

UZEKHARIYA

Ubizo Lokubuyela KuJehova

1 Ngenyanga yesificamibili yomnyaka wesibili kaDariyu, ilizwi likaJehova lafika kumphrofethi uZekhariya indodana kaBherekhiya, indodana ka-Ido lisithi:

²“UJehova wayezondile kakhulu ngabokhokho benu. ³Ngakho tshela abantu uthi: Nanku akutshoyo uJehova uSomandla: 'Buyelani kimi,' kutsho uJehova uSomandla, 'lami ngizabuya kini,' utsho njalo uJehova uSomandla. ⁴Lingabi njengabokhokho benu, okwatsho kubo abaphrofethi bamandulo, bathi: Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova uSomandla, uthi: 'Phendukani ezindleleni zenu zobubi lezenzo zenu ezimbi.' Kodwa kabafunanga ukulalela loba ukukunanza okwakutshiwo, kutsho uJehova. ⁵Bangaphi manje okhokho benu na? Bona abaphrofethi kambe baphila okungapheliyo na? ⁶Kodwa amazwi ami lemithetho yami engangilaye ngakho izinceku zami abaphrofethi kakuzange kuze kubafice yini okhokho benu?

"Kwayikhona bephenduka besithi, 'UJehova uSomandla wenzile kithi okufanele izindlela zethu lezenzo njengalokho amisa ukukwenza.' ”

Indoda Iphakathi Kwezihlahla Zommethile

⁷Ngelanga lamatshumi amabili lane ngenyanga yetshumi lanye, inyanga uShebathi, ngomnyaka wesibili kaDariyu, ilizwi likaJehova lafika kumphrofethi uZekhariya indodana kaBherekhiya, indodana ka-Ido.

⁸Ebusuku ngafikelwa ngumbono – khonapho phambi kwami kwakulendoda

igade ibhiza elibomvu! Yayimi phakathi kwezihlahla zommethile edongeni. Ngemuva kwayo kwakulamanye amabhiza, elibomvu, eliyinsundu lelimhlophe.

⁹Ngayibuza ngathi, "Kuyini lokhu, nkosi yami na?"

Ingilosi eyayikhuluma lami yaphendula yathi, "Ngizakutshengisa ukuthi kuyini."

¹⁰Kwasekusithi leyondoda eyayimi ezihlahleni zommethile yachaza yathi, "Laba yibo uJehova abathumileyo ukuba bahambe emhlabeni wonke."

¹¹Base bebika engilosini yenkosi eyayimi phakathi kwezihlahla zommethile bathi, "Sesiwuhambile wonke umhlaba safumana ukuthi ilizwe lihlezi kuhle phakathi kokuthula."

¹²Ingilosi kaJehova yasisithi, "Jehova Somandla, koze kube nini ulokhu ugodla isihawu sakho phezu kweJerusalema lamadolobho akwaJuda olokhu uwathukuthelele yonke iminyaka le engamatshumi ayisikhombisa?"

¹³Ngakho uJehova wasekhuluma amazwi omusa, aduduzayo kuleyongilosi eyayikhuluma lami.

¹⁴Kwasekusithi ingilosi eyayikhuluma lami yathi, "Memezela leli ilizwi: Nanku akutshoyo uJehova uSomandla, uthi: 'Ngilobukhwele ngeJerusalema leZiyoni, ¹⁵kodwa ngizondile ngalezozizwe ezihlezi zanaba. Ngangithukuthele kancane kodwa zawengezelela lowo monakalo.' ”

¹⁶“Ngakho-ke nanku okutshiwo nguJehova: 'Ngizabuya eJerusalema ngilomusa, khonapho indlu yami izakwaxhiwa kutsha. Intambo yesilinganiso izakwelulwa eJerusalema,' kutsho uJehova uSomandla.

¹⁷"Memezela njalo uthi: Nanku akutshoyo uJehova uSomandla, uthi: 'Amadolobho ami azaphinda njalo

aphuphume ngenotho, njalo uJehova uzaphinda ayiduduze iZiyoni, ayikhethe iJerusalema.' "

Izimpondo Ezine Labakhandi Abane

¹⁸Ngase ngiphakamisa amehlo - khona phambi kwami kwakulezimpondo ezine!
¹⁹Ngabuza ingilosi leyo eyayikhuluma lami, ngathi, "Kuyini lokhu?"

Yaphendula yathi, "Lezi yizo izimpondo ezachitha uJuda, lo-Israyeli leJerusalema."

²⁰UJehova wasengitshengisa abakhandi abane. ²¹Ngabuza ngathi, "Laba bazekwenzani na?"

Waphendula wathi, "Lezi yizimpondo ezachitha uJuda ukuze angabi khona ovusa ikhanda, kodwa abakhandi balande ukuzazethusa bazilahlele phansi izimpondo lezi ezezizwe ezaphakamisa izimpondo zazo phezu kwelizwe lakwaJuda ukuchitha abantu balo."

Indoda Lentambo Yokulinganisa

2 Ngaphakamisa amehlo – khonapho phambi kwami kwakulomuntu ophethe intambo yokulinganisa! ²Ngabuza ngathi, "Uya ngaphi na?"

Wangiphendula wathi, "Ngiyalinganisa iJerusalema, ukubona ukuthi ibanzi njalo yinde kanganani."

³Ingilosi leyo eyayikhuluma lami yasisuka, kweza enye ingilosi iyihlangabeza ⁴yathi kuyo: "Gijima utshele ijaha leliyana uthi, 'IJerusalema izakuba lidolobho elingelamiduli ngenxa yobunengi babantu lezifuyo phakathi kwalo. ⁵Mina ngokwami ngizakuba ngumduli womlilo olizungezileyo,' kutsho uJehova, 'njalo ngizakuba yinkazimulo ngaphakathi kwalo.'

