi, wathi: “Thatha le ndebe yewayini lokufutheka esandleni sami, uphuzise kuyo zonke izizwe engikuthuma kuzo.
- <sup>16</sup> Ziyakuphuza, zintengantenge, zihlanye ngaphambi kwenkemba engiyakuyithuma phakathi kwazo.”
- <sup>17</sup> Ngase ngiyithatha indebe esandleni sikaJehova, ngaziphuzisa zonke izizwe uJehova angithuma kuzo:
- <sup>18</sup> iJerusalema nemizi yakwaJuda, namakhosi alo, nezikhulu zalo, ukuba ngikwenze kube yincithakalo, nesimangaliso, nento encimfelwayo, nesiqalekiso njenganamuhla;
- <sup>19</sup> kanye noFaro inkosi yaseGibithe, nezinceku zakhe, nezikhulu zakhe, nabantu bakhe bonke,
- <sup>20</sup> nayo yonke ingxubevange yabantu; onke amakhosi ase-Uzi, nawo onke amakhosi asezweni lamaFilisti e-Ashikeloni, naseGaza, nase-Ekroni, nensali yase-Ashidodi;
- <sup>21</sup> o-Edomi, noMowabi, nabantwana bakwa-Amoni,
- <sup>22</sup> nawo onke amakhosi aseTire, nawo onke amakhosi aseSidoni, namakhosi aseziqhingini ezingaphesheya kolwandle;
- <sup>23</sup> iDedani, neThema, neBuzi, nabo bonke abadilingiwe emaceleni amakhanda abo,
- <sup>24</sup> nawo onke amakhosi ase-Arabiya, nawo onke amakhosi engxubevange yabantu ehlala ehlane,
- <sup>25</sup> nawo onke amakhosi aseZimri, nawo onke amakhosi ase-Elamu, nawo onke amakhosi aseMediya,
- <sup>26</sup> nawo onke amakhosi asenyakatho, akude naseduze, yileyo naleyo, nayo yonke imibuso yezwe esebusweni bomhlaba; nenkosi yaseSheshaki iyakuphuza emva kwabo.
- <sup>27</sup> “Uyakusho kubo ukuthi: ‘Usho kanje uJehova Sebawoti, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: Phuzani, nidakwe, nihlanze, niwe, ningabe nisasukuma ngenxa yenkemba engiyakuyithuma phakathi kwenu.’
- <sup>28</sup> Kuyakuthi lapho bala ukuthatha indebe esandleni sakho ukuba bayiphuze, usho kubo ukuthi: ‘Usho kanje uJehova Sebawoti, uthi: Impela niyakuphuza.
- <sup>29</sup> Ngokuba bheka, ngiyaqala ukwenza okubi emzini obizwe ngegama lami; nina beniyakuba ngabangenacala na? Aniyikuba ngabangenacala, ngokuba ngiyakubiza bonke abakhileyo emhlabeni beze enkembeni, usho uJehova Sebawoti.’
- <sup>30</sup> “Manje, profetha kubo onke lawa mazwi, uthi kubo: “ ‘UJehova uyakuduma ephezulu,

aliphumise izwi lakhe esendaweni yakhe engcwele; uyakuduma nokuduma phezu kwekhaya lakhe, amemeze njengabanyathela iwayini kubo bonke abakhileyo emhlabeni.

<sup>31</sup> Umsindo uyakufinyelela emkhawulweni womhlaba, ngokuba uJehova uyamelana nezizwe; uyahlulela inyama yonke, kepha ababi uyakubanikela enkembeni,' ” usho uJehova.

<sup>32</sup> Usho kanje uJehova Sebawoti, uthi: “Bheka, okubi kuyaphuma kwesinye isizwe kuye kwesinye, nesivunguvungu siyavuswa emikhawulweni yomhlaba.”

<sup>33</sup> Ngalolo suku ababuleweyo bakaJehova bayakusukela komunye umkhawulo womhlaba, baze bafike komunye; abayikukhalelwa, abayikubuthwa, abayikumbelwa, bayakuba ngumquba ebusweni bomhlaba.

<sup>34</sup> Hhewulani nina belusi, nikhale, nihuquzele emlotheni nina zikhulu zomhlambi, ngokuba seziphелеle izinsuku zenu zokuba nihlatshwe, nginihlakaze, niwe njengesitsha esihle.

<sup>35</sup> Abelusi abayikuba nandawo ukubalekela kuyo, izikhulu zomhlambi zingabi nasiphephelo.

<sup>36</sup> Yizwi lokukhala kwabelusi, nokuhhewula kwezikhulu zomhlambi, ngokuba uJehova uyachitha idlelo labo,

<sup>37</sup> nezibaya ezithuleyo ziqediwe ngenxa yokufutheka kolaka oluvuthayo lukaJehova.

<sup>38</sup> Uwushiyile umphandu wakhe njengengonyama, ngokuba izwe labo seliyincithakalo ngenxa yokufutheka kwenkamba ecindezelayo nangenxa yokufutheka kolaka lwalo.

## ISAHLUKO 26

**E**kuqaleni kokubusa kukaJehoyakimi indodana kaJosiya, inkosi yakwaJuda, kwafika leli zwi livela kuJehova, lathi:

<sup>2</sup> “Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: Yima egcekeni lendlu kaJehova, ukhulume kuyo yonke imizi yakwaJuda efika ukukhuleka endlini kaJehova onke amazwi engikuyala ukuwakhuluma kubo, ungagodli zwi.

<sup>3</sup> Mhlawumbe bayakulalela, baphenduke, kube yilowo nalowo endleleni yakhe embi, ngibuye kukho okubi ebengicabanga ukukwenza kubo ngenxa yobubi bezenzo zabo.

<sup>4</sup> Uyakuthi kubo: ‘Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: Uma ningangilaleli ukuba nihambe emthethweni wami engiwubeke phambi kobuso benu,

<sup>5</sup> niwalalele amazwi ezinceku zami abaprofethi engibathumile kini, ngibathuma njalonjalo, nina ningalalelanga,

<sup>6</sup> ngiyakwenza le ndlu ibe njengeShilo, nalo muzi ngiyakuwenza ube yisiqalekiso ezizweni zonke zomhlaba.’ ”

<sup>7</sup> Abapristi, nabaprofethi, nabo bonke abantu bezwa uJeremiya ekhuluma lawo mazwi endlini kaJehova.

<sup>8</sup> Kwathi lapho uJeremiya eseqedile ukukhuluma konke uJehova amyale ngakho ukuba akukhulume kubo bonke abantu, abapristi, nabaprofethi, nabantu bonke, bambamba, bathi: “Uyakufa nokufa.

<sup>9</sup> Uprofetheleni egameni likaJehova ukuthi: ‘Le ndlu iyakuba njengeShilo, nalo muzi uyakuchithwa kungabe kusaba khona owuhlalayo,’ na?” Bonke abantu babebuthene kuJeremiya endlini kaJehova.

<sup>10</sup> Izikhulu zakwaJuda zazizwa lezo zinto, zakhuphuka endlini yenkosi, zaya endlini kaJehova, zahlala esikhaleni sesango elisha lendlu kaJehova.

<sup>11</sup> Base bethi abapristi nabaprofethi ezikhulwini nakubo bonke abantu, bathi: “Lo muntu

ufanele ukufa, ngokuba uprofethile ngalo muzi, njengalokho nizwile ngezindlebe zenu.”

<sup>12</sup> Wayesesho uJeremiya kuzo zonke izikhulu nakubo bonke abantu, ethi: “UJehova wangithuma ukuprofetha ngale ndlu nangalo muzi onke amazwi eniwezwileyo.

<sup>13</sup> Ngalokho lungisani izindlela zenu nezenzo zenu, nilalele izwi likaJehova uNkulunkulu wenu, uJehova abuye kukho okubi akukhulume kini.

<sup>14</sup> Kepha mina, bhekani, ngisesandleni senu; yenzani kimi okuhle nokulungile emehlweni enu.

<sup>15</sup> Yazini nokwazi kuphela ukuthi uma ningibulala, niyakwehlisela igazi elingenacala phezu kwenu, naphezu kwalo muzi, naphezu kwabakhileyo kuwo, ngokuba ngeqiniso uJehova ungithume kini ukuba ngikhulume onke lawa mazwi ezindlebeni zenu.”

<sup>16</sup> Zase zithi izikhulu nabo bonke abantu kubo abapristi nakubo abaprofethi: “Lo muntu akafanele ukufa, ngokuba ukhulume kithi egameni likaJehova uNkulunkulu wethu.”

<sup>17</sup> Kwase kusukuma amanye amalunga ezwe, asho kulo lonke ibandla labantu, athi:

<sup>18</sup> “UMika waseMoresheti waprofetha ezinsukwini zikaHezekiya inkosi yakwaJuda, washo kubo bonke abantu bakwaJuda, wathi: ‘Usho kanje uJehova Sebawoti, uthi: “ ‘ISiyoni liyakulinywa njengensimu, iJerusalema libe yincithakalo, intaba yendlu ibe yizindawo eziphakemeyo zamahlathi.’

<sup>19</sup> “UHezekiya inkosi yakwaJuda naye wonke uJuda bambulala impela na? Angithi bamesaba uJehova, bamncenga uJehova, uJehova wabuya kukho okubi ayekukhulume kubo, na? Besiyakwenza okubi okukhulu kuyo imiphefumulo yethu.”

<sup>20</sup> Kwakukhona nomunye umuntu owaprofetha egameni likaJehova, u-Uriya indodana kaShemaya waseKiryathi Jeharimi; waprofetha ngalo muzi nangaleli zwe njengawo onke amazwi kaJeremiya.

<sup>21</sup> Inkosi uJehoyakimi, nawo onke amaqhawe ayo, nazo zonke izikhulu bezwa amazwi akhe; inkosi yafuna ukumbulala; kepha u-Uriya wakuzwa, wesaba, wabaleka, waya eGibithe.

<sup>22</sup> Inkosi uJehoyakimi yayisithuma amadoda eGibithe, u-Elinathani indodana ka-Akibori enamadoda, baye eGibithe.

<sup>23</sup> Bamkhipha u-Uriya eGibithe, bamyisa enkosini uJehoyakimi eyambulala ngenkemba, yasilahla isidumbu sakhe emathuneni abantukazana.

<sup>24</sup> Kepha isandla sika-Ahikamu, indodana kaShafani, sasinoJeremiya ukuba bangamnikeli esandleni sabantu ukumbulala.

## ISAHLUKO 27

**E**kuqaleni kokubusa kukaSedekiya indodana kaJosiya, inkosi yakwaJuda, kwafika leli zwi kuJeremiya livela kuJehova, lathi:

<sup>2</sup> Usho kanje uJehova kimi, uthi: “Zenzele izintambo namajoka, ukubeke entanyeni yakho,

<sup>3</sup> ukuthume enkosini yakwa-Edomi, nasenkosini yakwaMowabi, nasenkosini yabantwana bakwa-Amoni, nasenkosini yaseTire, nasenkosini yaseSidoni ngesandla sezithunywa ezifika eJerusalema kuSedekiya inkosi yakwaJuda,

<sup>4</sup> uziyale ukuba zithi emakhosini azo: ‘Usho kanje uJehova Sebawoti, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: “Niyakusho kanje emakhosini enu, nithi:

<sup>5</sup> Mina ngenzile umhlaba, nomuntu, nesilwane okukhona emhlabeni ngamandla ami amakhulu nangengalo yami eyeluliweyo, ngiwunika lowo ofanele emehlweni ami.

<sup>6</sup> Manje senginikele onke lawa mazwe esandleni sikaNebukadinesari inkosi yaseBabele,

inceku yami; futhi ngiyakumnika izilwane zasendle ukuba zimkhonze.

<sup>7</sup> Zonke izizwe ziyakumkhonza, yena nendodana yakhe, nendodana yendodana yakhe, kuze kufike isikhathi sezwe lakhe, izizwe eziningi namakhosi amakhulu babakhonzise.

<sup>8</sup> “ ‘Kuyakuthi isizwe nombuso okungayikumkhonza yena, uNebukadinesari, inkosi yaseBabele, kungabeki intamo yakho phansi kwejoka lenkosi yaseBabele, leso sizwe ngisijezise, usho uJehova, ngenkemba, nangendlala, nangesifo, ngize ngisiqede ngesandla sakhe.

<sup>9</sup> Kepha nina ningabalaleli abaprofethi benu, nababhuli benu, namaphupho enu, nabahlola imihlola phakathi kwenu, nabalumbi benu abakhuluma kini, bethi: ‘Aniyikuyikhonza inkosi yaseBabele,’

<sup>10</sup> ngokuba baprofetha amanga kini ukuba nesuswe kude nezwe lakini, nginixoshe, niphile.

<sup>11</sup> Kepha isizwe esiyakuyibeka intamo yaso phansi kwejoka lenkosi yaseBabele, siyikhonze, leso ngiyakusiphumuza ezweni laso, usho uJehova, sililime, sihlale kulo.” ’ ”

<sup>12</sup> Ngakhuluma kuSedekiya inkosi yakwaJuda njengawo onke lawa mazwi, ngathi: “Bekani izintamo zenu phansi kwejoka lenkosi yaseBabele, niyikhonze, yona nabantu bayo, niphile.

<sup>13</sup> Niyakufelani wena nabantu bakho ngenkemba, nangendlala, nangesifo, njengalokho uJehova ekhulumile ngesizwe esingayikuyikhonza inkosi yaseBabele, na?

<sup>14</sup> Ningawalaleli amazwi abaprofethi ababesho kini ukuthi: ‘Aniyikuyikhonza inkosi yaseBabele,’ ngokuba baprofetha amanga kini.

<sup>15</sup> ‘Ngokuba angibathumanga,’ usho uJehova; ‘baprofetha amanga ngegama lami ukuze nginixoshe, niphile, nina nabaprofethi abaprofetha kini.’ ”

<sup>16</sup> Ngase ngikhuluma kubapristi nakubo bonke laba bantu, ngithi: “Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: Ningawalaleli amazwi abaprofethi benu abaprofetha kini ukuthi: ‘Bhekani, izitsha zendlu kaJehova ziyakubuyiswa eBabele masinyane.’ Ngokuba baprofetha amanga kini.

<sup>17</sup> Ningabalaleli; khonzani inkosi yaseBabele nize niphile; ubuyakuchithelwani lo muzi na?

<sup>18</sup> Kepha uma bengabaprofethi, uma izwi likaNkulunkulu likubo, mabamnxuse uJehova Sebwoti, ukuba izitsha ezisele endlini kaJehova, nasendlini yenkosi yakwaJuda, naseJerusalema zingayi eBabele.

<sup>19</sup> Ngokuba usho kanje uJehova Sebwoti ngezinsika, nangolwandle, nangezinqe, nangensali yezitsha ezisele kulo muzi,

<sup>20</sup> angazithathanga uNebukadinesari inkosi yaseBabele ekuthumbeni kwakhe uJekoniya indodana kaJehoyakimi, inkosi yakwaJuda, eJerusalema, wamyisa eBabele nabakhulu bonke bakwaJuda nabaseJerusalema;

<sup>21</sup> yebo, usho kanje uJehova Sebwoti, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, ngezitsha ezisele endlini kaJehova, nasendlini yenkosi yakwaJuda, naseJerusalema, uthi:

<sup>22</sup> ‘Ziyakuyiswa eBabele, zibe khona, kuze kufike usuku lokuzihambela kwami,’ usho uJehova. ‘Bese ngizikhuphula, ngizibuyisele kule ndawo.’ ”

## ISAHLUKO 28

**K**wathi ngawona lowo mnyaka ekuqaleni kokubusa kukaSedekiya inkosi yakwaJuda ngomnyaka wesine, ngenyanga yesihlanu, uHananiya indodana ka-Azuri, umprofethi waseGibeyoni, wakhuluma kimi endlini kaJehova phambi kwabapristi nabantu bonke, wathi:

<sup>2</sup> “Usho kanje uJehova Sebwoti, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: ‘Ngilaphulile ijoka lenkosi

yaseBabele.

<sup>3</sup> Ingakapheli iminyaka emibili ngiyakubuyisela kule ndawo zonke izitsha zendlu kaJehova azithatha kule ndawo uNebukadinesari, inkosi yaseBabele, waziyisa eBabele,

<sup>4</sup> ngibuyisele kule ndawo futhi uJekoniya indodana kaJehoyakimi, inkosi yakwaJuda, nabo bonke abathunjwa bakwaJuda abaya eBabele,' usho uJehova, 'ngokuba ngiyakulaphula ijoka lenkosi yaseBabele.' "

<sup>5</sup> Kepha umprofethi uJeremiya wathi kumprofethi uHananiya phambi kwabapristi, nabantu bonke ababemi endaweni kaJehova,

<sup>6</sup> yebo, umprofethi uJeremiya wathi: "Amen, makenze njalo uJehova, awaqinise amazwi akho owaprofethayo, kubuyiswe izitsha zendlu kaJehova nabo bonke abathunjwa eBabele, kulethwe kule ndawo.

<sup>7</sup> Kepha mawuzwe leli zwi engilikhuluma ezindlebeni zakho nasezindlebeni zabantu bonke ngokuthi:

<sup>8</sup> Abaprofethi ababengaphambi kwami nangaphambi kwakho kusukela endulo baprofetha ngamazwe amaningi nangemibuso eminingi, ngezimpi, nangokubi, nangesifo.

<sup>9</sup> Umprofethi oprofetha ngokuthula uyakwaziwa, lapho seligcwalisiwe izwi lomprofethi, uma engumprofethi uJehova amthumileyo impela."

<sup>10</sup> Umprofethi uHananiya wayeselisusa ijoka entanyeni yomprofethi uJeremiya, walaphula.

<sup>11</sup> UHananiya wayesesho phambi kwabo bonke abantu, wathi: "Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: 'Kanjalo ngiyakulaphula ijoka likaNebukadinesari, inkosi yaseBabele ingakapheli iminyaka emibili entanyeni yezizwe zonke.' " Kepha umprofethi uJeremiya wahamba indlela yakhe.

<sup>12</sup> Lase lifika izwi likaJehova kuJeremiya, uHananiya umprofethi eselaphulile ijoka entanyeni yomprofethi uJeremiya, lithi:

<sup>13</sup> "Hamba usho kuHananiya, uthi: 'Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: Uwaphulile amajoka omuthi, kepha uyakwenza amajoka ensimbi esikhundleni sawo.

<sup>14</sup> Ngokuba usho kanje uJehova Sebawoti, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: Ngibeke ijoka lensimbi entanyeni yazo zonke lezi zizwe ukuba zimkhonze uNebukadinesari inkosi yaseBabele; yebo, ziyakumkhonza; futhi ngimnike nezilwane zasendle.' "

<sup>15</sup> Wayesethi umprofethi uJeremiya kuHananiya umprofethi: "Mawuzwe, Hananiya; uJehova kakuthumanga, kepha wena wenza laba bantu ukuba bethembe amanga.

<sup>16</sup> Ngalokho usho kanje uJehova, uthi: 'Bheka, ngiyakukuxosha ebusweni bomhlaba, ufe nonyaka, ngokuba ukhulume ukuhlubuka kuJehova.' "

<sup>17</sup> Wafa-ke uHananiya umprofethi ngawona lowo mnyaka ngenyanga yesikhombisa.

## ISAHLUKO 29

**N**anka amazwi encwadi uJeremiya, umprofethi, ayithumayo eseJerusalema kuyo insali yamalunga athunjiweyo, nakubapristi, nakubaprofethi, nakubo bonke abantu ayebathumbile uNebukadinesari eJerusalema, wabayisa eBabele,

<sup>2</sup> sebesukile uJekoniya inkosi, nendlovukazi, nabathenwa, nezikhulu zakwaJuda nezaseJerusalema, nezinyanga zomsebenzi, nabakhandi eJerusalema,

<sup>3</sup> ngesandla sika-Eleyasa indodana kaShafani noGemariya indodana kaHilikiya abathunywa nguSedekiya, inkosi yakwaJuda, eBabele kuNebukadinesari inkosi yaseBabele, athi:

<sup>4</sup> Usho kanje uJehova Sebawoti, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, kubo bonke abathunjwa



engibenzile ukuba bathunjwe eJerusalema, bayiswe eBabele, uthi:

<sup>5</sup> “Yakhani izindlu, nihlale kuzo; tshalani amasimu, nidle izithelo zawo;

<sup>6</sup> thathani abafazi, nizale amadodana namadodakazi; thathelani amadodana enu abafazi, nendise amadodakazi enu emadodeni ukuba azale amadodana namadodakazi, nande khona, ninganciphi.

<sup>7</sup> Funani ukuthula komuzi lapho nginithumbele khona, niwukhulekele kuJehova, ngokuba ekuthuleni kwawo niyakuba nokuthula.”

<sup>8</sup> Ngokuba usho kanje uJehova Sebawoti, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi:

“Maningakhohliswa ngabaprofethi abaphakathi kwenu nababhuli benu, ningawalaleli amaphupho enu eniwaphuphayo.

<sup>9</sup> Ngokuba baprofetha amanga egameni lami; angibathumanga,” usho uJehova.