⁶"Wozani! Wozani! Balekani kulelolizwe lasenyakatho," kutsho uJehova, "ngokuba ngilichithachithile kuyo yonke imimoya yomine yezulu," kutsho uJehova.

⁷"Woza, yeyi wena Ziyoni! Balekani lina elihlala eNdodakazini yaseBhabhiloni!" ⁸Ngokuba lokhu kutshiwo nguJehova uSomandla, uthi: "Ngemuva kokuba esengiphe udumo njalo esengithumile ukumelana lezizwe eziliphangileyo – ngoba loba ngubani oke alithinte lina uthinta igugu lakhe – ⁹ngempela ngizaphakamisela isandla sami kubo ukuze izigqili zabo zibaphange. Lapho-ke lizakwazi ukuthi uJehova uSomandla nguye ongithumileyo.

¹⁰Memeza ujabule, we Ndodakazi yaseZiyoni. Ngokuba ngiyeza, njalo ngizahlala phakathi kwenu," kutsho uJehova. ¹¹"Izizwe ezinengi zizahlanganiswa loJehova ngalelolanga njalo zizakuba ngabantu bami. Ngizahlala phakathi kwenu njalo lizakwazi ukuthi uJehova uSomandla ungithumile kini. ¹²UJehova uzamthatha uJuda njengelifa abe yisabelo sakhe elizweni elingcwele njalo uzaphinde ayikhethe iJerusalema. ¹³Pholani lithule phambi kukaJehova, bantu lonke, ngokuba uphakamile waphuma endaweni yakhe engcwele."

Izambatho Ezihlanzekileyo ZomPhristi Omkhulu

3 Yase ingitshengisa uJoshuwa umphristi omkhulu emi phambi kwengilosi kaJehova, loSathane emi kwesokunene sakhe emmangalela. ²UJehova wathi kuSathane, "UJehova uyakukhuza, Sathane! UJehova oyikhethileyo iJerusalema, uyakukhuza!

Umuntu lo kasisikhuni esihwatshwe sibhebha na?"

³UJoshuwa wema phambi kwengilosi egqoke ezitshutshumayo ngokungcola.

⁴Ingilosi yasisithi kulabo ababemi phambi kwayo, "Mkhululeni izigqoko lezi ezingcolileyo."

Yasisithi kuJoshuwa, "Uyabona, sengisisusile isono sakho, yikho sengizakugqokisa izigqoko ezinhle kakhulu."

⁵Ngasengisithi, "Mthwaliseni iqhiye ehlanzekileyo ekhanda lakhe." Basebemthwalisa iqhiye ehlanzekileyo ekhanda, bamgqokisa njalo, ingilosi kaJehova ilokhu imi khonapho.

⁶Ingilosi yasimupha umlayo lo uJoshuwa, yathi: ⁷"Nanku akutshoyo uJehova uSomandla: 'Uma uzahamba ngezindlela zami ugcine izimiso zami, lapho-ke uzabusa indlu yami, uwaphathe lamaguma ami, njalo mina ngizakupha indawo phakathi kwalaba abemiyo lapha.

⁸" 'Lalela, wena mphristi omkhulu Joshuwa, kanye labakhula bakho abahlezi phambi kwakho, abangamadoda ayisitshengiselo sezinto ezizayo: Ngizaletha inceku yami iHlumela.

⁹Uyabona, ilitshengisile phambi kukaJoshuwa! Kulamehlo ayisikhombisa phezu kwelitshe lilinye, njalo ngizagubha umbhalo kulo,' kutsho uJehova uSomandla, 'njalo ngizasisusa isono salelilizwe ngelanga elilodwa zwi.

¹⁰" 'Ngalelolanga lowo lalowo wenu uzamema umakhelwane wakhe ukuthi ahlale ngaphansi kwevini lomkhiwa wakhe,' kutsho uJehova uSomandla."

Uluthi Lwesibane Lwegolide Lezihlahla Ze-oliva Ezimbili

4 Ingilosi eyayikhuluma lami yabuya njalo yazangivusa njengomuntu evuswa

ebuthongweni. ²Yangibuza yathi, "Ubonani na?"

Ngaphendula ngathi, "Ngibona uluthi lwesibane olwenziwe ngokugcweleyo ngegolide, lulomganu phezu lezibane eziyisikhombisa lezimboze zezibane eziyisikhombisa. ³Njalo kulezihlahla zama-oliva ezimbili eduze kwalo, esinye ngasokunene komganu, esinye kwesokhohlo."

⁴Ngayibuza ingilosi eyayikhuluma lami, ngathi, "Kuyini lokhu, nkosi yami?"

⁵Yaphendula yathi, "Kawukwazi ukuthi yizinto bani lezi?"

Ngathi, "Hatshi, nkosi yami."

⁶Yasisithi kimi, "Nanti ilizwi lami kuZerubhabheli: 'Hatshi ngempi kumbe ngamandla, kodwa ngoMoya wami,' kutsho uJehova uSomandla.

⁷"Uvele uyini, wena ntaba engakaya? KuZerubhabheli uzakuba ngumhlathi owendlalekileyo. Khonapho usezaletha ilitshengisile lokuphetha abantu bememeza besithi, "Nkulunkulu libusise! Nkulunkulu libusise!"

⁸Kwasekufika ilizwi likaJehova kimi lisithi: ⁹"Izandla zikaZerubhabheli zisibekile isisekelo saleli ithempeli; izandla zakhe zizaliqedisa ukulakha. Ngakho lizakwazi ukuthi uJehova uSomandla ungithumile kini.

¹⁰"Ngubani oludelelayo usuku lwezinto ezincane na? Abantu bazathokoza sebebona intambo yokuqondisa esandleni sikaZerubhabheli.

"(Yizo ezingamehlo ayisikhombisa kaJehova, agcwala umhlaba wonke.)"

¹¹Ngasengiyibuza ingilosi, ngathi, "Lezi-ke izihlahla ezimbili zama-oliva kwesokunene lakwesokhohlo phezu koluthi lwesibane ngezani?"

¹²Ngayibuza futhi ngathi, "Amahlumela la amabili e-oliva eceleni

kwezinti ezimbili zegolide
okumpompoza kuzo amafutha aligolide
zona ziyini?"

¹³Yaphendula yathi, "Kawuzazi ukuthi
ziyini na?"

Ngathi, "Hatshi, nkosi yami."

¹⁴Yasisithi, "Laba yibo ababili
abagcotshiweyo ukukhonza iNkosi
yomhlaba wonke."

Umqulu Wencwadi Ondizayo

5 Ngaphinde ngakhangela –

khonapho phambi kwami kwakulomqulu
wencwadi ondizayo!

²Yangibuza yathi, "Ubonani na?"

Ngaphendula ngathi, "Ngibona
umqulu wencwadi ondizayo, omude
izingalo ezingamatshumi amathathu
lobubanzi obulitshumi lanhlana."

³Yasisithi kimi, "Lesi yisithuko
esizakwehlela lonke ilizwe; ngoba ithi
incwadi kwelinye icele layo, amasela
wonke azaxotshwa elizweni, ibisisithi
ngakwelinye icele, wonke lowo ofunga
ngamanga uzaxotshwa elizweni.

⁴UJehova uSomandla uthi,
'Ngizayithumezela ingene endlini yesela
lasendlini yalowo ofunga ngebizo lami.
Umqulu lo uzahlala endlini yakhe
uyichithize izigodo zayo kanye
lamatshe.' "

Owesifazana Phakathi Kwesilulu

⁵Ingilosi eyayikhuluma lami
yasisondela yathi kimi, "Vusa amehlo
ubone ukuthi kuyini lokhuyana
okuvelayo."

⁶Ngabuza ngathi, "Kuyini?"

Yaphendula yathi, "Yisilulu
sokulinganisa." Yengeza yathi, "Lobu
yibubi babantu elizweni lonke leli."

⁷Kwasekusibukulwa isiciko sesilulu
leso, kwabonakala phakathi kuhlezi

owesifazana! ⁸Yathi, "Lobu yibubi,"
yasimfuqela phakathi esilulwini yafuqela
njalo isiciko emlonyeni wesilulu.

⁹Ngasengikhangela – khonapho
phambi kwami kwakulabesifazana
ababili belezimpiko ezigewele umoya!
Babelezimpiko ezifana lezengabuzane,
baphakamisa isilulu saba phakathi
kwezulu lomhlaba.

¹⁰Ngabuza ingilosi eyayikhuluma lami
ngathi, "Basisa ngaphi isilulu lesi na?"

¹¹Yaphendula yathi, "Basisa elizweni
laseBhabhiloni ukuyasakhela indlu
khonale. Nxa isiphelile isilulu
sizahlaliswa kuhle khonale endaweni
yaso."

Izingola Zokulwa Ezine

6 Ngaphinde ngaphakamisa amehlo

njalo – khona phambi kwami
kwakulezingola zempi ezine ziqhamuka
okhalweni lwezintaba ezimbili – izintaba
zethusi! ²Inqola yakuqala yayilamabhiza
abomvu, eyesibili ilamnyama,
³eyesithathu amhlophe, eyesine
alamabala – wonke elamandla.

⁴Ngayibuza ingilosi eyayikhuluma lami
ngathi, "Kuyini lokhu, nkosi yami?"

⁵Ingilosi yangiphendula yathi, "Le
yimimoya emine yasezulwini, ephumayo
ekumeni phambi kukaJehova womhlaba
wonke. ⁶Le elamabhiza amnyama iqonda
elizweni elisenyakatho, eyawamhlophe
iqonda entshonalanga, kuthi
eyawamabala iqonda eningizimu."

⁷Kwathi lawomabhiza alamandla
esephuma ayesadalala ezama ukuya
kuwo wonke umhlaba. Yathi kuwo,
"Hambani kuwo wonke umhlaba."
Lakanye aya kuwo wonke umhlaba.

⁸Yase ingibiza yathi, "Uyabona,
layana aqonda elizweni elisenyakatho
asenike uMoya wami ukuphumula
elizweni lasenyakatho."

Umqhele KaJoshuwa

⁹ Ilizwi likaJehova lafika kimi lathi:
¹⁰ "Thatha isiliva legolide
 kwabathunjiweyo uHelidayi loThobhiya
 loJedaya asebebuyile eBhabhiloni.
 Hamba ngalona lelolanga endlini
 kaJosiya indodana kaZefaniya. ¹¹ Thatha
 isiliva legolide wenze umqhele uwethese
 umphristi omkhulu uJoshuwa indodana
 kaJehozadaki. ¹² Umtshele ukuthi nanku
 okutshiwo nguJehova uSomandla, uthi:
 'Nansi indoda obizo layo liHlumela,
 njalo uzahluma endaweni yakhe akhe
 ithempeli likaJehova. ¹³ Nguye
 ozakwakha ithempeli likaJehova, njalo
 uzagqokiswa ubukhosi, futhi uzahlala
 esihlalweni sakhe sobukhosi. Lokhu
 kokubili kuzahambelana kuhle.' ¹⁴ Labo
 abasekudeni bazakuza bazokwelekelela
 ukwakha ithempeli likaJehova, njalo
 kuzakwenzeka uma limlalela
 ngokukhuthala uJehova uNkulunkulu
 wenu."