<sup>10</sup> Ngokuba usho kanje uJehova, uthi: “Lapho iminyaka engamashumi ayisikhombisa isiphelile eBabele, ngiyakunihambela, ngiqinise phezu kwenu izwi lami elihle ngokunibuyisela kule ndawo.

<sup>11</sup> Ngokuba ngiyazi mina imicabango engiyicabanga ngani,” usho uJehova, “imicabango yokuthula kungengeyobubi ukuba ngininike isikhathi esizayo nethemba.

<sup>12</sup> Niyakungibiza, niye ukukhuleka kimi, ngiyakunizwa.

<sup>13</sup> Niyakungifuna, ningifumane, lapho ningifunisisa ngenhliziyo yenu yonke.

<sup>14</sup> Ngiyakufunyanwa yinina,” usho uJehova, “ngibuyise ukuthunjwa kwenu, nginibuthe ezizweni zonke nasezindaweni zonke lapho nginixoshele khona,” usho uJehova, “nginibuyisele endaweni enganenza ukuba nithunjwe kuyo.”

<sup>15</sup> Ngokuba nishilo ukuthi: “UJehova usivusele abaprofethi eBabele.”

<sup>16</sup> Ngokuba usho kanje uJehova ngenkosi ehlezi esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaDavide nangabo bonke abantu abahlala kulo muzi, abafowenu abangayanga nani ekuthunjweni,

<sup>17</sup> yebo, usho uJehova Sebawoti, uthi: “Bhekani, ngiyakuthuma kubo inkemba, nendlala, nesifo, ngibenze babe njengamakhwane amabi angenakudliwa ngobubi bawo.

<sup>18</sup> Ngiyakubalandela ngenkemba, nangendlala, nangesifo, ngibenze babe yingebhe emibusweni yonke yomhlaba, babe yisiqalekiso, nesimangaliso, nento encimfelwayo, nehlazo ezizweni zonke engibaxoshele kuzo,

<sup>19</sup> ngokuba abawalalelanga amazwi ami,” usho uJehova, “engawathuma kubo ngezinceku zami abaprofethi, ngibathuma njalonjalo; yebo, kanilalelanga,” usho uJehova.

<sup>20</sup> Kepha yizwani manje izwi likaJehova nina nonke bathunjwa, enginithumile eBabele niphuma eJerusalema.

<sup>21</sup> Usho kanje uJehova Sebawoti, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, ngo-Ahabi indodana kaKholaya nangoSedekiya indodana kaMahaseya abaprofetha amanga kini egameni lami, uthi:

“Bheka, ngiyakubanikela esandleni sikaNebukadinesari inkosi yaseBabele; uyakubabulala phambi kwamehlo enu.

<sup>22</sup> Kubona kuyakuthathwa isiqalekiso yibo bonke abathunjwa bakwaJuda abaseBabele ngokuthi: ‘UJehova makakwenze ukuba ube njengoSedekiya no-Ahabi abosiwa ngomlilo yinkosi yaseBabele,’

<sup>23</sup> ngokuba benzile ubuwula kwa-Israyeli, baphinga nabafazi babakhelwane babo, bakhuluma amazwi amanga egameni lami engingabayalanga ngawo; yimi engikwaziyo, ngingufakazi,” usho uJehova.

<sup>24</sup> KuShemaya waseNehelamu uyakusho ukuthi:

<sup>25</sup> “Usho kanje uJehova Sebawoti, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: Ngenxa yokuba uthumile egameni lakho izincwadi kubo bonke abantu baseJerusalema, nakuZefaniya indodana kaMahaseya, umpristi, nakubo bonke abapristi, ngokuthi:



- <sup>26</sup> 'UJehova ukubeke umpriesti esikhundleni sikaJehoyada umpriesti ukuba nibe yizinduna zabo bonke abantu abahlanyayo nabaprofethayo endlini kaJehova ukuze ubafake esitokisini nasemaketangeni;
- <sup>27</sup> manje awumsolanga ngani uJeremiya wase-Anathoti, oprofetha kini na?
- <sup>28</sup> Ngokuba ngalokho uthumile kithi eBabele, wathi: Kuse kude; yakhani izindlu, nihlale kuzo; tshalani amasimu, nidle izithelo zawo.' "
- <sup>29</sup> UZefaniya umpriesti wayifunda le ncwadi ezindlebeni zikaJeremiya umprofethi.
- <sup>30</sup> Lase lifika izwi likaJehova kuJeremiya, lithi:
- <sup>31</sup> "Thuma kubo bonke abathunjwa, uthi: 'Usho kanje uJehova ngoShemaya waseNehelamu, uthi: Ngenxa yokuba uShemaya eprofethile kini, mina ngingamthumile, wanenza ukuba nethembe emangeni,
- <sup>32</sup> ngalokho usho kanje uJehova, uthi: Bhokani, ngiyakumhambela uShemaya waseNehelamu nenzalo yakhe; akayikuba namuntu oyakuhlala phakathi kwalaba bantu, angaboni okuhle engiyakwenzela khona abantu bami, usho uJehova, ngokuba ukhulume ukuhlubuka kuJehova.' "

## ISAHLUKO 30

**I**zwi elafika kuJeremiya livela kuJehova, lathi:

- <sup>2</sup> "Usho kanje uJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: 'Loba encwadini onke amazwi engiwakhulume kuwe.
- <sup>3</sup> Ngokuba bheka, izinsuku ziyeza,' usho uJehova, 'lapho ngiyakubuyisa ukuthunjwa kwabantu bami o-Israyeli noJuda,' usho uJehova, 'ngibabuyisele ezweni engalinika oyise ukuba balidle.' "
- <sup>4</sup> Nanka amazwi uJehova awakhulumayo ngo-Israyeli nangoJuda.
- <sup>5</sup> "Ngokuba usho kanje uJehova, uthi: " 'Sizwile izwi lokuthuthumela, elokwesaba kungengelokuthula.
- <sup>6</sup> Ake nibuze, nibone, uma owesilisa wake wabeletha na? Ngibonelani onke amadoda enezandla zawo ezinkalweni njengobelethayo, ubuso bonke buphaphathekile, na?
- <sup>7</sup> Maye, lukhulu lolo suku, alukho olunjengalo! Kuyisikhathi sokuhlupheka kukaJakobe, kepha uyakusindiswa kukho.
- <sup>8</sup> " 'Kuyakuthi ngalolo suku,' usho uJehova Sebwoti, 'ngilaphule ijoka entanyeni yabo, ngigqabule izibopho zabo, abafokazi bangabe besabakhonzisa,
- <sup>9</sup> kepha bakhonze uJehova uNkulunkulu wabo, noDavide inkosi yabo engiyakubavusela yena.
- <sup>10</sup> " 'Ungesabi wena Jakobe, nceku yami,' usho uJehova, 'ungapheli amandla, Israyeli, ngokuba bheka, ngiyakukusindisa usekude, nenzalo yakho ezweni lokuthunjwa kwayo; uJakobe uyakubuya, aphumule, agcineke, angesatshiswa muntu.
- <sup>11</sup> Ngokuba mina nginawe,' usho uJehova, 'ukuba ngikusindise, ngokuba ngiyakuqeda ngokupheleleyo zonke izizwe engikuhlakazele kuzo, kepha wena angiyikukuqeda, kodwa ngiyakukulaya ngokwahlulela, ngingakwenzi ube ngongenacala.'
- <sup>12</sup> "Ngokuba usho kanje uJehova, uthi: " 'Ukulimala kwakho akunakuphulukiswa, nesilonda sakho sinzima.
- <sup>13</sup> Akakho omela icala lakho ukuba uboshwe; umuthi wokuphilisa awunawo.
- <sup>14</sup> Zonke izithandwa zakho zikukhohliwe, azisakufuni, ngokuba ngikushayile ngokushaywa kwezitha, ngokulaywa kononya, ngenxa yobuningi bokona kwakho, nangokuba izono

zakho zandile.

**15** Ukhalelani ngokulimala kwakho ukuthi ubuhlungu bakho abunakuphulukiswa na? Ngenxa yobuningi bokona kwakho nangokuba izono zakho zandile ngenze lokho kuwe.

**16** “ ‘Ngalokho bonke abakudlayo bayakudliwa, nabo bonke abamelene nawe bayakuthunjwa bonkana, nabakuphangayo bayakuphangwa, nabo bonke abakwamukayo ngiyakubanikela ukuba bamukwe.

**17** Ngokuba ngiyakubuyisela ukuphila kuwe, ngelaphe izilonda zakho,’ usho uJehova, ‘ngokuba bakubize ngokuthi Oxoshiweyo neSiyoni elingafunwa muntu.’

**18** “Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: “ ‘Bheka, ngiyakukubuyisa ukuthunjwa kwamatende kaJakobe, ngiwahawukele amakhaya akhe; umuzi uyakwakhiwa edumeni lawo, indlu yamakhosi ihlale njengokufaneleyo.

**19** Kuyakuphuma kubo udumiso nezwi labathokozayo; ngiyakubenza babe baningi, bangabi ngabayingcosana, ngibadumise, bangeyiswa.

**20** Abantwana bakhe bayakuba njengakuqala, ibandla lakhe lime phambi kwami, ngijezise bonke abamcindezelayo.

**21** Isikhulu sakhe siyakuba ngesiphuma kuye, nombusi wakhe uyakuvela phakathi kwakhe; ngiyakumsondeza, asondele kimi, ngokuba ngubani oke waba nesibindi sokusondela kimi na?’ usho uJehova.

**22** “ ‘Niyakuba ngabantu bami, mina ngibe nguNkulunkulu wenu.’ ”

**23** Bheka, isivunguvungu sikaJehova! Ukufutheka kwakhe kuphumile, isivunguvungu esichithayo; siyakwehlela phezu kwamakhanda ababi.

**24** Ukufutheka okuvuthayo kukaJehova akuyikubuya, aze enze, aze afeze umgomo wenhliziyo yakhe; ezinsukwini zokugcina niyakukuqonda.

## ISAHLUKO 31

**“N**galeso sikhathi,” usho uJehova, “ngiyakuba nguNkulunkulu wemindeni yonke yakwa-Israyeli, yona ibe ngabantu bami.”

**2** Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: “Abantu abasele enkembeni bafumana umusa ehlane, lapho u-Israyeli eya khona ukuthola ukuphumula kwakhe.”

**3** UJehova wabonakala kimi ekude, wathi: “Ngikuthandile ngothando oluphakade; ngalokho ngikudonsile ngomusa.

**4** Ngiyakubuye ngikwakhe, wakheke wena ntombi ka-Israyeli; uyakubuye uvunuliswe ngezigubhu zakho, uphumele ekusineni kwabathokozayo.

**5** Uyakubuye utshale izivini ezintabeni zaseSamariya; abatshali bayakuzitshala, badle izithelo zazo.

**6** Ngokuba kuyakuba khona usuku abayakumemeza ngalo abalindi entabeni yakwa-Efrayimi ukuthi: ‘Sukani, sikhuphukele eSiyoni kuJehova uNkulunkulu wethu.’ ”

**7** Ngokuba usho kanje uJehova, uthi: “Hlabelelani kuJakobe ngokujabula, nimemezele inhloko yezizwe, nizwakalise, nidumise nithi: ‘Jehova, sindisa abantu bakho, insali yakwa-Israyeli.’

**8** Bheka, ngiyakubabuyisa ezweni lasenyakatho, ngibabuthe emikhawulweni yomhlaba, okuphakathi kwabo kuyizimpumputhe nezinyonga, abakhulelweyo nababelethayo kanyekanye, babuyele lapha beyibandla elikhulu.

**9** Bayakufika bekhala, ngibahambise bekhuleka, ngibayise emifuleni yamanzi ngendlela eqondileyo abangayikhubeka kuyo, ngokuba nginguyise ka-Israyeli, no-Efrayimi

uyizibulo lami.

**10** “Zwanini izwi likaJehova nina zizwe, nilimemeze eziqhingini ezikude, nithi: ‘Owamhlakaza u-Israyeli uyakumbutha amlondoloze njengomalusi umhlambi wakhe.’

**11** Ngokuba uJehova umhlawulele uJakobe, wamhlenga esandleni sonamandla kunaye.

**12** Bayakufika, bahlabelele ngokujabula ekuphakameni kwaseSiyoni, bagobhozele kukho okuhle kukaJehova, yebo, emabeleni, nasewayinini, nasemafutheni, nakuwo amazinyane ezimvu nawezinkomo, umphefumulo wabo ube njengensimu eniselweyo, bangabe besaba nosizi futhi.

**13** Khona intombi iyakuthokoza ekusineni, nezinsizwa nabadala kanyekanye; ngiyakuphendula ukukhala kwabo kube ngokujabula, ngibaduduze, ngibathokozise, bangabe besaba nosizi.

**14** Ngiyakudelisa umphefumulo wabapristi ngamanoni, abantu bami basuthe ngokuhle kwami,” usho uJehova.

**15** Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: “Izwi liyezwakala eRama, ukulila nokukhala okumunyu, uRaheli ekhalela abantwana bakhe; uyala ukududuzwa ngabantwana bakhe, ngokuba abasekho.”

**16** Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: “Bamba izwi lakho, ungakhali, amehlo akho angabi nazinyembezi, ngokuba umsebenzi wakho uyakuba nomvuzo,” usho uJehova, “babuye ezweni lesitha.

**17** Kukhona ithemba lokugcina kwakho,” usho uJehova; “abantwana bayakubuyela emikhawulweni yabo.

**18** “Ngimzwile nokumuzwa u-Efrayimi ezidabukela, ethi: ‘Ungishayile, ngashaywa njengethole elingajwayele ijoka; ngibuyise ukuba ngibuye, ngokuba wena unguJehova uNkulunkulu wami.

**19** Impela lapho sengibuyisiwe, ngazisola, nalapho ngifundisiwe, ngashaya ithanga lami, ngaba namahloni, yebo, ngajabha, ngokuba ngathwala ihlazo lobusha bami.’

**20** U-Efrayimi uyindodana yami yini eyigugu kimi, ungumntwana othandekayo na? Ngokuba njalo lapho ngikhuluma okubi ngaye, ngisamkhumbula nokumkhumbula; ngalokho izibilini zami ziyamhawukela; ngiyakuba nesihe impela kuye,” usho uJehova.

**21** “Zibekele amatshe, zimisele iziqondiso zendlela; yibeke inhliziyo yakho emendweni, indlela owahamba ngayo; buya, ntombi yakwa-Israyeli, ubuyele kule mizi yakho.

**22** Koze kube nini uhambahamba wena ndodakazi ehlobukayo na? Ngokuba uJehova udalile into entsha emhlabeni: owesifazane uyakuyihaqa indoda.”

**23** Usho kanje uJehova Sebawoti, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: “Bayakubuye basho leli zwi ezweni lakwaJuda nasemizini yalo, lapho ngibuyisa ukuthunjwa kwabo, lokuthi: ‘UJehova makakubuyise wena khaya lokulunga, ntaba yobungcwele.’

**24** UJuda nayo yonke imizi yakhe bayakuhlala kulo ndawonye, abalimi nabahamba nemihlambi.

**25** Ngokuba nganelisile imiphefumulo eyethileyo, ngigcwalisile yonke imiphefumulo enosizi.”

**26** Kulokhu ngase ngivuka, ngabheka; ubuthongo bami babumnandi kimi.

**27** “Bheka, izinsuku ziyeza,” usho uJehova, “lapho ngiyakuhlwaneyela indlu ka-Israyeli nendlu kaJuda ngembewu yabantu nangembewu yezinkomo.

**28** Kuyakuthi njengalokhu ngibalindile ukuba ngibasiphule, ngibadilize, ngibabhidlize, ngibachithe, ngibahluphe, kanjalo ngiyakubalinda ukuba ngibakhe, ngibatshale,” usho uJehova.

**29** “Ngalezo zinsuku abasayikusho ukuthi: “ ‘Oyise badlile izithelo zomvini ezimuncu,

amazinyo abantwana aba bushelezi.’

<sup>30</sup> “Ngokuba yilowo nalowo uyakufa ngobubi bakhe; bonke abantu abazidla izithelo zomvini ezimuncu amazinyo abo ayakuba buthuntu.

<sup>31</sup> “Bheka, izinsuku ziyeza,” usho uJehova, “lapho ngiyakwenza isivumelwano esisha nendlu ka-Israyeli nendlu kaJuda,

<sup>32</sup> kungenjengesivumelwano engasenzayo nawoyise mhla ngibabamba ngesandla ukubakhipha ezweni laseGibithe, isivumelwano sami abasaphula noma ngangiyinkosi yabo,” usho uJehova.

<sup>33</sup> “Kepha yilesi esiyisivumelwano engizakusenza nendlu ka-Israyeli emva kwalezo zinsuku,” usho uJehova: “ngiyakufaka umthetho wami ezibilinini zabo, ngiwulobe ezinhliziyweni zabo, ngibe nguNkulunkulu wabo, bona babe ngabantu bami;

<sup>34</sup> abasayikufundisana, kube yilowo nalowo umakhelwane wakhe, kube yilowo nalowo umfowabo, ngokuthi: ‘Yazi uJehova,’ ngokuba bonke bayakungazi, kusukela kwabancane kuya kwabakhulu babo,” usho uJehova, “ngokuba ngiyakuthethelela ububi babo, nesono sabo angisayikusikhumbula.”

<sup>35</sup> Usho kanje uJehova obeka ilanga libe ngukukhanya emini, nezimiso zenyanga nezezinkanyezi zokuba zibe ngukukhanya ebusuku, ovusa ulwandle ukuba kuhlokome amaza alo, ogama lakhe linguJehova Sebawoti, uthi:

<sup>36</sup> “Uma lezi zimiso zisuka ebusweni bami,” usho uJehova, “yilapho inzalo yakwa-Israyeli iyakuphela, ingabe isaba yisizwe phambi kwami kuze kube nanini.”

<sup>37</sup> Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: “Uma izulu lilinganiswa phezulu, nezisekelo zomhlaba zivivinywa ngaphansi, khona mina ngiyakuyilahla yonke inzalo yakwa-Israyeli ngakho konke abakwenzileyo,” usho uJehova.

<sup>38</sup> “Bheka, izinsuku ziyeza,” usho uJehova, “lapho uJehova eyakwakhelwa umuzi, kusukela embhoshongweni kaHananeli kuze kube seSangweni Lasegumbini.

<sup>39</sup> Umucu wokulinganisa usezakuphuma, ufinyeleliswe uze uqondane negquma laseGarebi, ujike uze ufike eGowa.

<sup>40</sup> Sonke isigodi sezidumbu, nesomlotha, nawo onke amasimu kuze kube semfudlaneni iKidroni, kuze kufike egumbini leSango Lehashi ngasempumalanga kuyakuba ngcwele kuJehova, kungabe kusasishulwa, kubhidlizwe kuze kube phakade.”

## ISAHLUKO 32

**I**zwi elafika kuJeremiya livela kuJehova ngomnyaka weshumi kaSedekiya inkosi yakwaJuda, owawungumnyaka weshumi nesishiyagalombili kaNebukadinesari.

<sup>2</sup> Ngaleso sikhathi impi yenkosi yaseBabele yalivimbezela iJerusalema; uJeremiya umprofethi wayevalelwe egcekeni letilongo elalisendlini yenkosi yakwaJuda,

<sup>3</sup> lapho uSedekiya inkosi yakwaJuda ebemvalele khona ngokuthi: “Uprofethelani uthi: ‘Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: Bheka, ngiyakuwunikela lo muzi esandleni senkosi yaseBabele, iwuthathe,

<sup>4</sup> uSedekiya inkosi yakwaJuda angaphunyuki esandleni samaKaledi, kepha anikelwe nokunikelwa esandleni senkosi yaseBabele, akhulume nayo umlomo nomlomo, amehlo akhe awabone amehlo ayo,

<sup>5</sup> yona imyise uSedekiya eBabele, abe khona lapho ngize ngimhambele, usho uJehova; noma nilwa namaKaledi, aniyikuphumelela na?’ ”

<sup>6</sup> UJeremiya wathi: “Izwi likaJehova lafika kimi, lathi:

<sup>7</sup> Bheka, uHanameli indodana kaShalumi uyihlokazi uyakufika kuwe, athi: ‘Zithengele

insimu yami ese-Anathoti, ngokuba ilungelo lokuyihlenga lingelakho ukuba uyithenge.’

<sup>8</sup> “Wayesefika kimi uHanameli indodana kababekazi egcekeni letilongo njengezwi likaJehova, wathi kimi: ‘Ake uyithenge insimu yami ese-Anathoti elisezweni lakwaBenjamini, ngokuba ilungelo lefa lingelakho, nokuhlenga kungokwakho; zithengele lona.’ “Ngase ngazi ukuthi leli zwi lavela kuJehova.

<sup>9</sup> Ngayithenga insimu ese-Anathoti kuHanameli indodana kababekazi, ngamlinganisela imali, amashekeli ayishumi nesikhombisa esiliva.

<sup>10</sup> Ngaloba incwadi, ngayinamathelisa, ngazifakazisela, ngamlinganisela imali ngesilinganiso.

<sup>11</sup> Ngayithatha incwadi yokuthenga, enamathelisiweyo enemithetho nezimiso, nevulekileyo,

<sup>12</sup> nganikela incwadi yokuthenga kuBaruki indodana kaNeriya kaMahaseya ngaphambi kukaHanameli indodana kababekazi naphambi kofakazi ababelobe incwadi yokuthenga naphambi kwabo bonke abaJuda ababehlala egcekeni letilongo.

<sup>13</sup> “Ngamyala uBaruki phambi kwabo, ngathi:

<sup>14</sup> ‘Usho kanje uJehova Sebawoti, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: Thatha lezi zincwadi, le ncwadi yokuthenga enamathelisiweyo nale ncwadi evulekileyo, uzifake ezitsheni zebumba ukuba zihlale izinsuku eziningi.

<sup>15</sup> Ngokuba usho kanje uJehova Sebawoti, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: Kuyakubuye kuthengwe izindlu namasimu nezivini kuleli zwe.’

<sup>16</sup> “Sengiyinike uBaruki indodana kaNeriya incwadi yokuthenga ngakhuleka kuJehova, ngathi:

<sup>17</sup> “E, Nkosi Jehova, bheka, wena wenzile izulu nomhlaba ngamandla akho amakhulu nangengalo yakho eyeluliweyo; akukho lutho olukwahlulayo

<sup>18</sup> wena owenza umusa kubo abayizinkulungwane, ophindisela ububi bawoyise esifubeni sabantwana babo emva kwabo, ogama lakho linguNkulunkulu omkhulu oyiqhawe, uJehova Sebawoti,

<sup>19</sup> omkhulu emaswini, onamandla ezenzweni, omehlo akho avulekele zonke izindlela zabantu ukuba unike, kube yilowo nalowo njengezindlela zakhe nanjengezithelo zemisebenzi yakhe;

<sup>20</sup> owamisa izibonakaliso nezimangaliso ezweni laseGibithe kuze kube namuhla nakwa-Israyeli naphakathi kwabanye abantu, wazenzela igama njenganamuhla,

<sup>21</sup> wabakhipha abantu bakho u-Israyeli ezweni laseGibithe ngezibonakaliso nangezimangaliso, nangesandla esinamandla, nangengalo eyeluliweyo, nangengebhe enkulu,

<sup>22</sup> wabanika leli zwe, njengalokho afunga koyise ukubanika lona, izwe elichichima ubisi nezinyosi;

<sup>23</sup> bangena balidla, kepha kabalilalelanga izwi lakho, abahambanga emthethweni wakho, abenzanga lutho lwakho konke owabayala ngakho ukuba bakwenze; ngalokho ubehlisele konke lokhu okubi.

<sup>24</sup> “Bheka, amaduli asefike emzini ukuba umuzi uthathwe; ngenxa yenkemba nendlala nesifo umuzi unikelwe esandleni samaKaledi alwa nawo; kwenzekile owakukhulumayo; bheka, usuyakubona.

<sup>25</sup> Wena Nkosi Jehova, noma umuzi unikelwe esandleni samaKaledi, washo kimi, wathi: ‘Zithengele insimu ngemali, uzifakazisele.’ ”

<sup>26</sup> Lase lifika izwi likaJehova kuJeremiya, lithi:

<sup>27</sup> “Bheka, nginguJehova uNkulunkulu wenyama yonke, kukhona okungahlulayo na?

- <sup>28</sup> Ngelokho usho kanje uJehova, uthi: Bheka, ngiyakuwunikela lo muzi esandleni samaKaledi nasesandleni sikaNebukadinesari, inkosi yaseBabele, awuthathe.
- <sup>29</sup> AmaKaledi alwa nalo muzi ayakufika, awuthungele lo muzi ngomlilo, awushise kanye nalezo zindlu abashisele uBali impepho phezu kwezimpahla zazo, bathululela abanye onkulunkulu iminikelo yokuphuzwa ukuba bangicunule.
- <sup>30</sup> “Ngokuba abantwana bakwa-Israyeli nabantwana bakwaJuda benzile okubi kuphela emehlweni ami kwasebuntwaneni babo, ngokuba abantwana bakwa-Israyeli bangicunulile kuphela ngemisebenzi yezandla zabo, usho uJehova.
- <sup>31</sup> Ngokuba lo muzi uvuse intukuthelo yami nokufutheka kwami, kusukela osukwini abawakha ngalo kuze kube namuhla, ukuba ngiwususe ebusweni bami,
- <sup>32</sup> ngenxa yakho konke okubi kwabantwana bakwa-Israyeli nabantwana bakwaJuda abakwenzileyo ukuba bangicunule, bona namakhosi abo, nezikhulu zabo, nabapristi babo, nabaprofethi babo, namadoda akwaJuda, nabakhileyo eJerusalema.
- <sup>33</sup> Bangifulathele, abangibhekanga; noma ngabafundisa ngibaxwayisa njalonjalo, abalalelanga ukuba bamukele ukulaywa.
- <sup>34</sup> Kepha bazibeka izinengiso zabo endlini ebizwa ngegama lami ukuba bayingcolise.
- <sup>35</sup> Bazakha izindawo eziphakemeyo zikaBali ezisesigodini sendodana kaHinomu ukuba badabulise amadodana abo namadodakazi abo emlilweni kuMoloki, engingabayalanga ngakho, nokungangenanga enhliziyweni ukuthi bayakusenza lesi sinengiso ukuze bamonise uJuda.
- <sup>36</sup> “Ngalokho manje usho kanje uJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli ngalo muzi enithi ngawo: ‘Unikelwe esandleni senkosi yaseBabele ngenkemba, nangendlala, nangesifo,’ uthi:
- <sup>37</sup> Bheka, ngiyakubabutha emazweni onke lapho ngibaxoshele khona ngentukuthelo yami, nangokufutheka kwami, nangolaka olukhulu, ngibabuyisele kule ndawo, ngibenze ukuba bahlale belondekile,
- <sup>38</sup> babe ngabantu bami, mina ngibe nguNkulunkulu wabo,
- <sup>39</sup> ngibanike inhliziyonye nendlelanye ukuba bangesabe zonke izinsuku, kube kuhle kubo nakubantwana babo emva kwabo.
- <sup>40</sup> Ngiyakwenza nabo isivumelwano esiphakade, ukuze ngingabuyi ekubalandeleni, ngibenzele okuhle, ngibeke ezinhliziyweni zabo ukungesaba, ukuze bangasuki kimi.
- <sup>41</sup> Ngiyakuthokoza ngabo, ngibenzele okuhle, ngibatshale ngeqiniso kuleli zwe ngayo yonke inhliziyoyi yami nangawo wonke umphefumulo wami.
- <sup>42</sup> “Ngokuba usho kanje uJehova, uthi: Njengalokhu ngehlisele phezu kwalaba bantu konke lokhu okubi, kanjalo ngiyakubehlisela konke okuhle engikukhulume kubo.
- <sup>43</sup> Amasimu ayakuthengwa kuleli zwe enisho ngalo ukuthi liyincithakalo, lapho kungekho muntu nazilwane khona, nokuthi linikelwe esandleni samaKaledi.
- <sup>44</sup> Amasimu ayakuthengwa ngemali, kulotshwe encwadini, kunamatheliswe, kufakazelwe ngofakazi ezweni lakwaBenjamini, nasemaphethelweni aseJerusalema, nasemizini yakwaJuda, nasemizini yasezintabeni, nasemizini yasehlanzeni, nasemizini yaseningizimu, ngokuba ngiyakukubuyisa ukuthunjwa kwabo, usho uJehova.”

## ISAHLUKO 33

**I**zwi likaJehova lafika kuJeremiya ngokwesibili, esavalelwe egcekeni letilongo, lathi:

- <sup>2</sup> “Usho kanje uJehova okwenzayo, uJehova okubumbayo ukuba akuqinise, nguJehova igama lakhe, uthi:



- <sup>3</sup> ‘Ngibize, ngiyakukuphendula, ngikutshele izinto ezinkulu nezifihlekileyo ongazaziyo.’
- <sup>4</sup> Ngokuba usho kanje uJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli ngezindlu zalo muzi nangezindlu zamakhosi akwaJuda ezidilizelwe ukuzivikela kuwo amaduli nenkemba, uthi:
- <sup>5</sup> ‘Bafika ukulwa namaKaledi, bazigcwalisa ngezidumbu zabantu engibabulele ngentukuthelo yami nangokufutheka kwami, nengifihlele lo muzi ubuso bami ngenxa yabo bonke ububi babo.
- <sup>6</sup> “ ‘Bheka, ngiyakuwulethela impilo nokuphulukiswa, ngibelaphe, ngibambulele ukuthula nokulondeka okuningi.
- <sup>7</sup> Ngiyakukubuyisa ukuthunjwa kukaJuda nokuthunjwa kuka-Israyeli, ngibakhe njengakuqala.
- <sup>8</sup> Ngiyakubahlambulula kubo bonke ububi babo abone ngabo kimi, ngithethelele zonke izono zabo abone ngazo kimi nabaphambuke kimi ngazo.
- <sup>9</sup> Umuzi uyakuba yigama lokujabula kimi, nelodumo, nelendumiso ngaphambi kwezizwe zonke zomhlaba eziyakuzwa konke okuhle engibenzela khona, zesabe, zithuthumele ngakho konke okuhle nangakho konke ukuthula engiwenzela khona.’
- <sup>10</sup> “Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: ‘Kuyakubuye kuzwakale kule ndawo enithi ngayo ichithekile, ayinamuntu nazilwane, nasemizini yakwaJuda nasezitaladini zaseJerusalema ezichithekileyo ezingenamuntu nazilwane,
- <sup>11</sup> izwi lokujabula nezwi lokuthokoza, izwi lomyeni nezwi lomakoti, izwi labathi: “ ‘ ‘Bongani uJehova Sebawoti, ngokuba uJehova muhle, ngokuba umusa wakhe umi phakade,” “ ‘nelabaletha iminikelo yokubonga endlini kaJehova. Ngokuba ngiyakukubuyisa ukuthunjwa kwezwe njengakuqala,’ usho uJehova.
- <sup>12</sup> “Usho kanje uJehova Sebawoti, uthi: ‘Kuyakubuye kube khona kule ndawo echithekileyo, engenamuntu nazilwane, nakuyo yonke imizi yayo ikhaya labelusi abenza ukuba izimvu zabo zibuthise.
- <sup>13</sup> Emizini yasezintabeni, nasemizini yasehlanzeni, nasemizini yaseningizimu, nasezweni lakwaBenjamini, nasemaphethelweni aseJerusalema, nasemizini yakwaJuda izimvu ziyakubuye zidlule phansi kwezandla zozibalayo,’ usho uJehova.
- <sup>14</sup> “ ‘Bheka, izinsuku ziyeza,’ usho uJehova, ‘engiyakuliqinisa ngazo izwi elihle engilikhulume ngendlu ka-Israyeli nangendlu kaJuda.
- <sup>15</sup> “ ‘Ngalezo zinsuku nangaleso sikhathi ngiyakuhlumisela uDavide iHlumela Lokulunga; liyakwenza ukwahlulela nokulunga emhlabeni.
- <sup>16</sup> Ngalezo zinsuku uJuda uyakusindiswa, neJerusalema liyakuhlala lilondekile; yileli gama eliyakubizwa ngalo, elithi: UJEHOVA UNGUKULUNGA KWETHU.’
- <sup>17</sup> “Ngokuba usho kanje uJehova, uthi: ‘Akuyikunqunywa kuDavide umuntu oyakuhlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sendlu ka-Israyeli,
- <sup>18</sup> kunganqunywa futhi kubapristi amaLevi umuntu phambi kwami oyakunikela ngeminikelo yokushiswa, ashise iminikelo yempuphu, anikele ngemihlatshelo izinsuku zonke.’ ”
- <sup>19</sup> Izwi likaJehova lafika kuJeremiya, lathi:
- <sup>20</sup> “Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: ‘Uma naphula isivumelwano sami semini nesivumelwano sami sobusuku, kuze kungabikho imini nobusuku ngesikhathi sakho,
- <sup>21</sup> khona isivumelwano sami noDavide inceku yami siyakwaphulwa ukuze angabi nandodana yokubusa esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi, kanye namaLevi abapristi, izikhonzi zami.
- <sup>22</sup> Njengebandla lasezulwini lingenakubalwa, nesihlabathi solwandle singenakulinganiswa, kanjalo ngiyakwandisa inzalo kaDavide inceku yami namaLevi



angikhonzayo.’ ”

**23** Izwi likaJehova labuye lafika kuJeremiya, lathi:

**24** “Awunakanga yini abakukhulumileyo laba bantu, bethi: ‘Imindeni yomibili ayikhethayo uyilahile’ na? Base bebadelela abantu bami, baze bangabe besaba yisizwe ngaphambi kwabo.

**25** Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: ‘Uma isivumelwano sami semini nesobusuku singemi, ngingamisanga izimiso zezulu nomhlaba,

**26** ngiyakulahla inzalo kaJakobe nekaDavide inceku yami, ukuze ngingathathi enzalweni yakhe ababusi benzalo ka-Abrahama, neka-Isaka, nekaJakobe, ngokuba ngiyakukubuyisa ukuthunjwa kwabo, ngibahawukele.’ ”

## ISAHLUKO 34

Izwi elafika kuJeremiya livela kuJehova, lapho uNebukadinesari, inkosi yaseBabele, nayo yonke impi yakhe, nayo yonke imibuso yomhlaba ebuswa yisandla sakhe, nabantu bonke belwa neJerusalema nayo yonke imizi yalo, lathi:

**2** “Usho kanje uJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: Hamba usho kuSedekiya inkosi yakwaJuda, uthi kuye: ‘Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: Bheka, ngiyakuwunikela lo muzi esandleni senkosi yaseBabele, iwushise ngomlilo.

**3** Awuyikuphunyuka esandleni sayo; uyakubanjwa nokubanjwa, unikelwe esandleni sayo; amehlo akho ayakubheka amehlo enkosi yaseBabele, ikhulume nawe umlomo nomlomo; uyakuya eBabele.

**4** “ ‘Kepha yizwa izwi likaJehova, Sedekiya, nkosi yakwaJuda. Usho kanje uJehova ngawe, uthi: Awuyikufa ngenkamba;

**5** uyakufa ngokuthula; njengokushiselwa kwawoyihlo, amakhosi okuqala ayengaphambi kwakho, kanjalo bayakukushisela wena, bakulilele, bathi: “Maye, nkosi!” Ngokuba ngilikhulumile izwi, usho uJehova.’ ”

**6** UJeremiya umprofethi wayesekhuluma onke lawo mazwi kuSedekiya inkosi yakwaJuda eJerusalema,

**7** lapho impi yenkosi yaseBabele ilwa neJerusalema nayo yonke imizi yakwaJuda eseleyo, iLakishi ne-Azeka, ngokuba yiyo eyayisele phakathi kwemizi yakwaJuda iyimizi ebiyelweyo.

**8** Izwi elafika kuJeremiya livela kuJehova, lapho inkosi uSedekiya isenzile isivumelwano nabo bonke abantu baseJerusalema ukubamemezela ukukhululeka,

**9** ukuba yilowo nalowo akhulule isigqila sakhe, yilowo nalowo isigqilakazi sakhe, umHeberu nomHeberukazi, ukuze kungabikho muntu okhonzisa umfowabo kwaJuda.

**10** Zalalela zonke izikhulu, nabo bonke abantu ababengene esivumelwaneni ukuba bavumele, kube yilowo nalowo isigqila sakhe, yilowo nalowo isigqilakazi sakhe, ukuba zihambe, zikhululeke, kungabe kusaba khona okhonzisayo; bezwa, bavuma ukuba bahambe.

**11** Kepha emva kwalokho baphenduka, bazibuyisa izigqila nezigqilakazi ababezivumele ukuba zihambe, zikhululeke, bazithobisa zaba yizigqila nezigqilakazi.

**12** Ngalokho izwi likaJehova lafika kuJeremiya livela kuJehova, lathi:

**13** “Usho kanje uJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: Mina ngenza isivumelwano nawoyihlo mhla ngibakhipha ezweni laseGibithe endlini yeziboshwa, ngathi:

**14** ‘Ngasekugcineni kweminyaka eyisikhombisa niyakuvumela, kube yilowo nalowo umfowabo ongumHeberu othengisiwe kuwe, wakukhonza iminyaka eyisithupha, ukuba

ahambe, nimdedele, akhululeke kini.’ Kepha oyihlo abangilalelanga, ababekanga izindlebe.

<sup>15</sup> Nina-ke seniphendukile namuhla, nenza okulungile emehlweni ami ngokumemezela ukukhululeka, kube yilowo nalowo kumakhelwane wakhe, nenza isivumelwano ngaphambi kwami endlini ebizwa ngegama lami.

<sup>16</sup> Kepha seniphendukile futhi, nalihlambalaza igama lami, nabuyisa, kwaba yilowo nalowo isigqila sakhe, yilowo nalowo isigqilakazi sakhe, enanizivumele ukuba zihambe, zikhululeke ngokuthanda kwazo, nazithobisa ukuba zibe yizigqila zenu nezigqilakazi zenu.

<sup>17</sup> “Ngalokho usho kanje uJehova, uthi: Nina aningilalelanga ukuba nimemezele ukukhululeka, kube yilowo nalowo kumfowabo, yilowo nalowo kumakhelwane wakhe; bhekani, sengiyanimemezela ukukhululeka, usho uJehova, nginikhululele inkemba, nesifo, nendlala, nginenze ukuba nihlupheke emibusweni yonke yomhlaba.

<sup>18</sup> Ngiyakunikela abantu abeqile isivumelwano sami, abangawaqinisanga amazwi esivumelwano abasenzile ngaphambi kwami mhla bedabula kabili ithole, bedlula phakathi kwezinhlangothi zalo,

<sup>19</sup> ngisho izikhulu zakwaJuda, nezikhulu zaseJerusalema, nabathenwa, nabapristi, nabo bonke abantu bezwe ababedlula phakathi kwezinhlangothi zethole,

<sup>20</sup> yebo, ngiyakubanikela esandleni sezitha zabo nasesandleni sabafuna ukuphila kwabo, izidumbu zabo zibe ngukudla kwezinyoni zezulu nokwezilwane zomhlaba.

<sup>21</sup> “USedekiya, inkosi yakwaJuda, nezikhulu zakhe, ngiyakubanikela esandleni sezitha zabo, nasesandleni sabafuna ukuphila kwabo, nasesandleni sempi yenkosi yaseBabele, asebenyukile kini.

<sup>22</sup> Bheka, ngiyakubayala, usho uJehova, ngibabuyisele kulo muzi; bayakulwa nawo, bawuthathe, bawushise ngomlilo, ngenze imizi yakwaJuda ibe yincithakalo ingahlalwa muntu.”

## ISAHLUKO 35

Izwi elafika kuJeremiya livela kuJehova ezinsukwini zikaJehoyakimi indodana kaJosiya, inkosi yakwaJuda, lathi:

<sup>2</sup> “Yiya endlini yamaRekabi, ukhulume kuwo, uwangenise endlini kaJehova kwelinye lamakamelo ayo, uwaphuzise iwayini.”

<sup>3</sup> Ngase ngithatha uJahazaniya indodana kaJeremiya kaHabasiniya nabafowabo, nawo onke amadodana akhe, nayo yonke indlu yamaRekabi,

<sup>4</sup> ngabangenisa endlini kaJehova ekamelweni lamadodana kaHanani indodana ka-Igidalaya, umuntu kaNkulunkulu owayeseceleni kwekamelo lezikhulu elaliphezu kwekamelo likaMahaseya indodana kaShalumi, umlindisango.

<sup>5</sup> Ngabeka phambi kwamadodana endlu yamaRekabi izimbizana ezigcwele iwayini nezindebe, ngathi kubo: “Phuzani iwayini.”

<sup>6</sup> Kepha bathi: “Asiyikuphuza iwayini, ngokuba uJonadaba, indodana kaRekabi ubaba, wasiyala wathi: ‘Aniyikuphuza iwayini, nina namadodana enu, kuze kube nini,

<sup>7</sup> futhi ningakhi indlu, ningahlwanyeli imbewu, ningatshali isivini, ningabi naso, ngokuba niyakuhlala ematendeni zonke izinsuku zenu ukuba nihlale izinsuku eziningi lapho nigogobele khona.’