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7 Ngomnyaka wesine wenkosi
 uDariyu, ilizwi likaJehova lafika
 kuZekharia ngelanga lesine lenyanga
 yesificamunye, inyanga ethiwa
 nguKhisilevu. ² Abantu baseBhetheli
 babethume uSharezeri loRegemi-Meleki,
 kanye lamadoda asuka kubo
 ukuyancenga uJehova uSomandla
³ ngokucela abaphristi bendlu kaJehova
 uSomandla labaphrofethi ukuthi,
 "Ngilile yini njalo ngizile ukudla
 ngenyanga yesihlanu njengalokhu
 engihlala ngikwenza okweminyaka
 eminengi na?"

⁴ Laselifika ilizwi likaJehova
 uSomandla kimi lisithi: ⁵ "Buza bonke
 abantu belizwe kanye labaphristi uthi,
 'Lapho lalizila ukudla lilila ngenyanga

yesihlanu leyesikhombisa okweminyaka
 engamatshumi ayisikhombisa esidlule
 kambe lalizilela mina ngeqiniso na?
⁶ Njalo nxa lalisidla, linatha, angithi
 lalizikholisela lina na? ⁷ Kawasiwo yini
 la amazwi amenyezelwa nguJehova
 ngabaphrofethi bamandulo lapho
 iJerusalema lamadolobho aseduzane
 ayelokuthula ephumelela, leNegebi
 kanye lamaqaqa asentshonalanga
 kwakhiwe kuhle na? "

⁸ Laphinde lafika njalo ilizwi
 likaJehova kuZekharia lathi: ⁹ "Nanku
 okutshiwo nguJehova uSomandla, uthi:
 'Yehlulelani ngobuqotho; litshengise
 isihawu lozwelo omunye komunye.
¹⁰ Lingamcindezele umfelokazi noma
 intandane, lowezizweni noma umyanga.
 Lingakhumbulelani okubi ezinhliziyweni
 zenu.'

¹¹ "Kodwa bala ukulalela; baqholoza
 bafulathela njalo bagcika izindlebe zabo.
¹² Benza izinhliziyiyo zabo zaba lukhuni
 njengelitshe kabaze balalela umlayo loba
 amazwi kaJehova uSomandla
 ayewathumile ngoMoya ngabaphrofethi
 bamandulo. Yikho uJehova uSomandla
 wathukuthela kabuhlungu.

¹³ " 'Ngababiza, kodwa kabalalelanga;
 yikho labo sebememeza
 kangibalalelanga,' " kutsho uJehova
 uSomandla. ¹⁴ Ngabachithachitha
 ngesivunguzane baya ezizweni zonke
 lapho ababa yizihambi khona. Ilizwe
 lasala selilihlane nje kungasahlaleki kulo
 futhi kungasedluleki khona. Balenza
 lajujukana kanjalo ilizwe elihle laba
 yinkangala.' "

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8 Lafika njalo kimi ilizwi likaJehova
 uSomandla. ² Nanku okutshiwo
 nguJehova uSomandla: "Ngilobukhwele

kabi ngeZiyoni; ngiyatsha ngobukhwele ngayo."

³Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova: "Ngizabuyela eZiyoni ngihlale eJerusalema. Lapho-ke iJerusalema izathiwa nguMuzi weQiniso, lentaba kaJehova uSomandla izabizwa ngokuthi yiNtaba eNgcwele."

⁴Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova uSomandla, uthi: "Kuzakwenzakala njalo ukuthi amaxhegu lezalukazi bahlale nje ezitaladini zeJerusalema, ngulowo lodondolo lwakhe esandleni ngenxa yokuluphala. ⁵Izitalada zedolobho zizaphithizela abafana lamantombazana bezidlalela khona."

⁶Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova uSomandla, uthi: "Kungabonakala njengesimanga kwabayinsalela yalababantu ngalesosikhathi, kodwa kambe kungabonakala njengesimanga kimi na?" kutsho uJehova uSomandla.

⁷Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova uSomandla, uthi: "Ngizabasindisa abantu bami emazweni asempumalanga lasemazweni asentshonalanga.

⁸Ngizababuyisela bayohlala eJerusalema; bazakuba ngabantu bami, lami ngizathembeka njalo ngibe lokulunga kubo njengoNkulunkulu wabo."

⁹Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova uSomandla, uthi: "Lina okwamanje eliwezwayo amazwi la akhulunywa ngabaphrofethi ababekhona kubekwa isisekelo sendlu kaJehova uSomandla, qinisani izandla zenu ukuze ithempeli lakhiwe. ¹⁰Mandulo kwesikhathi leso kwakungekho imbadalo ngomsebenzi womuntu loba owenyamazana. Umuntu loba engubani wayengazihambeli loba azenzele okwakhe ekhululekile ngenxa yezitha, ngokuba abantu ngasengibaxabanisa labomakhelwana babo. ¹¹Kodwa khathesi kangisayikwenza kulaba abayinsalela

njengalokho engakwenzayo endulo," kutsho uJehova uSomandla.

¹²"Inhlanyelo izakhula kuhle, ivini lizakhupha izithelo zalo, umhlabathi uzakhulisa amabele, lamazulu azakwehlisa amazolo awo. Zonke lezizinto ngizazinika njengelifa kwabayinsalela yalababantu.

¹³Njengoba beliyinto ethukiweyo phakathi kwezizwe, wena Juda lo-Israyeli, ngakho ngizalisindisa libe yisibusiso. Lingesabi, kodwa qinisani izandla zenu."