<sup>8</sup> Sililalele izwi likaJonadaba indodana kaRekabi ubaba kukho konke asiyala ngakho ukuba singaphuzi iwayini zonke izinsuku zethu, thina nawomkethu, namadodana ethu, namadodakazi ethu,

- <sup>9</sup> singakhi izindlu ukuba sihlale kuzo; futhi isivini, nensimu, nembewu asinakho.
- <sup>10</sup> Kepha sihlale ematendeni, salalela, senza njengakho konke uJonadaba ubaba asiyala ngakho.
- <sup>11</sup> Kwathi lapho uNebukadinesari, inkosi yaseBabele, enyukele ezweni, sathi: 'Siyakuya nokuya eJerusalema, sisuke empini yamaKaledi nasempini yama-Aramu.' Sase sakha-ke eJerusalema."
- <sup>12</sup> Izwi likaJehova lafika kuJeremiya, lathi:
- <sup>13</sup> "Usho kanje uJehova Sebawoti, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: Hamba usho kumadoda akwaJuda nakwabakhileyo eJerusalema, uthi: 'Aniyikwamukela ukulaywa ukuba niwalalele amazwi ami na?' usho uJehova.
- <sup>14</sup> 'Agciniwe amazwi kaJonadaba indodana kaRekabi ayala ngawo amadodana akhe okuba angaphuzi iwayini; kuze kube namuhla awaliphuzanga, ngokuba alalela umyalo kayise. Nami ngikhulume kini, ngikhuluma njalonzalo, kepha kaningilalelanga.
- <sup>15</sup> Futhi ngithume kini zonke izinceku zami abaprofethi, ngibathuma njalonzalo, ngokuthi: "Ake nibuye, kube yilowo nalowo endleleni yakhe embi, nenze imisebenzi yenu ibe mihle, ningalandeli abanye onkulunkulu ukuba nibakhonze; khona niyakuhlala ezweni engilinike nina nawoyihlo." Kepha anibekanga izindlebe zenu, aningizwanga.
- <sup>16</sup> Njengokuba amadodana kaJonadaba indodana kaRekabi egcinile umyalo kayise awayala ngawo, kepha laba bantu bengangilalelanga.'
- <sup>17</sup> "Ngalokho usho kanje uJehova uNkulunkulu Sebawoti, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: 'Bheka, ngiyakwehlisela phezu kukaJuda naphezu kwabo bonke abakhileyo eJerusalema konke okubi engikukhulume kubo, ngokuba ngikhulumile kubo kepha kabalalelanga, ngibabizile kepha kabaphendulanga.' "
- <sup>18</sup> UJeremiya wathi kuyo indlu yamaRekabi: "Usho kanje uJehova Sebawoti, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: 'Ngenxa yokuba niwulalele umyalo kaJonadaba uyihlo, nagicina yonke imiyalo yakhe, nenza ngakho konke aniyala ngakho,'
- <sup>19</sup> ngalokho usho kanje uJehova Sebawoti, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: 'UJonadaba indodana kaRekabi akayikunqunyelwa muntu wokuma phambi kwami kuze kube phakade.' "

## ISAHLUKO 36

**K**wathi ngomnyaka wesine kaJehoyakimi indodana kaJosiya, inkosi yakwaJuda, leli zwi lafika kuJeremiya livela kuJehova, lathi:

- <sup>2</sup> "Zithathele umqulu wencwadi, ulobe kuwo onke amazwi engiwakhulume kuwe ngo-Israyeli nangoJuda, nangazo zonke izizwe, kusukela osukwini engakhuluma ngalo kuwe, kusukela ezinsukwini zikaJosiya kuze kube namuhla.
- <sup>3</sup> Mhlawumbe indlu yakwaJuda iyakuzwa konke okubi engicabanga ukukwenza kuyo ukuba ibuye, kube yilowo nalowo endleleni yakhe embi, ngiyithethelele amacala ayo nezono zayo."
- <sup>4</sup> UJeremiya wayesebiza uBaruki indodana kaNeriya; uBaruki waloba emqulwini wencwadi onke amazwi kaJehova ayewakhulume kuye, ewathatha emlonyeni kaJeremiya.
- <sup>5</sup> UJeremiya wamyala uBaruki ngokuthi: "Ngivalelwe, anginakungena endlini kaJehova.
- <sup>6</sup> Hamba wena, ufunde emqulwini owulobileyo, uthathe emlonyeni wami, amazwi kaJehova ezindlebeni zabantu endlini kaJehova ngosuku lokuzila ukudla, uwafunde nasezindlebeni zabo bonke abakwaJuda abavela emizini yakubo.

- <sup>7</sup> Mhlawumbe ukunxusa kwabo kuyakufika phambi kukaJehova, babuye, kube yilowo nalowo endleleni yakhe embi, ngokuba inkulu intukuthelo nokufutheka akukhulumileyo uJehova ngalaba bantu.”
- <sup>8</sup> UBaruki indodana kaNeriya wenza njengakho konke uJeremiya umprofethi amyala ngakho, efunda encwadini amazwi kaJehova endlini kaJehova.
- <sup>9</sup> Kwathi ngomnyaka wesihlanu kaJehoyakimi indodana kaJosiya, inkosi yakwaJuda, ngenyanga yesishiyagalolunye bonke abantu baseJerusalema nabo bonke abantu ababevela emizini yakwaJuda beza eJerusalema, bamemezela ukuzila ukudla phambi kukaJehova.
- <sup>10</sup> UBaruki wayesefunda encwadini amazwi kaJeremiya endlini kaJehova ekamelweni likaGemariya indodana kaShafani umbhali egcekeni lasenhla ngasesikhaleni sesango elisha lendlu kaJehova ezindlebeni zabantu bonke.
- <sup>11</sup> UMikhaya indodana kaGemariya kaShafani wezwa onke amazwi kule ncwadi,
- <sup>12</sup> wehlela endlini yenkosi ekamelweni lombhali; bheka, kwakuhlezi khona zonke izikhulu, u-Elishama umbhali, noDelaya indodana kaShemaya, no-Elinathani indodana ka-Akibori, noGemariya indodana kaShafani, noSedekiya indodana kaHananiya, zonke izikhulu.
- <sup>13</sup> UMikhaya wazitshela onke amazwi ayewezwile, lapho uBaruki eyifunda incwadi ezindlebeni zabantu.
- <sup>14</sup> Ngelokho zonke izikhulu zathuma uJehudi indodana kaNethaniya kaShelemiya kaKushi kuBaruki, zathi: “Umqulu owufundileyo ezindlebeni zabantu wuthathe ngesandla sakho, uze nawo.” UBaruki indodana kaNeriya wawuthatha umqulu ngesandla sakhe, weza kuzo.
- <sup>15</sup> Zathi kuye: “Ake uhlale phansi, ufunde ezindlebeni zethu.” UBaruki wayesefunda ezindlebeni zazo.
- <sup>16</sup> Kwathi lapho sezizwile onke amazwi, zaphendukelana ngokwesaba, kwaba yilesi naleso kumakhelwane waso, zathi kuBaruki: “Siyakuyitshela nokuyitshela inkosi lawa mazwi.”
- <sup>17</sup> Zambuza uBaruki, zathi: “Ake usitshela ukuthi wawaloba kanjani onke lawa mazwi, uwathatha emlonyeni wakhe, na?”
- <sup>18</sup> UBaruki wathi kuzo: “Wawaphumisela onke lawa mazwi kimi ngomlomo wakhe, ngawaloba encwadini ngoyinki.”
- <sup>19</sup> Zase zithi izikhulu kuBaruki: “Hamba ucashe, wena noJeremiya, kungazi muntu lapho nikhona.”
- <sup>20</sup> Zase zingena enkosini egcekeni; sezibeke umqulu ekamelweni lika-Elishama umbhali zalanda onke amazwi ezindlebeni zenkosi.
- <sup>21</sup> Inkosi yayisimthuma uJehudi ukuba awulande umqulu; wawukhipha ekamelweni lika-Elishama umbhali. UJehudi wawufunda ezindlebeni zenkosi nasezindlebeni zazo zonke izikhulu ezazimi ngasenkosini.
- <sup>22</sup> Inkosi yayihlezi endlini yobusika ngenyanga yesishiyagalolunye, iziko elivuthayo liphambi kwayo.
- <sup>23</sup> Kwathi lapho uJehudi esefundile amakhasi amathathu noma amane, yawasika ngommese womlobi, yawaphonsa emlilweni oseziko, waze waphela wonke umqulu emlilweni oseziko.
- <sup>24</sup> Azesabanga, aziklebhulanga izingubo zazo, inkosi nezinceku zayo ezaziwezwa onke lawa mazwi.
- <sup>25</sup> O-Elinathani noDelaya noGemariya babekhulekile enkosini ukuba ingashisi umqulu, kepha ayibezwanga.
- <sup>26</sup> Inkosi yayala uJerameli indodana yenkosi, noSeraya indodana ka-Aziriyeli,

noShelemiya indodana ka-Abideyeli ukuba babambe uBaruki umbhali noJeremiya umprofethi, kepha uJehova wabafihla.

<sup>27</sup> Lase lifika izwi likaJehova kuJeremiya, inkosi isishisile umqulu namazwi awaloba uBaruki, ewathatha emlonyeni kaJeremiya, lithi:

<sup>28</sup> “Buya, uzithathele omunye umqulu, ulobe kuwo onke amazwi okuqala ayesemqulwini wokuqala, awushisa uJehoyakimi inkosi yakwaJuda.

<sup>29</sup> NgoJehoyakimi inkosi yakwaJuda uyakusho uthi: ‘Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: Uwushisile lo mqulu ngokuthi: “Ulobeleni kuwo ukuthi inkosi yaseBabele iyakufika nokufika ukuchitha leli zwe, yenze ukuba kuphele kulo abantu nezilwane, na?”

<sup>30</sup> Ngalokho usho kanje uJehova ngoJehoyakimi inkosi yakwaJuda, uthi: Akayikuba namuntu wokuhlala esihlalweni sobukhosi sikaDavide; isidumbu sakhe siyakuntshingwa ekushiseni kwasemini nasesithwathweni sasebusuku.

<sup>31</sup> Ngiyakumjezisa yena nenzalo yakhe nezinceku zakhe ngokona kwabo, ngehlisele phezu kwabo, naphezu kwabakhileyo eJerusalema, naphezu kwabantu bakwaJuda konke okubi engikukhulume ngabo, bengalalelanga kodwa.’ ”

<sup>32</sup> UJeremiya wayesethatha omunye umqulu, wawunika uBaruki umbhali, indodana kaNeriya, owaloba kuwo, ewathatha emlonyeni kaJeremiya onke amazwi encwadi uJehoyakimi inkosi yakwaJuda ayeyishisile ngomlilo; kwathasiselwa kuwo amanye amazwi amaningi anjengawo.

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**U**Sedekiya, indodana kaJosiya, waba yinkosi esikhundleni sikaKhoniya, indodana kaJehoyakimi, wabekwa inkosi ezweni lakwaJuda nguNebukadinesari, inkosi yaseBabele.

<sup>2</sup> Kepha yena nezinceku zakhe nabantu bezwe abawalalelanga amazwi kaJehova awakhulumayo ngesandla sikaJeremiya umprofethi.

<sup>3</sup> USedekiya inkosi wathuma uJehukali, indodana kaShelemiya, noZefaniya, indodana kaMahaseya, umpristi, kumprofethi uJeremiya, wathi: “Ake usikhulekele kuJehova uNkulunkulu wethu.”

<sup>4</sup> UJeremiya wangena, waphuma phakathi kwabantu, ngokuba babengakamfaki etilongweni.

<sup>5</sup> Impi kaFaro yayisiphumile eGibithe; lapho amaKaledi avimbezela iJerusalema ekuzwa, akhuphuka eJerusalema.

<sup>6</sup> Lase lifika izwi likaJehova kumprofethi uJeremiya, lithi:

<sup>7</sup> “Usho kanje uJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: Niyakusho kanje enkosini yakwaJuda eyanithuma kimi ukubuza kimi, nithi: ‘Bheka, impi kaFaro ephume ukunisa iyakubuyela eGibithe, izwe lakubo.

<sup>8</sup> AmaKaledi ayakubuya, alwe nalo muzi, awuthathe, awushise ngomlilo.’

<sup>9</sup> “Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: Ningazikhohlisi ngokuthi: ‘AmaKaledi ayakusuka nokusuka kithi;’ ngokuba awayikusuka.

<sup>10</sup> Ngokuba noma benichithile impi yonke yamaKaledi elwa nani, kwaze kwasala abantu abagwaziweyo bodwa phakathi kwabo, bona bebeyakuvuka, kube yilowo nalowo etendeni lakhe, bawushise lo muzi ngomlilo.”

<sup>11</sup> Kwathi lapho impi yamaKaledi isikhuphukile eJerusalema ngokwesaba impi kaFaro,

<sup>12</sup> uJeremiya waphuma eJerusalema ukuba aye ezweni lakwaBenjamini ukuthola khona isabelo sakhe phakathi kwabantu.

- <sup>13</sup> Lapho esesangweni lakwaBenjamini, kwakukhona lapho inkosi yabalindi egama layo lalingu-Iriya indodana kaShelemiya kaHananiya; yambamba uJeremiya umprofethi, yathi: “Uyahlubukela kumaKaledi.”
- <sup>14</sup> Kepha uJeremiya wathi: “Amanga. Angihlubukeli kumaKaledi.” Kepha ayimlalelanga; u-Iriya wayesembamba uJeremiya, wamyisa ezikhulwini.
- <sup>15</sup> Izikhulu zamthukuthelela uJeremiya, zamshaya, zamfaka etilongweni endlini kaJonathani umbhali, ngokuba zaziyenze itilongo.
- <sup>16</sup> Lapho uJeremiya esengene endlini yomgodi ezindlwani ezingaphansi, uJeremiya esehlale khona izinsuku eziningi,
- <sup>17</sup> uSedekiya inkosi wathumela wamlanda; inkosi yambuza ngasese endlini yayo, yathi: “Kukhona izwi elivela kuJehova na?” UJeremiya wathi: “Likhona.” Wathi futhi: “Uyakunikelwa esandleni senkosi yaseBabele.”
- <sup>18</sup> UJeremiya wathi futhi enkosini uSedekiya: “Ngoneni kuwe, nasezincekwini zakho, nakulaba bantu ukuba ningifake etilongweni na?”
- <sup>19</sup> Baphi manje abaprofethi benu ababeprofetha kini ngokuthi: ‘Inkosi yaseBabele ayiyikunehlela nina naleli zwe,’ na?
- <sup>20</sup> Ake uzwe manje, nkosi yami, nkosi; ukunxusa kwami makufike phambi kwakho ukuba ungangibuyiseli endlini kaJonathani umbhali, funa ngifele khona.”
- <sup>21</sup> USedekiya inkosi wayeseyala ukuba bambeke uJeremiya egcekeni letilongo, bamnika imihla ngemihla iqebelengwane lesinkwa livela esiTaladini Sabaphekizinkwa, kwaze kwaphela isinkwa sonke emzini. UJeremiya wahlala-ke egcekeni letilongo.

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**U**Shefathiya indodana kaMathani, noGedaliya indodana kaPhashuri, noJukali indodana kaShelemiya, noPhashuri indodana kaMalikhiya bawezwa amazwi uJeremiya awakhulumayo kubo bonke abantu ukuthi:

- <sup>2</sup> “Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: ‘Osele kulo muzi uyakufa ngenkemba, nangendlala, nangesifo, kepha ophumela kumaKaledi uyakuphila, nokuphila kwakhe kuyakuba yimpango kuye, aphile.’
- <sup>3</sup> Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: ‘Lo muzi uyakunikelwa nokunikelwa esandleni semp i yenkosi yaseBabele, iwuthathe.’ ”
- <sup>4</sup> Zase zithi izikhulu enkosini: “Makabulawe lo muntu, njengokuba edangalisa izandla zamadoda empi asele kulo muzi nezandla zabantu bonke ngokukhuluma amazwi anjalo kubo, ngokuba lo muntu akafuni ukuthula kwalaba bantu, ubafunela okubi.”
- <sup>5</sup> USedekiya inkosi wayesethi: “Bhekani, usesandleni senu, ngokuba inkosi ayinamandla okuphambana nani ngalutho.”
- <sup>6</sup> Zase zimthatha uJeremiya, zamphonsa emgodini kaMalikhiya indodana yenkosi owawusegcekeni letilongo, bamehlisa uJeremiya ngezintambo. Emgodini kwakungekho manzi, udaka lodwa; uJeremiya washona odakeni.
- <sup>7</sup> U-Ebedi Meleki umKushe, umthenwa, owayesendlini yenkosi, esezwile ukuthi bamfake uJeremiya emgodini, inkosi ihlezi esangweni lakwaBenjamini,
- <sup>8</sup> u-Ebedi Meleki waphuma endlini yenkosi, wakhuluma enkosini, wathi:
- <sup>9</sup> “Nkosi yami, nkosi, laba bantu benzile okubi ngakho konke abakwenzile kuJeremiya umprofethi, abamphonsile emgodini; uyakufela endaweni lapho ekhona ngokulamba, ngokuba akusekho ukudla emzini.”



- <sup>10</sup> Inkosi yayisimiyala u-Ebedi Meleki umKushe, ithi: “Thatha lapha abantu abangamashumi amathathu, uhambe nabo, umkhiphe uJeremiya umprofethi emgodini, engakafi.”
- <sup>11</sup> U-Ebedi Meleki wabathatha abantu, wahamba nabo, waya endlini yenkosi phansi kwendlu yengcebo, wakhipha khona amadlephudlephu amadala namanikiniki abolileyo, wawehlisele kuJeremiya emgodini ngezintambo.
- <sup>12</sup> U-Ebedi Meleki umKushe wathi kuJeremiya: “Faka lawa madlephudlephu amadala namanikiniki abolileyo emakhwapheni phansi kwezintambo.” UJeremiya wenze njalo.
- <sup>13</sup> Base bemdonsa uJeremiya ngezintambo, bamkhipha emgodini; uJeremiya wahlala egcekeni letilongo.
- <sup>14</sup> USedekiya inkosi wathumela wamthatha uJeremiya umprofethi, wamzisa kuye esikhaleni sesithathu esisendlini kaJehova; inkosi yathi kuJeremiya: “Ngithanda ukubuza into kuwe, ungangifihleli lutho.”
- <sup>15</sup> UJeremiya wathi kuSedekiya: “Uma ngikutshela, awuyikungibulala nokungibulala na? Uma ngikululeka, awuyikungilalela.”
- <sup>16</sup> Inkosi uSedekiya yayisifunga ngasese kuJeremiya, yathi: “Kuphila kukaJehova owasenzela lo mphefumulo, angiyikukubulala, futhi angiyikukunikela esandleni salawa madoda afuna ukuphila kwakho.”
- <sup>17</sup> Wayesethi uJeremiya kuSedekiya: “Usho kanje uJehova uNkulunkulu Sebawoti, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: ‘Uma uphuma nokuphuma, uye ezikhulwini zenkosi yaseBabele, umphefumulo wakho uyakuphila, futhi lo muzi awuyikushiswa ngomlilo, uphile wena nendlu yakho;
- <sup>18</sup> kepha uma ungaphumi uye ezikhulwini zenkosi yaseBabele, lo muzi uyakunikelwa esandleni samaKaledi, awushise ngomlilo, ungaphunyuki esandleni sabo.’ ”
- <sup>19</sup> Inkosi uSedekiya yathi kuJeremiya: “Ngiyesaba abaJuda abahlubukele kumaKaledi, funa nginikelwe esandleni sabo, bangiklolodele.”
- <sup>20</sup> Kepha uJeremiya wathi: “Abayikunikela. Ake ulilalele izwi likaJehova kulokhu engikukhulumayo kuwe; kuyakuba kuhle kuwe, umphefumulo wakho uphile.
- <sup>21</sup> Kepha uma wala ukuphuma, yileli zwi uJehova angibonisile lona lokuthi:
- <sup>22</sup> Bheka, bonke abesifazane abasele endlini yenkosi yakwaJuda bayakukhishelwa izikhulu zenkosi yaseBabele; bheka, bayakuthi: “ ‘Abahlobo bakho abakhulu bakududile, bakwahlula; kepha lapho izinyawo zakhe zishone exhaphozini, babuyele emuva.’ ”
- <sup>23</sup> “Bayakukhiphela amaKaledi bonke abafazi bakho nabantwana bakho; awuyikuphunyuka esandleni sabo, kepha uyakubanjwa ngesandla senkosi yaseBabele, wenze ukuba lo muzi ushiswe ngomlilo.”
- <sup>24</sup> USedekiya wayesethi kuJeremiya: “Makungabikho muntu owazi lawa mazwi, funa ufe.
- <sup>25</sup> Uma izikhulu zizwa ukuthi ngikhulumile nawe, bese zifika kuwe, zithi kuwe: ‘Ake usitshale okukhulumileyo enkosini, ungasifihleli khona, asiyikukubulala, nalokho inkosi eyakukhuluma kuwe,’ ”
- <sup>26</sup> uyakuthi kubo: ‘Nganxusa enkosini ukuba ingangibuyiseli endlini kaJonathani, funa ngifele khona.’ ”
- <sup>27</sup> Zonke izikhulu zafika kuJeremiya, zambuza. Wazitshela onke lawa mazwi inkosi emyale ngawo. Zathula, zasuka kuye, ngokuba indaba ayizwakalanga.
- <sup>28</sup> Kepha uJeremiya wasala egcekeni letilongo, kwaze kwafika usuku elanqotshwa ngalo iJerusalema.



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**K**wathi lapho iJerusalema selinqotshiwe ngomnyaka wesishiyagalolunye kaSedekiya, inkosi yakwaJuda, ngenyanga yeshumi kwafika uNebukadinesari, inkosi yaseBabele, nempi yakhe yonke eJerusalema, walivimbezela;

<sup>2</sup> ngomnyaka weshumi nanye kaSedekiya ngenyanga yesine ngolwesishiyagalolunye lwenyanga umuzi wafohlwa

<sup>3</sup> kwangena zonke izikhulu zenkosi yaseBabele, zahlala esangweni eliphakathi, oNerigali Sareseri, noSamigari Nebo, noSaresekimi induna yezinceku, noNerigali Sareseri induna yabapristi, kanye nazo zonke ezinye izikhulu zenkosi yaseBabele.

<sup>4</sup> Kwathi lapho uSedekiya inkosi yakwaJuda nawo onke amadoda empi bezibona, babaleka, bephuma emzini ebusuku ngendlela yensimu yenkosi ngesango phakathi kwezingange zombili; waphuma ngendlela yase-Araba.

<sup>5</sup> Kepha impi yamaKaledi yabaxosha, yamfika uSedekiya emahlane aseJeriko, yambamba, yamkhuphulela kuNebukadinesari, inkosi yaseBabele, eRibila ezweni laseHamati, wamahlulela.

<sup>6</sup> Inkosi yaseBabele yabulala amadodana kaSedekiya eRibila phambi kwamehlo akhe; futhi inkosi yaseBabele yabulala bonke abakhulu bakwaJuda.

<sup>7</sup> Yakhipha namehlo kaSedekiya, yambopha ngamaketanga ukuba imyise eBabele.

<sup>8</sup> AmaKaledi ashisa indlu yenkosi nezindlu zabantu ngomlilo, azidiliza izingange zaseJerusalema.

<sup>9</sup> Insali yabantu ababesala emzini, nabahlubuki ababehlubukela kuye, nensali yabantu abaseleyo uNebuzaradani induna yabalindi wabathumbela eBabele.

<sup>10</sup> Kepha uNebuzaradani induna yabalindi wabashiya abantu abampofu ababengenalutho ezweni lakwaJuda, wabanika izivini namasimu ngasikhathi sinye.

<sup>11</sup> UNebukadinesari, inkosi yaseBabele, wamyala uNebuzaradani, induna yabalindi, ngoJeremiya, wathi:

<sup>12</sup> “Mthathe, umbheke, ungamenzeli lutho olubi, kepha wenze kuye njengokusho kwakhe kuwe.”

<sup>13</sup> UNebuzaradani induna yabalindi kanye noNebushazibani induna yezinceku, noNerigali Sareseri induna yabapristi, nezikhulu zonke zenkosi yaseBabele base bethumela,

<sup>14</sup> bathuma bamkhipha uJeremiya egcekeni letilongo, bamnikeza kuGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikamu kaShafani ukuba amyise ekhaya; wayesehlala phakathi kwabantu.

<sup>15</sup> Lase lifika izwi likaJehova kuJeremiya esavalelwe egcekeni letilongo, lithi:

<sup>16</sup> “Hamba ukhulume ku-Ebedi Meleki umKushe, uthi: ‘Usho kanje uJehova Sebawoti, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: Bheka, ngiyakwehlisela amazwi ami kulo muzi kube kubi, kungabi kuhle, abe ngaphambi kwakho ngalolo suku.

<sup>17</sup> Kepha ngiyakukophula ngalolo suku, usho uJehova, unganikelwa esandleni sabantu obesabayo.

<sup>18</sup> Ngokuba ngiyakukukhulula nokukukhulula, awuyikuwa ngenkemba, kepha ukuphila kwakho kuyakuba yimpango kuwe, ngokuba ungethembile, usho uJehova.’ ”

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**I**zwi elafika kuJeremiya livela kuJehova, uNebuzaradani induna yabalindi esemvumele ukuba asuke eRama ngokumthatha eboshiwe ngamaketanga phakathi kwabo bonke abathunjwa baseJerusalema nakwaJuda ababeyakuthunjelwa eBabele.

<sup>2</sup> Induna yabalindi yamthatha uJeremiya, yathi kuye: “UJehova uNkulunkulu wakho wakhuluma lokhu okubi kule ndawo;

<sup>3</sup> usekulethile uJehova, wakwenza njengokukhuluma kwakhe, ngokuba nonile kuJehova, kanililalelanga izwi lakhe; ngalokho le nto inehlele.

<sup>4</sup> Bheka, manje sengiyakukhulula namuhla emaketangeni asezandleni zakho. Uma kukuhle emehlweni akho ukuya nami eBabele, woza ngiyakukubheka; kepha uma kukubi emehlweni akho ukuya nami eBabele, kuyeke; bheka, izwe lonke lisebusweni bakho; lapho kukuhle nalapho kulungile emehlweni akho ukuya khona, yiya lapho.”

<sup>5</sup> Engakabuyi, yathi: “Buyela kuGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikamu kaShafani, inkosi yaseBabele emenze abe ngumbusi phezu kwemizi yakwaJuda, uhlale naye phakathi kwabantu; noma lapho kulungile emehlweni akho ukuya khona, yiya lapho.” Induna yabalindi yayisimnika umphako nesipho, yamvumela ukuba ahambe.

<sup>6</sup> Wayesehamba uJeremiya, waya kuGedaliya, indodana ka-Ahikamu, eMispa, wahlala naye phakathi kwabantu ababesele ezweni.

<sup>7</sup> Zonke izinduna zempi ezazisendle, zona nabantu bazo, sezizwile ukuthi inkosi yaseBabele imenzile uGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikamu umbusi ezweni nokuthi inikele kuye abesilisa, nabesifazane, nabantwana, nabayizimpofana bezwe abangathunjelwanga eBabele,

<sup>8</sup> zaya kuGedaliya eMispa: u-Ishmayeli indodana kaNethaniya, noJohanani noJonathani amadodana kaKhareya, noSeraya indodana kaThanihumeti, namadodana ka-Efayi waseNethofa, noJahazaniya indodana yomMahakha, bona nabantu babo.

<sup>9</sup> UGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikamu kaShafani wafunga kubo nakubantu babo, wathi: “Ningesabi ukukhonza amaKaledi: hlalani ezweni, niyikhonze inkosi yaseBabele, kuyakuba kuhle kini.

<sup>10</sup> Bhekani, mina ngiyakuhlala eMispa, ngiwakhonze lawo maKaledi ayakufika kithina, kepha nina, buthani iwayini, nezithelo, namafutha, nikubeke ezitsheni zenu, nihlale emizini yenu eniyithathileyo.”

<sup>11</sup> Futhi lapho bonke abaJuda ababekwaMowabi, naphakathi kwabantwana bakwa-Amoni, nakwa-Edomi, nababesemazweni onke sebezwele ukuthi inkosi yaseBabele ishiyile insali kwaJuda nokuthi ibeke phezu kwabo uGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikamu kaShafani ukuba abe ngumbusi phezu kwabo,

<sup>12</sup> bonke abaJuda babuya ezindaweni zonke ababexoshelwe kuzo, bafika ezweni lakwaJuda kuGedaliya eMispa, babutha kakhulu iwayini nezithelo.

<sup>13</sup> UJohanani indodana kaKhareya nazo zonke izinduna zempi ezazisendle beza kuGedaliya eMispa,

<sup>14</sup> bathi kuye: “Uyazi yini ukuthi uBahalisi inkosi yabantwana bakwa-Amoni uthume u-Ishmayeli indodana kaNethaniya ukuba akubulale na?” Kepha uGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikamu akabakhohlwanga.

<sup>15</sup> UJohanani indodana kaKhareya wakhuluma kuGedaliya eMispa ngasese, wathi: “Mangihambe ngimbulale u-Ishmayeli indodana kaNethaniya, kungaziwa muntu; ubeyakukubulalelani, ukuze bonke abaJuda ababuthene kuwe bahlakazake, insali yakwaJuda ichithwe, na?”

<sup>16</sup> Kepha uGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikamu wathi kuJohanani indodana kaKhareya: “Awuyikwenza le nto, ngokuba ukhuluma amanga ngo-Ishmayeli.”

**K**wathi ngenyanga yesikhombisa u-Ishmayeli indodana kaNethaniya ka-Elishama, wozalo lwenkosi nowezikhulu zenkosi, wafika namadoda ayishumi kuGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikamu eMispa, badla khona isinkwa kanyekanye eMispa.

<sup>2</sup> Wayesesuka u-Ishmayeli indodana kaNethaniya namadoda ayishumi ayenaye, bamshaya uGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikamu kaShafani ngenkemba, bambulala, yena inkosi yaseBabele ebimenze umbusi ezweni.

<sup>3</sup> U-Ishmayeli wabulala nabo bonke abaJuda ababe naye uGedaliya eMispa, namaKaledi, amadoda empi ayefunyanwa khona.

<sup>4</sup> Kwathi ngosuku lwesibili esembulele uGedaliya, kungaziwa muntu,

<sup>5</sup> kwafika amadoda angamashumi ayisishiyagalombili evela eShekemi, naseShilo, naseSamariya, izilevu zawo ziphuculiwe nezingubo ziklejuliwe, bezisikile, bephethe iminikelo yempuphu nempepho ezandleni zabo ukuba bakulethe endlini kaJehova.

<sup>6</sup> U-Ishmayeli indodana kaNethaniya waphuma eMispa ukubahlangabeza, ehamba ekhala. Kwathi lapho esehlangana nabo, wathi kubo: “Ngenani kuGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikamu.”

<sup>7</sup> Kwathi sebengenile phakathi komuzi, u-Ishmayeli indodana kaNethaniya wababulala, wabalahla emgodini, yena namadoda ayenaye.

<sup>8</sup> Kepha kwafunyanwa amadoda ayishumi phakathi kwabo asho ku-Ishmayeli, athi: “Ungasibulali, ngokuba sinokolweni, nebhali, namafutha, nezinyosi okubekelelwe endle.” Wayesebayeka, akababulalanga kanye nabafowabo.

<sup>9</sup> Umgodi u-Ishmayeli alahla kuwo zonke izidumbu zabantu ayebabulele wawungumgodi omkhulu owenziwa yinkosi u-Asa ngenxa kaBahasha inkosi ka-Israyeli; u-Ishmayeli indodana kaNethaniya wawugcwalisa ngababuleweyo.

<sup>10</sup> U-Ishmayeli wayesethumba bonke abantu abaseleyo eMispa, amadodakazi enkosi nabo bonke abantu ababesele eMispa, uNebuzaradani induna yabalindi ayebanikele kuGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikamu, yebo, u-Ishmayeli indodana kaNethaniya wabathumba, wahamba ukuba adlulele kubantwana bakwa-Amoni.

<sup>11</sup> Kepha lapho uJohanani indodana kaKhareya nazo zonke izinduna zempi ezazinaye sebezile konke okubi u-Ishmayeli indodana kaNethaniya abekwenzile,

<sup>12</sup> bathatha bonke abantu, baya ukulwa no-Ishmayeli indodana kaNethaniya, bamfumana ngasemanzini amaningi aseGibeyoni.

<sup>13</sup> Kwathi lapho bonke abantu ababe no-Ishmayeli bembona uJohanani indodana kaKhareya nazo zonke izinduna zempi ezazinaye, bathokoza.

<sup>14</sup> Base bephenduka bonke abantu u-Ishmayeli ayebathumbile eMispa, babuya, baya kuJohanani indodana kaKhareya.

<sup>15</sup> Kepha u-Ishmayeli indodana kaNethaniya waphunyuka kuJohanani enamadoda ayisishiyagalombili, waya kubantwana bakwa-Amoni.

<sup>16</sup> UJohanani indodana kaKhareya nazo zonke izinduna zempi ezazinaye base bethatha yonke insali yabantu ayeyibuyisile ku-Ishmayeli indodana kaNethaniya eMispa, yena esembulele uGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikamu, amadoda empi, nabesifazane, nabantwana, nabathenwa ayebabuyisile eGibeyoni.

<sup>17</sup> Bahamba, bahlala endaweni yokuphumula eKimihamu elingaseBetlehema ukuba bahambe, bangene eGibithe

<sup>18</sup> ngenxa yamaKaledi, ngokuba babewesaba, lokhu u-Ishmayeli indodana kaNethaniya ebembulele uGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikamu, inkosi yaseBabele eyamenza umbusi ezweni.

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**Z**ase zisondela zonke izinduna zempi, noJohanani indodana kaKhareya, noJezaniya indodana kaHoshaya, nabantu bonke abancane nabakhulu,

<sup>2</sup> zathi kuJeremiya umprofethi: “Ukunxusa kwethu makwamukeleke ngaphambi kwakho, usikhulekele kuJehova uNkulunkulu wakho, unxusele yonke le nsali, ngokuba sisele singaba yingcosana kwabaningi, njengalokhu amehlo akho ekubona nje,

<sup>3</sup> ukuba uJehova uNkulunkulu wakho asibonise indlela esiyakuhamba ngayo, nalokhu esiyakukwenza.”

<sup>4</sup> Wayesethi kubo uJeremiya umprofethi: “Nginizwile; bhekani, ngiyakukhuleka kuJehova uNkulunkulu wenu njengamazwi enu; kuyakuthi noma yintoni uJehova ayakuniphendula ngayo, nginitshela yona, nginganigodleli lutho.”

<sup>5</sup> Bathi kuJeremiya: “UJehova makabe ngufakazi oqinisileyo nothembekileyo ngathi, uma singenzi njengamazwi onke uJehova uNkulunkulu wakho ayakukuthuma nawo kithi.

<sup>6</sup> Noma lilihle, noma lilibi, siyakulilandela izwi likaJehova uNkulunkulu wethu esikuthuma kuye ukuba kube kuhle kithi, lapho sililalela izwi likaJehova uNkulunkulu wethu.”

<sup>7</sup> Kwathi emva kwezinsuku eziyishumi izwi likaJehova lafika kuJeremiya.

<sup>8</sup> Wayesembiza uJohanani indodana kaKhareya, nazo zonke izinduna zempi ezazinaye, nabo bonke abantu abancane nabakhulu, wathi kubo:

<sup>9</sup> “Usho kanje uJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli eningithume kuye ukubeka ukunxusa kwenu phambi kwakhe, uthi:

<sup>10</sup> ‘Uma nihlala nokuhlala kuleli zwe, ngiyakunakha nginganidilizi, nginitshale nginganisiphuli, ngokuba ngiyazisola ngokubi engikwenzile kini.

<sup>11</sup> Ningayesabi inkosi yaseBabele eniyesabayo; ningayesabi, usho uJehova, ngokuba nginani ukuba nginisindise, nginophule esandleni sayo.

<sup>12</sup> Ngiyakuniphatha ngobubele ukuba inihawukele, inibuyisele ezweni lakini.’

<sup>13</sup> “Kepha uma nithi: ‘Asiyikuhlala kuleli zwe,’ nize ningalilaleli izwi likaJehova uNkulunkulu wenu,

<sup>14</sup> nithi: ‘Qha, ngokuba siyakuya ezweni laseGibithe, lapho singayikubona khona impi, singezwa ukukhala kwecilongo, singalambeli ukudla, sihlale khona,’

<sup>15</sup> yizwa manje izwi likaJehova wena nsali yakwaJuda; usho kanje uJehova Sebawoti, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: ‘Uma nibhekisa nokubhekisa ubuso benu ukuya eGibithe, nihambe ukuba nigogobale khona,

<sup>16</sup> inkemba eniyesabayo iyakunifica khona ezweni laseGibithe, indlala eninovalo ngayo inamathele kini lapho eGibithe, nifele khona.

<sup>17</sup> Kuyakuba njalo bonke abantu ababhekisa ubuso babo ukuya eGibithe ukuba bagogobale khona; bayakufa ngenkemba, nangendlala, nangesifo, kungabikho kubo oyakusala, aphunyuke ebubini engiyakubehlisela phezu kwabo.’

<sup>18</sup> Ngokuba usho kanje uJehova Sebawoti, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: ‘Njengalokhu intukuthelo yami nokufutheka kwami kuthululelwe phezu kwabakhileyo eJerusalema, kanjalo ukufutheka kwami kuyakuthululelwa phezu kwenu, nxa ningena eGibithe, nibe yisithuko, nesimangaliso nesiqaqalekiso, nehlazo, ningabe nisayibona le ndawo.’

- <sup>19</sup> “UJehova ukhulumile ngani ukuthi: ‘Wena nsali yakwaJuda, ungayi eGibithe;’ yazi nokwazi ukuthi ngifakazile kini namuhla.
- <sup>20</sup> Ngokuba nazidukisa, lapho nangithuma kuJehova uNkulunkulu wenu ukuthi: ‘Sinxusele kuJehova uNkulunkulu wethu, usitshele konke ayakukusho uJehova uNkulunkulu wethu, siyakukwenza.’
- <sup>21</sup> Namuhla senginitshelile, kepha anililalelanga izwi likaJehova uNkulunkulu wenu nakokukodwa angithume ngakho kini.
- <sup>22</sup> Ngelokho yazini nokwazi ukuthi niyakufa ngenkemba, nangendlala, nangesifo endaweni enifisa ukuya kuyo ukuba nigogobale khona.”

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- K**wathi lapho uJeremiya eseqedile ukukhuluma kubantu bonke onke amazwi kaJehova uNkulunkulu wabo, uJehova uNkulunkulu wabo amthume nawo kubo, onke lawa mazwi,
- <sup>2</sup> kwakhuluma u-Azariya indodana kaHoshaya, noJohanani indodana kaKhareya, nabantu bonke abaziqhenyayo, bathi kuJeremiya: “Ukhuluma amanga; uJehova uNkulunkulu wethu akakuthumanga ukuba uthi: ‘Aniyikuya eGibithe ukuba nigogobale khona,’
- <sup>3</sup> kepha uBaruki indodana kaNeriya ukuqhathanisa nathi ukuba sinikelwe esandleni samaKaledi, ukuze asibulale, asithumbele eBabele.”
- <sup>4</sup> UJohanani indodana kaKhareya, nazo zonke izinduma zempi, nabantu bonke abalilalelanga izwi likaJehova lokuba bahlale ezweni lakwaJuda.
- <sup>5</sup> Kepha uJohanani indodana kaKhareya nazo zonke izinduna zempi bayithatha yonke insali yakwaJuda eyayibuye ezizweni zonke eyayixoshelwe kuzo ukuba igogobale ezweni lakwaJuda,
- <sup>6</sup> abesilisa, nabesifazane, nabantwana, namadodakazi enkosi, nabo bonke abantu uNebuzaradani induna yabalindi ayebashiyile kuGedaliya indodana ka-Ahikamu kaShafani, noJeremiya umprofethi, noBaruki indodana kaNeriya,
- <sup>7</sup> bafika ezweni laseGibithe, ngokuba babengalilaleli izwi likaJehova; bafika eThahipanesi.
- <sup>8</sup> Lase lifika izwi likaJehova kuJeremiya eThahipanesi, lithi:
- <sup>9</sup> “Thatha ngesandla sakho amatshe amakhulu, uwashiqele odakeni kuhonela ongasemnyango wendlu kaFaro eThahipanesi emehlweni abantu bakwaJuda,
- <sup>10</sup> uthi kubo: ‘Usho kanje uJehova Sebawoti, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: Bheka, ngiyakuthumela ukuba ngimbambe uNebukadinesari, inkosi yaseBabele, inceku yami, ngibeke isihlalo sakhe sobukhosi phezu kwalawa matshe engiwashiqeleyo, uyakweneka isivikelo sakhe phezu kwawo.
- <sup>11</sup> Uyakufika, ashaye izwe laseGibithe, abokufa babe ngabokufa, abokuthunjwa babe ngabokuthunjwa, abenkemba babe ngabenkemba.
- <sup>12</sup> Ngiyakuphemba umlilo uyakuzishisa, athumbe onkulunkulu, embathe izwe laseGibithe njengomalusi embatha ingubo yakhe, aphume eGibithe ngokuthula.
- <sup>13</sup> Uyakwaphula izinsika zaseBeti Shemeshi elisezweni laseGibithe; izindlu zawonkulunkulu baseGibithe uyakuzishisa ngomlilo.’ ”

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**I**zwi elafika kuJeremiya ngabaJuda bonke ababehlala ezweni laseGibithe, ababehlala eMigidoli, naseThahipanesi, naseNofi, nasezweni lasePhatirosi, lathi:

**2** “Usho kanje uJehova Sebawoti, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: Nikubonile konke okubi engikwehlisele phezu kweJerusalema naphezu kwayo yonke imizi yakwaJuda; bhekani, namuhla iyincithakalo, akakho ohlala kuyo

**3** ngenxa yobubi babo ababenzileyo ukuba bangicunule, behamba beshisa impepho, bekhonza abanye onkulunkulu abangabazanga bona, nani, nawoyihlo.

**4** Kepha ngathuma kini zonke izinceku zami abaprofethi, ngizithuma njalonjalo, ngathi: ‘Maningenzi le nto enengekayo engiyizondayo.’

**5** Kepha abalalelanga, ababekanga izindlebe zabo ukuba babuye ebubini babo, bangashiseli abanye onkulunkulu impepho.

**6** Kwase kuthululwa ukufutheka kwami nentukuthelo yami, kwavutha emizini yakwaJuda nasezitaladini zaseJerusalema, kwaba yincithakalo nokuchitheka njenganamuhla.