¹⁴Nanku akutshoyo uJehova uSomandla, uthi: "Kanjengalokhu ngasengimisile ukwehlisela umonakalo phezu kwenu angaze ngatshengisa uzwelo lapho okhokho benu bangizondisa," kutsho uJehova uSomandla, ¹⁵"yikho manje sengimisile ukwenza ubuhle njalo eJerusalema lakoJuda. Lingesabi. ¹⁶Nanzi izinto okumele lizenze: Khulumani iqiniso omunye komunye, njalo lehlulelane ngeqiniso langokuqonda emithethwandaba yenu; ¹⁷lingakheli umakhelwana wenu amacebo amabi, njalo lingaze lathanda ukufunga ngokungamanga. Konke lokhu ngiyakuzonda," kutsho uJehova.

¹⁸Laphinda leza kimi njalo ilizwi likaJehova. ¹⁹Nanku akutshoyo uJehova uSomandla, uthi, "Amazilo awenyanga yesine, leyesihlanu, leyesikhombisa kanye leyetshumi azakuba yizikhathi zokuthokoza lokujabula, abe yimikhosi yokuthaba koJuda. Ngakho-ke thandani iqiniso lokuthula."

²⁰Nanku akutshoyo uJehova uSomandla: "Abantu abanengi lezakhumizi zamadolobho amanengi basezakuza, ²¹njalo izakhumizi zedolobho leli zizakuya kwezakuleliyana zifike zithi, 'Kasihambe khathesi lokhu siyoncenga uJehova, simfune uJehova uSomandla. Mina sengihamba.'

²² Kuzakuthi abantu abanengi lezizwe ezilamandla zizakuza eJerusalema ukuzafuna uJehova uSomandla bezocela kuye.

²³ Nanku akutshoyo uJehova uSomandla, uthi: "Ngalezonsuku amadoda alitshumi aphuma kuzo zonke izindimi lezizwe azagadlela umphetho wengubo yomJuda oyedwa athi, 'Wothi sihambe lawe ngoba sesizwile ukuthi uNkulunkulu ulani.' "

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9 Ilizwi likaJehova liqophe ilizwe laseHadiraki lize liyokweyama phezu kweDamaseko – ngoba amehlo abantu lawezizwana zonke zika-Israyeli akuJehova –
² laphezu kweHamathi layo, engcelelane layo, laphezu kweThire leSidoni, lokuba nje zilungcitshi.
³ IThire isizakhele inqaba; isibuthelele isiliva kwangathi luthuli; legolide njengomhlabathi wemigwaqweni.
⁴ Kodwa uJehova uzayemuka inotho yayo achithe lamandla ayo asolwandle, kuthi yona iqedwe ngumlilo.
⁵ I-Ashikheloni izakubona lokho yesabe; iGaza izathuthumela izwe ubuhlungu, le-Ekhroni layo, ngoba ithemba layo lizabuna. IGaza izabhujelwa yinkosi yayo le-Ashikheloni isale ingaselamuntu.
⁶ Abezizwe bazayithatha i-Ashidodi bahlale kuyo, njalo ngizakuqeda ukuzigqaja kwamaFilisti.
⁷ Ngizathatha igazi emilonyeni yabo, okuyikudla okungavunyelwayo ngikukhuphe emazinyweni abo. Labo abaseleyo bazakuba ngabaka-

Nkulunkulu wethu njalo babe ngabakhokheli koJuda, le-Ekhroni izakuba njengamaJebusi.

⁸ Kodwa ngizayivikela indlu yami kulabo abangabaphangi. Kakusayikuphinde kwenzeke ukuthi umcindezeli achithe abantu bami, ngokuba manje sengihlezi ngiqaphele.

Ukuza KweNkosi YaseZiyoni

⁹ Thokoza kakhulu, wena Ndodakazi yaseZiyoni! Memeza, Ndodakazi yaseJeresalema! Khangela, inkosi yakho iyeza kuwe, iza ilungile ilensindiso, imnene, ihamba ikhwele ubabhemi, iphezu kwethole, inkonyane kababhemi.
¹⁰ Ngizazisusa izinqola zempi ko-Efrayimi lamabhiza empi eJerusalema, ledandila lempi lizakwepfulwa. Izamemezela ukuthula phakathi kwezizwe. Umbuso wayo uzasukela elwandle usiya elwandle, njalo kusukela eMfuleni kusiya emaphethelweni omhlaba.
¹¹ Wena pho, ngenxa yegazi lesivumelwano lawe, ngizakhulula izibotshwa zakho emgodini ongelamanzi.
¹² Buyelani enqabeni yenu, lina zibotshwa ezilethemba; sengihle ngibika ukuthi ngizalibuyisela izibusiso ngokuphindwe kabili.
¹³ Ngizamgoba uJuda njengalokhu ngigoba idandila lami besengigcwalisa ngo-Efrayimi. Ngizawahlokoza amadodana akho, wena Ziyoni avukele amadodana akho, wena Girisi, ngikwenze ube njengenkemba yebutho.

UJehova Uzaqhamuka

- ¹⁴ Kulapho-ke uJehova azaqhamuka
ngaphezu kwabo;
umtshoko wakhe
uzabenezela njengonyezi.
UJehova Wobukhosi uzatshaya
icilongo;
uzahaluzela ngeziphepho
zaseningizimu,
- ¹⁵ njalo uJehova uSomandla uzabavikela.
Bazabhubhisa njalo banqobe
ngamatshe ezavutha.
Bazanatha baklabalale njengabadakwe
liwayini;
bazagcwala lona njengomganu
osetshenziswa kuchelwa
amagumbi e-alithare.
- ¹⁶ UJehova uNkulunkulu wabo
uzabasindisa ngalelolanga
njengoba bengumhlambi
wezimvu zakhe.
Bazakhazimula elizweni lakhe
njengamatshe aligugu acecise
umqhele.
- ¹⁷ Yeka ukukhanga kwabo lobuhle
abakuzaba yibobona!
Amabele azazenza zikhuluphale
izinsizwa,
lewayini elitsha lithokozise izintombi.