**7** “Manje usho kanje uJehova uNkulunkulu Sebawoti, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: Nenzelani lokhu okubi okukhulu kuyo imiphefumulo yenu, ninqume kini abesilisa nabesifazane, izingane nabancelayo phakathi kukaJuda, nize ningashiyelwa nsali,

**8** ngokungicunula ngemisebenzi yezandla zenu, nishisela abanye onkulunkulu impepho ezweni laseGibithe, lapho niyile khona ukugogobala, ukuba ninqunywe, nibe yisiqalekiso nehlozo phakathi kwezizwe zonke zomhlaba, na?

**9** Nihohliwe yini ububi bukayihlo, nobubi bamakhosi akwaJuda, nobubi bamakhosikazi awo, nobubi benu, nobubi bawomkenu ababebenza ezweni lakwaJuda nasezitaladini zaseJerusalema, na?

**10** Abazithobanga kuze kube namuhla, abesabanga, abahambanga ngomthetho wami nangezimiso zami engikubeke phambi kwenu naphambi kwawoyihlo.

**11** “Ngalokho usho kanje uJehova Sebawoti, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: Bheka, ngiyakubhekisa ubuso bami kini kube kubi, kunqunywe uJuda wonke.

**12** Ngiyakuthatha insali yakwaJuda ebhekise ubuso bayo ukuba ingene ezweni laseGibithe ukuba igogobale khona, baphele bonke, bawe ezweni laseGibithe, baphele ngenkemba nangendlala, abakhulu nabancane bafe ngenkemba nangendlala, babe yisithuko, nesimangaliso, nesiqalekiso, nehlozo.

**13** Ngiyakubajezisa abahlala ezweni laseGibithe, njengalokho ngilijezisile iJerusalema, ngenkemba, nangendlala, nangesifo,

**14** kungaphunyuki, kungasali muntu ensalini yakwaJuda eye ezweni laseGibithe ukuba igogobale khona ukubuyela ezweni lakwaJuda, efisa ukubuyela kulo ukuba ihlale khona, ngokuba akuyikubuya muntu, abaphunyukileyo bodwa.”

**15** Ayesephendula uJeremiya onke amadoda ayekwazi ukuthi omkawo bashisela abanye onkulunkulu impepho nabo bonke abesifazane ababemi khona, ibandla elikhulu, bonke abantu ababehlala ezweni laseGibithe ePhatirosi; bathi:

**16** “Izwi olikhulume kithi egameni likaJehova asiyikulilalela.

**17** Kepha siyakwenza nokwenza onke amazwi aphumile emilonyeni yethu, sishisele inkosikazi yezulu impepho, siyithululele iminikelo yokuphuzwa, njengalokho senzile, thina nawobaba, namakhosi ethu, nezikhulu zethu emizini yakwaJuda nasezitaladini zaseJerusalema, ngokuba sasisuthi isinkwa, sahlala kahle, asabona okubi.

**18** Kepha selokhu sayeka ukushisela inkosikazi yezulu impepho nokuyithululela iminikelo yokuphuzwa, siswele konke, siqedwe ngenkemba nangendlala.

**19** “Lapho sesishisela inkosikazi yezulu impepho, siyithululele iminikelo yokuphuzwa, siyenzela amaqebelengwane anesithombe sayo, siyithululelele iminikelo yokuphuzwa



ngaphandle kwamadoda ethu, na?”

**20** UJeremiya washo kubantu bonke, kwabesilisa nakwabesifazane, kubo bonke abantu abamphendule kanjalo, wathi:

**21** “Impepho enayishisa emizini yakwaJuda nasezitaladini zaseJerusalema nina nawoyihlo, namakhosi enu, nezikhulu zenu, nabantu bezwe, uJehova akayikhumbulanga, ayingenanga enhliziyweni yakhe, na?

**22** UJehova wayengasenakuthwala okubi kwemisebenzi yenu nezinengiso zenu enizenzileyo; ngalokho izwe lakini seliyincithakalo, nesimangaliso, nesiqalekiso, kungekho owakhile kulo njenganamuhla.

**23** Ngokuba niyishisile impepho nangokuba nonile kuJehova, ningalilalelanga izwi likaJehova, ningahambanga ngomthetho wakhe, nangezimiselo zakhe, nangobufakazi bakhe, ngalokho le ngozi ihlangabezane nani njenganamuhla.”

**24** UJeremiya wathi futhi kubantu bonke nakubo bonke abesifazane: “Yizwani izwi likaJehova nina nonke bakwaJuda enisezweni laseGibithe.

**25** Usho kanje uJehova Sebawoti, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: Nina nawomkenu nikhulumile ngemilomo yenu, nakugcwalisa ngezandla zenu, nathi: ‘Siyakugcwalisa nokugcwalisa izithembiso zethu esizenzileyo zokushisela inkosikazi yezulu impepho nokuyithululela iminikelo yokuphuzwa.’ Qinisani nokuqinisa izithembiso zenu, nigcwalise nokugcwalisa izithembiso zenu.

**26** Ngalokho yizwani izwi likaJehova nina nonke bakwaJuda enihlala ezweni laseGibithe: ‘Bhekani, ngifungile igama lami elikhulu,’ usho uJehova, ‘ukuthi igama lami alisayikubizwa mlomo wamuntu wakwaJuda ezweni lonke laseGibithe ukuthi: “Kuphila kukaJehova.”

**27** Bheka, ngiyabalinda kube kubi, kungabi kuhle; bonke abantu bakwaJuda abasezweni laseGibithe bayakuphela ngenkomba nangendlala, baze baqedwe.

**28** Abaphunyuka enkembeni bayakubuya ezweni laseGibithe, babuyele ezweni lakwaJuda, bengaba yingcosana ngomumo; yonke insali yakwaJuda eye ezweni laseGibithe ukuba igogobale khona iyakwazi ukuthi yiliphi izwi eliyakuma, elami noma elabo.

**29** “ ‘Lesi siyakuba yisibonakaliso kini,’ usho uJehova, ‘ukuthi ngiyakunijezisa kule ndawo ukuba nazi ukuthi amazwi ami ayakuma amelane nani kube kubi.’

**30** Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: ‘Bhekani, ngiyakunikela uFaro uHofira inkosi yaseGibithe esandleni sezitha zakhe nasesandleni sabafuna ukuphila kwakhe, njengalokho nganikela uSedekiya inkosi yakwaJuda esandleni sikaNebukadinesari, inkosi yaseBabele, isitha sakhe esasifuna ukuphila kwakhe.’ ”

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**I**zwi uJeremiya, umprofethi, alikhuluma kuBaruki, indodana kaNeriya, ekulobeni kwakhe lawa mazwi encwadini, ewathatha emlonyeni kaJeremiya, ngomnyaka wesine kaJehoyakimi, indodana kaJosiya, inkosi yakwaJuda, lokuthi:

**2** “Usho kanje uJehova uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli kuwe Baruki:

**3** Uthi wena: ‘Maye kimina! Ngokuba uJehova wenezele usizi ebuhlungwini bami, ngikhathele ukukhala, nokuthula angikufumani.’

**4** “Uyakusho kanje kuye, uthi: ‘Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: Bheka, lokho engikwakhileyo ngiyakukudiliza, nalokhu engikutshalileyo ngiyakukusiphula, yebo, ezweni lonke.



<sup>5</sup> Uyazifunela izinto ezinkulu na? Ungazifuni, ngokuba bheka, ngiyakwehlisela inyama yonke okubi, usho uJehova, ngikunike ukuphila kwakho kube yimpango ezindaweni zonke lapho uya khona.’ ”

## ISAHLUKO 46

**I**zwi likaJehova elafika kuJeremiya umprofethi ngezizwe.

<sup>2</sup> NgeGibithe ngempi kaFaro Nekho inkosi yaseGibithe eyayingasemfuleni u-Ewufathe eKharikemishi, owayinqoba uNebukadinesari, inkosi yaseBabele, ngomnyaka wesine kaJehoyakimi indodana kaJosiya, inkosi yakwaJuda.

<sup>3</sup> “Lungisani amahawu nezihlangu, nisondele empini.

<sup>4</sup> Bophelani amahhashi, nikhwele nina bamahhashi, nisuke nime ninezigqoko zempi, niphucuze imikhonto, nembathe amabhantshi ensimbi.

<sup>5</sup> Ngikuboneleni na? Baphelile amandla, babuyele emuva. Amaqhawe abo anqotshiwe, ayabaleka nokubaleka engabheki emuva; luvalo nxazonke,” usho uJehova.

<sup>6</sup> “Onejubane makangabaleki naye, kungaphunyuki neqhawe; ngasenyakatho eceleni komfula u-Ewufathe bayakhubeka, bawe.

<sup>7</sup> “Ngubani lo owenyuka njengeNayile, omanzi akhe agubha njengemifula.

<sup>8</sup> IGibithe lenyuka njengeNayile, amanzi alo agubha njengemifula. Lithi: ‘Ngiyakwenyuka, ngisibekele umhlaba; ngiyakuchitha umuzi nabahlala kuwo.’

<sup>9</sup> Yenyukani, mahhashi, nihlanye, zinqola, aphume amaqhawe: oKushe noPhuthi ababambe izihlangu, namaLudi abambe ensala umnsalo.

<sup>10</sup> Lolu suku lungusuku lweNkosi uJehova Sebawoti, usuku lokuphindisela lokuba aziphindisele kwabamelene naye. Inkemba iyakudla isuthe, izanelise ngegazi labo, ngokuba iNkosi uJehova Sebawoti inomhlatshelo ezweni lasenyakatho ngasemfuleni u-Ewufathe.

<sup>11</sup> “Khuphukela kwaGileyadi, uthathe ibhalisamu, wena ntombi, ndodakazi yaseGibithe; usebenzisela ize imithi eminingi, ukuphuluka akukho kuwe.

<sup>12</sup> Izizwe zizwile ngehlazo lakho, umhlaba ugcwele ukukhala kwakho; ngokuba iqhawe likhubeka ngelinye, awa omabili kanyekanye.”

<sup>13</sup> Izwi uJehova alikhuluma kuJeremiya umprofethi ngokuza kukaNebukadinesari, inkosi yaseBabele, ukuchitha izwe laseGibithe.

<sup>14</sup> “Yazisani eGibithe, nizwakalise eMigidoli, nizwakalise naseNofi naseThahipanesi, nithi: ‘Suka ume, uzilungise, ngokuba inkemba iyadla nxazonke zakho.’

<sup>15</sup> Abanamandla bakho bakhukhulelweni na? Abemanga, ngokuba uJehova wabahlohloloza.

<sup>16</sup> Wakhubekisa abaningi, yebo, bawa omunye phezu komunye, bathi: ‘Sukani, sibuyele kubantu bakithi nasezweni lokuzalwa kwethu, sisuke enkembeni ecindezelayo.’

<sup>17</sup> Bamemeza khona, bathi: ‘UFaro inkosi yaseGibithe ungumsindo, udlulisile isikhathi esimisiweyo.’

<sup>18</sup> “Kuphila kwami,” isho iNkosi egama layo linguJehova Sebawoti, “impela njengeThabori phakathi kwezintaba, nanjengeKarmeli ngaselwandle, kanjalo uyakufika.

<sup>19</sup> Zenzele izinto zokuthunjwa, ndodakazi, ohlala eGibithe, ngokuba iNofi liyakuba yincithakalo, lishiswe kungabe kusabakho ohlala kulo.

<sup>20</sup> “IGibithe liyisithokazi esihle kakhulu, kepha kuvela isibawu enyakatho, sesifikile.

<sup>21</sup> Abaqashwa balo phakathi kwalo banjengamathole akhuluphalisiweyo; nabo babuyele

emuva, babaleka kanyekanye, abemanga, ngokuba usuku lwengozi yabo lubehlele, isikhathi sokuhanjelwa kwabo.

<sup>22</sup> Ukuhashaza kokuhamba kwalo kunjengokwenyoka; ngokuba bahamba nempi, balifikele bephethe amazembe njengabagawuli bemithi.

<sup>23</sup> Bagawula ihlathi lalo,” usho uJehova, “ngokuba alinakuhanjwa, lokhu bebaningi kunesikhonyane, bengenakubalwa.

<sup>24</sup> Indodakazi yaseGibithe iyakujabhiswa, inikelwe esandleni sabantu basenyakatho.”

<sup>25</sup> UJehova Sebwoti, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: “Bheka, ngiyakujezisa u-Amoni waseNo, noFaro, neGibithe, nawonkulunkulu balo, namakhosi alo, yebo, uFaro nabamethembayo,

<sup>26</sup> ngibanikele esandleni sabafuna ukuphila kwabo, nasesandleni sikaNebukadinesari, inkosi yaseBabele, nasesandleni sezinceku zakhe, andukuba lakhiwe njengasezinsukwini zasendulo,” usho uJehova.

<sup>27</sup> “Kepha ungesabi wena Jakobe, nceku yami, ungapheli amandla, Israyeli, ngokuba bheka, ngiyakukusindisa usekude, nenzalo yakho ezweni lokuthunjwa kwayo; uJakobe uyakubuya, aphumule, agcineke, angesatshiswa muntu.

<sup>28</sup> Ungesabi wena Jakobe, nceku yami,” usho uJehova, “ngokuba nginawe, ngokuba ngiyakuqeda ngokupheleleyo zonke izizwe engikuxoshele kuzo, kepha wena angiyikukuqeda; kodwa ngiyakukulaya ngokwahlulela, ngingakwenzi ube ngongenacala.”

## ISAHLUKO 47

**I**zwi likaJehova elafika kuJeremiya umprofethi ngamaFilisti, uFaro engakanqobi iGaza.

<sup>2</sup> Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: “Bheka, amanzi ayenyuka enyakatho, abe ngumfula okhukhulayo, akhukhule izwe nokugcwala kwalo, umuzi nabakhileyo kuwo; abantu bayakukhala, bonke abakhileyo ezweni bahhewule.

<sup>3</sup> Ngomsindo wokudubhuza kwezinselo zamahhashi akhe anamandla, nangokuduma kwezingqola zakhe, nangodumo lwamasondo akhe oyise ababheki emuva kubantwana ngenxa yobuthakathaka bezandla zabo

<sup>4</sup> ngenxa yosuku olufika ukuchitha onke amaFilisti nokunquma eTire naseSidoni bonke abasizi abaseleyo, ngokuba uJehova uyakuwachitha amaFilisti, insali yesiqhingi saseKafitori.

<sup>5</sup> Ubumpandla buhlelele iGaza; i-Ashikeloni liphelile, insali yesigodi sabo; uyakuzisika kuze kube nini na?

<sup>6</sup> “Awu wena nkemba kaJehova, koze kube nini ungathuli na? Buyela emgodleni wakho, uthule, uzole.

<sup>7</sup> Ingathula kanjani, laphe iyalezwe nguJehova, na? Uyinqumele i-Ashikeloni nogu lolwandle.”

## ISAHLUKO 48

**N**goMowabi. Usho kanje uJehova Sebwoti, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: “Wo kulo iNebo, ngokuba lichithekile, iKiryatayimi lijabhile, linqotshiwe; iMisigabi lijabhile, liphelile amandla.

<sup>2</sup> Udumo lukaMowabi alusekho; eHeshiboni bacebe okubi ngaye ngokuthi: Wozani simnqume, angabe esaba yisizwe. Nawe Madimeni uyakuthuliswa, inkemba ikulandele.

- <sup>3</sup> Izwi lokukhala livela eHoranayimi, ukuchithwa nokuqothulwa okukhulu.
- <sup>4</sup> UMowabi uchithekile; abancane bakhe bezwakalisa ukukhala.
- <sup>5</sup> Ngokuba bakhuphuka egqumeni laseLuthite, bekhala njalo, nasekwehleni ukuya eHoronayimi bezwile usizi lokukhala kwencithakalo.
- <sup>6</sup> Balekani, nisindise ukuphila kwenu, nibe njengesihlahla esiyize ehlane.
- <sup>7</sup> Ngokuba ngenxa yokwethemba kwakho imisebenzi yakho nengcebo yakho nawe uyakubanjwa, uKemoshi aye ekuthunjweni, abapristi bakhe nezikhulu zakhe kanyekanye.
- <sup>8</sup> Umchithi uyakufikela yonke imizi, akuyikuphunyuka muzi; isigodi siyakuchithwa, ithafa liqothulwe, njengalokho uJehova eshilo.
- <sup>9</sup> Nikani uMowabi amaphiko, ngokuba uyakundiza, aphume; imizi yakhe iyakuba yincithakalo, kungabikho osahlala kuyo.
- <sup>10</sup> “Makaqalekiswe owenza umsebenzi kaJehova ngokunganakekeli, aqalekiswe naye ogodla inkemba yakhe egazini.
- <sup>11</sup> “UMowabi ugciniwe kwasebusheni bakhe, uphumulile enhleseni yakhe, kathululwanga ezitsheni ngezitsha, akayanga ekuthunjweni; ngalokho ukuzwakala kwakhe kuhlala kuye, nephunga lakhe aliguquki.
- <sup>12</sup> Ngalokho bheka, izinsuku ziyeza,” usho uJehova, “engiyakuthuma ngazo kuye abathambekayo abayakumthambeka, bazithulule izitsha zakhe, baziphohloze izimvaba zakhe.
- <sup>13</sup> UMowabi uyakujabha ngoKemoshi, njengalokhu indlu ka-Israyeli yajabha ngeBethetele, ithemba labo.
- <sup>14</sup> “Ningasho kanjani ukuthi: ‘Singamaqhawe namadoda anamandla okulwa’ na?
- <sup>15</sup> Umchithi kaMowabi nemizi yakhe bakhuphukile, izinsizwa zakhe ezikhethekileyo zehlele ukuyobulawa,” isho iNkosi egama layo linguJehova Sebawoti.
- <sup>16</sup> “Ingozi kaMowabi iseduze ukufika, usizi lwakhe lushesha kakhulu.
- <sup>17</sup> Nina nonke enimzungezayo manimkhalele; nani nonke enilaziyo igama lakhe anothi: ‘Yeka ukwaphuka kwenduku enamandla, udondolo oluhle!’
- <sup>18</sup> “Yehla ebukhosini bakho, uhlale womile, ndodakazi, ohlala eDiboni, ngokuba umchithi kaMowabi ukhuphukela kuwe, achithe izinqaba zakho.
- <sup>19</sup> Yima endleleni, uqaphele wena ohlezi e-Aroweri, ubuze obalekayo nowesifazane ophunyukayo ukuthi: ‘Kwenze njani na?’
- <sup>20</sup> UMowabi ujabhile, uphelile amandla; hhewulani, nikhale, nikwazise e-Arinoni ukuthi uMowabi uchithiwe.
- <sup>21</sup> Ukwahlulela kwehlele izwe lethafa: iHoloni, neJahasi, neMefahati,
- <sup>22</sup> neDiboni, neNebo, neBeti Dibilatayimi,
- <sup>23</sup> neKiryatayimi, neBeti Gamuli, neBeti Mehoni,
- <sup>24</sup> neKeriyote, neBosira, nemizi yonke yezwe lakwaMowabi ekude noma eseduze.
- <sup>25</sup> Uphondo lukaMowabi lunqunyiwe, ingalo yakhe yaphukile,” usho uJehova.
- <sup>26</sup> “Mdakiseni, ngokuba uzikhukhumezile kuJehova; uMowabi makahuquzele ebuhlanzweni bakhe, abe ngohlekwayo naye.
- <sup>27</sup> U-Israyeli wayengahlekwa nguwe na? Wafunyanwa phakathi kwamasela, njengokuba, lapho ukhuluma ngaye, unikina ikhanda, na?
- <sup>28</sup> Shiyani imizi, nihlale esiweni nina enakhileyo kwaMowabi, nibe njengejuba elakha emaceleni omlomo wesiwa.
- <sup>29</sup> Sizwile ngokuzidla kukaMowabi okukhulu kakhulu, ukuziphakamisa kwakhe, nokuzidla kwakhe, nokuziqhenya kwakhe, nokuzikhukhumeza kwenhliziyo yakhe.

- <sup>30</sup> Ngiyazi intukuthelo yakhe,” usho uJehova; “amacebo akhe ayinkohliso, nalokhu akwenzayo kuyinkohliso.
- <sup>31</sup> Ngelokho ngiyakuhhewula ngoMowabi, ngikhale ngaye wonke uMowabi, balilisele amadoda aseKhiri Heresi.
- <sup>32</sup> Ngiyakukhalela wena mvini waseSibima kunokukhala kukaJazeri; amagatsha akho adlulile ulwandle, afinyelela elwandle lwakwaJazeri; umchithi uthelekele phezu kwezithelo zenu namavini enu.
- <sup>33</sup> Ukuthokoza nokujabula kususiwe ensimini nasezweni lakwaMowabi; ngenze ukuba kuphele iwayini ezikhamweni; akusayikunyathelwa ngokujabula, ukumemeza akuseyikho ukumemeza.
- <sup>34</sup> “Kusukela eHeshiboni elikhalayo liyezwakalisa ukukhala kwalo kuze kube se-Elehale naseJahasi, kusukela eSowari kuze kube seHoronayimi nase-Egilati Shelishiya, ngokuba namanzi aseNimrimi ayakuba yincithakalo.
- <sup>35</sup> Ngiyakwenza ukuba kuphele kwaMowabi,” usho uJehova, “yena onikela ezindaweni eziphakemeyo noshisela onkulunkulu bakhe impepho.
- <sup>36</sup> “Ngelokho inhliziyo yami ikhalela uMowabi njengemitshingo, futhi inhliziyo yami ikhalela amadoda aseKhiri Heresi njengemitshingo, ngokuba okuseleyo abakuzuzileyo kuyachitheka.
- <sup>37</sup> Ngokuba onke amakhanda ayizimpandla, nazo zonke izilevu zigundiwe; zonke izandla zisikiwe, nasezinkalweni zonke kukhona indwangu yamasaka.
- <sup>38</sup> Phezu kwazo zonke izindlu zakwaMowabi nasezitaladini zakhe kukhona isililo kuphela, ngokuba ngimaphulile uMowabi njengesitsha okungathokozi muntu ngaso,” usho uJehova.
- <sup>39</sup> “Yeka ukuphela kwakhe amandla. Hhewulani! Yeka ukufulathela kukaMowabi ngamahloni, uMowabi abe ngohlekwayo noqeda amandla kubo bonke abamzungezayo.”
- <sup>40</sup> Ngokuba usho kanje uJehova, uthi: “Bheka, uyandiza njengokhozi, elulele amaphiko akhe kuMowabi.
- <sup>41</sup> Imizi inqotshiwe, nezinqaba zithathiwe; izinhliziyi zamaqhawe akwaMowabi ziyakuba njengenhliziyi yowesifazane onemihelo.
- <sup>42</sup> UMowabi uyakuchithwa, angabe esaba yisizwe, ngokuba uzikhukhumezile kuJehova.
- <sup>43</sup> Ukwesaba, nomgodi, nogibe kuphezu kwabakhileyo kwaMowabi,” usho uJehova.
- <sup>44</sup> “Obalekela ukwesaba uyakuwela emgodini, okhuphuka emgodini uyakubanjwa ogibeni, ngokuba ngiyakwehlisela phezu kwabo, phezu kukaMowabi, umnyaka wokujeziswa kwabo,” usho uJehova.
- <sup>45</sup> “Emthunzini waseHeshiboni ababalekileyo bayema bephelile amandla, ngokuba umlilo uphumile eHeshiboni, nelangabi phakathi kweSihoni; udlile amacele akwaMowabi, nokhakhayi lwamadoda omsindo okulwa.
- <sup>46</sup> Maye kuwena Mowabi! Abantu bakaKemoshi baphelile, ngokuba amadodana akho athunjiwe, namadodakazi akho ayiswe ekuthunjweni.
- <sup>47</sup> Kepha ngiyakubuyisa ukuthunjwa kukaMowabi ngezinsuku ezizayo,” usho uJehova. Kuphela lapha ukwahlulelwa kukaMowabi.

## ISAHLUKO 49

**N**gabantwana bakwa-Amoni. Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: “U-Israyeli kanamadodana, kanandlalifa, na? UMilkomu udleleni ifa likaGadi, abantu bakhe bahlale emizini yakhe, na?”

<sup>2</sup> Ngalokho bheka, izinsuku ziyeza,” usho uJehova, “lapho ngiyakwenza ukuba kuhlatshwe umkhosi wempi ngeRaba labantwana bakwa-Amoni; liyakuba yincithakalo, imizi yalo ishiswe ngomlilo, u-Israyeli abeselidla ifa lowalidla elakhe,” usho uJehova.

<sup>3</sup> “Hhewula, Heshiboni, ngokuba i-Ayi lichithekile, nikhale, madodakazi aseRaba, nibhince izindwangu zamasaka, nilile, nigijime phakathi kwezintango, ngokuba uMilkomu uyakuya ekuthunjweni, abapristi bakhe nezikhulu zakhe kanyekanye.

<sup>4</sup> Uzidumiselani ngezigodi, isigodi sakho esichichimayo, wena ndodakazi ehlobukayo, othemba engcebeni yakho ngokuthi: ‘Ngubani ongehlela mina, na?’

<sup>5</sup> Bheka, ngiyakwehlisela phezu kwakho uvalo,” isho iNkosi uJehova Sebawoti, “luvela kubo bonke abakuzungezayo, nixoshwe, kube yilowo nalowo ngendlela yakhe, kungabikho obutha ababalekileyo.

<sup>6</sup> “Kepha ngasemuva ngiyakubuyisa ukuthunjwa kwabantwana bakwa-Amoni,” usho uJehova.

<sup>7</sup> Ngo-Edoni. Usho kanje uJehova Sebawoti, uthi: “Akusekho ukuhlakanipha eThemani na? Amasu aphelile kwabaqondileyo, ukuhlakanipha kwabo kunyamalele, na?”

<sup>8</sup> Balekani, nibuye, nihlale ezigoxini nina bakhileyo eDedani, ngokuba ngiyakwehlisela phezu kwakhe ingozi ka-Esawu ngesikhathi sokumhambela kwami.

<sup>9</sup> Uma bekufika kuwe abavuna izithelo zomvini, abayikushiya umkhotso; namasela ebusuku abeyakuchitha aze aneliswe.

<sup>10</sup> Kepha mina ngiyakumhlubula u-Esawu, ngambule izindawo zakhe ezichithekileyo, kanakucasha; inzalo yakhe ichithekile, nabafowabo, nabakhelwane bakhe, yena abe engasekho.

<sup>11</sup> Shiya izintandane zakho, mina ngiyakuziphilisa, abafelokazi bakho bethembe kimi.”

<sup>12</sup> Ngokuba usho kanje uJehova, uthi: “Bheka, labo okwakungesibo okwabo ukuphuza indebe bayakuyiphuza nokuyiphuza; ubuyakuba ngongenacala na? Awuyikuba ngongenacala, ngokuba uyakuyiphuza nokuyiphuza.

<sup>13</sup> Ngokuba ngizifungile,” usho uJehova, “ukuthi iBosira liyakuba yisimangaliso, nehlozo, nencithakalo, nesiqalekiso, yonke imizi yalo ibe yizincithakalo eziphakade.”

<sup>14</sup> Ngizwile imibiko evela kuJehova; kuthunyiwe isithunywa phakathi kwezizwe ngokuthi: “Buthanani, nilihlasele, nisukele ukulwa.”

<sup>15</sup> “Ngokuba bheka, ngiyakukwenza ube mncane phakathi kwezizwe, udelelwe phakathi kwabantu.

<sup>16</sup> Ukwesabeka kwakho kukudukisile, ukuziqhenya kwenhliziyo yakho, wena ohlezi emifantwini yamawa ubambe isiqongo sentaba; noma wakha isidleke sakho njengokhozi, ngiyakukwehlisa khona,” usho uJehova.

<sup>17</sup> “U-Edomi uyakuba yisimangaliso, kumangale yilowo nalowo odlula kuye, ancimfe ngenxa yezinhlopheko zakhe.

<sup>18</sup> Njengasekuchithweni kweSodoma neGomora nemizi yangakhona,” usho uJehova, “akuyikuhlala muntu khona, nendodana yomuntu ayiyikugogobala khona.

<sup>19</sup> “Bheka, njengengonyama ekhuphuka ezihlahleni zaseJordani, iye endaweni eyinqaba, ngiyakubazuma, ngibagijimise, basuke kuyo; nobani okhethwayo ngiyakumbeka phezu kwabo, ngokuba ngubani onjengami, ngubani ongingqumelayo, ngumuphi umalusi oyakuma phambi kwami, na?”

<sup>20</sup> Ngalokho yizwani isiluleko sikaJehova asinike ngo-Edomi namacebo awacebile

ngabakhileyo eThemani ukuthi: Abancinyane bomhlambi bayakudonswa, basuswe, ikhaya labo limangale ngabo.

**21** Ngomsindo wokuwa kwabo umhlaba uyazamazama; ngukukhala okumsindo wakho uzwakele ngaseLwandle Olubomvu.

**22** Bheka, onjengokhozi uyakhuphuka, andize, elulele amaphiko akhe kulo iBosira; izinhliziyi zamaqhawe akwa-Edomi ziyakuba njengenhliziyi yowesifazane onemihelo.

**23** NgeDamaseku. “IHamati ne-Aripadi kujabhile, ngokuba kuzwile imibiko emibi, kuphela amandla. Kuyahlupheka njengolwandle, akunakuthula.

**24** IDamaseku selibuthakathaka, liyaphenduka ukuba libaleke; ingebhe ilibambile, ukudabuka nosizi kulibambile njengowesifazane obelethayo.

**25** Yeka ukushiya komuzi wodumo, umuzi wokuthokoza kwami!

**26** Ngelokho izinsizwa zawo ziyakuwa ezitaladini zalo, nawo onke amadoda empi ayakuthuliswa ngalolo suku,” usho uJehova Sebawoti.

**27** “Ngiyakuphamba umlilo ogangeni lwaseDamaseku, uqede izindlu zobukhosi zikaBeni Hadadi.”

**28** NgeKedari, nangemibuso yaseHasori ayinqobayo uNebukadinesari, inkosi yaseBabele. Usho kanje uJehova, uthi: “Sukani, nikhuphukele eKedari, nichithe abantwana basempumalanga.

**29** Amatende abo nemihlambi yabo niyakukuthatha, bazithuthele izilenge zabo, nazo zonke izimpahla zabo, namakamela abo, bamemeze kubo, bathi: ‘Luvalo nxazonke.’

**30** “Balekani, nizulazulele kude, nihlale ezigoxini nina bakhileyo eHasori,” usho uJehova, “ngokuba uNebukadinesari, inkosi yaseBabele wenze amasu ngani, waceba amacebo ngani.

**31** “Sukani, nikhuphukele kuso isizwe esizinzileyo, esihlala ngokulondeka,” usho uJehova, “esingenazicabha nemigoqo, sakhe sodwa.

**32** Amakamela aso ayakuba yimpango, nezinkomo zaso eziningi ziyakuphangwa. Ngiyakubahlakazela emimoyeni yonke, bonke abadilingiwe emaceleni amakhanda abo, ngehlisele phezu kwabo izingozi ezivela nxazonke,” usho uJehova.

**33** “IHasori liyakuba yindawo yokuhlala kwamakhanka nencithakalo kuze kube phakade; akuyikuhlala muntu khona, nendodana yomuntu ayiyikugogobala khona.”

**34** Izwi elafika kuJeremiya umprofethi nge-Elamu ekuqaleni kokubusa kukaSedekiya inkosi yakwaJuda, ngokuthi:

**35** Usho kanje uJehova Sebawoti, uthi: “Bheka, ngiyakwaphula umnsalo we-Elamu, okokuqala kwamandla abo.

**36** Ngiyakwehlisela phezu kwe-Elamu imimoya emine emikhawulweni yomine yezulu, ngibahlakazele kuyo yonke leyo mimoya, kungabe kusabakho sizwe lapho abaxoshiweyo base-Elamu bengayikufika khona.

**37** Ngiyakwenza ukuba i-Elamu liphele amandla ngaphambi kwezitha zalo naphambi kwabafuna ukuphila kwabo, ngibehlisele okubi, ukufutheka kwentukuthelo yami,” usho uJehova, “ngithume inkemba emva kwabo, ngize ngibaqede.

**38** Ngiyakubeka isihlalo sami sobukhosi e-Elamu, ngichithe khona inkosi nezikhulu,” usho uJehova.

**39** “Kepha kuyakuthi ezinsukwini zokugcina ngibuyise ukuthunjwa kwe-Elamu,” usho uJehova.



**1** zwi uJehova alikhuluma ngeBabele, izwe lamaKaledi, ngesandla sikaJeremiya umprofethi.

**2** “Memezani phakathi kwezizwe, nikuzwakalise, nimise ibhanela, nikuzwakalise, ningakufihli, nithi: ‘IBabele linqotshiwe, uBeli ujabhile, uMerodaki uphelile amandla; izithombe zalo zijabhile, imifanekiso yalo iphelile amandla.’

**3** Ngokuba kukhuphukela kulo isizwe sivela enyakatho, esiyakwenza izwe lalo libe yincithakalo, kungabikho ohlala kulo; abantu nezilwane kuyakubaleka, kuhambe.

**4** “Ngalezo zinsuku nangaleso sikhathi,” usho uJehova, “bayakufika abantwana bakwa-Israyeli, bona nabantwana bakwaJuda kanyekanye, behamba bekhala, befuna uJehova uNkulunkulu wabo.

**5** Bayakubuza indlela yaseSiyoni, ubuso babo bubhekene nalo, bethi: Wozani nizihlanganise noJehova ngesivumelwano esiphakade esingenakukhohlakala.

**6** “Abantu bami babe yizimvu ezilahlekileyo; abelusi babo babadukisile, babazulazulisa ezintabeni, basuka entabeni, baya eggumeni, bakhohlwa indawo yabo yokuphumula.

**7** Bonke ababafumanayo babaqeda; abamelene nabo bathi: ‘Asitholi icala; ngokuba bonile kuJehova, ikhaya lokulunga, ithemba lawoyise, uJehova.’

**8** “Balekani eBabele, niphume ezweni lamaKaledi, nibe njengezimpongo phambi kwezimvu.

**9** Ngokuba bheka, ngiyakuvusa, ngenyusele eBabele ibandla lezizwe ezinkulu, livela ezweni lasenyakatho, lizihlelele lona, linqotshwe lapho; imicibisholo yalo iyakuba njengeyeqhawwe eliphumelelayo, elingabuyi ze.

**10** IKalideya liyakuba yimpango; bonke abaliphangayo bayakusutha,” usho uJehova.

**11** “Noma nithokoza, noma nijabula nina baphangi befa lami, noma nixhuma njengesithokazi etshanini obuluhlaza, niyiyizela njengamahhashi anamandla,

**12** unyoko uyakujabha kakhulu, owangizalayo ayangaze; bheka, uyakuba ngesokugcina sezizwe, ihlane, nomhlabathi owomileyo, nogwadule.

**13** Ngenxa yentukuthelo kaJehova aliyikuhlalwa muntu, kepha liyakuba yincithakalo lonke; bonke abadlula eBabele bayakumangala, bancimfe ngenxa yazo zonke izinhlopheko zalo.

**14** “Zihleleni iBabele nxazonke nina nonke eninsala umnsalo, nicibishele kulo, ninganqandi imicibisholo, ngokuba lonile kuJehova.

**15** Memezani kulo nxazonke; lizinikele, izisekelo zalo ziwile, izingange zalo zidiliziwe, ngokuba kuyimpindiselo kaJehova; phindiselani kulo, nenze kulo njengokwenza kwalo.

**16** Nqumani umhlwanyeli eBabele nobamba isikela ngesikhathi sokuvuna; ngenxa yenkemba ecindezelayo yilowo nalowo uyakubheka abantu bakhe, yilowo nalowo abalekele ezweni lakubo.

**17** “U-Israyeli uyimvu ezingelwayo; izingonyama zimxoshile. Kuqala wadliwa yinkosi yase-Asiriya, nangasemuva uNebukadinesari lo, inkosi yaseBabele, ugedlile amathambo akhe.”

**18** Ngalokho usho kanje uJehova Sebawoti, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: “Bheka, ngiyakujezisa inkosi yaseBabele nezwe layo, njengalokho ngijeziwe inkosi yase-Asiriya.

**19** Ngiyakumbuyisela u-Israyeli ekhaya lakhe, aklabe eKarmeli naseBashani, umphefumulo wakhe waneliswe ezintabeni zakwa-Efrayimi nezakwaGileyadi.

**20** Ngalezo zinsuku nangaleso sikhathi,” usho uJehova, “kuyakufunwa ukona kuka-Israyeli, akuyikubakho, nezono zakwaJuda, kepha aziyikufunyanwa, ngokuba ngiyakubathethelela engibashiya ukuba babe yinsali.

**21** “Khuphukela ezweni laseMeratayimi, kulona nakwabakhileyo ePhekodi, uchithe, uqede nya emva kwabo,” usho uJehova, wenze konke engikuyale ngakho.



- <sup>22</sup> Kukhona umsindo wokulwa ezweni nowencithakalo enkulu.
- <sup>23</sup> Yeka ukunqunywa nokuchithwa kwesando somhlaba wonke, yeka ukwenziwa kweBabele incithakalo phakathi kwezizwe!
- <sup>24</sup> Ngakucupha, wabanjwa, Babele, ungakwazi; wafunyanwa, wabanjwa, ngokuba ulwile noNkulunkulu.
- <sup>25</sup> UJehova uvulile indlu yakhe yezikhali, ukhiphile izikhali zokufutheka kwakhe, ngokuba iNkosi uJehova Sebawoti inomsebenzi ezweni lamaKaledi.
- <sup>26</sup> Lifikeleni nivele emkhawulweni, nivule izinqolobane zalo, nilinqwabele libe yizingqaba, niliqede nya, kungasali lutho kulo.
- <sup>27</sup> Hlabani zonke izinkunzi zalo; mazingalelele ekuhlathshweni; wo kuzona! Ngokuba usuku lwazo lufikile, isikhathi sokuhanjelwa kwazo.
- <sup>28</sup> Yizwi lababalekayo nabaphunyuka ezweni laseBabele ukuba bamemeze eSiyoni impindiselo kaJehova uNkulunkulu wethu, impindiselo ngethempeli lakhe!
- <sup>29</sup> “Bizani abacibishelayo, balwe neBabele, bonke abansala umnsalo, nimise nxazonke zalo, lingabi nophunyukayo, niliphindisele njengezenzo zalo, nenze kulo njengakho konke elikwenzileyo, ngokuba lizikhukhumezile kuJehova, oNgcwele ka-Israyeli.
- <sup>30</sup> Ngalokho izinsizwa zalo ziyakuwa ezitaladini zalo, nawo onke amadoda alo empi ayakunqunywa ngalolo suku,” usho uJehova.
- <sup>31</sup> “Bheka, ngimelene nawe ozikhukhumezileyo,” isho iNkosi uJehova Sebawoti, “ngokuba usuku lwakho lufikile, isikhathi sokuhanjelwa kwakho.
- <sup>32</sup> Ozikhukhumezayo uyakukhubeka, awe, angabi naye omvusayo; ngiyakuphemba umlilo emizini yakhe, udle konke okumzungezayo.”
- <sup>33</sup> Usho kanje uJehova Sebawoti, uthi: “Abantwana bakwa-Israyeli nabantwana bakwaJuda bacindezelwe kanyekanye; bonke ababathumbileyo bababamba, abavumi ukuba bahambe.
- <sup>34</sup> Kepha umkhululi wabo unamandla, nguJehova Sebawoti igama lakhe; uyakumela nokumela indaba yabo ukuba aphumuze umhlaba, anyakazise abakhileyo eBabele.
- <sup>35</sup> “Makufike inkemba phezu kwamaKaledi,” usho uJehova, naphezu kwabakhileyo eBabele, naphezu kwezikhulu zalo, naphezu kwezihlakaniphi zalo.
- <sup>36</sup> Inkemba ifike phezu kwabaprofethi bamanga, babe yiziwula, inkemba ifike phezu kwamaqhawe alo, aphele amandla.
- <sup>37</sup> Inkemba ifike phezu kwamahhashi alo, naphezu kwezinqola zalo, naphezu kwayo yonke ingxubevange yabantu ephakathi kwalo, babe njengabesifazane; inkemba ifike phezu kwengcebo yalo, ize iphangwe.
- <sup>38</sup> Makufike ukusha phezu kwamanzi alo, aze ome, ngokuba yizwe elinezithombe ezibaziweyo, bahlanya ngemifanekiso yabo.
- <sup>39</sup> “Ngalokho izilwane zasehlane ziyakuhlala nezimpungushe, kuhlale khona nezintshe; alisayikuhlalwa kuze kube phakade, lingabe lisakhiwa izizukulwane ngezizukulwane.
- <sup>40</sup> Njengalokho uNkulunkulu wachitha iSodoma neGomora nemizi yawo eyakheleneyo,” usho uJehova, “kanjalo akuyikuhlala muntu khona, kungagogobali khona indodana yomuntu.
- <sup>41</sup> “Bheka, kuvela abantu enyakatho, isizwe esikhulu namakhosi amaningi, kuvuswe ekugcineni komhlaba.
- <sup>42</sup> Babamba umnsalo nomkhonto; banonya, abanamusa; izwi labo liduma njengolwandle; bakhwele amahhashi, behleliwe njengabantu abayakulwa nawe ndodakazi yaseBabele.
- <sup>43</sup> Inkosi yaseBabele izwile udumo lwabo, izandla zayo zaba buthakathaka; usizi

luyibambile, nemihelo njengeyobelethayo.

<sup>44</sup> Bheka, njengengonyama ekhuphuka ezihlahleni zaseJordani, iye endaweni eyinqaba, ngiyakubazuma, ngibagijimise, basuke kuyo; nobani okhethwayo ngiyakumbeka phezu kwabo, ngokuba ngubani onjengami, ngubani ongingqumelayo, ngumuphi umalusi oyakuma phambi kwami, na?"