UJehova Uzamnakelala UJuda

10 Celani kuJehova izulu

- ngesikhathi sentwasahlobo;
nguye uJehova owenza amayezi
aleziphepho.
Unika imikhizo yezulu ebantwini,
lezihlahla zeganga ebantwini bonke.
- ² Izithombe zikhuluma inkohliso,
izangoma zibona imibono yamanga;
zikhuluma amaphupho amanga;
ziphe induduzo engesulutho.
Kungakho abantu bephumputheka
njengezimvu bahlupheke ngoba
bengelamelusi.
- ³ Ulaka lwami luyavutha kubelusi,
njalo ngizabajezisa abaholi;

- ngoba uJehova uSomandla
uzawunakekela umhlambi wezimvu
zakhe, indlu kaJuda,
abenze babe njengebhiza elilesithunzi
empini.
- ⁴ Ilitshe lengosi lizavela kuJuda,
kuye kuzavela isikhonkwane sethente,
kuye kuzavela idandili lokulwa impi,
kuye kuzavela bonke ababusi.
- ⁵ Ndawonye bazakuba njengabantu
abalamandla
benyathela udaka
emigwaqweni yempi.
Kuthi-ke njengoba uJehova ephakathi
kwabo,
bazakulwa babanqobe abagadi
bamabhiza.
- ⁶ "Ngizayiqinisa indlu kaJuda,
ngisindise indlu kaJosefa.
Ngizababuyisa ngokuba ngilesihawu
kubo. Bazakuba sengathi
kangizange ngibakhalale,
ngokuba nginguJehova uNkulunkulu
wabo njalo ngizabaphendula.
- ⁷ Abako-Efrayimi bazakuba
njengeziqhwaga,
lezinhliziyo zabo zizajabula
kungathi banathe iwayini.
Abantwababo bazakubona lokho
bathokoze; izinhliziyi zabo
zizathokoza kuJehova.
- ⁸ Ngizabamema ngibabuthe ndawonye.
Ngempela ngizabahlenga;
bazakuba banengi njengakuqala.
- ⁹ Lanxa ngibahlakazile phakathi
kwezizwe,
kodwa bazangikhumbula khonale
emazweni akude.
Bona kanye labantwababo bazaphila,
njalo bazabuya.
- ¹⁰ Ngizababuyisa basuke eGibhithe
ngibaqoqe e-Asiriya.
Ngizabaletha eGileyadi leLebhanoni,
kuze kungasabi lendawo ebaneleyo.
- ¹¹ Bazadabula phakathi kolwandle

lokuhlupheka; ulwandle
oluphuphumayo luzadediswa
lezinziki zonke zeNayili zizakoma
qha.

Ukuzikhukhumeza kwe-Asiriya
kuzadinsilelwa phansi lentonga
yobukhosi yaseGibhithe izaphela.

¹²Ngizabaqinisa kuJehova,
bona bazahamba ngebizo lakhe,"
kutsho uJehova.

11 Vula iminyango yakho, wena
Lebhanoni,

ukuze umlilo uqhunqise imisedari
yakho!

²Lila, wena sihlahla sephayini, ngoba
imisedari isiwile;
ngokuba izihlahla zobukhosi
ziqhunqile!

Lilani, mi-okhi yaseBhashani;
igusu elivitshileyo selicakazelwe
phansi!

³Lalela ukulila kwabelusi:
amadlelo abo ekhethelo
asetshabalalisiwe!

Lalela ukubhonga kwezilwane:
ihlathi elihle leJodani liqhunqile!

Abelusi Ababili

⁴Nanku okutshiwo nguJehova
uNkulunkulu wami, uthi: "Sana
emadlelweni umhlambi wezimvu
zokuhlathwa. ⁵ Abathengi bazo
bayazihlaba bangajeziswa. Labo
abazithengisayo bathi, 'Makadunyiswe
uJehova, senginothile!' Abelusi bazo
ngokwabo labo kabaziyekeli. ⁶Ngokuba
kangisayikuba lozwelo ebantwini
belizwe," kutsho uJehova. "Ngulowo
lalowo ngizamnikela kumakhelwane
wakhe lenkosini yakhe. Bazalicindezela
ilizwe, kodwa kangiyikubalamulela
ezandleni zabo."

⁷Ngakho ngizafaka emadlelweni
izimvu ezasezikhethelwe ukuya
esilaheni, ikakhulu lezo ezaziphathwa
kabuhlungu. Ngasengithatha
izingwegwe ezimbili ngabiza enye
ngokuthi nguThandeka kwathi enye
ngathi nguNhlanganiso, ngasengizelusa-
ke izimvu. ⁸ Ngenyanga eyodwa
ngaxotsha abelusi abathathu.

Izimvu zanengeka ngami, lami
zangidina ⁹ ngathi, "Kangisayikuba
ngumalusi wenu. Yekela efayo ife,
lebhuhhayo ibhubhe. Yekela lezo
eziseleyo zidlane inyama yazo."

¹⁰Ngasengithatha ingwegwe yami
ethiwa nguThandeka ngayephula,
ngidiliza isivumelwano engangisenzile
lezizwe zonke. ¹¹ Sadilizwa ngalelolanga,
yikho abadubekayo emhlambini
ababengikhangele bakwazi ukuthi lokho
kwakuyilizwi likaJehova.

¹²Ngabatshela ngathi, "Nxa libona
kufanele, ngiphani iholo lami; nxa njalo
kungenjalo, yekelani." Yikho
basebengiholisa izinhlamvu zesiliva
ezingamatshumi amathathu.

¹³UJehova wasesithi kimi, "Yiphosele
kumbumbi" – imali engaka
ababengilinganisele yona!
Ngasengizithatha lezozinhlamvu zesiliva
ezingamatshumi amathathu ngaziphosela
endlini kaJehova kumbumbimbiza.

¹⁴Ngasengiqamula ingwegwe yami
yesibili ethiwa nguNhlanganiso,
ngiqamula ubuzalwane phakathi
kukaJuda lo-Israyeli.

¹⁵UJehova wasesithi kimi, "Thatha
futhi izikhali zomalusi oyisithutha.
¹⁶Ngokuba ngizamisa umalusi welizwe
leli ongezukunanza ngezilahlekileyo,
angawadingi amazinyane, angawelaphi
alimeleyo, angawaphi ukudla aphilayo,
kodwa adle inyama yezinonileyo,
adlithize lamangqina azo.

¹⁷Maye kumalusi oyisithutha,
 ohlamuka izifuyo!
 Sengathi angadliwa yinkemba igalele
 engalweni lelihweni lakhe
 lakwesokunene!
 Sengathi ingalo yakhe ingahle yome
 qha,
 ilihlo lakhe lokunene lihle life
 kokuphela!"

Izitha ZeJerusalema Mazibhujiswe
 Isiqalekiso

12 Nanti ilizwi likaJehova mayelana

lo-Israyeli. UJehova owachayayo amazulu, obeka isisekelo somhlaba, njalo owenza umphefumulo womuntu phakathi kwakhe, uthi: ²"Ngizakwenza iJerusalema ibe njengenkezo ezadakisa bonke abantu abakhelene layo. UJuda uzavinjezelwa laye njengeJerusalema. ³Ngalelolanga, lapho izizwe zonke zomhlaba sezihlangene ukulwa laye, ngizakwenza iJerusalema ibe lidwala elingagudlukiyo elezizwe zonke. Bonke abazama ukulitshedisa bazazilimaza. ⁴Ngalelolanga ngizakwenza wonke amabhiza ethuke labagadi bawo bahlanye," kutsho uJehova. "Indlu kaJuda ngizahlala ngiyiqaphela, kodwa ngizaphumputhekisa wonke amabhiza ezizwe. ⁵Lapho abakhokheli bakoJuda bazakuthi ezinhliziyweni zabo, 'Abantu baseJerusalema baqinile, ngokuba uJehova uSomandla unguNkulunkulu wabo.'

⁶"Ngalelolanga ngizakwenza abakhokheli bakoJuda babe njengebhodo phezu kwezikhuni, njengobhaqa oluvuthayo phakathi kwezithungo. Bazathungela ngapha langapha kutshe bonke abantu abakhelene labo, kodwa iJerusalema izasala imi injalo endaweni yayo.

⁷"UJehova uzasindisa imizi yakoJuda kuqala ukuze udumo lwendlu kaDavida lolwezakhamizi zaseJerusalema lungabi lukhulu kulolukaJuda. ⁸Ngalelolanga uJehova uzabavikela labo abahlala eJerusalema, kuze kuthi lobuthakathaka kakhulu phakathi kwabo uzakuba njengoDavida, lendlu kaDavida izakuba njengoNkulunkulu, njengeNgilosi kaJehova ihamba phambi kwabo. ⁹Ngalelolanga ngizaphuma ngiyebhubhisa zonke izizwe ezihlasela iJerusalema.

Ukulilela Lowo Abamgwazayo

¹⁰"Ngizathululela phezu kwendlu kaDavida laphezu kwabakhileyo eJerusalema umoya womusa lobubele. Bazakhangelela kimi, mina abamgwazayo, bangililele njengomuntu elilela umntanakhe ozelwe yedwa, bamkhalele kabuhlungu njengomuntu ekhalela indodana yakhe elizibulo. ¹¹Ngalelolanga isililo eJerusalema sizakuba sikhulu njengesililo sikaHadadi Rimoni emagcekeni aseMegido. ¹²Ilizwe lizalila, yilesosizwana sisodwa, labafazi babo bebodwa; isizwana sendlu kaDavida labafazi babo, isizwana sendlu kaNathani labafazi babo, ¹³isizwana sendlu kaLevi labafazi babo, isizwana sikaShimeyi labafazi babo, ¹⁴lazo zonke izizwana labafazi bazo.

Ukuhlanjululwa Ezonweni

13 "Ngalelolanga umthombo

uzavulelwa indlu kaDavida labakhileyo eJerusalema, ukubahlanza izono lokungcola.

²"Ngalelolanga ngizawasusa amabizo ezithombe elizweni ukuze zingakhunjulwa njalo," kutsho uJehova uSomandla. "Ngizabasusa abaphrofethi kanye lomoya wokungcola phakathi

kwelizwe. ³Nxa ezabe elokhu ekhona ophrofithayo, uyise lonina abamzalayo bazakuthi kuye, 'Kumele ufe ngokuba usukhulume amanga ngegama likaJehova.' Uzakuthi ephrofitha abazali bakhe ngokwabo bazamgwaza.

⁴"Ngalelolanga ngulowo lalowo umphrofethi uzaba lamanhloni ngombono wakhe wokuphrofetha. Akayikwembatha isivunulo somphrofethi esoboya ezama ukukhohlisa. ⁵Uzakuthi, 'Kangisumphrofethi, ngingumlimi; umhlabathi uyilapho okulokuphila kwami kusukela ebutsheni bami' ⁶Aluba ebuzwa kuthiwe, "Ngawani amanxeba la asemzimbeni wakho?" Uzaphendula athi, 'Ngamanxeba engawazuza endlini yabangane bami.'

Umalusi Utshayiwe, Zahlakazwa Izimvu

⁷"Vuka, wena nkemba, vukela umalusi wami, uvukele umuntu osekhwapheni lami!" kutsho uJehova uSomandla.