<sup>45</sup> Ngelokho yizwani isiluleko sikaJehova asinike ngeBabele namacebo awacebe ngezwe lamaKaledi ukuthi: Abancinyane bomhlambi bayakudonswa, basuswe impela, ikhaya labo limangale ngabo.

<sup>46</sup> Ngomsindo wokuthathwa kweBabele umhlaba uyazamazama, ukukhala kuzwakale phakathi kwezizwe.

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**U**sho kanje uJehova, uthi: "Ngiyakuvusela iBabele nabakhileyo eLebi Khamayi umoya womchithi.

<sup>2</sup> Ngiyakuthuma abelayo eBabele, balele, balithulule, ngokuba ngosuku lobubi bayakuba kulo nxazonke.

<sup>3</sup> Ocibishelayo uyakunsala umnsalo kogoba umnsalo khona, nakuye oziphakamisa ngebhantshi lakhe lensimbi; ningasindisi izinsizwa zalo, niqede nya impi yalo yonke.

<sup>4</sup> Bayakuwa bebulewe ezweni lamaKaledi, begwaziwe ezitaladini zalo.

<sup>5</sup> Ngokuba o-Israyeli noJuda abashiywanga nguNkulunkulu wabo, uJehova Sebwoti, noma izwe labo ligcwele icala koNgcwele ka-Israyeli.

<sup>6</sup> "Balekani eBabele, yilowo nalowo akhulule ukuphila kwakhe, ninganqunywa ngokona kwalo, ngokuba kuyisikhathi sempindiselo kaJehova, uyakuliphindisela.

<sup>7</sup> IBabele beliyindebe yegolide esandleni sikaJehova eyadakisa umhlaba wonke; izizwe zaliphuza iwayini lalo, ngelokho izizwe ziyahlanya.

<sup>8</sup> IBabele seliwile ngokuzumayo, lachithwa; hhewulani ngalo, nithathele ubuhlungu balo ibhalisamu; mhlawumbe lingaphiliswa.

<sup>9</sup> "Besiyakuliphilisa iBabele, kepha aliphiliswa; lishiyeni, masihambe siye, kube yilowo nalowo ezweni lakubo, ngokuba ukwahlulelwa kwalo kufinyelela ezulwini, kuphakanyisiwe nasemafwini.

<sup>10</sup> "UJehova uvezile imfanelo yethu; wozani silande eSiyoni umsebenzi kaJehova uNkulunkulu wethu.

<sup>11</sup> "Lolani imicibisholo, nibambe izihlangu. UJehova uvusile umoya wamakhosi aseMediya, ngokuba icebo lakhe ngeBabele lingukuba alichithe, ngokuba lokhu kuyimpindiselo kaJehova, impindiselo ngethempeli lakhe.

<sup>12</sup> Misani ibhanela ngasezingangeni zaseBabele, niqinise umlindo, nimise abalindi, nihlele abaqamekeli, ngokuba uJehova ukuhlosile, futhi wakwenza lokho owakukhuluma kwabakhileyo eBabele.

<sup>13</sup> Wena ohlala ngasemanzini amakhulu, nonengcebo eningi, sekufikile ukugcina kwakho, isilinganiso sokuhaha kwakho.

<sup>14</sup> UJehova Sebwoti uzifungile wathi: Noma ngikugcwalisile ngabantu njengangezinkumbi, bayakuhalalisa nokho ngawe.

<sup>15</sup> "Wawenza umhlaba ngamandla akhe, walimisa izwe ngokuhlakanipha kwakhe, ngokuqonda kwakhe waleneka izulu.

<sup>16</sup> Lapho elizwakalisa izwi lakhe, kungukuhlokoma kwamanzi ezulwini; uzikhuphula

izinkungu emikhawulweni yomhlaba, enzele imvula unyazi, awukhiphe umoya endlini yengcebo.

**17** “Bonke abantu bayiziphukuphuku, abanakwazi, bonke abakhandi bajabhiswa nezithombe zabo ezibaziweyo, ngokuba izithombe zabo ezibunjiweyo zingamanga, nomoya awukho kuzo.

**18** Ziyize, zingumsebenzi wenkohliso; ngesikhathi sokuhanjelwa kwabo ziyakubhubha.

**19** Oyisabelo sikaJakobe akanjengalezo, ngokuba nguye obumbile konke, yebo, nesizwe sefa lakhe; nguJehova Sebawoti igama lakhe.

**20** “Uyizembe lami nezikhali zokulwa; ngiyaphahlaza izizwe ngawe, ngawe ngiyachitha imibuso,

**21** ngiphahlaze ngawe ihhashi nenkweli yalo, ngiphahlaze ngawe inqola nohamba ngayo;

**22** ngiphahlaze ngawe abesilisa nabesifazane, ngiphahlaze ngawe abadala nabasha, ngiphahlaze ngawe izinsizwa nezintombi;

**23** ngiphahlaze ngawe umalusi nomhlambi wakhe, ngiphahlaze ngawe umlimi namabhanga akhe, ngiphahlaze ngawe izinduna nababusi.

**24** “Ngiyakuphindisela iBabele nabo bonke abakhileyo eKalideya konke okubi kwabo abakwenzile eSiyoni emehlweni enu,” usho uJehova.

**25** “Bheka, ngimelene nawe ntaba echithayo,” usho uJehova, “wena ochitha wonke umhlaba; ngiyakwelulela isandla sami kuwe, ngikugingqe emadwaleni, ngikwenze intaba eshisiweyo.

**26** Abayikuthatha kuwe itshe legumbi netshe lesisekelo, ngokuba uyakuba yincithakalo kuze kube phakade,” usho uJehova.

**27** “Misani ibhanela ezweni, nibethe amacilongo phakathi kwezizwe, ningcwelise izizwe ukuba zilwe nalo, nilibizele imibuso yase-Ararati, naseMini, nase-Ashikenaze, nibeke phezu kwalo umphathi wempi, nikhuphuke namahhashi anjengezinkumbi ezimahaye.

**28** Lingcweliseleni izizwe, amakhosi aseMediya, nezinduna zalo, nababusi balo, nalo lonke izwe elibuswa yibo.

**29** Umhlaba uyathuthumela, uqhaqhazele, ngokuba amacebo kaJehova ngeBabele emi okuba enze izwe laseBabele libe yincithakalo, kuze kungabikho ohlala khona.

**30** Amaqhawe aseBabele ayekile ukulwa, ahlala ezingqabeni zawo; amandla awo aphelile, anjengabesifazane; izindlu zalo zishisiwe, imigoqo yalo yaphuliwe.

**31** Isigijimi siyagijima, sihlangane nesinye, umbiki uhlangana nombiki ukutshela inkosi yaseBabele ukuthi umuzi wayo unqotshiwe nxazonke.

**32** Amazibuko avinjiwe, umhlanga ushisiwe ngomlilo, amadoda empi ayesaba.”

**33** Ngokuba usho kanje uJehova Sebawoti, uNkulunkulu ka-Israyeli, uthi: “Indodakazi yaseBabele injengesibuya ngesikhathi sokunyathelwa kwaso; kuse yisikhashana, sizakufika kuyo isikhathi sokuvuna.”

**34** UNebukadinesari, inkosi yaseBabele ungidlile wangiqrada; ungenze isitsha esingenalutho, wangigwinya njengodrako; ugcwalisile isisu sakhe ngokumnandi kwami, wangixosha.

**35** “Ubudlova engenzelwe bona mina nabayinyama yami mabube phezu kweBabele,” makasho njalo owakhileyo eSiyoni. “Igazi lami malibe phezu kwabakhileyo eKalideya,” malisho njalo iJerusalema.

**36** Ngalokho usho kanje uJehova, uthi: “Bheka, ngiyakumela indaba yakho, ngikuphindisele, ngishise ulwandle lwalo, ngomise umthombo walo.

**37** IBabele liyakuba yizinqwaba, nendawo yokuhlala kwamakhanka, nencithakalo, nento encimfelwayo, kungabikho ohlala khona.

- <sup>38</sup> Bayabhonga kanyekanye njengezingonyama, bakhale njengamabhongo ezingonyama.
- <sup>39</sup> Sebevuthile, ngiyakubenzela idili, ngibadakise ukuze baquleke, balale ubuthongo obuphakade, bangavuki,” usho uJehova.
- <sup>40</sup> “Ngiyakubehlisela ekuhlathweni njengamawundlu, njengezingqama nezimpongo.
- <sup>41</sup> “Yeka ukungotshwa kweSheshaki nokubanjwa kwelaliludumo lwawo wonke umhlaba! Yeka ukwenziwa kweBabele isimangaliso phakathi kwezizwe!
- <sup>42</sup> Ulwandle lukhuphukele iBabele, lisibekelwe ngamaza alo ahlokomayo.
- <sup>43</sup> Imizi yalo ichithekile; yizwe elomileyo, nehlane, izwe elingahlalwa muntu, kungadluli kulo indodana yomuntu.
- <sup>44</sup> Ngiyakuambela uBeli eBabele, ngikhiphe emlonyeni wakhe lokhu akugwinyileyo; izizwe azisayikugobhozela kuye, ugange lwaseBabele luyakuwa.
- <sup>45</sup> “Phumani phakathi kwalo, bantu bami, nizikhulule, kube yilowo nalowo ekufuthekeni kwentukuthelo kaJehova.
- <sup>46</sup> Izinhliziyu zenu mazingadangali, ningesabi imibiko ezwakalayo ezweni, lapho kufika umbiko othile ngomunye umnyaka, bese kufika emva kwawo omunye ngomnyaka olandelayo, kube ngubudlova ezweni, umbusi avukele umbusi.
- <sup>47</sup> Ngelokho bheka, izinsuku ziyeza, lapho ngiyakujezisa izithombe ezibaziweyo zaseBabele, izwe lonke lalo lijabhe, bonke ababuleweyo balo bawe phakathi kwalo.
- <sup>48</sup> Bese kuqhumuka izulu nomhlaba, nakho konke okukukho, ngokuhlabelela ngeBabele, ngokuba abachithi bayakumfikela bevela enyakatho,” usho uJehova.
- <sup>49</sup> “Yebo, neBabele limelwe ukuwa, nina babuleweyo bakwa-Israyeli, njengalokho iBabele laliwelwa ngababuleweyo bomhlaba wonke.
- <sup>50</sup> Nina eniphunyukile enkembeni hambani, ningemi; khumbulani uJehova nisekude, iJerusalema lingene ezinhliziyweni zenu.
- <sup>51</sup> “Sijabhile, ngokuba sizwe inhlamba; amahloni asibekela ubuso bethu, ngokuba abafokazi bangenile ezindaweni ezingcwele endlini kaJehova.”
- <sup>52</sup> “Ngelokho bheka, izinsuku ziyeza,” usho uJehova, “lapho ngiyakuzihambela izithombe zalo ezibaziweyo, ababulawayo babubule ezweni lonke lalo.
- <sup>53</sup> Noma iBabele likhuphukela ezulwini, yebo, noma liqinisa inqaba yalo enamandla, kuyakuvela nokho kimi abachithi, balehlele,” usho uJehova.
- <sup>54</sup> “Ngumsindo wokukhala ovela eBabele, nowencithakalo enkulu ophuma ezweni lamaKaledi,
- <sup>55</sup> ngokuba uJehova uyalichitha iBabele, aqede phakathi kwalo umsindo omkhulu; amaza alo ayahlokoma njengamanzi amakhulu, nomsindo wokuhlokoma kwawo uyezwa kala,
- <sup>56</sup> ngokuba umchithi uyalehlele, alehlele iBabele, amaqhawe alo ayabanjwa, neminsalo yawo iyaphulwa, ngokuba uJehova unguNkulunkulu wemivuzo, uyakhokha nokukhokha.
- <sup>57</sup> Ngiyakudakisa izikhulu zalo nezihlakaniphi zalo, nezinduna zalo, nababusi balo, namaqhawe alo; bayakulala ubuthongo obuphakade, bangavuki,” isho iNkosi egama layo linguJehova Sebawoti.
- <sup>58</sup> Usho kanje uJehova Sebawoti, uthi: “Ugange olubanzi lwaseBabele luyakubhidlizwa nokubhidlizwa, namasango alo aphakemeyo ayakushiswa ngomlilo; abantu bakhandlekela ize nezizwe okomlilo, zikhathale.”
- <sup>59</sup> Izwi uJeremiya umprofethi ayala ngalo uSeraya indodana kaNeriya kaMakhaseya ekuhambeni kwakhe noSedekiya inkosi yakwaJuda eya eBabele ngomnyaka wesine wokubusa kwakhe. USeraya wayeyisikhulu sezindawo zokuphumula.
- <sup>60</sup> UJeremiya waloba encwadini konke okubi obekuyakwehlela iBabele, onke lawa mazwi

alotshiwe ngeBabele.

<sup>61</sup> UJeremiya wathi kuSeraya: “Ekufikeni kwakho eBabele bhekisisa ukuba ufunde onke lawa mazwi,

<sup>62</sup> uthi: ‘Jehova, wena ukhulumile ngale ndawo ukuba uyinqume ukuze kungabikho muntu ohlala kuyo, umuntu nasilwane, ngokuba iyakuba yihlane kuze kube phakade.’

<sup>63</sup> Lapho usuqedile ukuyifunda le ncwadi, uyakubopha itshe kuyo, uyiphonse e-Ewufrathe,

<sup>64</sup> uthi: ‘Kanjalo iBabele liyakushona, lingabe lisavuka ngenxa yokubi engiyakulehlisela khona, lidangale.’ ” Kuphela lapha amazwi kaJeremiya.

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**U**Sedekiya wayeneminyaka engamashumi amabili nanye ekuqaleni kwakhe ukubusa, wabusa iminyaka eyishumi nanye eJerusalema; igama likanina lalinguHamuthali indodakazi kaJeremiya waseLibina.

<sup>2</sup> Wenza okubi emehlweni kaJehova njengakho konke akwenzileyo uJehoyakimi.

<sup>3</sup> Ngokuba kwenzeka lokho eJerusalema nakwaJuda ngenxa yentukuthelo kaJehova, waze wabalahla ebusweni bakhe; uSedekiya wayihlubuka inkosi yaseBabele.

<sup>4</sup> Kwathi ngomnyaka wesishiyagalolunye wokubusa kwakhe ngenyanga yeshumi, ngolweshumi lwenyanga, kwafika uNebukadinesari, inkosi yaseBabele, yena nayo yonke impi yakhe, eJerusalema, wamisa malungana nalo, bakha inqaba ngakulo nxazonke.

<sup>5</sup> Wawusuvinjezelwa umuzi kwaze kwaba ngumnyaka weshumi nanye wenkosi uSedekiya.

<sup>6</sup> Ngenyanga yesine ngolwesishiyagalolunye lwenyanga indlala yaba namandla emzini, akubangakho kudla kubantu bezwe.

<sup>7</sup> Kepha wawusufohlwa umuzi, onke amadoda empi abaleka, aphuma emzini ebusuku ngendlela yesango phakathi kwezingange zombili ezazingasensimini yenkosi — amaKaledi ayekhona nxazonke zomuzi — ahamba ngendlela yase-Araba.

<sup>8</sup> Kodwa impi yamaKaledi yayixosha inkosi, yamfika uSedekiya emathafeni aseJeriko, yonke impi yakhe yahlakazeka.

<sup>9</sup> Ayeseyibamba inkosi, ayenyusela enkosini yaseBabele eRibila ezweni laseHamati, ayahlulela.

<sup>10</sup> Inkosi yaseBabele yabulala amadodana kaSedekiya phambi kwamehlo akhe; yabulala nazo zonke izikhulu zakwaJuda eRibila.

<sup>11</sup> Yakhipha namehlo kaSedekiya; inkosi yaseBabele yambopha ngamaketanga, yamyisa eBabele, yamfaka etilongweni kwaze kwaba sosukwini lokufa kwakhe.

<sup>12</sup> Ngenyanga yesihlanu, ngolweshumi lwenyanga okwakungumnyaka weshumi nesishiyagalolunye wenkosi uNebukadinesari, inkosi yaseBabele, kwafika uNebuzaradani induna yabalindi, inceku yenkosi yaseBabele, eJerusalema.

<sup>13</sup> Washisa indlu kaJehova nendlu yenkosi; nazo zonke izindlu zaseJerusalema, zonke izindlu ezinkulu, wazishisa ngomlilo.

<sup>14</sup> Yonke impi yamaKaledi induna yabalindi eyayinayo yadiliza izingange zaseJerusalema nxazonke.

<sup>15</sup> Abantu abathile abayizimpofana, nabantu abaseleyo ababesele emzini, nabahlubukileyo behlubukela enkosini yaseBabele, nesixuku esiseleyo uNebuzaradani induna yabalindi wabathumba.

<sup>16</sup> Kepha uNebuzaradani induna yabalindi washiya abantu abathile bezwe

abayizimpofana ukuba baphathe izivini namasimu.

<sup>17</sup> Izinsika zethusi ezazisendlini yenkosi, nezinqe, nolwandle lwethusi okwakusendlini kaJehova amaKaledi akuhlephula, athuthela lonke ithusi lakho eBabele.

<sup>18</sup> Amakhanzi, namafoholo, nezizenze, nemicakulo, nezinkezo, nazo zonke izitsha zethusi ababekhonza ngazo akuthatha.

<sup>19</sup> Izindebe, nemicengezi yomlilo, nezitsha, namakhanzi, nezinti zezibani, nezinkezo, nezinkamba, okwegolide lodwa nesiliva lodwa, nalokho induna yabalindi yakuthatha.

<sup>20</sup> Izinsika zombili, nolwandle olwalulunye nje, nezinkabi eziyishumi nambili zethusi ezaziphansi kwezinye, inkosi uSolomoni eyayikwenzele indlu kaJehova, ithusi lazo zonke lezi zinto lalingenakulinganiswa.

<sup>21</sup> Izinsika-ke, ukuphakama kwensika eyodwa kwakuyizingalo eziyishumi nesishiyagalombili; umucu oyizingalo eziyishumi nambili wawuyizungeza; uhlonze lwayo lwaluyiminwe emine, yayiyigobongo.

<sup>22</sup> Kwakukhona isihloko sethusi; ukuphakama kwesihloko esisodwa kwakuyizingalo eziyisihlanu; kwakukhona nenetha namapomegranati phezu kwesihloko nxazonke, konke kwakungokwethusi; njengangale kwakunjalo nasensikeni yesibili enamapomegranati.

<sup>23</sup> Kwakukhona amapomegranati angamashumi ayisishiyagalolunye nesithupha ngasemoyeni; onke amapomegranati asenetheni nxazonke ayeyikhulu.

<sup>24</sup> Induna yabalindi yathatha uSeraya, umpristi omkhulu, noZefaniya, umpristi wesibili, nabalindimnyango abathathu;

<sup>25</sup> yathatha emzini induna eyayimiswe phezu kwamadoda empi, nabantu abayisikhombisa kwaba besebusweni benkosi abafunyanwa emzini, nombhali wenduna yempi eyayibala abantu bezwe, nabantu bezwe abangamashumi ayisithupha abafunyanwa phakathi komuzi.

<sup>26</sup> UNebuzaradani, induna yabalindi, wabathatha, wabayisa enkosini yaseBabele eRibila.

<sup>27</sup> Inkosi yaseBabele yabashaya, yababulala eRibila ezweni laseHamati. Wathunjwa kanjalo uJuda ezweni lakubo.

<sup>28</sup> Nampa abantu uNebukadinesari abathumbayo: ngomnyaka wesikhombisa abaJuda abayizinkulungwane ezintathu namashumi amabili nantathu,

<sup>29</sup> nangomnyaka weshumi nesishiyagalombili kaNebukadinesari wathumba eJerusalema abantu abangamakhulu ayisishiyagalombili namashumi amathathu nambili.

<sup>30</sup> Ngomnyaka wamashumi amabili nantathu kaNebukadinesari uNebuzaradani induna yabalindi wathumba abaJuda, abantu abangamakhulu ayisikhombisa namashumi amane nanhlanu. Bonke abantu babe yizinkulungwane ezine namakhulu ayisithupha.

<sup>31</sup> Kwathi ngomnyaka wamashumi amathathu nesikhombisa wokuthunjwa kukaJehoyakini, inkosi yakwaJuda, ngenyanga yeshumi nambili, ngolwamashumi amabili nanhlanu lwenyanga, u-Evili Merodaki inkosi yaseBabele ngomnyaka wokuqala wokubusa kwakhe waphakamisa ikhanda likaJehoyakini inkosi yakwaJuda, wamkhipha etilongweni,

<sup>32</sup> wakhuluma kahle kuye, wabeka isihlalo sakhe phezu kwezihlalo zamakhosi ayenaye eBabele.

<sup>33</sup> Waguqula izingubo zakhe zasetilongweni; wadla njalo phambi kwakhe zonke izinsuku zokuhamba kwakhe.

<sup>34</sup> Isabelo sakhe sasiyisabelo esimiyo semihla ngemihla, asiphiwa yinkosi yaseBabele zonke izinsuku zokuhamba kwakhe kwaze kwaba sosukwini lokufa kwakhe.