"Tshaya umalusi, izimvu zizahlakazeka, njalo ngizaphendula isandla sami ngitshaye ezincinyane.

⁸Kulo lonke ilizwe," kutsho uJehova, "ezimbili kwezintathu zizatshaywa zife; kodwa ingxenye yesithathu izasala kulo.

⁹Le ingxenye yesithathu ngizayifaka emlilweni; ngizabancibilikisa ngibacenge njengesiliva ngibahlolisise njengegolide.

Bazalibiza igama lami, lami ngizabaphendula; Ngizakuthi, 'Bangabantu bami,' labo bazakuthi,

'UJehova unguNkulunkulu wethu.' "

UJehova Uyeza Njalo Uyabusa

14 Usuku lukaJehova luyeza mhla impango yenu izakwabiwa phakathi kwenu.

²Ngizaqoqa zonke izizwe eJerusalema zilwe layo, idolobho lizathunjwa, izindlu ziguduzwe, abesifazana badlwengulwe. Ingxenye yedolobho izathunjwa isiwe ebugqilini, kodwa abaseleyo edolobheni kabayikubuthwa bathathwe.

³Kuzakuthi kunjalo uJehova uzaphuma alwe lalezozizwe, njengokulwa kwakhe nxa kulilanga lempi. ⁴Ngalelolanga izinyawo zakhe zizakuma phezu kweNtaba yama-Oliva, empumalanga kusiya entshonalanga, kudaleke isigodi esikhulu, ingxenye yentaba isudukele enyakatho, kuthi enye ingxenye isudukele eningizimu.

⁵Lizabaleka ngesigodi sami sentaba ngoba sihamba size siyofika e-Azeli. Lizabaleka njengalokho elakwenza libalekela ukuzamazama komhlaba ngezinsuku zika-Uziya inkosi yakoJuda. Lapho-ke uJehova uNkulunkulu wami uzakuza elabo bonke abangcwele bakhe.

⁶Mhlalokho akukuba lokukhanya, kumbe ukuqanda loba ungqwaqwane. ⁷Kuzakuba lusuku olungajayelekanga, olungelamini njalo olungelabusuku – usuku olwaziwa nguJehova. Ukuhlwa kungafika kuzavela ukukhanya.

⁸Ngalolosuku amanzi aphilisayo azageleza esuka eJerusalema, ingxenye iyothela olwandle lwempumalanga kuthi eyinye ithele entshonalanga, ehlobo kanye lebusika.

⁹UJehova uzakuba yinkosi kuwo wonke umhlaba. Ngalolosuku kuzakuba loJehova oyedwa, lebizu lakhe libe yilo lodwa ibizo.

¹⁰ Ilizwe lonke kusukela eGebha kusiya eRimoni eningizimu kweJerusalema lizakuba njenge-Arabha. Kodwa iJerusalema izaphakanyiswa ihlale isendaweni yayo, kusukela eNtubeni kaBhenjamini kusiya eNtubeni Yokuqala, eNtubeni yaseJikweni, njalo kusukela eMphotshongweni kaHanaleli kusiya esikhamelweni sewayini likaJehova. ¹¹ Kuzakuba yindawo ehlala abantu, kayisayikuphinde njalo ibhidlizwe lanini. IJerusalema izahlala ivikelekile.

¹² Lesi yiso isifo uJehova azatshaya ngaso zonke izizwe ezalwa leJerusalema. Inyama yabo izabola bona belokhu besazihambela ngezinyawo zabo, amehlo abo azabolela ezingoxweni zawo, lezindimi zabo zizabolela emilonyeni yabo. ¹³ Ngalelolanga abantu bazakwehliselwa nguJehova ukwethuka okwesabekayo. Ngulowo uzaxhakalaza isandla somunye, bahlaselane. ¹⁴ UJuda laye uzakulwa eJerusalema. Inotho yazo zonke izizwe eziseduze izabuthwa – inqwaba yegolide lesiliva kanye lezigqoko. ¹⁵ Isifo esifana lalesi sizakwehlela amabhiza, izimbongolo, amakamela labobabhemi lazo zonke izinyamazana ezizabe zikulezozihonqo.

¹⁶ Kuzakuthi bonke abayinsalela kulezozizwe ezahlasela iJerusalema bazakhuphuka umnyaka ngomnyaka ukuyakhonza uJehova, uJehova uSomandla lokugubha uMkhosi weZihonqo. ¹⁷ Nxa bezakuba khona abesinye isizwe emhlabeni abangayikuya eJerusalema ukuyakhonza uJehova, uJehova uSomandla, labo kabayikunelwa lizulu. ¹⁸ Aluba abantu baseGibhithe bengayi ukuyakhonza, kabayikuzuzisa izulu. UJehova uzabehlisela isifo asehlisela lezozizwe ezingayiyo ukuyagubha uMkhosi weZihonqo. ¹⁹ Lesi sizakuba yisijeziso seGibhithe lesijeziso sazo zonke izizwe

ezingayiyo ukugubha uMkhosi weZihonqo.

²⁰ Ngalolosuku kuzalotshwa ukuthi KUNGCWELE KUJEHOVA ezinsimbini ezikhencezayo zamabhiza, lezimbiza zokupheka endlini kaJehova zizakuba njengemiganu engcwele ephambi kwe-alithare. ²¹ Yiphi layiphi imbiza eJerusalema lakoJuda izaba ngcwele kuJehova uSomandla, njalo bonke abafikayo ukuza kwenza umhlathshelo bazathatha ezinye zezimbiza bapheke ngazo. Njalo ngalolosuku kakusayikuba lomKhenani endlini kaJehova uSomandla.